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The Newsletter goes up to 80p this month. This is the first increase for three years, and we hope you agree that it is very good value.

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#### ABBREVIATIONS USED

P&KC = Perth & Kinross Council

CC = Community Council

Cllr. = Councillor

CCllr = Community Councillor

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## The next meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 1 November at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall

#### Farewell Ian

This month we say farewell to Ian Thomson, who is retiring after 14 years' involvement with the Newsletter.

At first Ian helped out with typing. This was in the days when the Newsletter columns were typed up by various people on different typewriters and literally "cut and paste" together. When the late Nan Walker retired as editor in 1997, Ian and Isabel Gillon became Joint Editors. Ian "dragged the Newsletter kicking and screaming" (his words!) into the computer age, converting it to full production on desktop publishing software.

Many thanks to Ian for all his hard work and dedication in producing ever-expanding issues of the Newsletter without fail over the last nine years; thanks to Ian and his wife Eileen for providing a "home" for the Newsletter over this time, and for all the cups of coffee! We wish them very happy retirement.

Eileen Thomas now becomes Editor and Tony Dyson is welcomed on board to do Typesetting and Layout.

#### DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE

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#### **NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCILS**



#### KINROSS CC

#### News from the October Meeting

Chairman, D Colliar, welcomed Community Councillors D Cuthbert, Mrs E Thomas (Secy), R McConnell, Mrs D Mackay and Mrs M Blyth to the meeting held on 4 October. In attendance were P&K Cllr M Barnacle, Inspector Patience, Mrs M Scott (Minute Secretary) and seven members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs I Jack, P Zarb and Mrs C Drummond and P&K Cllrs G Hayton and W Robertson.

#### Minutes of September Meeting

Crime Statistics - Inspector Patience explained that the relevant data is collated and submitted to the Chief Constable who incorporates the information in an Annual Report to the Police Board and that following on this the details will be released to the CC.

It was agreed that the reference at paragraph eight (T in the Park) should be amended to read "long queues at Sands".

On correction of the above two points, the Minutes, having been circulated prior to the Meeting, were nominated by CCllr Blyth and seconded by CCllr Mackay.

Police Report: Inspector Patience reported that an incident had occurred at the High School recently and that his officers were pursuing enquiries in this connection. The community were coming forward with information, which greatly assisted the police authority in their investigations.

Mortuary Rates: The Light Up Kinross Committee agreed to settle the rates demand and the account was paid in full. It has now been determined that the CC is entitled to a 100% discretionary relief (as a non profit making organisation) and, as such, is not required to pay rates on the mortuary. P&KC has refunded the monies paid for the previous two years.

Golf Ball site sale: We understand that there is a shortlist of six prospective purchasers and a decision has still to be reached. It was noted that The Balado Bridge Heritage Group were unsuccessful in their offer.

Toilet signs: Cllr Barnacle advised that following consultation at a recent meeting the arrow sign was reasonably favoured, with changes to be made to reflect the P&KC emblem. Plaques are also required for erection at the premises. These measures should assist in identifying the location of the public toilets. The sign at the entrance to the Kirkgate (Burns Begg Street) has been removed, however the other w.c.

signs are still in place. CCllr Cuthbert commented on the lack of toilet provision at the Kirkgate and stressed that, in view of the proposed upgrading of the area, toilet provision would be a necessity. A further meeting is planned for this month and the toilet provision in Kinross will be reviewed at that time.

T in the Park: A letter was received from Mr Skinner of John & J H Sands, Ironmongers in relation to the provision of tickets for T in the Park. CCllr Colliar agreed with Mr Skinner's assertion that the residents are treated fairly in this regard. An email was also received from Pat Mozolowski who highly praised Big Day Out for the efficient running of T in the Park.

#### Planning Applications Received

No comments were raised on the following applications:

Alterations and extension to existing house at No. 1 Steadings, Gellybank Farm (06/01993/MOD).

Extension to dwellinghouse at Hillview Cottage, Blacknowes, Kinross (06/01965/FUL).

Erection of a garage and formation of vehicular access at 14 Montgomery Road (06/02076/FUL).

Erection of a conservatory at 11A Sunnypark 06/01890/FUL).

Plans for the undernoted applications had been sent by P&KC and were examined and discussed.

**Erection of changing rooms with toilets at Kinross House** (for Cricket Club) (06/01914/FUL): It was suggested that the building materials were inappropriate for the area, however no objection was raised.

**Erection of two dwellinghouses, land to the north of Kellieside**, Kinross (06/01779/OUT): No objection was raised.

Erection of 53 retirement flats at The Green Hotel, Muirs, Kinross (06/02036/OUT): The building is to be sited in the Green Hotel gardens and is of traditional construction which conforms with the surrounding area and would incorporate the existing wall along the Muirs. It was noted that objections have been raised by neighbours, with concerns regarding the destruction of the woodland and the increase in the volume of traffic and local services, such as medical treatment. The CC also received an email from a party resident in the Muirs who raised similar concerns. CCllr Cuthbert raised a concern regarding the impact this proposed development would have on the trees in the area, and it was to be hoped that as many trees as possible would be preserved if this application was approved. The CC will raise this concern and also request that a

tree survey be carried out to determine the types and numbers. A general discussion was also held on the water/drainage supply to the area. Other than the above, no objection was raised.

#### Planning Applications Determined

A list of applications determined was read out.

#### Area Based Initiative

The content of the Action Plan, which has yet to be approved, focuses mainly on tourism and not on the development of business in the town. One of the statistics stated in the report is that "56% of people in Kinross travel more than 2 kilometres to work". The western edge of the town is targeted for private housing and small industrial units.

The existing High School site has little mention and is covered in the Housing Section, not the Business.

It was commented that the present relaxation to develop the countryside into small hamlets (erection of housing estates) would certainly have an impact on the School roll. A figure of 25% was mentioned in the Plan as the possible intake over the next fourteen years.

The idea of moving the Primary School to the existing High School site has been shelved. How will this site be utilised?

The new High School building was approved on 27 September. The future of the existing High School building and the development of the town centre are of concern to the CC. The Action Plan does not include these areas and the development of business in the Town Centre has been in decline for many years. It is more expensive for businesses to be established in Kinross, in comparison to certain areas in Perth etc.

CCllr Cuthbert commented that he hoped P&KC would adopt a practice of "investment in advance" rather than "retrospective" in situations such as the roundabout at Springfield Road, i.e. perceiving the volume of traffic etc. which will be affected by housing development and that the infrastructure will be developed first.

Mr Ken MacDonald and Mr Peter Marshall from P&KC will be invited to the next CC meeting to discuss these issues.

#### Correspondence

**General**: Various bulletins, leaflets and newsletters were circulated to members.

#### Auchterarder Leisure and Recreation Association:

A communication was received from this organisation praising our stance over the Town Hall, which they believe has helped to change P&KC's view. ALRA are currently in similar negotiations over the Aytoun Hall.

**Big Day Out Celebration**: A communication was received from Susan Bathgate submitting an idea for the training of local groups in the methodology of organising and managing events. Mrs Bathgate suggested that that this could take the format of a Conference that would be designed to enable groups in

Kinross-shire to make the most of existing skills and develop further ideas. This correspondence to be handed over to Big Day Out.

Thank you letter received from Milnathort in Bloom in response to the donation they received from the Kinross Newsletter fund.

Day Centre: A letter was received from Campbell Watson as Chairman of Kinross Day Centre. Mr Watson advised of the ongoing concern in relation to funding for the Day Centre and explained that the expenses are increasing substantially and although they hold some capital, they are running at a deficit each year. The Day Centre is regulated under the Care Commission and Health and Safety and the staff members have to undergo various levels of training at some expense. Mr Watson asked if the CC could provide support in respect of the monetary allocation received from P&KC. Perth and Kinross Council Service Level Review would consider the funding allocation and any assistance the CC could provide in supporting the Day Centre in this regard would be greatly appreciated. It was agreed that we should write to P&KC on their behalf.

Loch Leven Health Centre: A communication was received from the Health Centre. They are inviting volunteers from their body of patients to form a group with a view to holding meetings to discuss and identify possible strategies in respect of the quality of service and facilities on offer at the Health Centre (See page 11 for an article inviting patients to contact the Health Centre if interested).

**Santa Suit**: Pauline Watson and John Stewart were in contact regarding the possibility of acquiring a new Santa Suit for community use. It was agreed the money for the purchase of a reasonably priced outfit should be provided from the Newsletter fund.

#### Other Business

**Recycling Centre**: Cllr Bamacle provided a plan of the proposed development at Turfhills.

Path from Bowton Road to roundabout: A member of the public commented that GS Brown had blocked off the path. It was explained that during the building works this path would not be available, however would be reinstated once construction is complete.

**Buchan Road, Kinnesswood**: The road from Buchan Avenue to Portmoak School has been adopted as a one-way traffic system and a new link road is proposed, creating an easier access/egress for school buses etc.

Gladstone Terrace: It has been recommended by P&KC that this road, which now is currently used partly as a car park, should be "stopped up" and removed from the list of public roads.

**Town Hall**: CCllr Cuthbert provided an update on the present position regarding the Town Hall campaign. The report from the QC was submitted to P&KC approximately six weeks ago. Despite two reminders we still await their response and comments.

Hayfield Wildlife Garden: CCllr Colliar advised that due to a lack of Committee Members both the management and maintenance of the garden were under threat and regrettably this may enforce a closure. Cllr Barnacle advised that Garden Services had offered to assist the remaining committee members in the short term, however new members were urgently required. CCllr Cuthbert, as a member of Kinross in Bloom, offered to speak to the Hayfield Wildlife Committee.

Christmas Lights: The date for the "switch on" of the Christmas lights is Monday 27 November. CCllr Colliar advised that he had invited the Provost to carry out this service, however no confirmation has been received as to whether or not he is available on that date.

Remembrance Day Parade: A meeting is to be held with the various organisations at the Army Cadet premises on 17 October to confirm arrangements for the Parade. CCllr Colliar will send out information shortly.

**Swansacre Building:** It was confirmed that an offer has been accepted for these premises, however it was suggested (not confirmed) that there might be a problem with the title to these subjects.

**Springfield Road**: The Roads Department were considering the siting of a traffic island some three months ago. It was agreed that we should write to P&KC for an update on the present position.

Newsletter: The Chairman congratulated the Newsletter staff on the recent colourful edition. It was explained that this was a one off exercise, being carried out as a trial to gauge the interests of the public. Ian Thomson, Joint Editor, retires in November. Mr Tony Dyson has accepted a position with responsibility for layout and design.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will take place on Wednesday 1 November at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Members of the public wishing to address the CC are requested to contact the Secy in advance and supply a copy of any relevant papers.

Full Kinross CC Minutes are lodged in the Kinross Library and County Buildings.

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#### FOSSOWAY & DISTRICT CC

#### News from the October Meeting

Community Councillors I Booth (Chair), R Dalton, G Pease, A Chappell and F Watt were present at the meeting held on 2 October in Crook of Devon Church Hall. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Barnacle and 15 members of the public. Apologies were received from C Danks and S Sharp.

#### Matters Arising

Planning: a) Acknowledged receipt from Drum resident regarding planning application at Ivy Bank, Drum. b) Cllr Dalton has requested information regarding the P&KC structure plan.

General Correspondence: a) FCC gave a positive response to Mr & Mrs Barnes's request for support for the proposed heritage centre at the "Golf Ball". b) Correspondence from Lambhill/ SEPA/ Orain verifies the proposed tonnages etc. Cllr Booth will try to organise a site visit so that the CC obtains a better understanding of the figures in the literature received. c) Still trying to determine ownership of Devonshaw Quarry, can any members of the public help? d) The letter sent to the purchaser of Blairingone Church requesting explicit details remains unanswered. e) No further correspondence has been received from Dr Cavanagh re the Blairingone health issues.

Other business: Chlorination of the water is not excessive - a letter from Scottish Water has been received explaining the situation.

Community Policing: No Police present.

#### Perth & Kinross Business

Cllr Barnacle highlighted the following:

Carnbo Bridge: the Council is aware of the problem.

Naemoor Road: this will be closed for the next two weeks; local access, however, will be maintained.

The cemetery gate at Crook of Devon requires attention, as does the Tennis Club boundary fence.

Powmill residents have requested a dog bin.

Kerbside collection of drymix recycling: clarification is needed as to whether this is to be extended to Cleish and the Drum.

Cllr Barnacle recently attended a meeting of all the Core Path Groups, which proved to be very informative. Each group's progress could be viewed, and gaps identified. Further work and consultation will be required, but progress is very clearly being made

At a recent Scottish Water presentation Cllr Barnacle was advised that over the next four years Scottish Water would be trying to address sewerage issues in Kinross, Milnathort and Kinnesswood. There was no long-term strategy for West Kinross-shire; if this was adopted Scottish Water would fund, but it is not written into their programme.

The hold up on the Drum scheme is no permanent power supply; not all landowners have granted wayleaves over their land. Concern has also arisen regarding the refinishing of the roads, paths etc dug up. There does not seem to be a set standard of finish. Cllr Barnacle will look further into how this might be resolved.

Planning has been approved for the new High School; campus-naming ideas are being actively sought.

Having attended the recent opening of the new Seamab School, Cllr Barnacle commented on how it had been adapted to conform to school requirements, and urged the community, if given the opportunity, to try to view. Discussion followed re the new signage for the school, which seems to be causing considerable problems in the local area.

#### **Planning**

Cllr Pease gave a report on planning applications lodged with P&KC since the last meeting: Erection of House at Whistlefield for Mrs I Ross (06/01673/REM); Conversion of workshop & showroom to dwellings at Westermuirhead Farm Solsgirth for P & A Coles (06/01875/FUL); Erection of two dwelling houses, location as above (06/01896/OUT); Erection of pole bam shed at Tethyknowe for Mr Shortreed (06/02062/FUL); Erection of 13 chalets at Birkfield, Rumblingbridge, for Baker St Properties (06/02120/FUL). Comments where appropriate will be conveyed to P&KC.

Cllr Pease also highlighted the following planning issues:

KALP policy matters with regard to Housing in the countryside (revised) and the Conversion of farm Steadings.

A letter from a former CC member disputes the CC's comments on Newbigging.

Further to the information received regarding Oran Waste UK Ltd, Cllr Pease suggested that, if it could be arranged, then a site visit might be advisable as a forum to ask questions, as planning permission may not be necessary, depending on the quantity of the finished product.

#### General Correspondence

A letter was received from a Rumbling Bridge resident expressing concern regarding the 4m high sign erected at the junction of the Dalkeith Farm Road and the A977. The writer raised questions about the size and type of sign, whether planning permission is required, whether neighbours require notification and the location relative to road safety. Concern regarding this was also vocalised by several members of the audience and both the CC and Cllr Barnacle will make further enquiries.

#### Other Business

A member of the public raised problems with the new path in Powmill; these include the height of the barbed wire, the overhanging foliage and the weeds growing through the new surface. Cllr Bamacle will look into this problem.

Road depressions and dips on the A977 at Blairingone, are still causing residents concern.

The meeting was advised of proposals for a) a four-

house development at Rumbling Bridge Gorge and b) an extension to Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home.

The route for the bridal path on the Drum to Aldie Road was highlighted.

The Carnbo bus shelter has been coated with preservative.

T in the Park: Further to the recent planning application for the extension to the Balado Activity Centre, and the further increase in the available tickets for the event, Cllr Barnacle was asked to ensure that T in the Park representatives came to address *all* community councils within the area prior to the 2007 date. Each area has a differing set of problems and concerns and this needs prior understanding of the issues and a strategy adopted to help alleviate them.

The next meeting of Fossoway and District Community Council will take place on Monday 6 November at 7.30pm in Powmill Village Hall.

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#### MILNATHORT CC

#### News from the October Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Porter, Thomson, Ross and Bennet to the meeting held on 12 October in Milnathort Town Hall. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr W Robertson, Inspector S Patience, Minute Secretary E Rougvie and seven members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr D Cottingham.

The minutes of the September meeting were proposed by CCllr Thomson and seconded by CCllr Ross.

Police matters: Inspector Patience reported that it had been very quiet in Milnathort up until a couple of days previously, when two cars had been vandalised and their tyres slashed. This was linked to incidents in Kinross the same night, and he appealed for anyone with any information to go to the Police.

Insp. Patience said that the Police had started a pilot shift pattern the previous weekend, whereby four teams had been split into five, so that some shifts would overlap. This should prove particularly useful on Friday and Saturday nights. In addition, the Police were taking possession of a bicycle, which would give them a higher profile as it would make it easier to get to Milnathort and they would be able to stay in the village for longer.

CC election: CCllr Giacopazzi reported that he had been told by P&KC's Corporate Services Department that it was not necessary to have an election to fill one of the vacancies that exists on the CC, and it was acceptable for the CC to continue without full membership. After discussion, it was decided not to proceed with a 'time-consuming' election in November, but to wait until the planned election in April 2007.

Lollipop lady: P&K Cllr Robertson said he would investigate the situation regarding the lollipop lady, who finished work before nursery started. CCllr Bennet said that since the last meeting she had canvassed local mothers, who felt that the lollipop lady's presence was unnecessary as they would not allow their children to go to nursery unaccompanied anyway. However, it did make the crossing more visible.

Road closures: CCllr Thomson told P&K Cllr Robertson that at the last meeting she had raised the issue of traffic congestion in the village caused by the closure of North Street during a busy harvest and at the same time as the motorway was closed. Cllr Robertson said that he had spoken to P&KC Roads Department, who hadn't been told by BEAR Scotland that they intended to close the motorway. As soon as they discovered BEAR's mistake they moved the traffic lights in the village, which eased the congestion slightly.

**Motorway barriers**: CCllr Giacopazzi raised the issue of the poor condition of the barriers at Junction 6 of the motorway. P&K Cllr Robertson said he would

contact BEAR Scotland to ask them when they intended to replace them, as there were safety implications.

**School lets**: CCllr Giacopazzi said that he had completed the appropriate forms for use of the school for future CC meetings.

**Minutes**: After discussion, it was agreed that, in future, the Minute Secretary would arrange for CC minutes to be displayed on the notice board in South Street and leave a copy in the Post Office so that the public had access to them.

**Co-option to CC**: It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Mr Sandy Smith, the local Registrar, inviting him to join the CC.

Barrier in Burleigh Road: CCllr Bennet said that she had had no reply to her concerns about the barrier in Burleigh Road being too short. P&K Cllr Robertson said he had been to see the barrier and felt it was quite adequate, but would ask on behalf of the CC if it was acceptable.

#### Correspondence

CCllr Bennet read out a letter from the Practice Manager at Lochleven Health Centre, asking for representatives to join the Critical Friends Group – see page 11 in "Letters and Articles".

A letter from Waterwatch Scotland was received which indicated that from April the body would have extended powers in terms of investigating complaints and representing the views of consumers. After discussion, it was agreed that the enclosed leaflets would be distributed. P&K Cllr Robertson then referred to the water problems in Milnathort. He said he had attended a meeting in Perth at which it was explained that the 'earthy' taste was due to the high levels of algae, which had now been drastically reduced. In addition, an extra treatment plant was to be created to deal with the chlorine, and within the next six months the water should be much more pleasant to drink.

The CC then went on to discuss a letter asking for support for Glenfarg CC, who had lodged a holding objection to a planning application for 10 houses at Drunsie, part of which fell within the Area 49 boundary. CCllr Giacopazzi said he would follow this up and report back to the November meeting.

A letter was received from Orwell Bowling Club about the fact that the traditional access from Wester Loan was no longer usable as the gates had been padlocked. After discussion, it was agreed that this was a neighbour dispute, and P&K Cllr Robertson agreed to pass on the contact details for the Council's mediation service to the relevant parties.

It was agreed to circulate a document outlining the Kinross Community Planning Partnership's aims and objectives for 2008 onwards, which CCllr Giacopazzi described as 'esoteric and obscure'. The CC are statutory consultees and their response was required by 23 October 2006, although P&K Cllr Robertson

said that this was not set in stone and that in practice they would have more time to consider the plan. He added that it would be appreciated if the CC were to write to P&KC with their concerns about it being a very poor document.

CCllr Giacopazzi indicated that he intended to include an item in the KCC Newsletter about the Kinross-shire Fund, of which he was an ex-officio trustee. He added that fund-raising was going very well.

**Planning**: The following applications were noted: erection of a conservatory at Newton, Milnathort; installation of a metal handrail at 14 South Street.

Other Business: P&K Cllr Robertson said he would enquire about two matters raised by CCllr Porter: the whereabouts of the padlock for the gates at the War Memorial, and the state of the building formerly occupied by the Village Store. Cllr Robertson said that he had been told that the building was not deemed to be in a dangerous state and it was his understanding that it had been sold, in which case it was the new owner's responsibility.

The minutes from May 2005, which had been requested by Mr Peter Hessey, were located by CCllr Ross and it was agreed he would be sent a copy.

The next meeting of Milnathort Community Council will be held on Thursday 9 November in Milnathort Primary School.

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#### PORTMOAK CC

#### News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 12 September at Portmoak Primary School were: Wendy MacPhedran (Chair), Sue Mitchell-Henry, Bob Drysdale, Jim Shepherd, Sgt Menzies and several members of the public. Apologies were received from Alistair Smith and P&K Cllr M Barnacle.

Police Report: Sgt Menzies reported a number of thefts in the area. Items had been taken from outlying buildings, particularly farms. They continue to promote the "Safer Scotland Campaign". He also said that the shift system would be adjusted as an experiment and they would try to accommodate regular attendance at the PCC monthly meetings.

Chairwoman's Report: The Chairwoman reported that the plans for the building for the new Health Centre at Kinross were available together with notes of a presentation made by a spokesperson on centres facilities. A representative from the Centre declined to attend the meeting but forwarded the information instead for people to browse through.

The outline of the footpath at the Glebe Field linking the Hall and the Church has been almost completed in front of the new houses and the area linking the Church car park and the new footpath will be constructed soon by another contractor.

The builders who had caused a problem for mother/toddler groups by parking in the Hall car park have now started using the Church car park. When the Church has a service on they will revert to using the Hall one. This arrangement should avoid further difficulties. P&KC Roads (Tayside Contracts) have also been asked to use the Church car park instead of the hall.

The possibility of securing a Preservation Order on a very old ash tree at the edge of the Glebe Field was mooted.

**Secretary's Report:** The Parks Development Officer responsible for open spaces has asked for the community's views on the present park facilities in the area. Forms are available for individuals to complete and return to the P&KC.

A response to the letter sent expressing concern about the increased traffic on Dryside Road and suggesting an alternative cyclists route via Newlands Farm was received from Niall Lobley, Senior Countryside Ranger, explaining why the road was upgraded using bitumen and further reported that a (bicycle?) route by-passing Glenlomond was currently being considered. He was sceptical about a reported increase in traffic on Dryside Road and suggested it was all local traffic any way.

Jo Morrell reported a response to his personal letter from Stuart D'All, area roads engineer, who has actioned the cutting of the verges and issued a contract to a local farmer.

There has been no response, however, on the safety

issues raised in the letter from Jillian Murray, Principal Engineer, Traffic Group.

**Paths** Group: The developers were working to plan, though problems are arising.

**Kinross-shire** Fund: The group, which meets quarterly, (although the last meeting was postponed) is awaiting applications from the youth groups.

Planning Matters: In an effort to help residents better understand the planning process, the Chairwoman presented a list of "Commonly Asked Questions" and their answers. The PCC will continue to update the public about the upcoming changes in planning processes as they develop.

Glebe Field construction (05/01686/REM): The CC has received a complaint from neighbour Dave Batchelor that the driveway to the lower house is higher than his 6 ft tall garden wall. He has asked us to support his attempt to have the level of the driveway lowered as much as possible so he does not have to look at the bottom of cars when they approach their house. The environmental impact would be considerable, as well as the visual amenity being severely compromised.

Proposed garage extension with studio above at Larch Cottage, Levenmouth (06/01860/FUL): This application and its disproportionate growth is worrying a number of people. It is now assuming the dimensions of a country mansion. Added to this there is a further application to build a very large garage that could at a later stage become subject to yet another application, 'change of use,' converting it to a substantial house as it is wired for electricity and plumbed for bathroom/kitchen use.

The chairman of the Gliding Club feared that if it fell into new ownership the owners could lodge a complaint about noise and disturbance from the club operators and have activities curtailed. There are precedents for successful complaints in like circumstances. He also indicated that the footprint of the new proposed outbuilding is approximately the same as the original cottage, except that it is two-storied so therefore this new outbuilding alone would be twice the area of the original house.

It was agreed the PCC would write a letter to P&KC on the Secretary's return. But the first step on this application would be to seek the advice and help of Cllr Barnacle.

#### Other Matters

The Chair reported on a meeting hosted by Cllr Barnacle for Community Councils, FORK, Kinross-shire Civic Trust and other interested parties on 'The General Registry Office Projections of 8% population increase in the next 20 years and the housing stock requirements in Kinross-shire'. The presenter, Peter Marshall was sceptical of the accuracy of the projection figures but was under pressure from the Executive to formulate plans to accommodate the increase. There could be serious implications for the

Portmoak area with the development of expensive executive type 'Villages' to house inward migration side by side with a fairly static and aging population who would have very different lifestyles needs. In addition, Mr Marshall indicated that Kinross and Milnathort have limitations on new house building because of water drainage issues, therefore making our side of the loch more attractive to developers.

There was wide spread agreement by those present that we should seek to combat the threat to Portmoak by using all avenues to make our views known. Petitions were mentioned, using politicians, and MSPs. Another suggestion was to invite P&KC Planning to come to a PCC meeting to hear the community's concerns.

It was agreed that the first step would be to seek the advice and help of Cllr Mike Barnacle.

Concerns were raised by a member of the public on the concept of affordable housing. Those present went on to say of the issue that there were no size or cost parameters that defined it. It was also believed that developers could plead special conditions and transfer their affordable housing commitments in their applications to other areas. The CC agreed to ask Mike Barnacle to check definitions of "affordable" and what constituted suitable areas for transferring the obligation.

#### News from the October Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 10 October at Portmoak Primary School were: Wendy MacPhedran (Chair), Sue Mitchell-Henry, Bob Drysdale, Jim Shepherd, Alistair Smith, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle and several members of the public.

#### Chairwoman's Report

The Glebe Houses, Kilmagadwood: There is concern over the future state of the existing trees in the Glebe development. These include a particularly fine and large ash tree. The Chairwoman read a copy of a letter from Wilson Homes to P&KC, which mentioned a tree survey had been carried out. Cllr Barnacle stated that in the original Planning Consent one of the conditions was the preservation of the trees on the site. The CC will write to P&KC strongly recommending that a Tree Preservation Order be promoted for the trees in the site. Concern was also expressed regarding the level of the drive down to the lower house, which would enable anyone to overlook the neighbouring house. P&KC Development Control should have picked this up during the planning process. The Secretary will write separate letters on these two matters.

#### Secretary's Report

The Secretary informed the meeting of the next meeting of the Convention of Perth and Kinross Community Councils. The Chairwoman will attend. The Secretary had received a letter from the Loch Leven Health Centre. The Centre is looking for volunteers from the community to be part of their Community Care project. Anyone interested should

contact the Secretary or the Health Centre.

The Secretary had received a letter from P&KC containing the proposed Community Planning document. This is not to do with Planning, but all the Council's services.

Dryside Road: P&KC Ranger Niall Lobley had replied to the CC last month regarding the increased traffic on the Dryside Road and P&KC's Jillian Murray had written to CCllr Jo Morrell. The CC feels very strongly that the removal of the ford at the county boundary had allowed the road to become a 'rat-run' for vans and motorbikes. It has now become dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists to use it. It was pointed out that the funding for the hard surfacing had come out of the pedestrian and cycling budget. CCllr Morrell stated that the P&KC had arranged for the overhanging verges to be cut in order to improve the forward visibility. Cllr Bamacle will arrange for a site meeting with Jillian Murray and representatives of the CC

Paths Group: The latest meeting of the Paths Group took place on 27 September. It is hoped that the path between the Village Hall and the church car park will be completed soon. It is planned to construct another path within the community in conjunction with the TRACKS development around the loch. It was agreed to hold meetings with other path groups around Kinross-shire to enable gaps between the schemes to be filled. Niall Lobley, P&KC Countryside Ranger has agreed to initiate a competition with the Primary School for a logo for the community paths.

Kinross-shire Fund: The Street Football Arena project, which will feature in the official launch of the Fund soon, will be funded as soon as the Kinross Youth Partnership Group is formally established. Fundraising is continuing, with a number of potential donors identified. The link to the Fund through the Portmoak CC website is waiting for the Fund website to be established. The Scottish Community Website is available on www.scottishcf.org.uk to make an application to the Fund.

#### Planning Matters

The Chairwoman opened the discussion on Planning matters by reminding the meeting that the CC follows the adopted Kinross Area Local Plan. If anyone in the community has an objection to any Planning Application, then they need to communicate this to the CC, preferably by attending the appropriate CC meeting. Otherwise the CC has no way of knowing what local feeling is on applications.

Wellside (06/00851): The developers for this planning application attended the meeting to hear what the CC was looking for in the development, following the CC's and other local objections. The developers stated that they had already amended the plans, by reducing the size of some of the houses. The CC stated that they would want to see affordable housing in the development. In addition they agreed that the car park

could be provided elsewhere and not where shown in the plans, the housing will be of a no greater height than the existing house at Causewayside and that landscaping will be provided on the approach side of the village from the airfield. The car park could be provided where there is an existing park off the Scottish Water access road into Portmoak Moss. The CC stipulated that they would wish to see the amended plans, including sections through the site, showing the finished floor levels and roof heights.

#### P&K Cllr Barnade

Cllr Barnacle first of all had a request to make. He urged anyone having any comments, or objections to a planning application, to copy the letter to himself and the Community Council.

The Glebe development, Kinnesswood: Cllr Barnacle reminded the meeting that the original consent stated that trees had to be preserved on the site.

**Levenmouth** development: A new plan has been submitted with a reduced number of houses.

**Delegated Powers**: Cllr Barnacle reminded the meeting of the rules for dealing with applications under Delegated Powers. The Secretary will write to Ian Sleith asking for a copy of the latest rules.

Structure Plan: Following the joint meeting with P&KC and the CCs, the Kinross-shire Civic Trust and FORK to discuss the proposed amendments to the Structure Plan, Cllr Bamacle is proposing to have a further meeting, without P&KC, but with all the other parties and Cllr Robertson to discuss further the response to the proposed Structure Plan and to also discuss the amended Housing in the Countryside Policy, which is causing considerable concern over the greatly increased applications by developers and the apparent relaxed policy compared with the previous one.

The Woodland Trust is preparing a new Management Plan for the Moss and Kilmagadwood. The new Portmoak Primary School access road is going ahead soon.

The play area in Kinnesswood is to be relocated. Other Business

A large pothole in the A911, just above Auchmuir Bridge has been reported. The Secretary will report the matter to P&KC Roads.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 13 November at 7.30pm in Portmoak Primary School.

Portmoak CC Minutes can be accessed via the following website: www.portmoak.co.uk.

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#### T in the Park Ticket Availability: Kinross

As the CC knows, the management of Big Day Out has a long and proven record of trying to minimize disruption for Kinross residents wherever possible and also showing their thanks in various ways for Kinross "hosting" such a premier event.

To this end we were approached in late 2004 by Big Day Out to try to help to ensure Kinross-shire residents were given a very fair share of the tickets available. (Something that the local residents round Murrayfield, Hampden, Glastonbury, Edinburgh Castle etc. do not enjoy.)

Recently the event has become an automatic sell out with all available tickets vastly oversubscribed, the event is now truly International with demand from all over the world. After discussion with BDO the following measures were put in place to try to ensure locals get a fair opportunity to buy tickets:

- 1. Tickets would continue to be sold from Kinross Tourist Office
- 2. Sands the Ironmongers would also have a substantial number of tickets available for sale on the national launch date in February (TV and press advertised)
- 3. Any further tickets released would be predominately available at Sands the Ironmongers
- 4. Kinross outlets would NOT be advertised along side "official" ticket sources
- 5. Substantial numbers of tickets were sold locally compared to the total local population.

These measures meant that locals had additional options for sourcing tickets, although they were free to use the same outlets as the rest of the country. However it is inevitable that local people will have to queue just like everyone else who wants a ticket.

The local demand for tickets communicated by Kinross-shire residents to BDO was instrumental in the high volume of allocation we were ultimately allowed to sell in Kinross.

Information that Sands the Ironmongers had extra allocation in May 2005 and in June 2006 was not released by us until the last minute, to try to ensure locals could join that queue before people from a distance. In our opinion, this strategy worked well and in June we actually satisfied every customer who started to queue before 12:00, by which time we had been selling for three hours; other outlets lasted just 20 minutes.

We regret we have no control over where anyone who

starts to queue outside our shop door resides, all we can do is control the release of information, it must be then up to individuals whether they wish to queue or not.

BDO remains committed to a process of a continual strive for perfection and any constructive suggestions to improve this service would be welcomed by them and may be submitted via Sands the Ironmongers.

I was personally present at the main entrance to T in the Park on both the Saturday and Sunday and the sheer number of locals who either expressed their thanks to me at the gate or in writing to BDO since the event has, I hope, ensured the continuation of these special measures for Kinross-shire residents.

> Stuart Skinner, Managing Director John & J H Sands, Ironmongers 58 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AN

#### Members wanted for Critical Friends Group

Staff at the Loch Leven Health Centre would like to set up a Discussion Group with patients.

To begin with, the purpose of the group would be to discuss the results of Patient Satisfaction Surveys. These Surveys were brought in a couple of years ago under the new GP contract. The meetings would be in the evenings and refreshments will be provided. The group would identify areas of concern and try to identify remedial strategies, if needed.

If the meetings prove useful, the group might be established on a more permanent basis and discuss issues other than the Patient Satisfaction Survey.

If you are willing to take part, please contact the Practice Manager, Jane Macnaugton, Loch Leven Health Centre, Lathro, Kinross, KY13 8SY, telephone 01577 862112.

#### **Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal**

We are very grateful to everyone who has responded to this appeal. Completed boxes and any items that you would like to donate can be handed in to Common Grounds, opening times Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 10-3, Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

On **Friday 3 November** 7-9 and **Saturday 4 November** 10-4 in Cleish Village Hall the boxes will be checked and packed ready for transportation.

If you would like to help, please come along, refreshments available. Further details please contact Patricia Payne 01577 862715.

#### Citizen of the Year Award 2006/7

The Rotary Club's "Citizen of the Year" award is presented annually to an individual (or team of individuals) for a significant positive contribution to community life in Kinross and district.

The Rotary Club motto, **Service above Self**, should be the basis of such an award and nominations received will be judged on this criterion.

Nominations can be made by individuals or organisations and should be received by the Rotary Club before **31 January 2007**. The Council of the Rotary Club will consider all nominations received and the presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award will be made in June 2007.

To nominate someone for the award, please write to the Secretary of the Rotary Club with the name of the person you are nominating and the reasons why you believe that person should be **Citizen of the Year**.

No letters of nomination will be returned and the Council's decision, which will be final, will be made known as soon as possible in the Newsletter. All correspondence will remain confidential.

Please address all nominations to: David Reid, Secretary, Rotary Club of Kinross & District, c/o Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross.

Eddie MacKay, President

#### **Loch Leven Heritage Project**

An official launch is planned this month for the start of the Loch Leven Heritage Project, which will create a 13.5km path linking heritage sites around Loch Leven from Kinross to Vane Farm.

This is the biggest project to date for TRACKS – The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire. TRACKS was established in 1992 to identify and carry out projects that would enhance the local environment. Previously it has attracted funding in excess of £0.5 million to complete a variety of projects, such as the Kinross to Burleigh footpath, the Crook of Devon to Rumbling Bridge walk, Parenwell Bridge and the Milnathort to Mawcarse cycle track.

Considerable time and effort has gone into putting together the £1.8 million funding package for the Loch Leven Heritage Project, but that has now been secured and the first groundwork began in October.

Project Director Neil Kilpatrick said, "This project will provide a marvellous and lasting asset to the people of Kinross-shire, opening up access around most of Loch Leven. We also hope that the project will attract an additional 100,000 visitors a year to Loch Leven, with consequent benefits to the local economy.

"The importance of the project has been recognised by a £450,000 award from the Heritage Lottery Fund. We are also very grateful for the funding commitments from our major partners – Scottish Natural Heritage, the Gannochy Trust, Perth and Kinross Council, Forestry Commission Scotland and Perth & Kinross

Countryside Trust – and for significant contributions from many other bodies, such as the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Charitable Trust.

"The design and construction work will be spread over a 3-year period, 2006-2008. The project costs cover not just the path, but also interpretation of heritage sites on the route and associated artworks.

"The first phase of the work, due for completion by the end of March 2007, will run from the Boathouse at Kinross House to the Pow Burn via Mary's Gate, Burleigh Sands, the Fish Farm and Orwell. Once the geese depart in April from their roost in front of Kinross House, the section connecting to Kirkgate will be completed.

"We have appointed a project manager, Lewis MacAskill, from Eamonn Wall & Company, to oversee the work, and we have selected the contractor for phase one of the physical works. Another contractor will undertake a front-end study to plan the interpretation and artworks, and we will be very keen to have as much local input as possible into this process.

"By enabling many more people to enjoy Kinrossshire's greatest natural feature, the Loch Leven Heritage Project will make an invaluable contribution to TRACKS's mission statement, which is 'Opening doors to the countryside today for our children's tomorrow'".

Read about the official launch and more on the project in next month's Kinross Newsletter.

#### Official Opening of New Seamab School

Seamab School's new building was officially opened on 29 September by George Reid MSP and Cathy MacDonald, television and radio presenter.

Seamab is a small, residential, primary school which makes provision for fifteen children who have severe social, emotional or behavioural difficulties. Situated in Rumbling Bridge, the school was opened in 1988. At that time the children lived and were educated in the same building. Four years ago the school refurbished three bungalows on the nearby Lendrick Muir Estate and the children now live there in three groups of five. The second phase of this development has been to refurbish a large, modern house on the outskirts of Rumbling Bridge to serve as the school's educational and administrative premises and as a base for the various therapies the school offers.

Seamab School is gaining an increasingly high reputation nationally for its work with some of Scotland's most damaged and vulnerable children. The children are placed in the school by their local authority and come from all over Scotland. The school has been successful in returning more than 80% of the children to live with their families and to attend local educational provision.

#### **POLICE BOX**

#### Clock Change

By the time this article goes to print, the clocks will have changed and we will have less daylight in the evenings, which means that potential thieves can hide under the cover of darkness for longer. We would urge householders to be more

vigilant with regard to the security of their homes and should, among other things, ensure doors are kept locked, security lights and alarms are working efficiently and valuables are kept in safe-keeping.

Also in relation to this subject, and with regard to road safety, drivers should be aware that children, particularly at weekends, will still be out and about playing or coming from or going to their homes in darkness and that they are not so easy to spot. Parents should ensure that their children are not out too late on their bicycles unless they have the proper lights fitted to them. Indeed all cyclists should ensure that they have proper lights fitted to their bicycles if they are going to be used during the hours of darkness.

#### Correct Car Seats for your Children

We would like to remind parents that new law in relation to safety restraints for children travelling as passengers in motor vehicles was introduced last month. In short the following applies.

Children under 3 years MUST use the child restraint appropriate for their weight in any vehicle (including vans and other goods vehicles). There is only one exception:

 a child under three may travel unrestrained in the rear of a taxi if the right child restraint is not available.

Rear facing baby seats MUST NOT be used in a seat



protected by a frontal air-bag unless the air-bag has been deactivated manually or automatically. In vehicles where seat belts are fitted, children 3 years to 135 cms in height (approx 4ft 5 ins) MUST use the appropriate child restraint.

Three exceptions allow these children to travel in the rear and use an adult belt:

- in a taxi, if the right child restraint is not available;
- for a short distance in an unexpected necessity, if the right child restraint is not available;
- where two occupied child seats in the rear prevent the fitment of a third child seat.

Leaflets that explain the legislation in more detail are available at Kinross Police Office.

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Kinross - Constable Ronnie Child.

Milnathort, Kinnesswood & Scotlandwell - Constable Marissa Hardie.

Cleish and Blairadam, Crook of Devon, Powmill, Blairingone, Carnbo and Glenfarg areas - Constable Toni Pederson

#### Get baby into the Recycling Habit

Parents across Perth & Kinross are being offered the chance to purchase a trial pack of washable nappies for just £10.

Over 8 million disposable nappies are used in the UK each day and most end up in landfill. Using washable nappies gives parents the chance to reduce Scotland's growing waste mountain *and* save hundreds of pounds compared to the cost of keeping a child in disposable nappies.

The Perth & Kinross Real Nappy Network is promoting the packs, which have been subsidised by Increase, a community investment scheme funded by the Scottish Executive which aims to help not-for-profit community-based organizations develop concepts that will increase waste recycling and waste prevention.

Trial packs are available subject to availability and come in small and medium sizes to suit newborns and older babies. There is also a more limited number of

large-size packs for older babies. The offer is limited to one pack per household and to residents of the Perth & Kinross local authority area. You must have a baby/child in nappies or be expecting a baby and should not have received a pack in the first round of the scheme.

Packs can be reserved by leaving a message for Perth & Kinross Real Nappy Network via The Environment Service Helpline, Perth & Kinross Council, telephone 01738 476476 or email nappies@pkc.gov.uk . Perth & Kinross Real Nappy Network employs one part-time Project Officer only, therefore please do not call at the Council's offices without an appointment and note that it may take a few days to reply to your message.

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#### An Inspector Calls

There is something extremely civilised about a dinner theatre evening. A heterogeneous group of strangers gathers for a delicious three-course dinner served with panache, and, as the wine flows, so does the conversation. The buzz in the room is evidence of high expectation of what lies ahead.

On four evenings recently, at The Grouse and Claret Restaurant, Kinross, talented chef, David Futong, provided a delicious overture to The Orwell Dramatic Society's amateur production of J B Priestley's "An Inspector Calls".

Written in 1945, the taut thriller is set in a Midlands town in 1912. Priestley was often preoccupied with theories of time; never more so than in this play. With a cast of only seven, great demands are made of each actor, and rarely have I seen a prompter so redundant. Bob Craig and Iain Walker, aided and abetted by John Irvine of Tudor Antiques, Milnathort, created a first class set which immediately drew the audience into the action.

As the Pater Familias, Jimmy Lamont blustered manfully as his world crashed about his ears. His bluff Yorkshire accent was well maintained even when arguing vociferously with his son, perfectly played with edgy tension by Ian Munro, making his debut with the Society.

Wilma Smith relished her role as the lady of the house, who "had it all" only to see her actions, and those of her family, come home to roost. Wilma does pretentious with a capital P.

Priestley wrote the best part for Sheila, the daughter of the house, and Amanda Beam seized the opportunity with both hands. Her impeccable cut glass English accent belies her American roots.

Who would have suspected that Bob Craig does serious, far less menacing? He assumed the personality of the mysterious inspector with considerable flair, demonstrating a different talent from his usual comedic appearances. Stuart Salmon, as Sheila's fiancé, could be relied on to bring some upper class to the proceedings and made him as sympathetic a character as the plot permitted.

Under Rosalind Lamont's adroit direction, the play not only entertained and gave food for thought, it also highlighted the fact that some things never change; trouble in the Balkans, wage demands, youth drinking, expectations of a knighthood, friends in high places and lack of charity. A larger performance space would have allowed more movement.

May the partnership of the Grouse and Claret and the Orwell Dramatic Society go from strength to strength.

#### **Town Hall and Library Court Case**

Staff at Perth & Kinross Council are still considering the terms of the QC's opinion obtained in August, and are expected to revert to the CC's solicitor shortly.

#### Pipe Band Out and About

Many thanks to everyone who turned out to see the Pipe Band and Highland Dancers performing around Kinross on Sunday 15 October, and thanks also very much to all those who kindly made donations towards Band funds. Happily the weather held out, and although a little chilly at times, the Band and dancers coped admirably at all four venues - Sands car park, Somerfield car park, Dobbies Garden Centre and the Salutation Hotel car park. We are very grateful to all those organisations for supporting this "raise the profile" event, and particular thanks - again - go to Colin and Vicky of "The Sal" for kindly laying on teas, coffees and snacks for everyone after the final performance. Very much appreciated! dancers, Nicole Gray, Rachel Sikora, Anna Raymond and Katie Palmer from Lawson's School of Dancing did a sterling job, and made for a very nice extra attraction on the day.

The Band's final two official engagements for the year will be the **Armistice Parade** on **Sunday 12 November**, and then leading Santa up the High Street for "**Light Up Kinross**" on the evening of **Monday 27 November**.

As always, for news on the Band, or information on joining or learning pipes or drums please contact Nigel Kellett on 01577 863738, Alex Murphy on 01577 862803 or visit the website at

www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk.

#### **P&KC** in Top Three for Recycling

Perth & Kinross Council is one of the best authorities in Scotland for waste management.

A report released by SEPA in early October shows that P&KC has jumped from seventh place last year to third this year, and has a recycling and composting rate of 33.3%.

Kinross-shire Councillor Mike Barnacle, who is Environment Committee Convener, said, "These latest figures are a ringing endorsement of our efforts both to minimise and to better manage the waste we produce. I have no doubt that while the Council's role has been important, the real accolade is for the people of the area who have shown that they are committed to helping make a difference.

"Waste and its impact on the environment is a global problem but taking steps to tackle this issue locally is the only way that real progress can be made".

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#### **New Capacity Building Worker in Kinross**

Robert Graham, Senior Community Capacity Building Worker has recently taken up post within the Kinross Learning Base at Kinross High School. Robert previously worked with Fife Council and fills the vacancy left by his predecessor, Margaret Martin. He will have responsibility for "capacity building" across Kinross-shire, Bridge of Eam and Abernethy.

Commenting on his appointment, Robert said, "I am still getting to know the area and have visited or will visit most of the community councils locally. There are a number of opportunities which I would envisage that community groups will want not only to be aware of, but also involved with. A couple of examples which spring to mind are: ensuring that within the new school campus at Lethangie there's the right balance of community and school interest; the Kinross Youth Partnership is in the process of achieving charitable status, this will enable those involved to help coordinate and increase the opportunities for young people in Kinross-shire. In addition, I will be reinstigating the Kinross Community Learning Partnership which has been dormant over the last 6-8 months."

There's an opportunity for groups and individuals to meet Robert on **Wednesday 15 November** at 7pm within the Green Hotel, Kinross. An awareness-raising event is being held to promote "Standards for Community Engagement". The "Standards" have been produced to improve how organisations undertake and provide feedback on consultation; creating policies and ensuring that "community needs" are being met. Arrangements are also being made to include a funding briefing for groups interested in securing funds both internally through Perth & Kinross Council and external agencies. For further information or to book places, contact the Learning Base.

Robert can be contacted by telephone (01577) 863439 or by email: rgraham@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk.

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#### Does Age Matter?

#### by our Farming Correspondent

This is the time of year when shepherds bring in their flock of ewes and assess if they are fit for another year on the farm. A well cared for ewe on a modern day farm can produce a crop of lambs every year, usually producing four or five crops in her lifetime.

In order to ensure the ewe is suitable for another lambing, the shepherd must perform three vital checks. Firstly, her udder must be examined. The two teats should be well placed on a firm udder, no sagging and no signs of lumps or scars or the lambs will not get enough milk to drink next spring. Secondly, body condition will be assessed. If the ewe is too thin it will be a sign of strain due to the previous year's lamb crop thus it should have no further pregnancies. Finally and most importantly, her teeth will be checked. This is the only way to tell the age of the ewe. An old ewe will have very long thin teeth or have lost them altogether. Even if she appears fit and well it is not a good idea to let her have another lamb, as she would not be able to supply the nutritional requirements of both herself and the growing lamb. Her teeth would just not be able to pull enough grass. So if a ewe fails to meet any of these criteria she will be culled and a young gimmer brought in as a replacement. It sounds harsh but it is an important business decision. I just hope that the new laws on ageism don't apply to sheep!

There have been many news stories recently about the new legislation on ageism at work. No longer can an employer not hire an individual because he or she is "too old". What with this, alongside all the worries of pensions, it seems our government is preparing us to work for longer before retirement. It occurred to me that this is one instance in which farmers are already setting a precedent. The average age of farmers in Scotland is sixty, Take a peek into an auction mart and it is apparent that there are a large proportion of grey haired and ageing men engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock.

The most obvious reason for this lack of young blood in the industry is the long working hours they find themselves working, for relatively little reward. Looking at their peers in other industries, it is no wonder they make a different choice. For those that are keen, the price of land is the major barrier to setting up or expanding. Market pressures are forcing prices to unacceptable levels so the question arises – Why do these farmers who should be enjoying retirement continue to put themselves through it? Well I suggest that it is simply because they enjoy it. Farming is a lifestyle that is unique; living and working on the land every day gives rewards other than those that show on the bank balance and of course there is always hope that next year the prices will be better.

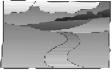
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#### **Kinross-shire Pathfinders**

by Charlie McConnell

Portmoak is the parish on the east shores of Loch Leven in Kinross-shire. It comprises the villages of Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Glen Lomond and Wester and Easter Balgedie, together with the RSPB reserve at Vane Farm.



Set in the foothills of the Lomond Hills and with panoramic views over the loch, it's a desirable place to live. It has history too, as the birthplace of one of Scotland's greatest poets Michael Bruce, whose wonderful birthplace museum is to be found in the village of Kinnesswood and his grave in the local churchyard. The museum celebrated its centenary this summer.

It's also a place where there's a lot going on, with an active church and voluntary groups organising a wide range of clubs and events, from a summer arts and jazz festival and a young people's ballet, to a Burns night worthy of Classic FM. The villages in the parish regularly win the Kinross best kept village competitions and in recent years it has gained the reputation as the hanging basket capital. It has some of the best gourmet pubs in the county, two excellent farm shops and restaurants.

But there's something afoot in Portmoak and it's called paths. In the nineties, local community action created the Portmoak Moss trails, a community woodland and the Tetley Trail, through a positive partnership with local landowners and in some cases community ownership. Members of the community are also actively involved in TRACKS, the voluntary organisation seeking to create the round the loch heritage trail. With backing now from RSPB and SNH, the trail is likely to be realised with Heritage Lottery and other trust funding before the end of the decade.

Portmoak Paths Group, which co-ordinates the development of the parish's core paths network, was set up as the Land Reform legislation was going through Parliament in 2002 in anticipation of the new wider access rights. It was the first community paths group in Scotland to submit its Core Paths Plan, which, with the support of Perth and Kinross Council's Countryside Rangers team, is now being realised. This is a network of connecting paths across the parish which are intended to link the villages and to connect each with trails up into the Lomond Hills regional park and down to the round the loch heritage trail. Eventually, Core Paths will be included on OS Maps for the area and the local authority will promote them to members of the public, working in partnership with landowners and local groups to implement signage and way-marking.

The Core Paths Plan was the result of several community meetings and surveys that have been organised since 2002. The progress of identifying and

mapping potential Core Paths is not a quick process. Public access to private land brings with it concerns over managing that land and very real worries about potential conflicts such as sheep and dogs need to be considered.

We have been lucky in Portmoak that the surrounding landowners have supported and engaged with the community in the process of identifying potential Core Paths – indeed, some landowners have embraced the process and have taken out schemes to assist in managing popular routes used by members of the public.

One of the key issues that was raised during the planning process was the need for a new, safer, off road route between Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood. A busy road connects the villages with a poor, and in many cases non-existent, roadside path. This has restricted safe access for children and the elderly to the church, village hall and shop. The Community Council has led a longstanding campaign to reduce traffic speed, but it still remains local people's main concern. The local primary school head teacher has also been at the forefront of road safety campaigns and is a strong supporter of policies that encourage children to walk and ride safely to school. A short exemplar stretch of the new path with a wide grass verge has been created adjacent to the golf course and a connecting path with grass verge will be in place between the village hall and church by November. The Paths Group and Community Council, in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council's Roads Department and the Countryside Section, continue to strive to make this route a reality.

Matters are now coming to a head and the paths group is optimistic that a positive agreement will be made with the local landowner to allow much of the new path to be completed in 2007 with funding secured from Perth and Kinross Council. New Portmoak Paths way-marking posts are currently being designed by the local school children and will be in place next year. A part of the core paths will be called the Michael Bruce Way in commemoration of the poet and the route will include verses of his poems for users to read whilst accessing the route.

The Portmoak Paths Group anticipates that 2007 will see further progress towards the safe link between Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood and a network of paths throughout the Parish become a reality. We have a plan which offers a real opportunity for locals and visitors alike to enjoy the panoramic views that is in itself a real achievement — we look forward to the implementation of this plan in the near future: a cause for great celebration for an active community seeking a positive partnership with local landowners, farmers and the Council. An example for others to follow.

#### Last Loch Leven Championship

It was the end of an era on Sunday 1 October when sixty anglers took part in the traditional closing event of the season, the Loch Leven Championship.

The Loch can no longer host events such as this as Loch Leven Fisheries is reducing the number of boats available to just ten from next season onwards. At one time there were almost sixty 19ft timber and oak clinker-built fishing cobles on the loch.

The final Loch Leven champion was Ian Wilson from Cupar, who retained the title he won last year.

At the prize-giving, Sir David Montgomery said he hoped that in years to come the fishing would pick up and they could build up boat numbers again.

The decision to reduce the number of boats was taken after almost £500,000 losses were incurred at Loch Leven Fisheries over five years.

#### The Kinross-shire Fund

Introduction: The Kinross-shire Fund is a local charity which has recently been launched and is dedicated to helping make Kinross-shire a better place to live. The aim is to raise funds in order to address local issues such as helping the elderly and young people of the county, supporting community events and improving the community infrastructure and recreational facilities.

Structure: The Scottish Community Foundation, a well-established Scottish charity, will provide many of the administrative and regulatory functions for the Kinross-shire Fund. At present, there are two committees which run the Fund. The Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from each of the five Community Councils and other representatives from the local community, and they will decide which projects are to be supported. The Fund Development Committee will oversee and promote fund-raising activities.

Supporters: The Kinross-shire Fund has already been supported since its inception by a number of local businesses and individuals and has so far raised over £30,000. The aim is to find many more supporters during the course of the year. About half the sums raised will normally be made available for supporting approved projects and the other half invested in an endowment fund to provide for the longer term.

Project Criteria: At the outset, the Advisory Committee has decided to target the following funding priority areas: Community Events; Community Information; Community Transport; Community Welfare; Physical Amenities; Recreational Facilities; Support for Care of the Elderly; Support for Existing Voluntary Organisations. These funding priorities will be re-assessed annually by the Advisory Committee. Anyone wishing to make an application for funding should content. Virginia Anderson (amail

Anyone wishing to make an application for funding should contact Virginia Anderson (email virginia@scottishcf.org or tel: 0131 524 0306) and request an application form for a grant.

**Projects** Supported: To date, the Kinross-shire website has received a grant to enable the website to have an interactive facility in order that local communities can update their own information. The website will also receive a grant to set up a dynamic community diary.

The next project to be supported is intended to be the purchase of a mobile five-a-side street football pitch for local youth groups. It is hoped this will be purchased before the end of 2006 and will be made available to young people from all communities within Kinross-shire.

How to Give: If you would like to support the Kinross-shire Fund there are a number of ways to do this. Remember that any donation is better than no donation at all. You could send a cheque made out to Kinross-shire Fund. You could raise a standing order to give monthly, quarterly or annually. You could give shares, or leave a gift in your will. Alternatively, you could give through your company or you could organise a fund-raising event.

Please contact Jamie Montgomery on 07799 064 731 if you require any further information.

Donations should be sent to Kinross-shire Fund, c/o Scottish Community Foundation, Calton House, 22 Calton Road, Edinburgh EH28 8DP.

Thank you for your support.

#### **News from the Health Centre**

IT Upgrade: The Health Centre is undertaking a major upgrade of the IT systems. The second part of this, the transfer of all our clinical data to a new system, is due to take place in late November. The change to a new system is inevitably a significant undertaking requiring the retraining of all staff. We may feel that it is not appropriate to undertake this at present and may therefore postpone the transfer for a few months

Flu Clinics: We would ask all patients who need a flu injection to keep in contact with the surgery for dates of clinics. The vaccine supply is not regular or predictable and it is therefore not possible to keep to all of the dates advertised in last month's Newsletter. As supplies arrive we will arrange clinics and publish dates in the Health Centre and the local pharmacies. Our apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Nurse Triage: As described in last month's article, we are introducing a Nurse Triage service from 30 October 2006. Calls for same day appointments will be answered by one of our team of Triage Nurses: Lynne Pollock, Janette Petrie and Theresa Russell. The nurses will discuss the problem with the patient and may be able to offer advice over the phone rather than asking the patient to come to the surgery. Where a consultation is required, the nurses will make an appointment for the patient at a nurse-led minor illness clinic or with a GP if that is more appropriate. However, we receive a large number of telephone requests for same day appointments and the nurses will not be able to deal with all of them, so the Triage Assistants will continue to answer some calls as they do now. Problems which can be dealt with by the nurses in the minor illness clinics include: sore ears, eyes and throats, back pain, head injuries, hayfever, moles, shingles and insect bites and stings. Nurse Pollock is now a nurse prescriber and can issue prescriptions as appropriate. We hope that patients will find the service to be beneficial and we will be conducting a survey to find our your views in due course.

#### PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION



To celebrate the launch of the new Photo Library on the community website, www.kinross.cc and the Newsletter invite entries in a Photograph Competition in the following categories:

- 1. Villages of Kinross-shire
- 2. Kinross Town
- 3. Dramatic Kinross-shire
- 4. Ancient Landmarks of Kinross-shire

There will be a prize and certificate for the winning photograph in each category and also an overall winner prize and certificate. The overall winning picture will also appear on the front cover of the January/February issue of the Kinross Newsletter and the category winners will appear inside subsequent issues.

All photographs submitted will appear on the www.kinross.cc Photo Library. There is no limit on the number of entries per person.

Closing date for entries is 1st December 2006. Winning entries will be announced in the January/February issue of the Kinross Newsletter and on the website.

One Entry Form must be filled in to accompany each photograph and one Copyright Waiver Form per entrant. Forms are provided on this page. If you need more, you could photocopy this page or forms can be downloaded from www.kinross.cc

All entries to be sent to: Photograph Competition, The Grey House, 70 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY or by e-mail to admin@kinross.cc

#### Rules of Competition:

Closing date for entries will be 1st December 2006.

No art work will be returned.

Photographs may be submitted as hard or electronic copies, although electronic is preferred.

All photographs must be accompanied by an Entry Form.

All entrants must complete, sign and submit a Copyright Waiver Form.

All photographs submitted will be (at our discretion) used on the ww.kinross.cc Photo Library and/or in the Kinross Newsletter and be available for download, free of charge.

The decision of the judges will be final and no discussion on the decisions will be entered into.

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# Kinross-Shire

Chairman: Ewan Cathcart Treasurer: David Sands Committee: Jamie Montgomery \* Euan Ferguson Willie Robertson \* Martin Rowlands David Graham \* Martin Pettinger Our thanks to the editorial team at Kinross Community Council Newsletter for this space.

The "season of mellow mists and fruitfulness" is upon us once again, which means it must be time for the Kinross-shire Partnership's second report of the year. As those of you who've read previous Partnership reports will be aware, our raison d'être is to work together with local businesses and organisations to promote and sustain the economic development of Kinross-shire. So it's only natural that the past six months have seen KP actively involved in a wide range of activities which do precisely that: identify and pursue ways of furthering the economic well-being of our "friendly county". Following the 2006 A.G.M. in March, Ewan Cathcart (Burnbank Bed & Breakfast) succeeded previous chairman Euan Ferguson (Hatrick-Bruce). Despite his involvement in a variety of local organisations (he also chairs the Kinross-shire Tourism Sub-committee), Ewan gives generously of his time to chair the Partnership's monthly meetings with fellow committee members David Sands (David Sands Ltd), Jamie Montgomery (Kinross Estate Company), Willie Robertson (Robertsons of Milnathort and Local Councillor), Martin Rowlands (Tyrefair Ltd.), David Graham (DMAS Ltd.), Martin Pettinger (civil and structural engineer), and Euan Ferguson (Hatrick-Bruce Ltd).

#### **OBJECTIVES**

There are four Partnerships within Perth and Kinross district, and the specific aims which the Kinross-shire Partnership has identified are as follows:

#### **OBJECTIVE 1:**

To identify, promote and encourage opportunities of economic and tourist development in Kinross-

#### Better Place to Live Fair

On 25 March the now biannual BPTL Fair took place at Kinross High School. This event has established itself as a firm favourite with both stall-holders and visitors alike, and a full report has been published in a previous copy of this magazine. Suffice to say then that the Partnership was delighted with the excellent turn-out and would like to thank Louise Batchelor and Gordon Menzies for agreeing to open and close

proceedings on the big day. The next BPTL Fair is scheduled for early 2008, so plan well ahead!

#### Branding and Tourism

The branding of Kinross-shire is progressing steadily on several fronts. A Kinross-shire logo has finally been selected from a range of potential designs, and recently a strapline was chosen on the basis of a public vote. A big "thank you" to everyone who took the time to vote for the logo and/or strapline. The preferred strapline when all the votes were counted was "The Friendly County". Both logo and strapline - which are to be launched officially in early 2007 - have been developed specifically for the promotion of everything that's great about Kinross-shire. So if you would like to make use of either (or both!) to publicise your own local business or group, please contact Pauline (862685) for further information. A competition is to be run in conjunction with the launch of the logo, so watch out for details in due course!

One event which enjoyed much success this summer. with both locals and tourists alike, was the Berryfest, held in July in the picturesque setting of the Market Square. There was fruit galore, not to mention the dulcet tones of the High School's musical accompaniment, all adding to the festive atmosphere. And on the subject of things musical, the tourist subcommittee has been discussing the possibility of running a themed weekend specific to Kinross-shire. At present the idea of a Jazz Festival seems to be hot favourite, so if any jazz fans out there are interested in helping the committee turn this dream project into reality, please don't hesitate to contact Ewan Cathcart on 861931. Raising Kinross-shire's profile as an active, "happening" place to visit is something everyone can help with...

This year, once again, KP's Visitor Information Points have been greatly appreciated by numerous visitors to Kinross-shire who've received a wealth of local information (and a friendly welcoming smile!). The Partnership would like to express sincere thanks to the following trusty information-providers: Robertsons of Milnathort, Kinnesswood Village Store & Post Office. St Serf's Crafts, the Fishing Pier at Loch Leven and Fossaway Stores in Crook of Devon).

www.kinross.cc – working for Kinross-shire 24/7 Feedback from abroad suggests that the foreign language versions of our website have met with the approval of overseas visitors. Indeed the Kinross-shire website continues to attract worldwide attention, with

up to 260 people visiting the site daily! New or imminent features include a "What's On" diary which should – by the end of this year – be overflowing with info about activities taking place in and around Kinross-shire. The aim of this facility is to ensure (albeit gradually!) that local events don't clash with each other. Another useful element which has now appeared is an interactive notice board where you can post your opinions (within reason!) on local issues. This will certainly make for interesting reading... And anyone who fancies a change of career could visit the "Situations Vacant" page – which is now online and will, hopefully, become the place to advertise local vacancies. There really is something for everyone at www.kinross.cc - so why not check it out now? There are even details of websites with information about funding available for young people within Kinross-shire, so if you think you might meet the criteria, it could be well worth your while asking for details! Or if you're a budding photographer, you're welcome to send in photos for publication in our "gallery" section - funded from the Perth & Kinross Council branding budget. Further financial assistance towards the development of the website was received from the Kinross-shire Fund (see later). If you have any information which you'd like included on the website, please contact our site administrator Pauline Watson (email: admin@kinross.cc or tel: 862685).

#### Visitor Centre Project ('Leventor')

Sadly Kinross-shire's application for lottery funding was turned down, but it was always worth a try! So now it's back to Plan A again, namely to attract a commercial operator/developer interested in running a Lochside visitor attraction.

#### **OBJECTIVE 2:**

To identify, promote and encourage opportunities for community recreation facilities with the County.

#### Kinross Show

As in previous years, KP shared a stand at the annual show with local countryside access group TRACKS. Many thanks to the numerous visitors who dropped in at our stand on the day to share news and views – it was great to see so many folk!

#### **OBJECTIVE 3:**

To identify, promote and encourage environmental improvements within the County and do all things which are appropriate to promoting and encouraging the well-being of the County.

#### Round-the-loch Heritage Trail

Meanwhile, TRACKS is pushing forward with the planned round-the-loch Heritage Trail. KP was happy to assist the group in applying for a grant from the 2006 branding budget, towards the cost of producing a family of leaflets which describe walks in the vicinity.

TRACKS Chairman Willie Robertson and his committee have expressed their appreciation to KP for this welcome assistance. And the good news is that the first leaflet has already been published, so get your walking boots on now!

#### The Kinross-shire Fund

A detailed report on the Community Fund's progress appears elsewhere in the Kinross Newsletter. However, in brief, funds are currently being awarded to three worthy local projects: the development of the Kinross-shire website (see above), the purchase of a mobile soccer unit for street football (tested out by some of the bands at this year's T-in-the-Park) and last but not least - the construction (already underway) of a cricket pitch on the grass area in front of Kinross House (courtesy of the aforementioned Jamie Montgomery). By next summer, no doubt visiting teams will, quite literally, be bowled over by our superb new facilities!

If you would like further information about the Kinross-shire Partnership, please telephone 01577 862685 or e-mail:- admin@kinross.cc

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# Down Memory Lane



Ploughing, Naemoor Estate near Crook of Devon, circa 1920



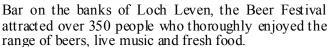
Peat cutting in Portmoak Moss

Photographs - Courtesy of Kinross-shire Historical Society

# News of Organisations

#### KINROSS-SHIRE ROUND TABLE

Our first ever Beer Festival, which took place on 23 September, proved to be a huge success. Held in the boat shed of the Pier



Derek Goodwin first suggested the idea and was undoubtedly the most energetic Tabler in organising the charity event, held in aid of The Anthony Nolan Trust. He was particularly pleased with the success of the event, and the thousands of pounds raised for the Trust.

As well as the thirty different real ales selected by CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale), also on offer were four ciders, two perries (cider made from pears!) and five specially imported lagers.

Café '98 were on hand throughout the Festival with their barbecue, providing fresh food for those who needed more than beer to sustain them. Entertainment was provided throughout the day and into the evening by no less than three bands, including local groups Breach of the Peach and Switch, who played the crowd's favourite songs, covering a range of tastes from the Rolling Stones to Franz Ferdinand.

Things only began to slow down at the very end of the evening when the liquid refreshment started to dry up. It had been a hot day and the first drinks to go were the ciders, closely followed by the perries, and then some of the beers started to run out. When we saw everyone enjoying themselves we were a little worried that we would run out completely and there may not have been enough beer left to lubricate the clear-up, but happily, there was just enough left to lure most of the Tablers out again the following day.

The main sponsor of the event was the Purvis Group and they were very pleased to be involved, not just because the Anthony Nolan Trust is a very worthwhile organisation but because it was exciting to put something back into the local community. During the evening there was a raffle and £200 was shared among several happy winners.

Ian Fairbaim, Chairman of Kinross-shire Round Table, said "I am delighted by the way the people of Kinross have turned out to support this event. Everyone enjoyed themselves and I hope we will be able to run something similar next year. Kinross is a very generous community that supports our fundraising efforts throughout the year, and we particularly want to thank all our sponsors and ticket sales outlets, The Pier Bar for providing the venue and, most of all, the people who came out and enjoyed the fun with us. The next time we will be out in force will be at Christmas when we will, as usual, be helping Santa with his sleigh and Light Up Kinross and then visiting all the local children."

Anyone interested in joining the Round Table, which always needs new members, can email Ian at the following address: ianfairbairn@lineone.net



#### LOMOND ANTIQUES AND COLLECTORS' CLUB



What a wonderful start to the new session with a talk from Hugh Walker on "Linen Manufacture in Dunfermline." As an engineer, Hugh was fascinated by the development of machinery as handloom weaving gave way to machines in manufactories. There were many more mills in the town than members had realised, and, although Hugh concentrated on the Erskine Beveridge Works, he was also knowledgeable about the others, including the mill in Kinross.

The First World War resulted in a lack of yarn, much of which came from Flanders and the Low Countries. This, combined with the decline of the British Empire and the loss of millions of customers, led to the decline of linen weaving. It was briefly replaced by silk weaving on a smaller scale.

Much of the workforce was female, many of whom travelled from outlying towns and villages.

Aided by diagrams, slides, pattern books and a selection of damask table cloths etc, Hugh wove his magic and held his audience enthralled.

At our October meeting, Speaker Elizabeth Strong brought a selection of her vast collection of early children's books to illustrate her talk on Collecting Children's Books. She traced the development of children's literature from 1484 when Caxton translated Aesop's fables. It was Sir Walter Scott's Waverley Novels which paved the way for boys' adventure stories, while Tom Brown's Schooldays led to the popularity of school stories.

#### DIABETES UK (SCOTLAND) KINROSS VOLUNTARY GROUP

The next meeting of the Kinross Voluntary Group will be on **18 November** at the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 10.15am for 10.30am.

Although this new group is run with the help of Diabetes UK, it is open to all diabetics including children in the surrounding area, their carers, partners or parents. You do not need to be a member of Diabetes UK, we would very much like to see our membership increase and the group become as successful as those elsewhere in the surrounding areas, but in order for this to happen we need your support and ideas.

The group meets monthly at the Millbridge Hall in Kinross on a Saturday morning and we would hope in the future to have regular speakers on health matters relating to diabetes e.g. podiatry, neuropathy, and looking after your eyes.

Please come and join us. If you need any further information about the group please contact: Vivian, Area Liaison Volunteer Diabetes UK, on 01738 835828, Linda on 01577 861217 or Allan on 01577 862986.

#### **PROBUS CLUB**

The speaker on 4 October, Mr Duncan Gilfillan, spoke on the mining industry. First he dealt with the history of mining.



saying that at first in the middle ages coal was excavated from shallow mines and used in domestic buildings, but it was found that salt could be extracted from sea water by evaporating the water. This led a profitable industry especially in East Fife, and more coal was needed to heat the water. This was the start of the mining industry in East Fife. The lives of the miners were very hard indeed during these early centuries, and the miners were practically slaves. When a mine was sold the miners were sold along with the mine.

1760 is usually described as the start of the industrial revolution which led to a much greater demand for coal to power the new industries, requiring even deeper mines. Even though the lives of the miners had slightly improved it was still very dangerous work and all through the 19th century there were a string of mining disasters. This was mainly due to the poisonous gases, such as methane and carbon monoxide released during the mining. Mr Gilfillan joined the National Coal Board in 1953 as a mining surveyor and he gave some first hand experiences of the safety measures used in the mines.

He finished his talk with a moving description of the Aberfan disaster. Aberfan sits at the bottom of a V-shaped valley. On one side of the valley the waste material from centuries of mining had been pile high, towering over the village. In 1966 the heavy rainfall loosened the material in the coal bing which slid down the valley side and in a matter of seconds engulfed the village school killing 116 children and 28 adults. Russell Young gave the vote of thanks.

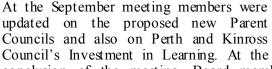
#### KINNESS WOOD IN BLOOM

Many thanks to Robin Melrose for the very generous donation and to Ian and Elizabeth MacGrattan for all their hard work and support over the past year.

We're keen to recruit new members so, if you would like to contribute in any way, please come along to our meetings on the first Thursday of the month in the Lomond Country Inn at 7.30pm.

kinnesswoodblooms@yahoo.co.uk

#### KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL BOARD





conclusion of the meeting, Board members and Councillors bade farewell to outgoing Rector, Chris Bentley, and welcomed the recently appointed Richard Keatings.

PLEASE MENTION THE "NEWSLETTER" WHEN ANSWERING ADVERTISEMENTS

#### KINROSS-SHIRE VOLUNTEER GROUP AND RURAL OUTREACH SCHEME

It was decided by the Chairman and Committee to amend the charges on journeys to Dundee and Edinburgh by increasing them to £14; other journeys remain as at present. These changes will take effect from 1 November 2006. The full list of charges are:

Perth, Dunfermline	£7
Stirling, Kirkcaldy	£7
Dundee	£14
Edinburgh	£14



Loch Leven Health Centre £3 from all areas

We would like to give you early notice to book the date 22 January 2007 in your diary for our entertaining Burns Supper. Ticket details etc will be published in the December edition of the Kinross Newsletter.

#### KINROSS FLORAL ART CLUB

A Coffee Evening will be held on Thursday 23 November at 7.15pm in Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross. There will be a demonstration by Mrs Anne Buchan entitled "Inspired by Artists". There will be a Christmas Tombola and Raffle. Tickets are priced at £4 and are available from members or at the door.

#### KINROSS IN BLOOM

It's a quieter time for us now but we've planted the tubs with pansies to brighten up the winter days and we're already planning for lots of colour next year. If



planning for lots of colour next year. If you'd like to support us by joining our 200 Club (£1 a month and half the proceeds paid out in prizes) please contact Diane McDiarmid on 865943. September's winners will be announced next month.

We are also hoping to make a more welcoming 'entrance' to Kinross as you come in from the motorway/A977 roundabout, creating a 'gateway' or entrance marker and will be consulting with local groups to get feedback on the ideas so far. To find out more about what we do, go to www.kinrossinbloom.co.uk.

#### KINROSS & DISTRICT ART CLUB



November will be a busy period preparing for the Club's Annual **Exhibition and Art** 

Sale taking place in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross, on Thursday 9th between 10am and 8pm, Friday 10th from 10am until 4pm and Saturday 11th from 10am to 4pm. Coupled with this will be the usual tombola and home produce tables. We look forward to meeting people who call in to see the exhibition.

After the Exhibition, the Club will continue to meet each Tuesday in the Millbridge Hall at 2pm until 28 November. This will be followed by a break for the Festive Season but meetings will re-commence on Tuesday 9 January 2007. New members are always welcome to pop in and join us. For more details please ring 01577 864391.

#### KINROSS & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

The annual bowling outing was held at Milnathort Bowling Club on 13 September. The Club as usual proved to be excellent hosts and the 24 members and guests attending enjoyed an admirable supper featuring home baking.

Ted Ball, a retired engineer now resident in Scotlandwell, gave the Kinross & District Rotary Meeting held on 18 September a fascinating insight into his three visits to a Christian community based in Indonesia. His talk "Impressions of Indonesia" was illustrated by some excellent slides.

The Club's knowledge of Scottish history was enhanced by a visit to the Abbot House in Dunfermline on 20 September. A very well guided tour through a fascinating series of rooms covering all the stages of the house's history ended with tea and home made shortbread.

The next meeting heard from the recently retired non-executive director of Tayside Health Board and past Chairman of NHS 24, George King. An ex member of the Kinross Rotary Club, his talk on his personal view and the inner workings of the NHS prompted a large number of questions on a wide range of topics.

Sandy Stewart of the Markinch Wine Gallery led a very enjoyable wine tasting in the Portmoak Hall on 7 October. Each sampling was preceded by an informed and interesting description of the wine and its production.

A generous donation from Rotarian John Hegarty enabled the Club to purchase a wheelchair for the Wheelchair Foundation, a charity supported by the Rotary Movement.

To finance the building of schools in a particularly deprived area of Indonesia, the Club agreed to a donate £1000. Also, with the help of local schools, Kinross Rotary Club are currently attempting to fill 500 shoe boxes with everyday essentials to go to those in need in Eastern Europe.

The Club has agreed to assist if required with the Community Council Election to be held in Milnathort on 11 November.

A delegation from Rotary Clubs in New Zealand will be visiting Scotland in July next year and several members have agreed to provide hospitality and accommodation for the visitors.

The Club has agreed to support the relaunched Water Aid mobile phone recycling scheme. The scheme has so far raised over £40,000 and can help you dispose of your old phone while benefiting both the environment and those in the developing world. Water Aid is an international charity dedicated to helping people escape the stranglehold of poverty and disease caused by living without safe water and sanitation. Anyone wishing to donate their old mobile phone to the scheme should contact any Rotarian.

The Club has got off to a good start in the new season's inter club sporting events. The Curling Team won their opening match against the Perth Kinnoul team and the indoor games team won their opening match against the team from the Perth St John's Club. The speaker at the meeting held on 9 October was Rotarian Derek Keen who described his early days in

the Royal Navy in a very entertaining style. Such was the level of interest that it was agreed that Derek should be invited to continue his story at a future meeting. The vote of thanks was given by Kelvin Reav.

The Club will celebrate its 30th Anniversary by holding a special dinner at the Green Hotel on 6 November.

The Rotary Club's "Citizen of the Year" award is presented annually to an individual (or team of individuals) for a significant positive contribution to community life in Kinross and district. See page 37 for information on nominating a candidate.

#### PORTMOAK FILM SOCIETY

#### Two Films and a Craft Fair!

Over 40 Portmoak Film Society members and their guests enjoyed another great film in October. I swear the floor was vibrating to the tapping of toes in time with a fabulous sound track from African-American soul-singer Ray Charles which accompanied the story of his life, brilliantly portrayed by actor Jamie Foxx.

This month there will be two films to sample: "The Chorus" on 4 and "Ae Fond Kiss" on 25 November. The first tells the story of a French professor of music who, on becoming supervisor at a school for the rehabilitation of minors in 1948, is disturbed at the repressive conditions he finds there. Through the power of music he tries to transform the unhappy children.

The second film is by Ken Loach, a bittersweet tale of cross-cultural love set in Glasgow involving a young Catholic school teacher and her Pakistani boyfriend. It's social realism, but definitely has the feelgood factor.

PFS is also planning a **Christmas Craft & Food Fair** on **2 December** to raise money to buy equipment such as a digital projector, screen and sound system which up until now we have loaned from the British Film Society.

With 50+ members and a programme which fills a local niche, it's time to make this investment for the future. As a community group we hope to get a Lottery-funded award for some of the money and the rest we will raise through raffles at the film nights and events like the Christmas Fair. Please note the date in your diary!

Membership cards can still be purchased for the 2006/2007 season from Stuart Mackenzie at the Pottery in Kinnesswood. Call him on 01592 840638 or log on to: www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

#### KINROSS GARDEN GROUP

Our October meeting, attended by 49 members and visitors, took the form of a

"Gardeners' Question Time" with Fife experts Willie Duncan and Bob Mitchell providing answers to members' varied and numerous gardening queries.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 9 November** in Millbridge Halls, Kinross at 2.00pm. We will be delighted to welcome Beryl McNaughton of "Mac Plants", Pencaitland who will talk on "Perennial Growing in Scottish Conditions". We hope to see as many members and friends as possible at this meeting.

#### MTKY

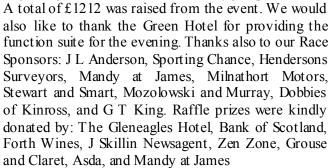
Not soon enough, MTKY is back in action as the adults take their turn in the spotlight

this year, with rehearsals for "Trial By Jury" already underway for performance in late February of next year. "Trial by Jury" is an opera by Gilbert and Sullivan telling the comical story of a bride-to-be suing her fiancé for leaving her. If you'd like to come along and join the cast, you still have your chance! We meet at **Kinross High School** on **Wednesdays** from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Just bring £1 and a smile! We hope to see you soon.

Finally, thanks to everyone who took part in and/or helped with and/or came to see Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in September. We hope to see our young actors and actresses back at MTKY in January all set for rehearsals for our next musical - Summer Holiday!

#### SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

Graeme Paterson would like to thank everyone for supporting the Charity Fun Night organised on behalf of the Playgroup.



**StoryCraft** - We have a few spaces left at this group where the children use their imagination and build up confidence when they get involved in telling and acting out parts of stories. Each week they also get a chance to be creative when making props, crafts and puppets relating to the story theme. This group is aimed at 3-5 year olds and runs on Mondays from 1.15pm - 2.45pm where parents leave their children with the two playleaders that run the group.

**Raffle tickets** - as part of our 35-year celebrations and fundraising for roof repairs we will be holding a raffle draw on 20 December. Tickets now on sale from Playgroup.

Please contact Swansacre on 862071 if you would like further information on any of our groups or events.

#### INNER WHEEL

At the September meeting, Rotary President, Eddie Mackay, gave a succinct history of Scottish painting ranging from Wilkie to the Colourists and from Raeburn to the Glasgow Boys. He stressed the quality of works on show in Art Galleries and commercial galleries throughout the country and accessible from Kinross.

#### **COMMON GROUNDS**

It doesn't seem a month since the last issue of the Newsletter, but a lot has been achieved in the time. The generosity of the Scout and Guide organisations has enabled us to continue with our work – all of us in Common Grounds are very grateful.

We managed to source some free paint and with this, and the help of volunteers and customer-turned-volunteer especially for the painting, we have freshened the paintwork in the hall. Thanks to Shirley and the painting work party.

The music afternoons have proved popular as always and the musicians are all keen to come back. They love the atmosphere with the open fire and space enough to dance. If you have never been in the Guide/Scout hall, it is well worth a visit.

The next special event is a jewellery making demonstration on **Saturday 4 November**. This takes place during our normal opening hours.

At this time of year we always give money to an emergency aid organisation. This year we voted to give £500 to the Tearfund Emergency fund. Local woman, Anne McCulloch, is working for them in Darfur in the Sudan.

Common Grounds is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 10am – 3pm in the Scout/Guide hall in Church Street, Milnathort.

To book a slide show and talk about our work contact Shirley on 01577 864745.

#### KINROSS-SHIRE 50 PLUS CLUB

At the October meeting Mary Reilly gave an interesting and very much appreciated talk and slide show regarding various



hidden places in Fife. A vote of thanks was given to Mary, followed by a hearty applause from the audience.

**Glamis Castle:** Outing to Glamis Castle on **Sunday 26 November**. The coach leaves at bus stop outside Town Hall 10am, Green Hotel 10.05am, and then Milnathort 10.10am. The cost is £10 and will be collected at the November meeting.

Friday Walks: On 3 November, The Hopetoun Monument, near Cupar, starting and finishing at the Deer Centre. This is a circular walk of under 6 miles, and starts off along country roads, but the paths up the monument are quite steep - however the views are worth the effort. On 17 November, The Wallace Road, starting near Glenfarg, and proceeding from West Dron along country roads passing Pitcaithly Wells and Dunbarney, to end up at Bridge of Earn. This is a circular walk of more than 6 miles, with some obstacles before getting off The Wallace Road.

**November Meeting:** The speaker on **2 November** will be Mary Sherrard on the "Fish Lassies of Fife".

#### FAIR BREAK CAFÉ NEWS

It's been another busy month for us in the Fair Break Café in Milnathort. Thanks to all our customers for helping us to raise money for our current project 'The Bukhabalo Development Project in Uganda'. This project aims to promote development by improving the quality of education in the local primary school and encouraging money generating activities among the women in the village. We're also delighted to make a contribution to our first project 'Positive Help' which is an HIV/AIDS support and education project in Edinburgh.

At Fair Break we're keen to feature and promote the work of local artists. In September we had a wonderful display of jewellery designed by Marlyn Gardener of the Silk Journey. In October we're displaying powerful photographs of African wildlife by Gavin Anderson and beautiful jewellery and paintings from Malawi (thanks to Billy and Sarah in Kinross). Later in October we'll be featuring the art work of award winning artist Carole Kay.

Special events in October included a mellow Saturday afternoon with easy listening songs by Malcolm Cowie and a Reiki Taster Evening exploring this gentle complementary therapy presented by local Reiki Master/Teacher Lyn Haworth.

We'd be delighted to hear from anyone interested in volunteering or interested in displaying art work/performing or using the Café for community activities! Please contact us. Books also welcome!

For more information about Fair Break activities please contact Marg Meade at 01577 863557 or pop into the Café at 28 South Street, Milnathort.

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#### LOOKING FOR CONTACT DETAILS?

Many of the local organisations, clubs and local hall booking details and other information on Kinross and the surrounding area can be found on the Kinross CC website www.kinross.cc

#### **VANE FARM**

Hello people! Yes folks, I have returned from ma wee sojourn tae the bonnie island o' Mull. Well a got back in August but tae gie masel' a bit o' time tae settle



back in, Paul and Sarah from SNH have been holdin' the fort till I got back, so it's a big thanks fur them.

Jees, a furgot how mad things are here at times. Ma lugs are fair dirlin' answerin' phones again after the relative serenity on Mull.

OK, then oot o' Mull mode and back to Vane. The Pinkfeet have started to return to the reserve, so autumn is here. They arrived around 26 Septemberthis year, which is a couple o' weeks later than 2005. Probably due to the good weather in Iceland, as indeed we have had here. Whooper swans have also started to return although not in any big numbers as yet, but keep yer eyes peeled.

"Donny the digger" is back in again for winter management work on the wetland so he has been howkin' holes n stuff like that wi' his big excavatin' machine. The end result will be a better habitat for birds

Shop news now. Year marchin' on time fur Christmas. We have in stock another splendiferous selection of gifts and Christmas cards for your perusal, been in since August – ye can never be too early. Easter will commence next week!! If you have not visited Vane for a wee while, why not come in and see what we have on offer.

Staff have also changed around a bit with Uwe Stoneman replacing Captain Ken Shaw, who retired, as the new Vane Business Manager. Jayne Buchan has started as Information Officer to help oot eh me, and Linda who was me (if that's possible) during the summer has now left the RSPB. Say hello to the new bods when you are in. Everyone else is jist the same really.

Our **next event** will be an **Optics Weekend on Saturday and Sunday 11 and 12 November** from 10am - 4.30pm both days. Buy some bins for Christmas pressies fur the birdwatcher in your life. That's it till next time - NNR bit noo.

#### **LOCH LEVEN NNR**

This month we are asking if you would like to help us here on the National Nature reserve! We are looking for volunteers to help with a tree planting project at Burleigh Sands this autumn. Over the last couple of years we have lost the broods of ducklings that used to use the shoreline near to the North Quiech and we would like to create habitats along the shore near that section that will help them to re-establish. We will be planting alder and willow trees on the shoreline around the hide. This will create good sheltering and feeding areas for broods of ducklings once they leave their nests on St Serf's and will also contribute to the

#### S EPTEMBER WEATHER REPORT FROM CARNBO

Despite September being much more unsettled than the previous three months,

both day and night-time temperatures were on the warm side.

Rainfall for month 141.0mm (134% of average)

Heaviest fall 46.9mm (5th)
Highest temperature 21°C (21st)
Lowest temperature 5°C (9th)
Average temperature 12.9°C

2 days with a max above 20°C Cloud cover 62%

One day with maximum temperature above 20°C No days with maximum temperature below 10°C Frost not recorded this September.

mosaic of habitats in the area. So if you enjoy being outdoors and want to do something worthwhile for nature conservation, please get in touch. No experience necessary.

More trees along the shoreline will mean that there'll be even more to see from Burleigh Hide and will help to take us forward as we make the area a more interesting spot for people and for wildlife. The hide is becoming increasingly popular with families and it's lovely to see parents and children getting pleasure from watching the birds and enjoying the tranquillity of the area. The hide has encouraged many of them to buy their first pair of binoculars and identification book. Visitors from Milnathort and Kinross who don't have a car have told me the hide has been a boon for them because it's not too far to travel.

We will soon be planning next year's calendar of events, but before we do, we would like to hear what kind of event **you'd** be interested in. Is there a particular aspect of Loch Leven's wildlife that you would like to know about or a nature activity you'd like to take part in? Please let us know if you have any good ideas for our 2007 events calendar.

To volunteer for our tree planting project or to offers ideas on events, telephone 01577 864439 or email sarah.eaton@snh.gov.uk

For more Loch Leven news don't forget to visit our webpage:

www.snh.org.uk/scottish/taysclack/lochleven/news.asp

See you next month, Colin and Sarah.

#### DEADLINE FOR ALL ARTICLES

5.00 pm, MONDAY 20 November for Publication on Saturday 2 December

# **Sports News**

#### KINROSS CRICKET CLUB

Saturday 23 September saw the completion of the new wicket at Kinross House. The diggers and ground-moving equipment from local company Turffit arrived at 9am and with the help of a number of players, parents and friends and under the supervision of our ECB wicket adviser Geoff Brereton, the square was dug out, levelled, filled with the loam and finally seeded. All that was needed was some rain and some warm sunny days to get the grass growing. Thankfully, that is exactly what we got and on 30 September, the first green shoots started to show. With the grass now growing at a great rate it brings us nicely to our next item ...

Can you help? Does anyone have a large bowling green quality (fine cut) mower with integral roller going spare? We also need a large industrial size roller. If you can help, please email secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk or telephone John Ross on 07740 785 097.

The club annual dinner and awards night is being held at the Green Hotel on 28 October. A round up of the evening will be included in next month's issue.

Junior member and Scottish internationalist, Alex Scott-Gray has been awarded a £300 personal development grant from Perth & Kinross Sports Council.

Club head coach John Ross has been invited to join the Central District Cricket management and coaching team.

The club is holding an **ICC Intro to Coaching** course on **Sunday 5 November**. This will enable the club to further enhance the already superb coaching team. For further information or to book a place, please email secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk

For up to date information on what's happening in the club, keep an eye on our website:

www.kinrosscc.co.uk

#### LOCH LEVEN LEAPERS BASKETBALL CLUB

Loch Leven Leapers is in its second season and is open to all P6, P7 & S1 pupils in the Kinross area. We meet in the Games Hall at the High School on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm with basketballscotland affiliated coaches, and are always keen to welcome new members – even if they've never played before! As this is officially the "Year of Women's Basketball" new female members are especially welcome. Please contact Karen Nicholson on 01577 862623 or Alison Brown on 861113 for further information or just turn up!

#### KINROSS BADMINTON CLUB

At the recent AGM, the following were elected: President, Bill MacDonald; Vice President, Robert Blair; Secretary, Nicola



McGuigan; Treasurer, Ian Coulter; Club Auditor, Don Edwards. The committee members are: Mark Moran, Fiona Dunning, Fiona Wilkie and Steve Thomson. Steven Ross will represent Kinross High School, with Leon Fotheringham representing 5th and 6th year. Alison Walker will represent the Junior Club.

The club will resume after the school's October break on Tuesday 17 October. Members should note subs are due by 31 October.

#### KINROSS LADIES HOCKEY CLUB

Unfortunately the Bell Tournament which always starts the Midlands League off was cancelled - the rain had washed the lines on the pitches away!

To date the second team have played two League cup matches, beating Perthshire and Brechin very convincingly, 7-1 and 7-0. A long trip to Inverness to play Inverross in the first round of the District Cup was at least made worthwhile with a 4-0 win. Unfortunately this winning formula could not be maintained in the first league game against Grove 3rds ending in a 1-0 defeat. However, to be scoring so many goals early on in the season is very encouraging. The first team have only played two league matches winning 8-0 against Brechin but losing 3-2 to Perthshire after being reduced to ten players early in the second half following injury to goalie, Jenni Spence. We all hope she returns very quickly, especially Anne Norrie who bravely donned all the gear and went into goals for the rest of the match but has no desire to do so again!

Training continues on a Wednesday evening at KGV artificial turf pitch 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Players of all abilities very welcome - we are keen to keep membership of the club up to ensure that we can continue to put two teams out every weekend.

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There were two club championship races in September, the Aberfeldy Half Marathon and the East Neuk 10K. The pouring rain made the farm track part of the course of the East Neuk 10K slippery, however some good times were recorded and two ladies won prizes. Gordon Donnachie ran well to finish in 46:27 and was closely followed by John Myerscough who finished in 47:05. Trish Milne was third FV in 47:43 and Christine Myerscough was third FSV in 47:55. They were followed by Isabel Carmichael (49:08), Sue Whisler (55:30) and Norman Smith (58:50). Douglas Leitch opted to take the shorter journey to Linlithgow 10K that day which he completed in 43:59.

Conditions were warm and sunny for the Great North Run on 1 October. Four Kinross Road Runners were amongst the 40,000 entrants in the race, the biggest in the UK. The large entry makes it difficult to record a fast time, however the race is renowned for its atmosphere. Anne Macdonald completed this point to point course in 1:44:05, followed by Isabel Carmichael in 1:57:54 and Geoff Bilton in 2:02:04. Anne Wilson helped her niece to run her first half marathon in 2:36:42.

Seven Kinross Road Runners travelled north to Pitlochry 10K on 8 October. This is the second year of the race and the scenic course through Faskally Woods attracted a field of nearly 300 runners. Chris Pratt ran well in his first 10K to finish 33rd in 40:42, just ahead of Rashmi Shah who finished 45th in 41:50. Gordon Donnachie managed to overtake John Mysercough in the last kilometre and both recorded personal best times of 45:00 and 45:13 respectively. Sue Whisler also improved her East Neuk 10K time to finish in 54:37, followed by Keith Logan (58:01) and Catriona Berry (59:48).

Kinross Road Runners entered three teams in the interclub Hartley Relay at Forfar on 15 October. Each runner completed two laps of a 1.5mile course on paths by Forfar Loch. The mixed team (Keith Logan, Sue Whisler, Sandy MacCalman, Allan Kemp, Brian Kemp and Bill Nouillan) were first in their category with a combined time of 2:20:35. The ladies team (Emma Barclay, Anne MacDonald, Trish Milne, Pauline Malley and Judith Dobson) won third prize in a total time of 1:43:12. Emma recorded the fourth fastest lap for a lady (9:13), Anne was fifth fastest (9:59) and Judith was sixth fastest (10:07). The men's team (Gordon Donnachie, Ian Parlin, Chris Pratt, Geoff Bilton, Roger Stark and Steve Crawford) ran a combined time of 1:57:58 and Steve Crawford recorded the fourth fastest lap time (8:29).

Kinross Road Runners meet at 7pm Wednesday night in Loch Leven Health Centre car park. We welcome runners of all ages and abilities.

#### FOSSOWAY TENNIS CLUB

The Annual Prizegiving / Social will take place in The Stables, The Inn, Crook of Devon on Friday 10 November at 7pm.

Usual fabulous raffle, tasty food and mad games! All members welcome. See you there!

**The A.G.M.** will be on **Monday 13 November** at 7.30pm in The Stables, Crook of Devon. Please try and come along.

Tournament Results (still matches to be completed):
Ladies: Winner - Christine Austin, R/Up - Liz
Bowyer, Bronze - Anne Lee
MacDonald: Winners - Brian Black & Frances Booth,
R/Up - Christine Austin & Betty Bruce
Mixed: Winners - Brian Black & Anne Lee
Intermediate Boys: Winner - Scott Robertson, R/Up Kenny Port.

#### KINROSS GOLF CLUB

#### Forth coming social events

Mon 6 Nov Tickets go on sale for the Hogmanay

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#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Hugh and Molly **DOBSON** are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter **PAULINE** to **MR JOHN WINGATE**, on Saturday 7 October, in Kinross Parish Church, by the Rev. Dr John Munro.

**LESLEY**, daughter of Margaret and David **BLYTH**, 170 High Street, Kinross, and **ANDREW**, son of Gladys and Jim **MATHER**, West Haughton were married on 26 August by the Rev. Dr John Munro in Kinross Parish Church.

Simon and Lynne **DUNN** are delighted to announce the birth of their second son, **OLIVER ALLAN**, on 5 October 2006 in Perth Royal Infirmary. A baby brother for Matthew, fourth grandchild for Mrs Ann Dunn, Kinross and second for Mr Allan and Mrs Fiona Dearing, Milnathort.

Ian and Nancy **STIRLING** are proud to announce the birth of their son, **FINLAY SCOTT**, on 6 October 2006 in Melbourne, Australia. First grandchild for George and Betty Stirling, Hillside Farm, Carnbo.

Robert and Lee **HALKETT** are delighted to announce the birth of **CHLOE**, on 17 September 2006.

CATRIONA McSHANE of Ardochaidh, Kinnesswood passed Grade 5 Theory with Merit in the ABRSM Exams. Her teacher is Margaret Houston, Milnathort.

**TOM KENNEDY** of Glenfarg, along with seven friends, has been competing in the Mongol Rally. Using beat-up old cars, their adventurous 10,603 mile journey took them through some of the world's most remote and inhospitable countries. The team raised around £10,000 for charity, the bulk of which will go to the Christina Noble Children's Foundation which works with poor children in Mongolia.

PAUL COULTARD, CLAIRE MUCKERSIE, ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, KATHRYN McINTOSH and JANET SUTTIE, members of Glenfarg Group of RDA, have achieved success at the RDA National Championships held in Gloucestershire. They were placed second and third in several musical ride categories.

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#### **THANKS**

**SIMON DUNN** would like to thank all family and friends who contributed to his efforts in raising the grand total of £1711.73 during his recent exploits in completing the Great North Run held in Newcastle on 1st October. All monies collected have been donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

KINROSS-SHIRE ROUND TABLE would like to thank all their sponsors and everyone who made the First Annual Beer Festival such a tremendous success. It was wonderful to run an event for local people to enjoy, and we hope to see you all again next year at our Second Annual Beer Festival!

Sponsors: Active Pest Solutions; Alphavet; The Balgedie Toll; The Bank of Scotland; Café '98; DF Concerts: Country Cuddles; David Sands Supermarkets; Dobbies Garden Centre; Dunedin Independent PLC; ECO Contracts; Ferrier & McKinnon; Flats 4U; The Green Hotel; The Grouse & Claret; Heaven Scent; Colin Kerr; Kinross Plumbing & Heating Services; LINBRO (UK) Financial Services; Mozolowski & Murray; North Road Garage; The Pier Bar: Purvis Group - main event sponsor and supplier of a huge amount of equipment; Retail Design Consultants; Sands Ironmongers; CR Smith; Turffit; Webster Building Supplies; The Well Country Inn.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning: The members of Orwell and Portmoak Churches who ran coffee mornings at the Guide/Scout Hall, Milnathort and Arnotlea, Kinnesswood are very grateful to all who supported these events. A grand total of £485 has been sent to Macmillan Cancer Support.

WILLIE DEWAR, Alexander Drive would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their cards, visits and good wishes during his recent spell in hospital. He is recovering well from his heart attack.

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# News from the Rurals



BISHO PSHIRE – Teresa and Tricia, 2 x T, invited the members to a genuine Afternoon Tea. After explaining how this very English phenomenon came about, they served a sumptuous tea, complete with cake stands. Wafer-thin sandwiches, tiny scones, and a wonderful array of small cakes and a Victoria sponge had everyone forgetting the diet for the evening.

Competitions:

Design a menu card - Sylvia Herrington Small seasonal flower arrangement - Jane Martin

GLENFARG – Vice President, Mrs Allison Messenger, welcomed members to the meeting on 14 October and introduced Fiona Ness and Freda Andrews from The Workbasket in Blairgowrie. Their range of beautiful and exotic yams and sewing materials, patterns and ideas, kept their audience happy all evening - possibly all winter! - and were most welcome and appreciated demonstrators.

Allison Messenger proposed the vote of thanks and Jeannie Black was the tea hostess.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month
Two Plain Scones
- Sheila Harley
Liz Yull

Best Use of 50 gms Wool - Catherine Fairweather

CLEISH - President Dorothy Morris welcomed 21 members to our October meeting. Our speaker, Mrs Ursula Stewart, gave an excellent talk on the history of dyeing and spinning wool and other materials to make into garments. Chris Pilling gave the vote of thanks. Supper was served, then a small raffle held. Competitions:

Flower of the month - Marion Bisset
Healthy Soup - Fiona Barnfather
Unusual Candle - Sandra Webster

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POWMILL - Powmill's first meeting was an 'Open Evening'. Our President Mrs Mary Wilson welcomed members and visitors, then introduced one of our members, Mrs J Buchanan, who gave a demonstration of delicious plain and cheese scones and Scotch pancakes. Mrs Mary Wilson gave a demonstration of a lovely floral table centrepiece. On display were many handmade items, activities and photographs, showing the visitors what the S.W.R.I. do. Committee provided an excellent tea.

Competitions:

Fruit Fool - Mrs C Stewart
Favourites Mug - Mrs M Wilson
Garden Gem - Mrs E Johnston

CARNBO -Our scheduled speaker unfortunately, unable to attend the meeting so we are indebted to Mr Dick Crichton who stepped in at the last minute. Dick was a teacher for nearly 30 years before he took early retirement. Realising he and his wife, Margaret, needed extra income to supplement their pension, Dick started driving for Earnside He is indebted to David and Fiona Coaches. Rutherford at Earnside for taking him on and has had a very interesting time over the years taking various groups around Scotland and on to continent. Margaret handed out cards with letters of the alphabet on them; Dick then asked several of our members in turn for the letter on her card and would then tell us about incidents recalled by that letter: everything from Irksome Idiots in Italy (moped drivers) to Sweltering in Santa Susanna in Spain. Dick no longer drives the large buses, so does not drive on the continent but said how much he enjoyed driving in France; in fact his first experience of driving abroad was in France in a large bus! His stories were varied and very entertaining.

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#### KINROSS CHURCHES TOGETHER



#### KINROSS PARISH CHURCH

Station Road, Rev. Dr. John Munro (862952) web-site www.kinrossparishchurch.org tel: 862570

e-mail: kinrossparishchurch@btinternet.com

10.30 am Sunday Services in the Parish Church (crèche facilities available upstairs at the Church)

12 Nov Remembrance Sunday

10am Youth and Uniformed Service, parade to War Memorial for 11:00am.

11.15am Main Service

**Midweek Worship:** Each Wednesday in the Reading room of the Church Centre, 10.45 - 11.15 am.

**Pram Service** Every Tuesday at 10.00 am in the Church Centre led by Rev Evelyn Cairns. All babies or toddlers welcome, accompanied by carers!

Whyte Court: First Tuesday of the month at 2.30 pm. Causeway Court: Last Tuesday of the month at 2.30 pm.

All are welcome to these services.

**Kinross Church Centre:** This suite of halls is the property of Kinross Parish Church. For enquiries and bookings please contact Mrs. J. Erskine (862601).

**Saturday break**: Most Saturday mornings, tea, coffee and fresh baking are available from 10.00 - 12.00 noon. A secondhand bookstall is usually open.

Enquiries: Session Clerk: Mrs Linda Williamson, 15 St

Mary's Place, Kinross (862789)

#### ST. PAUL'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Muirs, Kinross Rev Dr Marion Keston 01577 866834

#### November Services:

5th 8.30am Holy Communion

11am Sung Eucharist

12th Remembrance Day

8.30am Holy Communion 11.15am

Sung Eucharist (no Sunday School)

**19th** 8.30am Holy Communion

11am Sung Eucharist

Preacher Rev Ian Watt

26th Christ the King Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion 11am Sung Eucharist Preacher Rev Ian Watt

Thursday Morning group Bible study. Everyone welcome. For further information please contact Sarah Oxnard Tel 01577-864213

#### ORWELL AND PORTMOAK PARISH CHURCH

Rev Robert Pickles (01577 863461)

Email: robertpickles1@btopenworld.com Sunday worship, Junior Church and crèche

10am Portmoak Church

11.30am Orwell Church

**Prayer Meeting** is held 30mins before each service. **Service at Ashley House** first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm

**Services at Levenglen** first and third Tuesdays of the month at 4pm

**Fusion Club** for P5 – S1

For details contact Anne Sutherland on 01577 830442

@spire- Orwell Hall-second and last Friday of the month

Saturday 4th November – Bonfire night at the Manse Communion at Portmoak – Sunday 5th November Communion at Orwell Church – Sunday 3rd December

#### FOSSOWAY PARISH CHURCH

Reverend Joanne Finlay (01577 850231) E-mail joanne.finlay 196@bt internet.com Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie (01592 840823)

#### Sunday Services at 9.45 am

Crèche, Junior Church & Teenage Group in halls at 10.45am

Evergreens, every 2nd Thursday in the month 10.30am Friday mornings - Tots Music in Hall 9.30-10.30am; 11am-12pm

Wednesday evenings - Community Choir 7-9pm Friday mornings: 9.30-10.30, 11-12 - Tots Music Wednesday evenings 7pm - Community choir

#### CLEISH PARISH CHURCH

Reverend Joanne Finlay (01577 850231) E-mail joanne.finlay 196@bt internet.com Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie (01592 840823) Session Clerk: Mr David Adams (01577 850292)

> Sunday Services at 11.15 am Crèche in Village Hall 11.15am Junior Church - 11.15am

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#### ST JAMES'S R.C. CHURCH

5 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AW Parish Priest: Fr Ken McCaffrey e-mail kenmccafrey@btopenworld.com Telephone: 0577 863329

Mass TimesSaturday Vigil Mass7.00pmSunday9.30am

Please look out for other information on other parish activities in the Sunday newsletter.

#### KINROSS GOSPEL HALL

Montgomery Street, Kinross Sunday 10.30 am Breaking of Bread Sunday School 12.00 pm 5.45 pm Prayer Meeting 6.30 pm Gospel Meeting Mon 7.15 pm Prayer Meeting 8.00 pm Bible Study Children's Club (Term Time) Wed 6.30 pm

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#### **OBITUARIES**

SCOTT - Watson Duff, formerly of Kinross, died peacefully in York District Hospital on Tuesday 19 September 2006. Beloved husband of the late Joan, dear Dad of Iain and Andrew, father-in-law of Lesley and Amanda. Devoted Grandfather, Great Grandfather and Uncle. Brother of Helen and Maisie and the late Jack, Adam, Jimmy and Margaret.

ALEXANDER (ALEX) MILLER (retired watchmaker), formerly of Montgomery Street, Kinross, died Thursday 21 September 2006, aged 84. Sadly missed by David, Lynda, family and friends.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**TIGHE** - June Tighe (née Millar) would like to thank family and friends for the many cards and letters received during the very sad loss of her husband, John (Jock). John died peacefully on 1 September in the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle after a short illness.

A big thank you to family and friends who made the journey to Newcastle for his funeral and donations given to Macmillan Nurses.

John will be greatly missed by his wife June, daughter Jacqueline White (Milnathort), sons John and Steven (Newcastle) and three grandchildren.

**GREIG** - Margaret Greig would like to thank most sincerely all friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following the sad loss of David. Special thanks to the Rev Joanne Finlay for her comforting services, and to all who paid their last respects at Fossoway Church and Kirkcaldy Crematorium, and also for their kind donations to Cancer Research which amounted to £312.

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#### Monday 27 November at 7pm

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#### Scottish National BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

The next blood donor sessions at the Millbridge Hall, Kinross will take place on

Monday 30 October 3.3 Tuesday 31 October 5.0

3.30pm to 8.00pm 5.00pm to 8.00pm

The Service is most grateful for the support received from Kinross-shire.

#### A CONCERT EVENING

Kinross Parish Church

Friday 10 November

7.30pm - 9.30pm (doors open at 7pm)

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kinross and the Parish Church, Kinross invite you to a joint fund raising concert with The Fair City Singers, Piper, Dancer and Solo Instrumentalists

Refreshments will be served before the concert and in the interval

Tickets £8.00 Concessions £4.00 Tickets available from: Maggie Strang Steel, Greenhead Farm, tel 01592 840459; Anne Miller, Lets Convener, Kinross Parish Church, tel 01577 865610 and The Shop at the Green, Kinross

All Welcome

#### Perth & Kinross Council Local Area Office County Buildings, Kinross

As from 16 October 2006, this office is closing for lunch between 12.30pm and 1.30pm. The opening hours are therefore:

Mon to Fri 8.45am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 5pm

### Notice to Club Secretaries and other contributors to the Newsletter

This is just a reminder that there is no stand-alone January edition of the Newsletter. Instead there is a joint January/February edition issued at the beginning of February.

Therefore if you have any **events in January** that you wish to publicise, you may wish to send the relevant information in time for the December issue of the Newsletter – deadline **Monday 20 November**.

#### MEIKLEJOHN-SAUNDERS

We are looking for relatives of the late MRS AGNES MEIKLEJOHN (neé Saunders). She was born in Clackmannan on 11 August 1911. Her father was George Saunders who, it is believed, came from the Kinross area. Her mother was Fleming Grant. Anyone who can provide us with any information should contact Jameson & Mackay Solicitors, 1 Charlotte Street, Perth, telephone 01738 631666.

#### **CLEISH GUILD COFFEE EVENING**

Cleish Hall

#### 27 November at 7.30pm

Entertainment by The Barbershop Boys from Perth Tickets £2.50 available from Robertson's Farm Shop, New Road, Milnathort

#### LOCHLEVEN DIAMONDS

Majorette of the Year Annual Presentation and Party

#### Friday 17 November at 7.30pm

at Kinross Rugby Club

### DISCO PARTY for Kirkgate Park

Come and dance at a Disco Party for Kirkgate Park on **Saturday 11 November** at the **Green Hotel**. Just a fun evening for the park.

A display of the plans and the new play equipment, which is scheduled to be implemented by Perth and Kinross Council next spring, will be available during the evening.

The disco will start at 8 pm. Tickets are £5. Because of limited numbers, please buy your ticket beforehand from Susan Bathgate (01577 864742). For more information about Kirkgate Park you can visit our website www.friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk.

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2006 -2007

dates are inclusive

 Autumn
 Sat 30 Sept 2006
 - Sun 15 Oct 2006

 Christmas
 Sat 23 Dec 2006
 - Sun 7 Jan 2007

 Easter
 Sat 31 Mar 2007
 - Sun 15 Apr 2007

 In-Service
 Days: Thu 16 and Fri 17 November 2006,

 Tue 20 February 2007, Tue 8 May 2007.

Two Days Hol: Fri 16 and Mon 19 February 2007.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME ends at 0100 GMT on Sunday 29 October Remember to put your clocks back one hour

#### Christmas Shopping at CHAS

The Gift Shop will be open on Sunday 26 November and Sunday 3 December from 12 noon until 4pm and will be serving Christmas refreshments while you shop.

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#### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

#### 12 November

Parade leaves Kinross Parish Church at 10.45am Short ecumenical service and two minutes silence at the War Memorial, County Buildings, High Street

#### KGV

The **Annual General Meeting** of the KGV Playing Field Management will be held in the KGV Pavilion on **6 November** at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. The KGV Committee is a voluntary group that looks after the facilities used by many of the sporting groups in Kinross-shire and welcomes anyone who may wish to contribute something to the local community.

Kinross & District Art Club

### EXHIBITION AND SALE OF PAINTINGS

Millbridge Hall, Kinross

Thursday 9 November 10.30am - 8pm Friday 10 November 10.30am - 4pm Saturday 11 November 10.30am - 4pm

Produce Cake & Candy Tombola

#### KINROSS-SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Programme 2006

**20 Nov** "Malcolm, Margaret and Wallace" Their genealogy. Sheila Pitcaim FSA,(Scot) LHG. From Dunfermline Historical Society.

11 Dec "The Roads, Railways and Route Ways of Kinross-shire". A study of transport through the County of Kinross over several centuries. David Munro, B.Sc., Ph.D., FRGS, FRSA, FSA(Scot).

The Society meets in the Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month and the second Monday in December. New members will be made very welcome. Subscriptions: Adult £6.00; Senior Citizen £5.00; Visitor £2.00; under 18 - no charge.

#### **ORWELL CHURCH**

Christmas Bazaar

#### Saturday 18 November

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#### **BLYTHS WOOD CARE**

Somerfield's Car Park
21 November between 10.30 am and 11 am
Further details from 862258

#### CHILDREN 1ST THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Wednesday 15 November

Kinross House 9.30am - 1pm

Refreshments Christmas Stalls

#### GEORGE REID MSP

#### The office is open Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm.

George Reid holds regular surgeries throughout the constituency.

For advice or to make an appointment contact:

#### George Reid MSP Alloa Business Centre, Whins Road Alloa FK10 3SA - 01259 726655

george.reid.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

#### ANDREW ARBUCKLE MSP Mid-Scotland & Fife

If any constituents would like to contact Andrew to raise an issue, orto make an appointment Please call 01738 566100 or Fax 01738 566101 Please write to Andrew at Scottish Parliament Headquarters. Edinburgh EH99 1SP

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Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ Tel/Fax: 01577 840516 Email: michael@mabarnacle.freeserve.co.uk

#### RECYCLING OF WASTE PAPER

P & KC Kerbside Collections

#### Kinross, Milnathort & Glenfarg Thursday 23 November

Only paper presented in blue lidded wheelie bins will be uplifted. No envelopes, plastic wrapping or cardboard. There will no longer be a collection for aluminium cans.

> On morning of collection place bin on kerbside by 7.30 a.m.

#### TAICHICLASSES

Church Centre, Kinross Tuesdays 7pm - 8.30pmThursdays 2pm - 3.30pm

#### KINROSS TEMPORARY LIBRARY

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Tue	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm	6pm - 8pm
Wed	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm	6pm - 8pm
Thu	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm	6pm - 8pm
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Tue	closed	closed
Wed	3  pm - 7  pm	1  pm - 4  pm
Thu	closed	closed
Fri	3  pm - 7  pm	1  pm - 4  pm
Sat	9  am - 7  pm	9 am – 4 pm
Sun	9  am - 7  pm	9 am – 4 pm

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#### LODGE ST SERF No 327

Regular meeting Tuesday 7 November at 7.15pm. Nomination and Election of Officebearers for ensuing year. Also recommendation for next Provincial Grand Master of Fife & Kinross.

Regular meeting Tuesday 21 November at 7.15pm.

Affiliation Degree.

Armistice Day Parade Sunday 12 November. Assemble at Church Lane 10.45. March to Cenotaph for wreath laying by RWM. Refreshments will be served to all participants in the Parade at Masonic Hall immediately following the Parade.

#### LOCHLEVEN CHAPTER No 148

All members of Lochleven Chapter No.148 are invited to attend our very important meeting to be held in the Masonic Hall, Kinross on Thursday 2 November. As this is a response from our earlier 'Special Meeting' it is vitalthat we are well represented, it being our Nomination and Election evening.

#### PERTH ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

PAMH is a community based non-profit organisation providing services for people recovering from mental health problems. PAMH offers Counselling, Day Services and hosts a Depression Support Group and Bipolar Support Group. For more information telephone (01738) 639657. Website: www.pamh.co.uk

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#### **Annual General Meeting Ross 2000**



Raffle

Wednesday 29 November

7.30pm

70 Muirs, Kinross

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#### PROGRAMME FOR NOVEMBER 2006

Elderberries	Monday	6	13	20 27			1.30 pm
Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	7	14	21 28		10.30 am	
Bingo	Tuesday	7	14	21 28			1.30 pm
Morning Service	Wednesday	1	8	15 22	29	10.45 am	
Quiz Afternoon	Wednesday	1	8	15 22	29		1.30 pm
Art Class	Thursday	2	9	16 23	30		1.30 pm
Film Afternoon	Thursday	2	9	16 23	30		1.30 pm



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# Playgroups & Nurseries



#### MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

**Orwell Church Hall** 

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am Contacts: Mary 865932, Rachel 866977 Jen 863200

# LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15 Contact - Shelagh 01577 865456 All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers with children aged birth to 3 years are welcome to attend.

#### PORTMOAK UNDER 5's

Babies and Toddlers (up to 2.5yrs) Tues 10.00am-11.30am

Playgroup (2.5 yrs onwards) Mon & Fri 10.00am-12.00am

Rising Fives (Pre School Year) Mon 12.45 pm - 2.45pm

Contact Gillian McCloskey 01577 861525 Venue - Portmoak village hall

### FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

All Mums to-be and Mothers, Fathers and Carers with children aged birth to 3 years are welcome to attend.

Contact - Alison Smith 01577 862310

#### GLEN FARG VILLAGE PLAYS CHOOL Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30 am - 12 noon

We strive to create a warm, caring and inviting environment, which is stimulating and safe for all children in our care. We are a Partner-provider with P & K Education services and offer three sessions a week for grant funded children. We deliver pre-school education within the criteria set by 'Curriculum Framework for children 3 to 5'. Children aged between 2 and 5 are welcome (those aged 2-2½ if accompanied by an adult). We have two playleaders and an outside play area. For information pop in or call Lousie on 01577 830367 / Carol 01577 830851

#### S WANS ACRE PLAYGROUP 21-23 Swansacre, Kinross TEL: 01577 862071

Swansacre Playgroup provides a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop essential social skills through play.

**Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.00-11.30am** Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

Storycraft Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Stortytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

MusicMakers Tue 1.00-1.45pm and 2.00-2.45pm Music classes for all ages

Rising Fives Wed 1.00-3.15pm

This is complementary to Nursery

**Wee Swans** Fri 1.15-2.45pm

Children from the age 11/2 yrs with parent/carer

For more information please contact Angela 865480 or Playgroup 862071.

Baby and Toddler Group - Thurs 1pm-3pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children, coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information contact Bouwein 863107.

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. We now have an Entertainments License For more information contact Sue 862255.

#### LOCHLEVEN TWO'S CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross Thursdays 9.30 to 11.15am

Parents/Carers can bring their children aged 2 yrs to pre school age for a morning of fun in our stimulating, child centred environment. We have lots on offer including sand and water play, dressing up, crafts, story and song time! A healthy snack is available. We invite you to come along and make some new friends!

Contact Alison Smith 01577 862310 or Jennifer Roy on 01577 862296 for further details"

#### FOSSOWAY PRE-S CHOOL GROUP

Moubray Hall, Powmill



Partner-provider for P&K Education

Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives Sessions daily 9.15 – 11.45

Contact Pat Irvine 01577 840584 or www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross

### Diary For November/December

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Thu-Sat	26, 27, 28	Lochleven Players: Billy Liar at Kinross Parish Church	
Sat	28	Ceilidh in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief Gt Wall of China Walk	
Sat	28	CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR	34
Mon,Tue	30, 31	BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE	34
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Wed	1	Kinross CC meets	4
Thu	2	Kinnesswood in Bloom meets	23
Thu	2	Lochleven Chapter No 148 Nominations and Election	37
Thu	2	Fifty Plus Club meets	25
Sat	4	Portmoak Film Society: The Chorus	24
Sat	4	Jewellery making demonstration at Common Grounds	25
Mon	6	KGV Playing Field Management Cttee AGM	35
Mon	6	Fossoway & District CC meets	5
Tue	7	Lodge St Serf meets regularly	37
Thu-Sat	9-11	Art Exhibition and Sale of Work	23,35
Thu	9	Kinross Garden group meets	24
Thu	9	Milnathort CC meets	7
Fri	10	Concert at Kinross Parish Church	34
Fri	10	Fossoway Tennis Club Annual Prizegiving	29
Sat	11	Macmillan Cancer Relief dance	37
Sat	11	Disco Party for Kirkgate Park	34
Sat, Sun	11, 12	Optics Weekend at Vane Farm	27
Sun	12	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	35
Mon	13	Fossoway Tennis Club AGM	29
Tue	13	Portmoak CC meets	10
Wed	15	Meet new Community Capacity Building worker	15
Wed	15	Children 1st Christmas Fair	35
Fri	17	Lochleven Diamonds Presentation and Party	34
Sat	18	Orwell Church Bazaar	35
Sat	18	Diabetes group meeting	22
Mon	20	Kinross-shire Historical Society meets	35
Mon	20	NEW SLETTER DEADLINE	
Thu	23	Floral Art Club Coffee Evening	23
Sat	25	Portmoak Film Society: Ae Fond Kiss	24
Sat	25	Christmas Fayre in Church Centre	37
Sun	26	Christmas Shopping at CHAS	35
Mon	27	LIGHT UP KINROSS	34
Mon	27	Cleish Guild Coffee Evening	34
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Sat	2	Christmas Craft & Food Fair (Portmoak Film Society)	24
Sun	3	Christmas Shopping at CHAS	35