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Letters



Editorial

On the Right Track

There was a biting wind and spattering rain at Burleigh Sands during the official turf-cutting ceremony to mark the start of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, but the weather couldn't diminish the delight the TRACKS representatives obviously felt in seeing their project becoming a reality. And rightly so. Everyone involved in the project should be congratulated. It is a huge achievement, not only securing the £1.8 million funding package, but also in gaining all the necessary permissions and agreements required in such an ambitious project. This is the most exciting development in Kinross-shire for many years and will be of great benefit to residents and visitors alike. We hope to feature regular progress reports as the Trail is constructed.

Fascinating History

I was fortunate to be in the audience when Joseph Giacopazzi gave a talk to the Historical Society in October. Not only did we learn some Social History, Geography, and Local History, there were entertaining anecdotes and amusing asides. This year's best bargain – Historical Society membership! The Newsletter is grateful for the loan of Mr Giacopazzi's fascinating photographs, a few of which we reproduce in this month's issue.

New Designs

Following on from last month's introduction, a few more words about Tony Dyson, who joined the Newsletter officially last month. Tony used to be a computer programmer for a financial institution and now does computer-based freelance work from home. He has enthusiastically embarked on his role as Layout, Design and general Techie person on the Newsletter and you will see quite a few changes to the Newsletter this month – we'd be happy to hear your feedback and suggestions. Tony and his family moved from Leicester to Kinnesswood three years ago, after enjoying many holidays in Scotland – still not enough preparation for the shock of Burleigh Sands in late November, I fear!

We reserve the right not to publish any letter. Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter. Please note that the Newsletter does not necessarily agree with any of the views expressed on these pages.

Abbreviations Used

P&KC = Perth & Kinross Council
CC = Community Council Cllr. = Councillor
CCllr = Community Councillor

Historic Scotland's reply to Kinross CC's suggestion that the "Golf Ball" be considered for Listed Building Status:

Former NATO Communications

Site (Golf Ball), Balado, Kinross 30.10.06

Thank you for your letter of 28 August in which you ask that the above building be considered for inclusion on the Scottish Ministers' lists of historic buildings.

Historic Scotland has not yet conducted an audit or appraisal of the Cold War period and it is difficult to evaluate fully the strategic and operational import of the satellite station without this contextual framework. We intend to undertake such a study in Scotland in due course. On the basis of the available information we believe that elements of the site may be found to be of national importance.

We have considered the site for designation both as a listed building and a scheduled ancient monument. Work began at the site in 1981 and the station was opened in 1985. It formed part of a network of satellite ground terminals which reached across NATO countries. Our investigation noted that the "golf ball" is a significant landscape feature. The "golf ball" is a geodesic dome known as a radome. Although eye-catching, it serves merely as the protective cover for the satellite installation, an F17 metal satellite dish. We understand that radomes are still manufactured and that an identical example could be purchased today. The radome appears to have a limited lifespan and the panels require to be regularly replaced. We concluded that the rarity and relative uniqueness of the radome appears to be doubtful and that the built-in obsolescence does not strengthen its case for a designation. The associated flat-roofed brick buildings are not in themselves of special architectural interest and as they have now been stripped of equipment we find that their contextual importance is greatly reduced.

The interest here lies principally in the satellite equipment, which is essentially a machine. In view of this and the probable lack of alternative reuses for the structure, we believe that museum interest and/or recording would be the most appropriate action rather than designation. We have asked the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland to consider recording the listening station so that a formal photographic record of the site can be made. We have also asked Defence Estates to consider depositing all plant and building drawings, records, photographs, manuals etc that are associated with the site into the appropriate public record.

We have had some discussion with the National

Museums of Scotland. It seems to us that the national interests can be protected if they are able to secure the satellite station for their collections and the site itself is fully recorded.

Thank you nonetheless for alerting us to the interest of the property. There is always a value in considering a subject for inclusion in the statutory lists and in most cases a level of recording results. Your enquiry has stressed the priority for us of a review of Cold War defences.

Eliza McCrone, Inspector of Historic Buildings
Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh

Kinross Town Hall and Library 20.11.06

According to the minutes of the November meeting of Portmoak Community Council, a member of the public was recorded as having “... raised a question regarding the old Kinross Town Hall and the use to which the funds raised from the sale of the Hall, would be put to. He was concerned that the funds should be used throughout Kinross-shire and not confined to Kinross. The Hall had been donated to Kinross-shire, by Andrew Carnegie.”

As most readers will be aware, Kinross Community Council is involved in a legal battle with Perth and Kinross Council over the ownership and fate of the Kinross Town Hall and Library. During our research we have needed to obtain copies of all the original paperwork relating to both the Town Hall and the Library. Readers should be aware that these two buildings are technically separate properties.

Our research has shown that the Town Hall was built by the Kinross Market Company in 1841, and enlarged in later years. In 1945 the shareholders of the Kinross Market Company decided to hand over The Town Hall as a gift to the Burgh of Kinross, in memory of the men and women of Kinross who served in the Second World War, as the commemorative plaque on the building states. This is an extract from the Town Hall deeds:

“..... at a General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Kinross Market Company the following resolution was passed unanimously:-

that the Company hand over the buildings belonging to them including the Fountain as a Free Gift to Kinross Burgh...”

Andrew Carnegie financed the erection of the Library, which took place in 1905, i.e. much later than the Town Hall. The Library did not come about solely from Carnegie’s donation, however. It was Carnegie’s philosophy to help those who help themselves, and the community was required to come up with a suitable site on which to build a library. A joint committee of Kinross Town Council and Kinross Parish Council had been set up with the purpose of attaining a Library for Kinross. Sir Basil Montgomery donated a very generous sum of money which allowed the joint committee to purchase some semi-derelict cottages next to the Town Hall, which were then demolished to provide the Library site. The Library deeds are actually in the name of the joint Kinross Town

Council and Parish Council Committee.

So, basically, the Town Hall was given to the Town of Kinross and the Library given to the slightly wider area of the Town and Parish of Kinross (Community Council areas are based on the old parishes).

Of course, in legal terms, the Burgh and Parish and their Councils do not exist any more, and the legal successor to the titles of these buildings is Perth & Kinross Council.

However, we strongly believe that Perth & Kinross Council, like its predecessors, is bound by the wording in the Deeds and Minute of Agreement, which are the legal documents concerned with the transfer of ownership of the Town Hall and Library. That is why we have mounted a legal case to contest P&KC’s efforts to sell the buildings.

We believe that P&KC is obliged to ensure that the Library “shall be upheld in all time coming for behoof of the whole inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Kinross” (1904 Minute of Agreement) and, where the Town Hall is concerned, that they “bind themselves and their successors in office to hold the said buildings and fountain being the subjects hereinafter disposed in perpetuity for behoof of the inhabitants of the Burgh of Kinross ...” (Town Hall deeds).

It is by no means certain that the Town Hall and Library will be sold. Because we, and others, asserted that the buildings were “common good”, P&KC has to obtain the authority of the Sheriff before selling. The Sheriff may or may not give P&KC that authority, and if he does, may attach special conditions.

Unfortunately progress in these legal matters is painfully slow, which is extremely frustrating for us.

The CC was accepted into the legal process in August 2005; the Sheriff then granted a couple of four-week “continuations”, to allow us time to research the vast bundles of legal documents which we had only just been given access to. (P&KC had originally refused our requests for these documents, despite the Freedom of Information Act).

Since then, we fear that P&KC has been “dragging its feet”. For example, on 11 January 2006 both sides agreed to suspend the court case while we jointly obtained the opinion of a QC on certain points of the law relating to “common good”. We had our documentation ready for the QC by the end of January; P&KC did not approve the documentation to be sent to the QC until May. Yet we are volunteers researching and fighting this case in our own time (with the help of a kind solicitor who is giving of her time and expertise free of charge, to guide us through the legal process), while P&KC has a department of paid solicitors.

The QC’s opinion was obtained in late August. In early September our solicitor wrote on our behalf asking how P&KC intends to proceed in the light of the QC’s findings but as yet, despite pressing further, we have had no formal response.

Dave Cuthbert, 8 Highfield Circle
and Eileen Thomas, 50 Muirs
(Kinross CC Town Hall Sub Committee)

Tourist Information Centre 8.11.06

I was dismayed, on passing, to see the Tourist Information Centre at the Service Area had been stripped of all its goods. On investigation I saw a notice advising this office would be closed until March (start or end of month not stated).

I feel, to tourists or passers by, this empty tourist office must give a very negative image of Kinross-shire. I wonder how the Community Council and Kinross-shire Partnership view this negative image when they are busy trying to promote tourism to this county?

Anne Robertson
Alexander Drive, Kinross

Parish Church Christmas Fair 20.11.06

After the huge response of donors to our Silent Auction which will be part of our Kinross Parish Church Christmas Fair, we would like to acknowledge our thanks to the following businesses and the many individuals who have donated. In the next newsletter we will be able to give you the total raised which is towards our newly refurbished Church open for use by the community.

Our thanks go to Kintronics, KLE, Bridges Butcher, The Green Hotel and the Shop at the Green, Stewart and Smart, David Sands, South Lissens Pottery, The Complete Look, Baynes the Baker, Dobbies Garden Centre, Shop Extra, Mr Chan's Chinese Restaurant, Williamsons Florists, Fair Break, The Dog House, St Serf's Crafts, News Plus and Bower Hair Design. At the time of going to press we know that there are further donations on the way and we will acknowledge them in due course.

Anne Miller, Christmas Fair Co-ordinator

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News & Articles

Lest We Forget

The annual Remembrance Parade and poppy wreath laying ceremony took place on 12 November on a cold but dry, still day. Kinross and District Pipe Band led the parade from Kinross Parish Church to the War Memorial at the County Buildings. The Parade Commander was Staff Sgt Jamie Kirkland. After a two-minute silence, the Rev Dr John Munro conducted a short ecumenical service. Wreaths were laid on behalf of: Kinross Community Council, Perth & Kinross Council, the British Korean Veterans Association, Kinross ex-Servicemen, Lodge St Serf, the Army Cadet Force, the Air Training Corps, the Boys' Brigade, Scouts and Girl Guides.



Mr Alex Moffat, who laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the British Korean Veterans Association (Perth Branch) is pictured with his grand-daughter Emily Doolan, who laid the poppy wreath for the Division Girl Guides.

A Christmas Card Message

The 'Pricing in Proportion' regime, introduced by the Royal Mail in August, is something to bear in mind when buying and sending Christmas cards. Under the new system, the cost of posting something no longer depends solely on weight, but also on the size. For most ordinary cards there will be no change and the cost will be 23p for a 2nd Class stamp and 32p for 1st Class. However, if the card you are posting is over 240mm in length or over 165mm wide, or over 5mm thick, you will have to pay more.

Postwatch Scotland, the independent watchdog for postal services, recommends sending your Christmas mailings by 2nd Class post. This is because previous years' performances show that, in terms of reliability, it offers better value for money than sending by 1st Class.

So the advice is:

- Post early
 - Use the 2nd Class service
 - Avoid buying cards that come into the **Large** category
- Details of the last recommended posting dates for Christmas mail can be found on page 43.

Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service (PKAVS)

Local charity Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service (PKAVS) runs eight community-based projects which support some of the most disadvantaged families across Perth & Kinross. With the motto 'helping others to help others', the charity offers services for carers, the elderly, physically and mentally disabled people, and other local voluntary organisations.

PKAVS runs the Council of Voluntary Service Perth & Kinross which supports and represents the local voluntary and community sector. CVS provides training and advice to charities and community groups in areas such as charity law and accessing funding.

The charity also manages the Princess Royal Trust Carers Centre Perth & Kinross which informs and supports hundreds of young and adult carers across the region. If you are a carer, PKAVS staff can provide advice on your rights, and can support you through home visits, support groups and respite through its Perth city and rural day clubs.

The 'Walled Garden' is a PKAVS project based in the grounds of Murray Royal Hospital and is partly staffed by people with mental ill health. Working with our trained staff, our users have the opportunity to return to a work-like environment and to learn new skills. This stunning tourist attraction and the adjacent café are open to the public from 10am-4pm between Monday and Friday.

As one of the largest charities in Perth & Kinross, PKAVS relies heavily on the support of the local community through donations and volunteers. The charity is currently looking for a volunteer driver for its Perth day club minibus on Wednesdays (full training will be given). If you have time to spare and would like to volunteer, call Keith Scott on 01738 567076.

In the run-up to Christmas, PKAVS runs the Christmas Goodwill Gift Scheme which delivers over 600 gifts, friendship parcels and food vouchers to disadvantaged children and older people across the region. The charity would welcome all gifts, donations or volunteers to pack and deliver the presents. To donate or for more information on PKAVS projects, see www.pkavs.org.uk or call Helen MacKinnon, Funding Officer, at the number above.

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Library News

Potential disaster was averted when visiting author, Denise Mina, was forced by illness to cancel her appearance at the **Words Out! Festival**. Some last minute manoeuvres by library staff resulted in her place being filled by not one, but two of Scotland's popular crime writers.

On Thursday 26 October over thirty members of the public enjoyed an evening at the Windlestrae Hotel hosted by Ajay Close, Perth and Kinross Writer in Residence. Ajay introduced new writer, Caro Ramsay. Caro read from her novel "Absolution" which will be published in summer 2007 by Penguin, who has acquired this "exciting debut crime author in a high five-figure, two-book deal". Caro then answered questions from the audience.

Lin Anderson is noted for her Rhona MacLeod series, featuring the Glasgow-based forensic scientist. Lin's works include Driftnet, Torch and Deadly Code but she treated the audience to an extract from her forthcoming book "Dark Flight", in which African voodoo is involved. Lin followed this with a very entertaining account of her personal background, ideas and inspiration, research and writing methods. Lin also accepted questions from the floor and at the end of the evening the audience had the opportunity to chat with both authors. Books by Lin were on sale and many took advantage of the chance to get Lin to sign their copies.

The success of the annual "Crime in Kinross" events suggests there may be scope to increase the frequency of this type of event in Kinross. If you have any suggestions, please contact the library staff with your ideas.

For the youngest readers, the weekly **Story Telling Sessions** held in Kinross Library on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am to 11am are proving very popular. Monthly **Rhythm & Rhyme Sessions** – songs, rhymes and stories especially for babies and toddlers – will be held at 2.00pm on the last Thursday of the month at the Millbridge Hall. The first session takes place on 30 November. These are free and there is no need to book. Just come along.

For anyone interested in family research, beginner or otherwise, or fascinated by the recent television programmes on family history, the **Perth & Kinross Family History Day** at the A K Bell Library in Perth on **Saturday 2 December** from 10am – 3pm should not be missed. Many activities have been organised and are taking place throughout the library. There are talks, visits from staff from the General Register Office for Scotland and a representative from MyFamily.com, demonstrations on using the internet for your research, examples of resources held in the A K Bell and much more.

Christmas and New Year opening times at Kinross Library can be found in the holiday period information on page 43. For any further information, please contact the library. Phone 01577 864202 or email kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Cadets are Flying High

Two Air Cadets from 38(Kinross) Detached Flight Air Training Corps are celebrating after winning a place on a flying scholarship scheme and successfully completing their first solo flight in a light aircraft.

Cadets Chris Dale and Andrew Warren were both selected from hundreds of hopefuls across the UK to attend a two week Air Cadet Light Aircraft Course, during which both took to the skies with Tayside Aviation in Dundee. Following the course, Chris Dale said: "The highlight was certainly the 12 hours flying instruction and then the solo flight."

Commenting on their success, Commanding Officer, Chris Poole, said "This is a superb achievement for both these cadets. It shows what can be achieved through hard work, commitment and determination. Having two cadets reach this standard is a fantastic achievement."



Air Cadets Andrew Warren and Chris Dale

The Air Training Corps is a national youth organization sponsored by the Royal Air Force in the UK. Membership is open to young people aged 13+ and provides the opportunity for members to take part in a huge and diverse range of exciting and challenging activities. If your interest is in Flying, Sports, Adventure Training, Camping, Engineering, Shooting, Drill, Climbing, Overseas Travel... (the list is a **very** long one!), then the Air Training Corps provides the opportunity to take part. The training that the Air Training Corps offers can even lead to a Duke of Edinburgh's Award and to a BTEC qualification in Aviation Studies.

38(Kinross) Detached Flight, based in the Drill Hall on Swansacre in the centre of Kinross, is always looking for new members, so if you are 13 years or older and are looking for a new challenge, then why not come along and find out about all of the activities and opportunities open to members of the Air Training Corps. The Squadron parades on a Monday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Further information about the Air Training Corps can also be found at www.aircadets.org

Minister Launches Loch Leven Heritage Project

Rhona Brankin MSP, Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development, visited Burleigh Sands on 20 November to officially launch the Loch Leven Heritage Project. She cut the first turf to start construction on the continuous 13.5km path that will link heritage sites around Loch Leven from Kinross to Vane Farm. The Loch Leven Heritage Project is the biggest project to date for TRACKS (The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire). It has taken the Committee three years to plan the project and secure the necessary funding package. The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded the project £450,000 and it will also receive £360,000 from Scottish Natural Heritage over its three-year lifetime. Other major funding partners contributing to the £1.8 million package include the Gannochy Trust, Perth and Kinross Council, Forestry Commission Scotland and Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust.

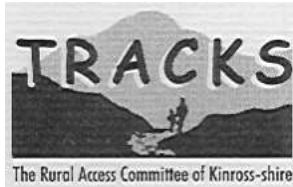


Rhona Brankin, Deputy Minister for the Environment

The minister was welcomed by Councillor Willie Robertson, Chairman of TRACKS, and Neil Kilpatrick,

Project Director. She also met and was photographed with pupils from Milnathort Primary and Kinross High schools. They were invited in recognition of how significant the project will be for the young people of Kinross-shire. The event was filmed by BBC Scotland and the Minister was interviewed by Louise Batchelor, BBC Scotland's Environment correspondent. Scottish Natural Heritage had kindly erected a small marquee for a reception following the turf-cutting ceremony. Guests included representatives of the many partner organisations involved in funding and assisting the project, local landowners and community councils. Willie Robertson welcomed the guests and thanked everyone who had worked so hard to bring the project to this stage. Neil Kilpatrick outlined the project and thanked the funding partners. Both men commented on the wholehearted approval the project has received in the local community and warmly thanked the Kinross Estate Company and the other landowners involved for the tremendous support and co-operation they have given. As the wind whipped round the marquee, Rhona Brankin decided to abandon her 15-minute prepared speech but enthusiastically endorsed the project and congratulated TRACKS on getting it underway.

The first phase of the project, due for completion by the end of April 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 over-



wintering geese depart in April from their roost in front of Kinross House, the section connecting to Kirkgate will be completed without disturbing the birds.

Project Director, Neil Kilpatrick explained, "Our aim is to provide a marvellous and lasting asset for the people of Kinross-shire, opening up access around most of Loch Leven. We also hope to attract an additional 100,000 visitors a year to Loch Leven, with consequent benefits to the local economy. "The project will help people enjoy both the superb natural heritage of Loch Leven National Nature Reserve and the fascinating historical sites around the loch."

Scottish Natural Heritage, the body responsible for managing the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve, has been involved in the project since its inception. Local farmer and SNH Area Board Member, Robert Balfour said,

"This is a significant investment in the area for SNH. We are committed to improving facilities to enable people to walk, cycle and ride while being able to enjoy the natural heritage and we value the benefit this project will bring to allow people close up views of the bird spectacle at the reserve."



Kinross High and Milnathort Primary School pupils attended the project launch

TRACKS has chosen J M Dewar as the contractor for phase one of the path work. RMJM, the firm of architects that worked on the Scottish parliament building, have been appointed as consultants to plan the interpretation and artworks. This is an integral part of the project, intended to add to people's enjoyment and understanding of local heritage sites, as well as to the experience of using the path. The brief is very open and TRACKS want local people to have input to the development of ideas and designs.

We will keep readers updated about progress and let you know how and when you can become involved.



Kinross-shire Logo

After a great deal of consultation with the community, a decision was finally taken on the logo and strap line. The strap line "The Friendly County" which was suggested by Dr. Oliver Wilson of Milnathort, received the majority of votes. Therefore the preferred logo & strapline is:-



There will be a formal launch of the logo in the spring but the art work is now available for any business wishing to use it on promotional material. If you wish to use the logo and promote "The Friendly County" please contact Pauline, 01577 862685 or e-mail admin@kinross.cc

Fair City Singers Enchant Kinross

The famous Perthshire youth choir, The Fair City Singers, came to Kinross on 10 November and gave an inspired performance to an enchanted audience in the wonderful venue of the new Kinross Parish Church. This was a joint fund raising event: £802 was raised on the evening and the funds are to be shared between the Kinross Parish Church and St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church.

The programme was very varied. The sixty youngsters from Perthshire schools sang a large repertoire including sacred music, spirituals, Scottish, national and international folk songs, blues, jazzy numbers and arrangements from opera. Marion Neilson formed the choir in September 1989, with the aim of uniting singers aged 10-17 from Perthshire schools. She was ably supported at the piano by her husband Martin, who also arranges songs for the choir. The enthusiasm and joy of the choristers was transmitted to the audience throughout the evening.

We were also entertained by solo piper, Finlay Tumbull aged 11; a soloist, Ashleigh Rose, and given a very poised demonstration of the Highland Fling by nine year old Eilidh McGill. The beautiful playing of the piano by Perth High School pupil, Roseanna Young was very special. She performed all the pieces that she had prepared for her auditions to the Glasgow School of Music.

The audience and choir enjoyed a wonderful supper in the interval provided by members from both Churches. Maggie Strang Steel would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the evening, selling tickets, providing the refreshments, collecting money at the door, working on the computer producing all the paperwork and placing the advertisements in the local papers. Thank you to all of you who came on the night – without your support there would have been no profit! I hope that we have many more joint fund raising efforts as everyone who was involved agreed that working together had been fun.

Billy Liar

If mithering ever becomes an Olympic sport, Janieanne McCracken will be up there on the rostrum, clutching a medal, probably gold. In the Lochleven Players' amateur production of "Billy Liar" by Waterhouse and Hall, her performance as Billy's elderly grandmother was solid gold. From querulous voice to her voluminous slippers, she was the star of the production and her sad demise at the end of act two left quite a gap in act three.

The scene was successfully set in 1960, complete with the radio tuned to the good old light programme. All that was missing were flying ducks on the wall. The set lent itself to movement and the domestic chores added to the realism. Making the most of the space were Geoffrey Fisher as Billy's long suffering and none too tolerant Dad and Derek Wood as his friend, Arthur. Billy's Mum was played by Lesley White, very laid back considering the three generations in her family who combined to threaten her sanity. Lesley came into her own when reminiscing about the dear departed Florence.

Billy, oh Billy, where were the sideburns, the brylcreamed hair and the drainpipe trousers? Bruce Nelson shed more than a few years to tackle the part of a nineteen year old, saturated with hormones, but looked rather too modern for realism.

Under Joy Nelson's direction, the cast took the audience back to a completely different era. As ever, Bill Freeman did a grand job on light and sound.



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There's something Fischy going on in Cleish!!!

On **Saturday 20 January 2007**, Fischy Music will be visiting Cleish to run two musical workshops for primary aged children followed by a family concert in Cleish Church.

Many of you will already have heard of the Edinburgh based rock/folk group Fischy Music and those of you who haven't are in for a treat. Their songs focus on building confidence and self-esteem, and emphasizing the positive in children as individuals. Through music they aim to look at the good and the bad bits of life, and some of its big questions. Their events are above all, great fun. They have toured extensively in the UK and overseas, taking their music to schools, youth groups, churches and more. The COOS Club ("Cleish Out Of School Club") is delighted to be able to welcome them to Cleish for this event.

There will be two workshops, both commencing at 2pm. The workshop for children aged 4 to 7 will take place in Cleish Village Hall and the workshop for those aged 8 and over will take place in Cleish Church. The rest of the family is invited back for the concert in the church at 3.30pm and for refreshments and a raffle in the village hall after the concert. This is very much a participative event so come along prepared to do the actions and sing along.

The cost per child attending is £8 but this includes free entry to the concert for the rest of the family. (3rd and 4th child from the same family eligible for a 50% reduction).

Tickets are available from Fair Break in Milnathort, or from Catriona Culley, Ash House, Cleish KY13 0LR, Tel: 01577 850363. Cheques should be made payable to "COOS Club". (COOS Club is a charity registered in Scotland (SCO 33737) and any profits from this event will be used to support the workings of the Club.)

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Kirkgate Park Improvements to begin in New Year



The first phase of a major upgrade for Kirkgate Park in Kinross is due to start early in the New Year.

The first phase of the agreed master plan for the development - drawn up by the Friends of Kirkgate Park and Perth & Kinross Council - includes the provision of an extensive new children's play area, an earthwork performance amphitheatre and a labyrinth. There will also be an extensive new network of footpaths and tree and shrub planting in several areas.

Susan Bathgate, Chair of the Friends of Kirkgate Park, said, "We are delighted to see these long awaited improvements which will make the park much more accessible to all members of the community. The park has a unique location in a National Nature Reserve, on the shores of Loch Leven. We think the combination of play and easier access to the lochside will attract visitors who can enjoy and begin to understand the international importance of the Nature Reserve."

Local Councillor, George Hayton, said, "This is excellent news for Kinross and I would commend all of the people involved for their commitment to developing the plans for rejuvenating Kirkgate Park. The improvement works will help to make the park an important space for recreation but will also help to increase awareness of Loch Leven as a National Nature Reserve. The works will also complement those recently started by The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire (TRACKS), which aim to create a round the loch route that connects with the park".

The works are scheduled to commence in mid-February 2007 and it is hoped they will be completed in time for the 2007 summer holidays.

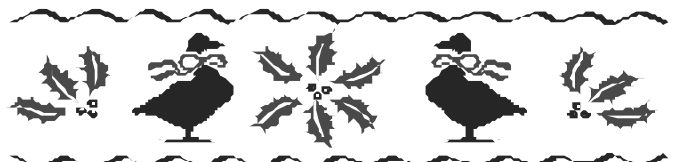
The works are being funded by Perth & Kinross Council and money raised by the Friends of Kirkgate Park, including a generous donation from the local Arthur Margaret Thompson Trust.

Fundraising is ongoing for the phase two elements of the plan, which includes heritage works associated with the Watchtower and Burial Ground at the east end of the park, interpretation signage, artworks and modifications to the car park areas.

Further information will be published before the works start and plans for Phase 1 will be on display in Loch Leven Leisure Centre, the Community Learning Base at Kinross High School, the Post Office and in David Sands Supermarket, Kinross.

For images of the plan, photos of the equipment and other details, look at:

www.friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk



Exciting January Programme at Kinross Learning Centre

Homeopathy and the healing properties of plants are highlighted in two exciting new courses on offer at Kinross Learning Centre in January. These two short programmes will provide a taster for anyone interested in finding out more about the restorative powers of alternative therapies.

The January programme also includes a range of language classes for anyone planning foreign travel next summer. French, Italian and Spanish all feature at a range of levels to help build confidence and widen your vocabulary.

For anyone interested in something a bit more creative, watercolour painting, floral art and patchwork and quilting also feature.

Art classes have been one of the centre's major success stories, according to centre Manager, Maureen Ross, who commented, "We have a number of students who have started on complete beginners course who are now accomplished artists, having completed 5 or 6 levels of the Watercolour Painting classes. We are hoping to offer more people this opportunity with a new stage 1 class in January."

If you'd like to learn how to use a computer, then the beginners computing courses could be just what you need. Whether you want to do your weekly shopping on-line, find cheap holidays on the Internet, keep in touch with family and friends, design and print your own greetings cards or just keep up with the grandchildren, Welcome to Computing has been designed to set you on the right track. This 8-week introduction to the PC, will cover mouse and keyboard skills, word-processing and making the most of the Internet and e-mail.

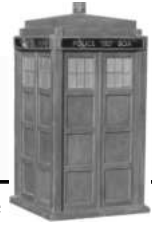
The full programme is as follows:

Course	Start Date	Time	Cost	Duration
Antiques. Introduction	Fri 19 Jan	9.30-11.30am	£52	10 weeks
Art of Drawing 3	Mon 15 Jan	7-9pm	£52	10 weeks
Art of Drawing 5	Wed 17 Jan	9.30-11.30am	£52	10 weeks
Basic Maths and English	Thursdays	10am-noon	FREE	Ongoing
Digital Photography 1	Wed 17 Jan	2.30 -4.30pm	£60	10 weeks
Digital Photography 2	Wed 17 Jan	7-9 pm	£48	8 weeks
Floral Art: Winter Wonders	Wed 17 Jan	2-4pm	£30	5 weeks
Flower Medicine – Herbs, Oils and Essences	Tue 16 Jan	1-3pm	£30	5 weeks
French 1	Thu 18 Jan	6.30-8.30pm	£52	10 weeks
French 7	Tue 16 Jan	10.30am-12.30pm	£52	10 weeks
Introduction to Homeopathy	Thu 18 Jan	9.30-11.30am	£35	6 weeks
Introduction to Philosophy	Mon 15 Jan	2-4pm	£52	10 weeks
Italian 2	Wed 17 Jan	7-9pm	£52	10 weeks
Italian 2	Tue 16 Jan	2-4 pm	£52	10 weeks
Patchwork and Quilting	Tue 9 Jan	9.30-11.30am	£52	10 weeks
Sage Accounting	Thu 18 Jan	3-5pm	£80	12 weeks
Spanish 2	Mon 15 Jan	7-9pm	£52	10 weeks
Spanish 1	Thu 18 Jan	6.30-8.30pm	£52	10 weeks
Spanish 5	Fri 19 Jan	9.30-11.30am	£52	10 weeks
Watercolours Stage 2	Wed 17 Jan	2-4pm	£52	10 weeks
Watercolours Stage 5	Mon 15 Jan	2-4pm	£52	10 weeks
Watercolours Stage 1	Thu 18 Jan	1.30-3.30pm	£52	10 weeks
Welcome to Computing	Mon 5 Feb	7-9pm	£42	8 weeks
Welcome to Computing	Tue 6 Feb	2-4pm	£42	8 weeks

To find out more about the range of options or to book your place, call 01577 863863 or drop in to the centre at Swansacre, Kinross.

Opening Times: Mon, Wed & Fri: 9am-12 noon and 1pm - 4 pm. Tues & Thurs 9am - 1pm and 6pm - 9 pm.

Police Box



As this is the last edition of Police Box for the year 2006 we would like to wish all the readers a happy, safe and trouble free festive season.

Festive Policing: During the festive period, to provide public reassurance and prevent crime, we intend to carry out a number of focused activities. These will include more high visibility patrols including additional foot patrols in Kinross and Milnathort intended to target anti-social behaviour and regular road checks to deter travelling criminals and target drink/drug driving and other road traffic offences.

Information sought: At about 0600 hours on Wednesday 8 November 2006, a motorist struck a horse, which had walked onto the road (no rider) from the wooded area on B9097 (Crook of Devon to Cardenden road) near to Aldie Road, by Cleish. There was minor damage to the vehicle; however, the horse made good its escape and has not been located since, despite a search for it.

Any persons who may have knowledge of this horse, described only as light beige in colour and apparently adult, are asked to contact Kinross Police Office (constable Pedersen dealing).

It is also prudent to point out that animals which manage to escape their fields can place the road user and themselves in danger. In this case, there was no injury, but that is purely down to good luck. Unfortunately, this is a familiar situation that Kinross Officers respond to on a fairly regular basis.

Counterfeit Currency: A warning to all, particularly shop assistants: a number of counterfeit £20 notes have surfaced in some shops in the town recently. Particular vigilance should be taken when handling quantities of cash and if any suspicions arise in relation to this, Kinross Officers would be happy to check the note and provide advice and assistance. If an offence comes to light, Kinross Officers require evidence in the form of identification of culprits to progress any prosecution.

This identification may come in the form of CCTV footage, car registration numbers, named or described suspects.

Safer Scotland Campaign: Police forces across Scotland will be targeting alcohol-fuelled violence and disorder throughout December. Police have launched a four-week crackdown on alcohol to reduce violence on the streets of Scotland. The booze blitz is part of the ongoing Safer Scotland anti-violence campaign. Alcohol and the links with violence is an issue that affects every community in Scotland from major cities to rural areas. For the next month, police are aiming to reduce the amount of alcohol getting into the hands of under 18s and to highlight the dangers of agent purchase (where adults knowingly buy alcohol on behalf of young people). Posters are being distributed to off-licences to highlight the campaign, while officers will be visiting schools and distributing leaflets on the dangers of alcohol at under-18s discos. Officers will also be targeting street drinking - both under and over 18s - using local byelaws.

CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone No 0800 555 111

This telephone number is a freephone number unless you are using a mobile phone, which any member of the public can contact at any time, if they have information relating to criminal activity of any sort. It is, if you wish, confidential and you cannot be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous. Community Liaison Officers (details shown below) can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 01577 863571.

Kinross - Constable Ronnie Child.

Milnathort, Kinnesswood & Scotlandwell - Constable Marissa Hardie.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross & District Rotary Club

The Rotary Month

The mid October Meeting was entertained by Rachel Ewins of Tayside Police who, with the aid of a group of actors from Glasgow called the Baldy Bane Theatre Group, presented a short play on the importance of road safety.

In the limelight at the meeting of Kinross & District Rotary Club on 23 October was Roz Artis Young, a director of the Scottish Lime Centre Trust. Set up in 1994, the Trust is now based at Charlestown. The location is appropriate to the work of the Trust as Charlestown is also home to the historic Limeworks. The meeting heard that during the 200 years of activity at the limeworks, it was estimated that over 11 million tons of limestone had been quarried from Charlestown. Roz gave a very interesting talk on the history of limeworks and detailed the advice that the trust now gives to building owners and professional contractors regarding the maintenance and repair of traditional buildings using traditional mortars and materials. The vote of thanks was given by Rotarian, Neil Maclure.

Following the meeting, the Cub competed in the third round of the Inter Club Gavel Competition against a team from the Bridge of Allan & Dunblane Club. The Kinross team had previously beaten teams from the Perth St John's and Auchterarder Clubs but on this occasion the visitors proved too strong for the home team who now drop out of the competition.

A group from the Club visited the Enchanted Forest light and sound show at Faskally wood near Pitlochry on 27 October.

Steve Kerr from Kinross Curling Rink gave an interesting talk on Rink Ice Management to the Club on 30 October. Steve, voted the Ice Maker of the Year in 2005, described with the aid of slides the art of preparing an ice rink for the new season. This year's preparations had been particularly difficult due to the exceptional warm weather. The vote of thanks was proposed by Rotarian, Bill Sinclair.

A dinner to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of Kinross & District was held in the Green Hotel on 6 November. Five of the original members were present and recalled their memories from the early days of the Club. The members were also entertained by a variety of in-house artistes ranging from piano recitals to a Chic Murray impersonator.

The speaker at the meeting of the Kinross Rotary Club on 13 November was John Marshall from WCF Phoenix at Almondbank. John's talk entitled "Tattie Travels", was accompanied by a very interesting and entertaining slide show. He described the history of the potato from its introduction to the UK in the 16th



Century, through the 1845 blight crisis to the current day varieties and farming methods which can often favour eye appeal rather than taste. The vote of thanks was proposed by Rotarian, Roberta Russell.

Probus Club

At the meeting on 1 November, the President, Jim King introduced two new members to the club, John Pleass and Ian Whyte, who were warmly welcomed by the members. The speaker for the meeting was Dr Stephanie Blackden, and her subject "Medieval Medicine" - not an easy subject for a modern day audience to understand. The main difficulty that doctors faced throughout the Middle Ages was an incorrect theory of how the body worked. To explain her subject, Dr Blackden started at the very beginning of medicine with Hippocrates himself who lived circa 400 BC. He believed, as did everybody else in the ancient world, that all matter was made up of four elements: earth, air, fire and water, and related to these there were four humours: blood, phlegm, black bile and yellow bile. When these were in balance the person was well, when the balance was upset the person became ill. Dr Blackden illustrated her talk with some lovely slides taken from medieval books. Even though the monks and nuns opened hospitals and nursed their patients devotedly, not much progress could be made until a true understanding of how the human body works was finally discovered, which was well after the medieval period.

Ollie Wilson gave the vote of thanks.



Kinross High School Board

Among items discussed at the Board's November meeting were the naming process for the new school, the delayed financial close for the same, the proposed Parent Councils, and the Board's proposal to reward Service to the Community. Members also heard about the recent successful "Meet the Headie" Evening.



Hayfield Wild life Garden

At the AGM of the HWGCA on Thursday 26 October, it was unanimously agreed to disband the Association because of continued lack of support.

In the meantime, maintenance of the Garden will be made over to Perth & Kinross Council.

There is still local support, and members of Kinross in Bloom have expressed an interest. If you would like to know more, please phone either David Cuthbert (861001) or Catriona McLeod (863718).





Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Members thoroughly enjoyed a talk by Dr Ann Petrie on "Scottish Artists and the First World War". In a wide-ranging talk, Dr Petrie pointed out the problems for artists who lost their market overnight, who were forbidden to paint many significant areas and landmarks such as the Forth Bridge and were accused of being spies. Charles Rennie Mackintosh suffered the indignity of having his house searched for proof of treacherous activities. Several artists such as Muirhead Bone, James McBey, John Lavery, David Young Cameron and, latterly, J D Fergusson became Official War Artists. Eric Robertson, as a Pacifist and Quaker, joined the Ambulance Corps, while Caddell and Peplie enlisted.

Dr Petrie was simply bursting with knowledge of her topic and enthusiasm and we were extremely fortunate to have her as a speaker.

Kinross and District Art Club



The Club's Annual Exhibition, held in early November, was opened by Louise Batchelor, the BBC Environment Correspondent, and early indications show that it was again a successful venture. The event afforded members the opportunity to meet regular visitors as well as many new ones. Favourable comments were received on the high standard of art work and painting achieved by Club members. The Tombola and Home produce tables proved to be as popular as ever.

The Club would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused to those user groups of the Millbridge Hall who stood aside from their weekly meetings in favour of the Exhibition.

The Club's AGM will be held on **5 December** after which there will be a break. The next meeting will be in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2pm on **Tuesday 9 January 2007**.

New members will be made most welcome. All queries please to 01577 864391.

Kinross Garden Group



Our November meeting, attended by 55 members and visitors, was addressed by Beryl McNaughton of MacPlants, Pencaitland who gave us a very informative and knowledgeable talk on "Perennial Growing in Scottish Conditions".

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 14 December** in Millbridge Halls, Kinross at 2pm. We will be delighted to welcome Betty Ivey to give her talk entitled "A Walk on the Wild Side".

Our Festive Lunch takes place in the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort on **Thursday 11 January**, 12.30pm for 1pm. Anyone wishing to attend the lunch is asked to inform Christina Rodger at our December meeting.

Fair Break Café

As we approach the end of a year which has been full of change we'd like to say a big thank you to all our customers and volunteers and wish them joy and peace in the festive season and the year ahead. Thanks also to the local artists for the wonderful and popular displays of jewellery and paintings which are a regular and popular feature at Fair Break. Over the past 2 months we have displayed (and sold!) yet another range of great local jewellery – this time designed and created by Gosia Sozanska of Eastern Beauty Stones. Gosia is originally from Poland but now lives in Milnathort. Thanks to local artist, David Cochrane for his painting of a coffee house which he reproduced on table cards to tell customers about our current projects.

Fair Break Projects

All Fair Break profits go to charities in Africa nominated by volunteers and customers. 1) We're delighted to have sent £500 to Bukhubo Development Project in Uganda for self help projects in the village. 2) Our special thanks to a very generous bequest of £500 from the estate of Gordon Grant from Edinburgh. This bequest will go to the Child Support Project in Malawi.

November Events

- Our musical highlight in November was the sparkling performance by folk singer Stan Ginter
- At this month's amnesty letter writing meeting we wrote Christmas cards for people in danger or unjustly imprisoned.
- To try to help us to capture the spirit of Christmas we hosted an 'Alternativity' evening with crafts, music and time for reflection.

• Gordon Banks our local MP popped in to help us out one morning as part of the National Volunteering Day.

December Events include:

- **Thursday 14 December** all morning – a special bookstall displaying the beautiful and creative Barefoot Books for children.
- **Saturday 23 December** 1pm until 4pm – our Christmas Celebration and Raffle. Join us to share live music, treats and the draw of the special Fairtrade raffle.

If you are still looking for presents, why not pop in and choose a gift that gives twice!

We have welcomed five new volunteers this month. Many thanks to: Janet, Iris, Colin, Avril and Angie.

We're always delighted to hear from anyone who would be interested in contributing in any way to activities in the Café. For more information about Fair Break activities, please contact Marg Meade at 01577 863557, email margmeade@hotmail.com or pop into the Café at 28 South Street, Milnathort.



Portmoak Film Society

Craft Fair and Xmas Family Film In December!

The English-subtitled French film "The Chorus", shown in November by the Portmoak Film Society found unanimous favour with about 40 film-goers on the "marble-count". This is a simple system to gauge audience favour (or dislike as the case may be!) whereby everyone puts a marble in tins labelled "excellent", "good" or "poor". The new speakers also went down well for a film essentially about the power of music to move and improve youngsters. As an additional bonus, about 12 PFS members went to a Scotland Autumn Festival of short films and feature-length offerings at the Rothes Halls on 28th October. Join PFS and live, breathe and eat films!!

Upcoming events (all at Portmoak Hall):

2nd December 12 - 4 p.m.: *Craft Fair*, handy for stocking up on some Xmas gifts of locally-produced jewellery, knitwear, ceramics, pictures, candles, dried flowers, cards, wooden things and more. Enjoy tea/coffee with home baking and a chat with the neighbours! For unreconstructed film fanatics there will also be a DVD/video "bring & buy" stall, so please bring any DVDs or videos you don't want anymore.

28th December at 4 p.m.: *Xmas Family Film* show, starring Wallace & Gromit in "Curse of the Were-Rabbit". This is open to the general public at a flat rate of £2 per person. Ice cream and popcorn will be available just like in a real cinema (but at vastly more humane prices!!) and there will be free hot drinks and Xmas goodies afterwards.

13th January at 7.30 p.m.: "Touching the Void" - an intensely moving and dramatic film about two mountaineers' attempt to conquer Peruvian peak Suila Grande - for PFS members and their guests only. We hope to see you at some or all of the above.

For more info log onto:

www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

September Draw

1st: No 90, Mrs Brenda Bird, Kinnesswood
2nd: No 70, Mrs Norah Booth, Kinnesswood
3rd: No 24, Mr Bill Michie, Wester Balgedie.

October Draw

1st: No 64, Donald Stewart, Kinnesswood
2nd: No 97, Janette McLennan, Kinnesswood
3rd: No 25, Mrs Boyd, Wester Balgedie.

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Kinross-shire Round Table



Following a business meeting to look at ways to make the Beer Festival even bigger and better next year, we were honoured to be chosen as the venue for a meeting of all the Tables in Area 49.

Although Round Table is completely non-political, for our October meeting we invited local politicians to come along and meet us over a bar supper, then deliver a short presentation and participate in a Question Time style grilling. Keith Brown, the SNP candidate for Ochil in the May 2007 elections, took up our challenge and presented an interesting talk, followed by comprehensive answers to a number of questions covering topics as diverse as international policy, taxation, and the Forth Road Bridge. Tablers expressed their gratitude for his attendance and grace under fire, and we wish him well in the forthcoming elections, regardless of any individual political leanings.

On 6 November we had an informal curling night at the Green Hotel Ice Rink. Despite having a number of curlers in our Table, it has been a while since we did this and the beginners among us appear to have developed a taste for the game.

On 17 November we joined with Perth Strathearn at their regular meeting where we enjoyed listening to their guest speaker from the Planning Department. As this was a Perth meeting, the discussions centred on the City rather than Kinross, but we took the opportunity to ask about certain points.

If you are fundraising for the benefit of a group in Kinross-shire we want to hear about it and will try to support as many as possible.

Please write to us c/o the Green Hotel, or email member@dumbreck1.wanadoo.co.uk and tell us what you are collecting for and how much you hope to raise. We will consider every request at our regular monthly meetings although, sadly, we won't be able to provide money for them all. Please also contact us if you are interested in finding out more about Round Table or coming along to a meeting or event.

Santa's Christmas Collection

After helping out at Light Up Kinross, we'll be providing Santa with some little helpers for his traditional collection around the district. As always, this schedule may change, but please keep an eye out for us and give us your support if you are around on the following dates in December:

11th – Scotlandwell and eastern villages
12th – Kelt
13th – Milnathort
14th – Kinross South
15th – Crook of Devon and western villages
16th – night off to rest the reindeer (our party night!!!)
17th – Kinross North.

Kinross-shire Historical Society

The new season of winter meetings of the Historical Society got off to a fine start and a very full hall to hear Joseph Giacopazzi talk about Italian migration to Scotland in the 19th and 20th centuries, with particular reference to his own family.

Mr Giacopazzi gave us an excellent background to the history of Italy and highlighted the tiny village of St Vincenzo, some 2000 feet up in the Appennine mountains, isolated and inhospitable, from which his forefathers came.

From 1820, Italian migrants had walked to Paris and on to London in search of more income. Often they were street vendors with hand carts, selling ice cream in summer and roast chestnuts in winter.

Mr Giacopazzi's grandfather, Guiseppe, took the train to Scotland when a youth of 18 but went back to Italy in 1904, aged 23, returning to Scotland with his bride, Livia, 17. It was interesting to hear that there were 340 Italian ice cream shops in Glasgow alone and many others in other parts of Scotland. There were no fridges or freezers in those days and the ice cream



was made by collecting ice from the local Lomond hills and storing it in wooden bunkers. Guiseppe went back to Italy to fight in WW1 while Grandmother Livia kept alive the business in Scotland. He was demobbed in 1918 and returned to Scotland, buying his shop in Milnathort for £400. Guiseppe and Livia had two sons, Trentino and Eduardo, Trentino being Joseph Giacopazzi's father.

At the beginning of WW2 Trentino was imprisoned in Perth and Edinburgh as an "enemy alien" with hundreds of other Italians. He had a passion for flying and after much trouble he persuaded the RAF that he was indeed a loyal Scot and the RAF let him fight for Britain. Trentino's mother ran the shop while he was away.

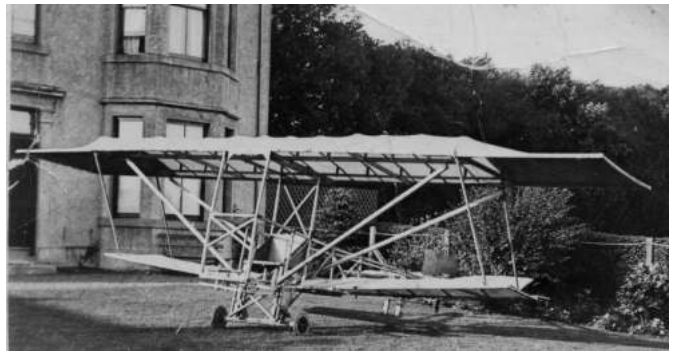
Joseph Giacopazzi has carried on the family business in Milnathort and this year, 102 years after Joseph's great grandparents were married, Joseph's son Peter was married in the same village of St Vincenzo in Italy.

Mrs Mary Muirhead thanked the speaker for a lively and very interesting talk.



On the Hattonburn Road, 1925

The Giacopazzi family: Guiseppe and his wife Livia, with their sons, Edward and Trentino. The car is a Sunbeam Talbot. The part of the road where this photograph was taken no longer exists due to the construction of the M90: there is now a flyover here.



Hand-made Glider, 1932

When they were 17 years old, Trentino Giacopazzi and his friends the Burnett twins built a glider and launched it from the Lomond hills, almost killing Trentino, who was test pilot! The photograph shows the glider in the garden of Linden Lea, the house in the Old Perth Road, Milnathort where the Burnett twins lived.



Milnathort Primary School, 1926

Trentino Giacopazzi is second from the right, on the second row from the back (also to be seen on the front cover).



The Florida Café, Milnathort

The family business was originally called Florida Café, and was located in the premises now occupied by Milnathort Post Office in New Road.

Kinross Camera Club

Kinross Camera Club meets each Thursday in the Church Centre, Kinross, from 7.30pm. Come along and chat to members, see the images they produce and find out more about what the club can offer photographers of all levels and interests. As ever, this season offers a varied programme of speakers, practical evenings, competitions and other events, catering for traditional and digital photographers of all abilities.

The Camera Club season is now well underway, with plenty going on for both old and new members. The season kicked off with a successful open evening, and has been followed up by excellent talks by John Simpson from Bridge of Allan, Peter Patterson from Tullibody, and Irene Froy from Shropshire, and a digital workshop led by Eric Bowyer. A highly entertaining talk was also given by the Club's own Wallace Shackleton. Members have completed the first round of the League Competition. As ever, the standard was high and there was a great variety of work offered for judging. Members are now busy preparing for the second round of competition – with the theme of 'People'.

The club has also competed in the Perthshire Alliance Competition, coming second out of five clubs. Well done to all who had work selected for this competition.

The syllabus for the current season is on the club's website. The website is updated extremely frequently, and it's the best way to find out what's happening in the club.

Forthcoming events include the following:

- 7 December – 'The Austrian Tyrol' by Duncan MacEnhill, and 'India' by Reg Gray.
- 14 December – Beginners class – winter photography, and Contrajour Photography by Malcolm Sugden.
- 21 December – Christmas Fun and Games!
- 4 January – 'Travels Abroad' by Stewart Niven
- 11 January – League 2 (set subject – 'People'), judged by Al Buntin from Monifeith
- 18 January – Dingwall exhibition.

The digital group continues to meet this year on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Stables, Crook of Devon. If you are interested in digital photography please contact the camera club for more information on what's on offer. Please see the website or contact a committee member for more information.

Click Tips for December

The weather may be getting cooler, but that's no reason not to get out and take pictures! Autumn is a lovely time for photography. Even if the weather's wet, you can still practise your skills.

It's a good idea to really get to know your camera. Many people buy cameras with lots of features but only ever use the most basic modes. Spend a little time understanding what your camera can do and you



will get better results.

Start by practising with focus. Always focus on the eyes of a human or animal subject. If you're photographing a person, think about throwing the background out of focus by using a wide aperture (small f-number). If you want to show a person or an animal in the context of where they are, try using a small aperture (big f-number). But remember, always focus on the eyes!

Once you've mastered the art of focus, try experimenting with aperture and shutter speeds to achieve different effects. Try setting a slow shutter speed, then focus on a moving subject, tracking the movement as it happens. This technique is called panning, and is a good way of being a bit more creative in your picture taking. The effect it produces is a blurred subject that conveys a real sense of movement. You can try this technique with any camera – don't be afraid to experiment!

Remember, if you want to know more about all things photography-related, contact Kinross Camera Club.

For more information on Kinross Camera Club, visit our website: www.kinrosscameraclub.org

Kinross in Bloom

Although this is a quieter time for us, we are working on plans for next year, including the 'gateway' or entrance marker for Kinross. You can see the proposal at a few places around the town (at the Leisure Centre, County Buildings) and we would love to hear your comments. We want to make a real 'Welcome to Kinross' as you come in from the motorway/A977 roundabout.

Our recent 200 Club winners were:

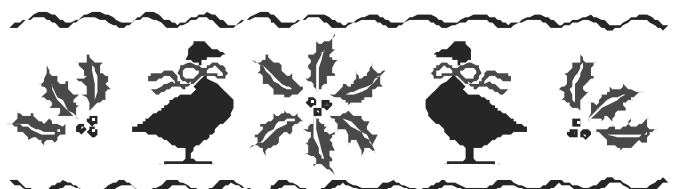
September: 1st Mrs Sandy Ferguson £25, 2nd Mrs Helen Duncan £15, 3rd Mrs Ruth Lauener £10 and 4th Miss Jean Grigg £5.

October: 1st Bill and Elizabeth Harley £25, 2nd Mr and Mrs D Cochrane £15, 3rd Tom Duncan £10 and 4th D S Payne £5.

November: 1st Mrs Ruth MacCalman £25, 2nd Eileen Thomas £15, 3rd Mrs Linda Band £10 and 4th Mr J A MacDonald £5.

If you would like to join (£1 a month and half the proceeds paid out monthly in prizes) contact Diane McDiarmid on 865943. To find out more about us, see www.kinrossinbloom.co.uk

To everyone who has supported us this year – whether by joining the 200 Club or helping out with watering or sponsoring a basket or barrel – we'd like to say a big thank you as well as 'Happy Christmas!'



Pipe Band Drum Up Success In Edzell

A number of youngsters from the Kinross Pipe Band competed recently at the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association Branch competitions, held in Edzell, near Brechin on Saturday 18th November. Competing were Douglas Weir (12) and Sean Kellett (12) on the pipes, and on the drums, Alexander Cox (9), Laura Manson (8), Rebecca Ramsay (11), Cameron Elder (12) and Garry Kellow (14). This was the biggest entry the local branch had seen for some years, therefore the field was large and the competition stiff.

All acquitted themselves admirably, and particular congratulations go to the prize winners, who this year came exclusively from the Drum Corps: Alexander Cox, gained 4th place at his first ever competition for Novice Drumming on Pad, Cameron Elder achieved 3rd place in the Novice Drumming, and Garry Kellow won the Trophy for 1st place in the 14 and Under Drumming. Well done to all!



Garry Kellow with his trophy

The Pipe Band's AGM will take place upstairs in the Salutation Hotel on **Thursday 14 December** at 7pm. We would particularly encourage parents of any of the younger band members and any other supporters of the Band to attend this year. We are keen to raise the Band's profile in and around Kinross and would like to enlist any help we can get!

As always, any queries or requests to join, please contact Nigel Kellett 01577 863738, Alex Murphy 01577 862803 or visit the website at www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk

Diabetes UK (Scotland)

Kinross Voluntary Group

The next meeting of the Kinross Voluntary Group will be on **2 December** at 10.15am for 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross. We are hoping we shall be able to get a speaker for this meeting. There will be no further meeting in 2006 but the dates for 2007 are as follows: **17 February, 17 March, 21 April, 19 May, 16 June.**

We will then break for the summer and resume again in September. Speakers will be announced at the beginning of each month in the Newsletter.

Unfortunately, the speaker for 18 November was unable to attend due to illness; however, we were able to show a short DVD about the first Pancreatic Islet Transplant in the country.

If you need any further information about the group please contact: Vivian (Area Liaison Volunteer Diabetes UK) 01738 835828, Linda 01577 861217, Allan 01577 862986.

Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade



The session is now well underway with increased numbers of boy and girl members.

Anchor and Junior sections enjoyed their annual Hallowe'en Fun Night on 27 October.

Both Anchor and Junior section members have started their award programme working towards their achievement badges.

The Anchor Section is open to boys and girls in primaries one, two and three and meets in Kinross Church Centre on Friday evenings from 6 till 7.15 pm.

The Junior Section is open to boys and girls in primaries four, five and six and meets in Kinross Church Centre on Friday evenings from 7 till 8.45 pm.

Junior and Company section members took part in the Perth Battalion swimming gala at Perth Leisure Pool with the Company section doing particularly well, winning the Cup for the highest number of points overall, the Pullar Inkstand for the four-man relay team and the best swimmer shield was won by Ross Mathieson.

The Junior Section Battalion badminton competition took place at Bell's Sports Centre and Kinross reached the semi-finals before losing out to the eventual winners of the competition.

The annual enrolment service was held at Kinross Parish Church on Sunday 22 October where junior and senior members pledged their allegiance to the company.

The Company paraded along with the other youth groups in the annual parade of remembrance on Sunday 12 November with Sergeant Andrew Lauener carrying the Company Colours, Sergeant Sam Dick playing the last post and Lance Corporal Alice Eade laying the poppy wreath at the war memorial.

The Kinross Company has entered two teams in the Perth District Volleyball League and the teams are currently lying in first and second place although only a handful of games have been played. The BB first team also won the Recreational League Cup competition defeating Kintronics at the semi-final stage and Perth Juniors in the final.

In National BB competitions, the company lost out in their first round ties at Table Tennis away to Falkirk and badminton away to Dundee.

The Company chess team are due to play their second round tie away at Kirkintilloch and the first round Masterteam Quiz at Dunfermline.

The Company Parents & Friends Association recently held their Annual General Meeting and have organised a **"St Andrews" Coffee Morning** fundraiser at Kinross Church Centre on **Saturday 2 December** from 10 am till 12 noon with all the usual stalls.

The Company will conclude 2006 when all three sections will travel to Dunfermline to see the pantomime "Little Snow White" at the Carnegie Hall on Friday 15 December, leaving at 6.15 pm.

Common Grounds

This month we have sent £500 to Impact East Africa. We have donated the money to Zanzibar's first E.N.T. clinic and operating theatre within a hospital. This replaces a field clinic.

We have a very busy time ahead of us. On **9 December** Gill, Dave and friends are doing a concert for us. They performed one afternoon recently and loved the guide/scout hall and asked if they could arrange a concert for us. Tickets will be £5 and £3 concession available from Common Grounds or Kirsty McLellan at Gateside Mills.

On **19 January** George Devine, Director of UK Africa Fellowship Initiative is giving a talk in the scout/guide hall about an expedition to Malawi. All welcome to come and find out more about it. The talk is from 7-9pm.

The next date for your diary is **27 January** when Perth Strathspey and Reel Society are performing for us. This time the venue is the Church Centre in Kinross. Once again tickets will be available from Common Grounds and Kirsty McLellan at Gateside Mills, at a cost of £7 and £4 concession.

Important notice - Changed opening times: Common Grounds will now be opening Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays starting **8 December**. We apologise for any inconvenience.

My thanks once again goes to all our supporters, far too many to list, but a special thank you to a young lad who decided to bake for charity one day and chose us as a recipient.

Kirsty (*Convener*)

Musical Theatre for Kinross Youth

The MTKY (adults) production of "Trial By Jury" has unfortunately had to be postponed this year due to lack of numbers in the cast. If you are still interested, please contact Isobel Miller on 01577 862970; if interest increases we may be able to put the production on at a later date.

MTKY isn't over though; the rehearsals for the young people's production of Summer Holiday will start back in Kinross High School, on Wednesday nights 7.30pm - 9.30pm on 17 January 2007. We hope to see the old cast as well as many new faces joining this year! There are also some small adult parts available so we encourage you adults to come give this a try as well!

Finally, MTKY wants to thank everyone for their support during 2006 and wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the November meeting Mary Sherrand gave a splendid talk on "The Fisher Lassies of Fife". Mary explained that their work was the gutting, cleaning and packing of fish in barrels. The fisher lassies followed the herring fleet, travelling to all the different fishing communities, which often made their work far away from home.

Mary was accompanied by her friend Margo who entertained us with a few songs. A vote of thanks was given, followed by hearty applause from the audience.

Auchtermuchty Pantomime:

The list for names for the Pantomime on 8 December is now closed. The bus leaves the Green at 6.30pm and then Millbridge at 6.35pm.

Friday Walks

1 December:

A Crook of Devon circular walk, going by Naemoor, Muckhart, Muckhart Mill, and back by the riverside path - about 8 miles.

15 December:

Clackmannan to Kennet Pans and back - a shortened version of our walk last year, taking lunch at the ruins of the old gin distillery.

29 December:

Perth to Almondbank and back, along the North Inch and the Almond, starting from Bell's Sport Centre.

5 January:

The Sair Heid Walk to the Tyndal-Bruce Monument, followed by soup and sandwiches in Falkland. This walk starts at the later time of 10am, and names must be handed in to Ian Simpson. As usual, if too many want to go, preference will be given to regular walkers.

12 January:

The Monimail and Dunbog circular walk. This is one of our regular walks, with some gentle hill climbs.

26 January:

The Fife Coast from Deep Sea World, at Inverkeithing, to lunch at St David's Bay, and back again.

December meeting: There will be a quiz at the meeting on **7 December**.

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Sports News



Kinross Road Runners

Autumn means the start of the cross country season and Stephen Little ran in his first cross country race at Scone Palace on 15 October to raise funds for charity. Stephen completed the 10K course in 46:16, which is 8 mins faster than his previous 10K time. Stephen has raised £200 for charity this year through sponsorship for this race and the Loch Leven Half Marathon.



Kate Ives ran the gruelling Pentland Skyline race on 8 October as training for the Karrimor Mountain Marathon. The 16-mile race over the Pentland Hills involves 6200ft of climbing and Kate ran well to finish 98th overall and 8th lady in 3:44:23. Kate went on to finish 17th overall and 1st mixed pair in the C class at the Karrimor Mountain Marathon with her adventure-racing partner Edward Stronach. They completed the two-day event with a combined time of 8:06:33.

Three Kinross Road Runners entered the penultimate club championship race, Templeton Woods, on 5 November. This 10-mile race on the outskirts of Dundee provides great views but contains some tough climbs, so it not a good course for recording fast times. Judith Dobson was 94th and 1st supervet in 74:53, Isabella Carmichael was 167th and 3rd supervet in 83:29 and John Myerscough completed the course in 89:55 to finish in 200th place.

Six people travelled to Glen Clova on 13 November to run the popular Half Marathon which circumnavigates the valley, starting and finishing at the Glen Clova Hotel. Chris Pratt was first Kinross Road Runner and 79th overall in 97:05 followed by coach Roger Stark, in his first race of the year, completed in 105:59. John Myerscough and Geoff Bilton both improved their Half Marathon times to finish in 111:30 and 113:11 respectively. Isabella Carmichael was running on tired legs after Templeton Woods the previous week so ran a relatively slow time of 114:19, followed by hill running specialist, Sandy MacCalman, in 144:16.

Kinross Road Runners welcome runners of all ages and abilities. We meet at 7pm, Wednesday night at Lathro Health Centre car park. The training schedule is on the club notice board in the Leisure Centre and on the club web site: www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk

Kinross Golf Club

Forthcoming social events

Sun 10 Dec Children's Christmas Party, 4pm-6pm
Mon 25 Dec Family Christmas Night Disco, 7.30pm



Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

Kinross Ladies first team are on a winning streak, unbeaten in the last five games: 3-2 versus Madras, 4-0 v Grove 3, 1-1 v Aberdeen Grammar (won 4-3 on penalty strokes) in the Scottish Districts Cup, 3-0 v Dundee University, and 3-0 v Dundee Wanderers 2nds. The standard of hockey has generally been high and all the wins had to be fought for, particularly against Madras.

The second team have had slightly mixed fortune with 3-3 v Dundee Wanderers 2nds, 1-7 loss v Inverurie 1sts in the Scottish District cup, 5-1 win v Stirling University (including a Tina King hat trick!), 0-5 loss v Madras and 1-1 v Brechin. Particularly encouraging is the way that a number of schoolgirls have made the transition to ladies hockey this season and are performing well both in matches and training.

Training continues on Wednesday evenings 6.30pm to 8pm at KGV, regardless of the weather! All welcome, just turn up.

Kinross Badminton Club

On 9 November the Junior badminton Club enjoyed another evening with Yonex International. Andy Hartley of Yonex spent two hours, firstly with twelve primary school children, then twenty High School pupils, coaching our youngsters and showing them how to improve their footwork and racket skills. He was assisted by two club members, Patrick MacHugh, who is part of the under-15 National Squad and Steven Ross, who has recently qualified as an SBU Instructor. Well done!

It is hoped that some of our Juniors will be going to the Scottish International Badminton Championships to take part in a Badminton Carnival soon, and will also be given the opportunity to watch some of our top players in action in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow.

Congratulations also go to Nicola McGuigan and Steve Thomson for gaining their Instructors' Awards too. Well done!

The last night for Juniors before Christmas is 14 December, with Seniors finishing on 21 December. The Club will restart on 9 January for Seniors and the Juniors will recommence on 11 January.

Wishing everyone in our Club a Very Happy Christmas.



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Kinross Volleyball Club

The Kinross Volleyball Club continues to meet at Kinross High School games hall on Monday evenings with junior training from 8 till 9 pm and adult training from 9 till 10 pm. Junior training and coaching is for children in S1 to S4 with the aim of entering teams in national mini-volleyball competitions later on this season.

The club has entered three adult teams in the Perth & District Volleyball League with two teams (Kinross Kintronics and Kinross Scot Range) playing in the Premier League and one team (Kinross Kintronics) playing in the Recreational League along with two Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade teams.

The Premier League teams have been hit by long time player injuries to Dave Munro, Craig Donaldson and Dougie Young and this has meant early promotion for some of the junior players at the club.

In the Perth & District Premier League Cup Competition, the Kinross team reached the final for the third consecutive year and unfortunately lost out this year, just the same as the year before!

With three adult teams operating in the Perth & District League, the club welcomes new players at any time. Volleyball is a world-wide sport with the emphasis on fun. Beginners are always welcome any Monday evening – just turn up, all you need is tee shirt, shorts and trainers!

Kinross Squash Club

The Kinross squash team has had mixed results in the opening few fixtures. The team started well by beating Glenrothes 'A', 16 - 6. However, in the following match, away from home, they went down 13 - 7 to Glenrothes 'B'. A week later, against the on form Carnegie team, they had a convincing win of 15 - 7. The following week saw the team struggling against Dunfermline, eventually losing 16 - 5. The next match against Woodmill was a closely fought contest with the opposition just securing victory 10 - 12.

The club would welcome new members to help strengthen the squad from which they can draw players. If you have played in the past and are keen to start having some competitive matches please fill in an enrolment form, available from the notice board next to the squash courts.

The mini leagues are well under way now.

Winners from the October league were:

Premier	Archie Melville
League 1	John Jackson
League 2	Gordon Dow
League 3	Phil Seymour
League 4	Calum Johnston
League 5	Rory McIntyre & Fergus Douds

Persons of any standard can join the mini leagues at any time. Please add your name to the bottom of the score sheet so that you are included in the next month's fixtures.



Kinross Otters ASC

By the time this has gone to print, the Club Championships will have been held on 23rd, 25th and 26th November. A full list of winners will be in the next Newsletter.

Promoted!! Kinross Otters won the Midland 2nd Division on Saturday 11th November, gaining over 200 points (out of a possible 240) in the last gala in the process! The team had in fact secured the division at the 4th gala of the year in September, which is remarkable. Club Captains Andrew Clark and Sarah Barclay led the team to be awarded individual trophies as well as a huge Club one. This team also had five individual age group winners from the eight participating age groups. Now we just have to do the same in the First Division next year.

Well Done. Congratulations also go to the 3rd Division team who were second in their last gala on 18th November. Although the team gained 155 points – their best result – it was still not enough to secure 2nd place in the division overall. This was in spite of missing relay teams from four events. It has not been confirmed, but we believe that there are three age group winners in this division too. This is also excellent as several of our teams have swimmers in the younger half of the age group, so hopefully even better results will follow next year.

Well done to everyone who swam for either team and thanks go to those who have organised the teams this year – Mark Laing, Sue Blaikie and Jane Simpson. For details on joining the club, please contact Angela on 862976.

Kinross Curler at European Championships

Johnjo Kenny, a member of Kinross Curling Club, has just returned from the European Mixed Curling Championships held near Venice in Italy. Johnjo skipped the Irish national team of Marie O'Kane, Tony Tierney and Mary Kerr to 5th place, losing 3-2 to Sweden in an exciting quarter final. Johnjo will also be representing Ireland in the men's European Championships in Switzerland later this month and has been named in the provisional Irish Curling Association squad for the 2010 winter Olympics.

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Kinross Cricket Club

The Club Annual Awards Dinner took place on Saturday 28 November at the Green Hotel.

Club Chairman, Ken Reilly welcomed everyone and reported on great success and tremendous progress within the club over the past year.

A number of players and club supporters were acknowledged and thanked: Mrs Andrea Jackson for her fundraising efforts, Sir David and Jamie Montgomery for allowing the club the use of Kinross House grounds for playing next year, Anthony Drew for the excellent website and photography, the club committee for all their work behind the scenes, all the parents and supporters who have helped to make the junior section so successful, the coaches and coaching assistants, the local businesses who have donated prizes for our various fundraising events, Roddy Baird and his team at Turfitt without whom we could not have laid the new wicket and Alistair and Jane McLaren for organising the evening.

There was a toast to the memory of player and scorer, Richard Oldham, who sadly died earlier this year.

The Green Hotel provided us with a wonderful three-course meal in the comfortable and relaxing setting of the Loch Leven Suite.

Club Captain, John Ross proceeded to do a round-up of the very successful season, reporting on highlights of the junior and adult matches. He said it had been a privilege to captain the 1st XI again this year and that he was delighted with the increasing numbers of junior and adult members.

The award winners this year are as follows:

Individual Awards

Hannah Lopez for scoring; **Andrea Jackson** for fundraising; Most Improved Player Salver - **Drew Weir**; John Stewart Trophy - **Pete Smith**, for his work and commitment with the junior section.

Fielder of the Year: Keith Bird

Bowling Awards

Special Award: **John Mooney** for outstanding performance with the ball: 4 for 5 in 3 overs including a hat-trick in the Small Clubs Cup against St Andrews University staff.

The Richard Oldham Memorial Quaich: **Keith Bird** for the best bowling performance in a match this season – 5 wickets for 39 runs in 9 overs.

Bowler of the Year: **John Mooney** for 19 wickets for 222 runs averaging 11.7.

Batting Awards

Ducks Award: **Stephen Mitchell** for the most ducks in a season.

Best individual performance in a 20 overs match: **Stephen Mitchell**, 78 not out.

Best Individual Performance in a 45 overs match: **James Ross**, 73 not out.

Batsman of the Year: **James Ross**, 325 runs in 9 innings averaging 36.1.

Player of the Year: James Ross.

A great evening was had by all.



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News from the Rurals

BISHOPSHIRE – The members thoroughly enjoyed an evening of Pilates exercises with Sue Hain. She explained how the exercises work, and soon had everyone breathing in and out – if they remembered – as they worked tummy muscles and arm and shoulder muscles.

Competitions:

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| Fun fur scarf | - Janette Gardiner |
| Pot of jam | - Brenda Bird |

GLENFARG – President Mrs Margaret Scott welcomed members to the November Meeting and introduced Mrs Sybil Galbraith who gave a talk on "Porcelain Restoration". Requiring endless patience and a fair amount of knowledge of cleaning, colour mixing and painting, this is not a job for the faint-hearted but Mrs Galbraith managed to fascinate her audience with her descriptions and demonstrations of the techniques she uses. Mrs Jeannie Black proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

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| Flower of the month | - Catherine Fairweather |
| Treacle Toffee | - Margot Moran |
| Coaster (any craft) | - Liz Yull |

MILNATHORT – At the October, meeting, Mrs J Paterson presided and welcomed Mr Archie Gibson, who gave a very interesting talk on the history of Baxters Foods.

Competitions:

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| Flower of the month | - E Thomson |
| Dressed wooden spoon | - H Gellatly |
| Ginger & rhubarb jam | - E Thomson |

BLAIRINGONE – In October members very much enjoyed an evening with Mrs Elsie Johnston who demonstrated all her quilted articles which she had sewn over the years.

Competitions:

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| Piece of driftwood | - Grace Downie |
| Flower of the Month | - Agnes Murray |

In November, members and friends had a very enjoyable evening being entertained by Mr Tom Webster (The Proud Clansman).

Money was collected in aid of C.H.A.S.

Competitions:

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| Gingerbread | - Mary Croy |
| Funny postcard | - Agnes Murray |
| Flower of the Month | - Mary Croy |

POWMILL – For our October meeting, Powmill's vice-president, Mrs R Briscoe, introduced Mr Bill Duthie, who trains bodybuilders and weightlifters. He gave us an informative and humorous talk on healthy eating, diet and well-being and answered all the questions.

A lovely tea was provided by Mrs L McBain and Miss D McBain. Mr Duthie judged our three competitions and the results were as follows:

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| Autumn Arrangement of | - Mrs E Johnston |
| Leaves & Berries | |
| Lavender Bag | - Mrs C Stewart |
| Garden Gem | - Mrs E Johnston |

CLEISH – Cleish Rural visited Celebration Crafts in Perth for their November meeting where 21 members were given a wonderful demonstration of box and card making and parchment craft. Chris Pilling gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

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| Wrapped Parcel | - Chris Pilling |
| 3 Scones | - Sandra Webster |

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Och, man, the weather has suddenly turned well, baltic. Big change from the mild weather we have been getting but I suppose it's a bit mair whit ye expect at this time o' year. Birds are coping wi' it though, disnae seem to affect them or no so far. Mind, they have a wrap around duvet jekit, so they will still keep cosy.

Very remiss o' me, last month never mentioned oor pal "Egbert", the little egret has returned fur the winter. The wee chap is lookin' fine as always and has been struttin' his stuff for the visitors, the wee show aff. Anyway, good to see him back for the fourth consecutive year. If ye want tae see him, pop roond and peruse the beastie.

As well as our regular selection we have had a few others as well, including redhead smew, goosander, drake scaup and slavian grebe which all appeared on the loch, but could be seen from our telescopes in the obs room.

I also had a visitor's report of over 300+ Whooper Swans along the cut on the fields at Balbedie.

OK then, on tae the Centre stuff. For those of you who know her, Trish Miller or "Auntie Trish" as we called her at Vane, has decided to retire from the RSPB and will leave the centre, bit like Elvis really - "Trish has left the building", on 15 December. She was always a happy, smiley face to brighten up a dull day and great to work with. The place won't be the same without her for keepin' us all on the right track and indeed we will probably always be on the phone askin' fur help tae fund sumthin' or other cos she always knew where to find it. We wish her well from everyone at Vane and hope she enjoys her retirement. She certainly deserves it after 24 years service and putting up wi' us lot.

The shop has got some new singin' burds in tae add to the collection already available. So go on, gie a bird a hoose fur crimbo, jist the thing as a stockin' filler fur the kids or indeed the bigger kids who seem to play wi' them jist as much.

Our Events Programme will be available shortly, if you would like to see what we have on in 2007, our 40th Anniversary year, with lots of exciting things to do for all ages. Included is the return of the all action fun packed "Spooky Sunday" at Halloween, book yer places fur the kids noo cos it's aye pure mad mental busy!! Give us a call, pick up an events leaflet when you are round at Vane or if you prefer we can put you on our events e-mailing list and send it oot tae ye.

As a reminder, the Reserve will be **closed** completely on 25 and 26 December and on 1 and 2 January. So I guess that's it fur this year, other than to wish you all the compliments of the season when it comes along, eat drink and be merry 'n' awe that. Hope Santa's guid tae ye! Remember them hangovers now!!

Loch Leven NNR



In wet and wild weather on the 20 November, Rhona Brankin MSP, the Deputy Minister for the Environment and Rural Affairs, performed the turf-cutting ceremony which officially launched the start of work on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. SNH is a major funder of the project and we see the trail as a fantastic opportunity to showcase Loch Leven and its unique wildlife spectacle to the many people who we anticipate will use the route.

On a blustery, showery Saturday 11 November, Jeremy and I were joined by three volunteers at Burleigh Sands. Between showers we planted fifty alder trees near the shore, between the sands and the hide. This forms part of the management at Burleigh to increase shoreline vegetation around the hide which in turn will encourage breeding ducks such as Gadwall and Tufted Duck. This will enhance the visitors' experience by bringing birds in closer to the area around the hide. And to help visitors to work out which bird they're looking at, there is now a new bird identification board in the hide, showing the birds associated with Loch Leven.

Thank you very much to Andrew, Kirstin and James who helped out with the planting. If you'd like to get involved in helping out around the Reserve please feel free to get in touch. (Tel: 01577 864439).

See you next year

Colin and Sarah



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Hedgehog Blog



Hattie the Hedgehog's Winter Diary - 25.10.06

My name is Hattie and I was born about 6 weeks ago; I am the only surviving baby of a second litter. I live in Milnathort in a lovely garden, where my mum has lived for most of her life.

As I was born late in the year, mum told me to stay in the garden once I started foraging and that, if I was lucky, a nice hedgehog lady would look after me for the winter. Apparently, if I didn't reach a particular weight before hibernation, I would go to sleep and never wake up again - as I wouldn't have enough body fat to survive. Bit scary really! Well, today when I was rushing about, not sure where to find food, the lady came out, gently scooped me up and took me to my new house - a big cage lined with newspaper. There was also a lovely fluffy jumper for me to sleep in, with lots of clean water and food nearby!

She (I'll call her Mum 'H' ~ for human!) powdered me down with something to get rid of any bugs or mites I had picked up - not so bad really! Anyway, must go - I've been up all night exploring the sights, sounds and smells of my new home - it's set in a 'utility room' - whatever that is??!!

Oh, and I weigh 180gms!



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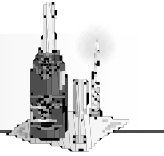
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Laura and Ewan **PATERSON** of Scotlandwell are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, **LAUREN ELIZABETH** on 25 October 2006. A first grandchild for George and Josephine Paterson of Gallowhill, also for Bill and Betty Smith of Middleway.

Euan & Michelle **ROBERTSON** are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter **KEIRA** on 30 August 2006.

Donna Gordon and Bryan Mair are delighted to announce the birth of their son, **CONNER JAKE MAIR**, on 31 October 2006 in Forth Park Hospital, Kirkcaldy. First grandchild for Dennis and Eleanor Gordon, Kinross; second grandchild for Tom and Theresa Mair, Glenrothes; nephew to Michelle Mair and cousin to Ryan Mair, Glenrothes.

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Simon & Mary **NICOL** are delighted to announce the birth of their second son, **CAVIN SIMON** on 18 October 2006 in Forth Park Hospital, Kirkcaldy. A baby brother for Connor, and second grandchild for Pat & John Nicol of Kinnesswood.

Neil and Pauline Barton are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful first grandchild, **DANIEL OLIVER**, son of Rachel **BARTON** and Mark **EGLINGTON**. Daniel was born at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee on 13 November 2006. Love and congratulations from all the family.

FIONA REID (née Simpson) has successfully completed her Bachelor of Nursing degree at the University of Dundee.

At the 57th Perth All Scotland Accordion Championships the following achieved success: **C. PATON** of Milnathort was 1st in the Junior traditional accordion solo championship and 2nd in the Junior

accordion solo for traditional pipe music; **M. ELWIS** of Kinross was 3rd in the Under-12 Junior traditional accordion solo.

SEAN KELLETT of 6 Morlich Place, Kinross has passed Grade 3 Piano and **NIKOLE GRAY** of 3 Beveridge Place, Kinross has passed Grade 4 Piano in the A.B.R.S.M. Exams. They are both pupils of Margaret Houston.

Thanks



MRS FRANCES LACKIE, Milnathort, would like to say how grateful she is to the ladies of Orwell Church for all their help, visits and flowers during her illness, and also to the carers and meals on wheels ladies too. It is very much appreciated.

SIMON, MARY & CONNOR NICOL would like to thank family, friends, and neighbours for all their cards and gifts they received on the birth of Cavin.

SAM HAWKINS (9), an enterprising Fossoway Primary School pupil, has made a profit of £57 for the school at their recent bookfair by selling copies of the novel "The Blue Cabin" by Michael Faulkner in which he features.

Presentation to Dr PAT CARRAGHER: The recent collection for a "thank you" present to Dr Carragher raised £1233.00. He has been given a cheque for this amount, together with a list of names of all who contributed and the cards and message that were handed in.

Poppy Appeal, Portmoak: Thanks to all who contributed; the sum of £285 was raised.

Poppy Appeal, Milnathort: Thanks to the co-operation of local traders and the generosity of local people, the sum collected in Milnathort for the 2006 Poppyscotland Appeal was £727.17. Many thanks to all who donated.

Helen Glover, Poppy Convenor.

The Kinross Primary School PTA Committee would like to thank parents, staff and children for their support of the Halloween Discos held at the primary school at the end of October. A very special thanks to Somerfield who very kindly donated the apples for dooking, to the fantastic DJ - Mrs Marshall, to Darren Souter who face-painted his way through all three discos and to all of the other helpers on the night. The event raised over £600, which will be used to support activities within the school. The next event organised by the PTA will be a parents only night during the spring term – look out for details in the New Year.

The Macmillan Cancer Support Group of Kinross and District would like to thank all who made our annual MacMillan Fling held in Crook of Devon on 11 November such a success, with extra special thanks to Glenfarg Scottish Dance Band. The sum of £568 was raised and remitted to Cancer Support in Perth & Kinross.

Blood Donor Sessions: The East of Scotland Blood Transfusion Service would like to thank all those who supported the blood donor sessions at the end of October. A total of 296 people volunteered to donate, which was a really good response and represents a great deal of help to patients all over Scotland.

Lochend Farm Shop would like to thank everyone who supported and donated to the Christmas Event held on 14 November when £450 was raised for CHAS.

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal: Many thanks to all the kind folk who donated gift-filled shoe boxes to the Blythswood Appeal. These boxes will give much joy and happiness to many people in need especially those in orphanages, hospitals and old people homes in Romania. Also many thanks to the wonderful team of volunteers who checked and packed the boxes ready for shipment, together we have made a difference To be ready for next Christmas we could be knitting hats and scarves! Again my thanks to all who were involved. Patricia Payne



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Community Council News

Kinross Community Council News from the November Meeting

D Colliar, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs D Cuthbert, Mrs E Thomas (Secy), R McConnell, Mrs C Drummond, Mrs D Mackay and Mrs M Blyth to the meeting held on 1 November. Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, G Hayton and W Robertson; Mrs M Scott (Minute Secy); Chief Inspector Roddy Ross and PC Child; Mr Paul Kyle and Mr Peter Marshall from P&KC and approximately six members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs Ian Jack, Paul Zarb and Brian West.

Minutes of October Meeting: It was noted that CCllr West had apologised for his absence. The reference in the minutes to the "Recycling Centre" should read "Bridgend" and not "Turfhill". On correction of the above, the minutes were adopted.

Police Report

Chief Inspector Roddy Ross from the Command Team in Perth was introduced. The Chief Inspector explained that he proposed to meet with a number of CCs in the region and reported that the areas at present being targeted by his officers include reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, vandalism and access to alcohol by under age drinkers and the problems that arise as a result.

The access to alcohol is difficult to control. It was noted that licensed premises are not always guilty of selling to under age drinkers; in a majority of cases the drink is obtained by older teenagers on their behalf. If an adolescent is found with drink the police confiscate the alcohol.

Vandalism is another priority to be addressed. An increase in the police presence in the street from 9pm to 1am is proposed, especially at peak times, eg when the public houses close. This can be put into effect in line with new shift working arrangements.

One of the campaigns over the Christmas period will be Drink Driving. This and other issues are to be considered now to ensure that appropriate cover is in place during the festive season.

PC Child reported that apart from one or two isolated incidents, Halloween proved to be very successful.

CCllr Blyth queried if there were any policies in place regarding the use of fireworks, as concerns were raised in relation to pets. The police reported that there has been a huge reduction in firework incidents. Legislation is in place to deal with incidents that cause annoyance, eg unreasonable hours. If the public are concerned or disturbed by any firework displays they should contact the police.

The Chairman thanked Chief Inspector Ross and PC Child for their attendance.

Area Based Initiative Action Plan

CCllr Colliar welcomed Mr Paul Kyle and Mr Peter Marshall from P&KC who provided an insight into the Action Plan for Kinross. Copies of the Action Plan were circulated to CCllrs prior to the meeting.

Mr Kyle explained that a number of meetings had been convened in Kinross since June this year, culminating in the document. The Action Plan makes reference to Tourism

and Business and Employment Opportunities. One major concern has been the constraints on building and restrictions imposed by Scottish Water. There is currently an embargo with regard to connecting to sewage works and Mr Marshall was pleased to report that there has recently been a change in this situation. Scottish Water have agreed to place Kinross and Milnathort on their priority programme and deliver a sewage system which has capacity for the area. A new sewage works is required and a guarantee is required from Scottish Water that the problem will be addressed.

Mr Marshall confirmed that in the meantime, preparatory work would begin on costing the link road and development of the western part of the town.

A Steering Group is to be formed who will accept some degree of responsibility in taking the Action Plan forward. This could include representatives from Scottish Water, SNH and the CC. CCllr Cuthbert reminded those present that Kinross Partnership were involved in the consultation in respect of the Action Plan. This was noted and CCllr Cuthbert asked that P&KC keep the CC informed.

To date, there has been limited availability for commercial properties in Kinross, the costs for providing an infrastructure being one of the main factors for the lack of this type of development.

CCllr Cuthbert raised the question of the population increase mentioned in the Plan, which states that "the population of Kinross-shire is projected to grow by almost 25% to the year 2020". These residents require employment or they will have to work away from the area. This was discussed at some length. CCllr Cuthbert stressed that the infrastructure should be put in place now to meet any additional growth in population. A 25% increase in population will also have an impact on the school roll, health services etc. Although not recorded in the Action Plan, such a condition would be included in the Strategy Plan.

CCllr Colliar asked if funding was available in the capital budget for town centre improvement. Mr Marshall advised that the Link Road requires to be in place before they can consider the High Street improvements, ie widening pavements etc. Costings would be required and a bid placed to the Heritage Lottery Fund, possibly covering both the link road development and High Street improvements.

Mr Marshall confirmed that there was money in the Budget for Conservation Schemes.

CCllr Colliar enquired about the planned use of the existing High School site. Consideration would be given by P&KC to the best possible use of the site prior to advertising it for sale. It may be used for retail development, affordable housing/higher density housing, or business park (small offices). Mr Marshall's preference would be a mixed use of private housing, affordable housing, retail and small business. However, no decision has been reached. Sales particulars will be prepared and the CC asked if they could be consulted at this stage. It was hoped that the new School will be operational in late 2008, however this date has yet to be confirmed.

Mr Marshall stated that a Local Plan review would be undertaken once the drainage situation was resolved.

In answer to a query regarding the proposed use of the existing High School Site, Mr Marshall confirmed that should a Planning Application be submitted which involves the interests of P&KC, the Scottish Ministers would consider this and may hold a Public Enquiry if contrary to the plan or if objections were raised to the proposed Development.

A further query was raised regarding a rail link through Kinross. It was stated that it would not be economic to provide this service. However, if the CC feels strongly about this it should pursue the matter, possibly through Regional Transport and Funding National Centre who will be reviewing plans at the end of March.

In closing, Mr Marshall advised that P&KC may be in a position to offer financial assistance to developers with viable land units should they encounter issues in regard to same. Again, however, at the present time, this would be difficult due to the embargo in respect of drainage.

The Chairman thanked both representatives for their attendance and information.

Matters Arising

Day Centre: An acknowledgement was received from P&KC in response to our letter. They advise that P&KC's budget for 2007 is shortly to be reviewed and the funding allocation will be determined in accordance with the budget available.

Lights at Golf Ball: A letter was received from Defence Estates. In an effort to alleviate the glare, some of the lights have been turned inwards.

Golf Ball Status: A letter was received from Historic Scotland in response to our request that the building be considered for inclusion on the Scottish Ministers' list of Historic Buildings. (See Letters, page 2).

Toilet Sign: CCllr Mackay mentioned that the toilet sign had been removed at Café 98 and queried if this was still a "Comfort Stop". Cllr Hayton advised that this was still the case; there had been an objection to the sign and a replacement was to be provided.

Hayfield Wildlife Garden Trust: It was confirmed that this organisation has disbanded.

Planning Applications Received

The CC raised no comments on the following applications: 06/02121/FUL - Erection of conservatory at 38 McBain Place; 06/02189/FUL - Change of use of garage to bedsit/office at 14 Nan Walker Wynd; 06/02146/FUL - Extension at 1 Police Houses, High Street; 06/01831/FUL - Formation of a dormer window at 4 Swansacre.

Formation of Park and Ride at land southwest of Station Road (06/02209/NID): Plans were available at the meeting. CCllr Thomas advised that she had been unable to download plans from P&KC Website. CCllr Colliar mentioned that he too had experienced the same problem. CCllr Thomas expressed concern regarding the lack of pedestrian crossings and pointed out that it would be dangerous for the public to cross over from the housing estate to the Park and Ride. Crossings were not clearly marked on the plans. The Secy will write to P&KC requesting clarification on this point.

Planning Applications Determined

Applications Approved by P&KC: Erection of School/Library etc. at land at Lethangie, Muirs; Demolition of existing extension and erection of new extension to dwellinghouses, removal of outhouses and formation of new vehicular access at 166/168 High Street; Extension to 8 Nan

Walker Wynd; Alterations and extension to existing house (modification of 05/01635/FUL) at No. 1 Steadings, Gellybank Farm; Erection of a garage and formation of vehicular access at 14 Montgomery Road.

Applications Refused by P&KC: Extend existing rear dormer to form a shower room and toilet at 39 Muirs; Erection of 3 detached dwellinghouses at land at Hollow Cottage, Blacknowes.

Other Planning Matters

Appeal Result: A letter was received from the Scottish Executive regarding 22 Muirs. P&KC refused the application for erection of a house in the garden of a property in Muirs. The applicant appealed to Scottish Executive and won the appeal.

Vodafone Mast: A letter was received from Vodafone's agent regarding a proposed additional dish on the existing mobile phone mast in the grounds of the Green Hotel. Before submitting an application to P&KC, the agent asked for the CC's comments. The CC has no objection.

Development Control Meeting: CCllr Thomas queried if there was any discussion at the Development Control Meeting regarding Scottish Executive appeals that P&KC have lost recently. Cllr Barnacle said there was no discussion. Some concern was expressed that Ivy Cottage (77 Muirs) was sanctioned for demolition by the Reporter. Cllr Robertson was concerned that demolition was approved without a full planning application for the replacement use of the site. Cllr Barnacle also mentioned that he had commented recently in writing on his position on wind farms.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Robertson advised that P&KC were currently reviewing the budgets for next year and Cllr Hayton also commented on this, particularly in regard to Care for the Elderly and Community Care.

Cllr Barnacle mentioned the Balado quarry site. Discussions are currently ongoing between residents, the developer and the Planning Department.

A Meeting is to be held at the Green Hotel on 8 November on population growth. Two representatives from the CCs are invited to attend. CCllr Cuthbert accepted this invitation.

New Kincardine Bridge: A meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee was held in October to discuss the various mitigation measures necessary on the A977. The Committee unanimously agreed to press forward with this proposal. Regional Transport Partnership will fund the shortfall.

Cllr Hayton advised that P&KC are seeking people for fostering; it was suggested that an article to this effect be placed in the Kinross Newsletter.

The subject of the path at Green Park was also raised. The CC agreed to write to P&KC recommending that a path be constructed along the line of the informal path parallel with Green Wood.

Cllr Hayton confirmed that some of the coping stones at Green Park have been put back in place, as also a number of Toby covers.

Since Station Road was patched, there is a problem with water pooling. This will be brought to P&KC's attention.

CCllr Cuthbert mentioned that there was a hole in the road at Kirkgate Park (just past the trampolines). The CC Secy will advise P&KC of this matter.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2006 – 2020 (Consultation Draft): The Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership has asked the CC to comment on the Committee Report and Plan which were circulated to the members prior to the Meeting. The CC has no comments, apart from the fact that the content of the paper was unclear and unhelpful.

Association of Scottish CCs: A communication was received advising of a change in Office Bearers. The CC is not a member of this Association.

However, the CC is a member of the **Convention of Perth and Kinross CCs**; the AGM was held on Sunday 22 October.

Retail Study Seminar: The CC received an invitation to attend a Retail Study Seminar in Perth on 2 November. Cllr Thomas is to attend.

Hand Tools for Litter Leaflet: this correspondence was passed to Cllr Cuthbert.

Heritage Trail Ceremony: Cllr Robertson advised that TRACKS are holding a ceremony on 20 November at Burleigh Sands to commemorate the start of the work in creating the paths around the loch. Cllr Thomas is to attend.

Kinross in Bloom sent a thank you letter in response to the donation they received from the Kinross Newsletter fund.

Other Business

Remembrance Parade: There is no change to the usual format.

Swansacre Building: This matter is still ongoing.

Springfield Road: Cllr Robertson reported on the current situation. The Wilson Court developer has agreed to the change which P&KC wishes to put in place. The Council is looking at costings and planning permission should be applied for very shortly for a traffic island.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 6 December at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

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

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the November Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs A Ross, D Thomson and J Porter and nine members of the public to the meeting held on 9 November in Milnathort Primary School. Also in attendance was Minute Secretary E Rougvie. Apologies were received from CCllrs D Cottingham and L Bennet, and P&K Cllr W Robertson. The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Matters arising

Use of school: CCllr Giacopazzi confirmed the use of Milnathort Primary School for Milnathort CC meetings for the next 12 months.

Druinsie planning application: Following a letter from Glenfarg CC asking for support for their objection to an application to build 10 houses at Druinsie, CCllr Giacopazzi said that he had learned from P&KC Planning Department that the proposed development was outwith Area 49; therefore it would have to be dealt with by Glenfarg CC and he would contact them to this effect.

P&KC matters: Via e-mail, P&K Cllr Robertson reported on the issues he had been asked to look into at the October meeting. He said that the main gates at the War Memorial had now been locked, but he had a key so he could open them for the Remembrance Day service. He had also got a wreath in case the Community Council had not ordered one. He had had the Village Store building checked and had been told it was in a safe condition. He had not had a response about the barrier in Burleigh Road, nor about the motorway barrier at Stirling Road. He said that he had asked for the views of the Milnathort Primary School Board on the question on extending the working hours of the School Crossing Patroller, but had not yet had their thoughts. He felt that any request for extended hours would have to come from the School Board.

Correspondence

CCllr Giacopazzi had received an e-mail about the naming of the new high school in Kinross, and read out some of the suggestions. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that Kinross High School was the most appropriate. Kinross CC Chairman David Colliar confirmed that this was the favoured option and that the High School User Group would be putting this forward to P&KC.

An invitation was received from the Loch Leven Heritage TRACKS project to the official opening by Rhona Brankin MSP on 20 November. It was agreed that the CC would be represented.

In response to a letter from the Outreach Officer of Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust, it was agreed that he would be invited to talk to the CC about the Trust's work.

Planning Matters

An application to create four houses on the site of the former Village Store at 2-8 South Street prompted a discussion about several issues. It was agreed that the CC would ask why neither listed building consent nor change of use was included in the application, and concerns were expressed about the lack of parking provision. It was also felt that a retail development would be more appropriate and that there was a demand for commercial premises in the centre of the village. In addition, it was agreed to investigate the fact that, according to SEPA, the building was situated within a flood plain, although it was noted that this might not be an issue when the flood defence works were

completed.

Other Business

Kinross Park & Ride: KCC Chairman David Colliar told the meeting that while KCC had no objection to the new Park & Ride facility in principle, as yet they did not know how it would impact on local services. After discussion, it was agreed that MCC would support KCC in urging Stagecoach to maintain the current services to both communities.

Wester Loan: CCllr Giacopazzi reported that he had received seven letters of objection to the amended application for a housing development in Wester Loan. From this he assumed that neighbour notification had been issued, but MCC had not been officially notified. He said he would ask P&KC's Head of Planning about this inconsistency. The letters were noted, but discussion on the application could not proceed in the absence of an official copy of the plans.

Kinross-shire housing: CCllr Ross reported that he had attended a meeting organised by P&K Cllrs Robertson and Barnacle, at which all Kinross-shire CCs were represented. He said that the predicted growth in population in the area would mean an increase in housing stock of 40 per cent over the next 12 years, and developments were being 'pushed through at high speed' without full consideration to the provision of services, education, jobs and other ancillary issues. Of particular concern was the scale of development in the countryside, especially steading developments which were extending beyond their boundaries. CCllr Ross said that the issue of affordable housing was also discussed, since the new developments were heavily biased towards the upper end of the market and it was felt to be important to retain a mix. No decisions were taken at the meeting, but P&KCllr Barnacle was drafting a letter to the Convener of P&KC and local MSPs which would be submitted to CCs for their comments. CCllr Giacopazzi felt it was important that the CC should form its own opinions on the matter, since he was concerned that there was a 'degree of alarmism' involved.

Milnathort Town Hall: CCllr Porter said that since the September meeting of the CC, eight people had expressed interest in forming a committee to run the Town Hall, but no-one was prepared to take up the post of treasurer. She asked if the CC would consider taking this on. After discussion, it was agreed to approach Mr Sandy Smith, an accountant and newly co-opted CC member. CCllr Porter then expressed concern about the Town Hall itself, which had developed cracks and could be dangerous. She had called in a surveyor who was to have an inspection carried out.

Bicycle Provision for Police: A member of the public commented that she couldn't see what difference it would make for the local police to have a bicycle, as reported at the previous meeting, since the Police were seldom seen in Milnathort anyway. However, the CC felt that the bicycle would be beneficial, and CCllr Giacopazzi commented that the village was quieter than it had been for some time.

The next meeting of Milnathort Community Council will take place on Thursday 14 December at 7.30pm in Milnathort Primary School.

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the November Meeting

The meeting held on 6 November in Powmill Hall was attended by: I Booth (Chair), R Dalton, G Pease, A Chappell, S Sharp, F Watt and 29 members of the public. Apologies were received from C Danks and Cllr M Barnacle.

Matters Arising from the October meeting

Planning: Mr Sleith's response to the Secy's letter about farm stading developments was available. There was no response from Mr Sleith regarding the Seamab School sign at Rumbling Bridge. Clackmannanshire Council's response to the Secy's letter regarding 'Helicopter Taxi on Doorstep' was available.

General Correspondence: There seems to be some difficulty in identifying the owner of **Devonshaw Quarry**. It is thought that the current owner is a Mr Paterson, last known to live in Blackford. Contact with his solicitors, Wilson & Jarvis, revealed that the member of staff dealing with Mr Paterson left the company six years ago, as had the client. Mr Jim Dawson of P&KC Environment has undertaken to contact the CC when his staff have obtained the necessary information from the Land Registry. **Cancer Cluster:** In a letter dated 23 October, Dr Cavanagh asks the CC to "identify contact details of two community representatives" with whom Dr Cavanagh can discuss the matter. Two people were identified at the November meeting.

Blairingone Church

Pagan Osborne had not responded the Secy's request for explicit details of the Blairingone Church proposals. However, Linda Jackson and Paula Ketterer from Channel 5 had contacted the Chair to request an audience at the November CC meeting. Prior to the church development representatives addressing the meeting, Cllr Booth made everybody aware of the very sensitive nature of the site and why the CC had been so active in trying to gain information as to the nature and extent of the development.

Church: The developers wish to obtain detailed planning permission to develop the building into a single dwelling house. Their aim is to ensure the Church keeps its character and are working with P&KC, who are keen to save the building.

War Memorial: The developers wish to listen to the community as to whether the War Memorial should be relocated. They are thinking of making a small garden area within the cemetery to allow the community to pay their respects in privacy. They are prepared to incur any costs involved in moving the War Memorial to a more suitable area.

Memorial Windows: These beautiful windows will remain in place and will form part of the plans for the conversion from a church to a dwelling house.

Development of Ground to the East: This area of land is to be purchased along with the Church. The intention is to landscape it to provide amenities for the person who develops the Church, eg for parking, garden area, etc.

Mineral Analysis: Tests have been carried out on site to ensure the building is stable and there are no mine workings underneath the Church building. The developers await the written report which will confirm there are no mine workings. Great care was taken to carry out this work as

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sensitively as possible, with drilling taking place only the pathways around the Church. No graves were disturbed in any way.

During and after the outline of the proposals, the developers, Linda Jackson and Paula Ketterer, answered all questions forwarded by many members of the public and the CC. Purchase is not yet concluded. The Church is a "C" Listed Building. The amenity ground for the Church/house will be to the east of the building, with scrub and shrubs removed etc, which will aid visibility at what is considered a nasty blind bend. The car park at the Church does not belong to the Church of Scotland and does not form part of the sale.

Community Policing

Concern was expressed by the CC and several members of the public that there was no police representative at the meeting. The Secy will write to the police about the December meeting, which is being reinstated after several years without one.

P&KC Business

Due to illness, Cllr Barnacle was unable to attend, but had forwarded some information to CCllr Pease, to be discussed under Planning.

Planning Matters

Change of use of steading to 3 residential units and erection of 3 detached dwelling houses at former steading, **Newbigging**, Fossoway, for Newbigging Partnership (06/01496/FUL): revised layout with supporting letter dated 3 November submitted.

Demolition of existing farm buildings and formation of 12 plots for dwelling houses, **Gartwhinzean Farm**, Powmill, for Cocklaw Developments Ltd (06/01947/FUL).

Erection of 13 chalets at Birkfield, Rumbling Bridge (06/02120/FUL).

Solsgrith Housing and Helicopter development: CCllr Chappell wrote following the October meeting, asking Clackmannanshire Council for a holding objection and for copies of full plans. Reply noted reps., and referred to website for plans. Cllr Barnacle indicated that P&KC were also objecting. This proposal is clearly causing upset within the community, with locals speaking extensively on the subject.

Snowie, Lambhill: Cllr Barnacle indicates that the view of P&KC is that the proposals constitute change of use and need planning permission.

Proposed house at Glendale, Drum: Objections have been received for this from public members; however, the CC does not have any plans to refer to.

Pitcairnie Steading, Carnbo (Simon Wilson dev.): Cllr Barnacle has received faxed complaints from local residents complaining about unauthorised activity. Complaints were also voiced within the audience.

Felling of Trees at Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home: Concern was expressed regarding the recent tree felling at the nursing home. It is reported that a Forestry Commission Licence was obtained, but the P&KC tree officer was not advised. There is fear in the community that this is a move in preparation for development, which could be to the detriment of the general public who visit the gorge, the local residents of Rumbling Bridge, and the patients and family of the residents of the nursing home.

The appropriate letters regarding all planning matters will

be forwarded as required.

General Correspondence

The Secy has been asked to provide confirmation to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of Fossoway CC's decision regarding the **New Kincardine Bridge** mitigation measures on the A977. The minute of the August 2006 meeting recorded that the vote was in favour of the Scottish Executive's £250,000 to be spent on a number of smaller measures along the P&KC's length of the A977, rather than on one single roundabout. The Secy provided a letter with a copy of the August minute.

Letter received regarding the **Mellock Hill** objection.

Other Business

Speeding on the Vicars Bridge Road in Blairingone: Concern was expressed by several members of the public regarding the speeding on this road and the fact that there were no police in attendance at the meeting to hear the various complaints voiced. The CC will write to Inspector Patience regarding this matter, underlining the seriousness of the problem, and the concerns of the community. Various possibilities were discussed as to how the traffic on this road could be forced to reduce speed.

The gullies on the A977 have become flooded; P&KC will be advised.

The Aldie Road (9097) has lost its Give Way sign; this matter will be taken up with P&KC.

Dog bins: The CC will write to P&KC to ask if a dog bin can be provided on the Blashie Burn Road, Blairingone.

The next meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 December 2006 in Carnbo Hall at 7.30pm.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the October Meeting

The meeting held in Cleish Village Hall on Monday 23 October was attended by five CCllrs, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle, PC Hardy standing in for PC Pedersen and nine members of the public. Apologies were received from Sandy Morton. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Trish Kitchin, who has joined the CC and brings it up to strength after a lengthy interval. He welcomed all those present and asked for approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting which was given subject to two small amendments.

Crime Prevention: PC Hardy said there was little to report from this area and commended members of the public for their vigilance, and for their willingness to report any incidents of concern. She could not emphasise too much the need for instant reporting of any matter which arouses suspicion; far better to call out the Police for something which turns out to be trivial than to call them too late for them to take immediate action. There was an instance not too long ago when a van backed into a wall, causing some damage, at the west end of Cleish; this was reported immediately by a member of the public and the Police were in the village within minutes. Once again we cannot say too often how grateful we are for the service the local Police give us.

PC Hardy reminded the meeting that the new regulations for carrying children in cars are now in force and the Police will be stopping drivers seen to be breaking the law by not using seatbelts and putting children in car seats. For anyone not aware of these regulations leaflets can be had from the Road Safety Officer or from the local Police Station.

Wind Farms: The following dates for enquiries have now been arranged: Snowgoat Glen, 21 November, 10am at the Glenfarg Hotel; Lochelbank, 12 December, 10am at the Glenfarg Hotel; Mellock Hill, 9 January, 10am at Gartwhinzean; Little Law, 23 January, 10am at the Glenfarg Hotel.

The conjoined session will begin on 27 February at 10am in the Salutation Hotel, Perth and will last as long as it takes.

Tracks and Trails: The meeting on 29 August was very useful. The Council's Access Officer has produced a map of the most favoured routes and there are now high hopes for all the groups concerned to get together for a positive outcome.

Planning

Kinnaird (resubmission): approval has been given for one house to the east of the present dwelling; an application has been received for a second house to the south of this site, and after discussion it was agreed that the CC oppose this on the grounds of creeping development.

Flockhouse Steading Conversion and Flockhouse Stackyard: Consideration of both these applications has now been deferred until the next meeting of P&K's Planning Committee. The CC reported that in principle it is not against the development of Flockhouse Steading.

The CC's main concerns about both these developments (also expressed by members of the public) were as follows:

- The access road is single track and is at present used by many agricultural vehicles; it is totally unsuitable for any further volume of traffic. This will involve health and safety issues.
- Environmental health: rubbish will not be collected.

c. Cleish School is now up to capacity - have the Education Authorities been made aware of the possible impact of the increased volume of housing?

d. Health provision - all this development will also have impact on this and other services.

Sunnyside Farm: Sunnyside Farm has right of access through Lochran Farm, but this is a working farm with the implications of the movement of stock and is used by heavy agricultural equipment. Entry from the Cleish road is now to be a footpath and was only ever a farm track.

Templeton Cottages No 4: An application for one house has been submitted. The CC agreed to recommend refusal.

The Squirrels, Blairadam: Retrospective permission has been given to use the garden for storage space under delegated powers.

Beaufort House: An application for block of six stables on land to east of this house has been submitted; The CC to recommend refusal as the site is unsuitable, drainage would be a problem, the stables would be unattended and such a development would have implications for the core path network.

Lochran Sidings: This application has been refused.

Dowhill Muir: This development is now proceeding, and the gates which have been causing concern have now been unlocked.

Greenacres: The current application has now gone to appeal.

Planning Procedures: It became very obvious from discussions on the above applications that there is deep concern about the Planning process. There is no doubt that the CC are increasingly becoming ignored and this does not equate with assurances given some time ago that CCs have now, and in the future, a more important role to fulfil. Letters and e-mails are unanswered and while neighbours affected by a proposal may receive information, the CC does not. The Secretary has written on this matter to all Councillors and to Development Control.

A point was raised from the floor that Councillors need to be reminded that they represent us, the public, and not the developers. It was agreed that a letter from the CC be sent to George Reid with observations on the way CCs are treated on planning principles and processes. It might be that he would come to a meeting of the residents of Cleish and Blairadam.

20mph Speed Limit: Richard had attended a meeting with a representative from the Roads department and Fred Whalley; drawings are now being prepared.

Cleish Mill Bends: Work is continuing but one sign has already been damaged

The footpath from Blairforge to Blairfordel is almost completed; the Secretary has written to thank the Roads Department.

The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 11 December at Blairadam.



Portmoak Community Council

News from the November Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on Tuesday 14 November at Portmoak Primary School were: Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Sue Mitchell-Henry, Bob Drysdale, Jim Shepherd, Alistair Smith, WPC Hardie and several members of the public. There were apologies from Cllr Barnacle.

Police Report

WPC Hardie reported that there had been four instances of counterfeit money being presented in Kinross. The Police ask that if anyone is presented with counterfeit money that they report the description of the person and any vehicle type and registration number that was involved.

The Safer Scotland Campaign runs from 6 November to 3 December. The Police are concentrating on alcohol related violence this year.

Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman and the Secretary had a meeting on site with Jim Lochhead of Stephens. The CC have been given contacts for considering setting up a Trust to take over the ownership of the land and will also have a meeting with AWG to consider the management of the land and what requires to be carried out on it.

The Chairwoman had attended the last meeting of CP&KCC and found it very worthwhile to see how other CCs were coping. From this she felt that Portmoak CC were obviously managing their affairs very well.

The Chairwoman had spoken to P&KC regarding affordable Housing and the latest practices regarding P&KC controlling the same. These will be applied to the Wellside development.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary had received a response from Mr Ian Sleith enclosing a copy of the latest rules on Delegated Power decisions in the Development Control Department.

Portmoak Web Site: Mr Paul Haslam, the CC's web site manager, attended the meeting to discuss any future proposals for the use and development of the web site. He proposed the setting up of interactive forums on the web site, so that people in the community should be able to respond and enable the CC to hear the feelings of the community. He would like to also encourage local businesses to use the site to advertise their businesses and develop further links with other local sites. He is very open to ideas and would also appreciate any assistance that anyone wishes to give. The Chairwoman thanked Mr Haslam for all his hard work that he does for the Community, which is very much appreciated.

Paths Group: CCllr Bob Drysdale had walked the path up the side of the Bishophill Golf Course and the field above Whitecraigs, which is being discussed with Stephens, along with Niall Loble, P&KC Ranger and Janet Croft from TRACKS. The BBC programme, 'Autumn Watch', had highlighted the availability of funds for opening up 'Breathing Spaces' in the countryside, and the above lands might qualify. CCllr Drysdale will pursue the possibility of applying for funds, although it was pointed out that the Stephens land was already under discussion and that funding would be available from Stephens. The application should therefore confine itself to the path alongside the Golf Course.

Kinross-shire Fund: The Fund is proceeding with fund raising, although there are no new projects being considered at the present. The next meeting will be on 11 December.

A911: There has been no response from P&KC Roads to the

CC's letter. Cllr Barnacle is going to pursue this with P&KC.

Planning Matters

Report on Meeting to discuss Future Structure Plan, Amended Housing in the Countryside Policy and Affordable Housing: Cllrs Barnacle and Robertson had convened a meeting, at which there were representatives from all the Kinross-shire CCs, the Kinross-shire Civic Trust and FORK. The purpose was to discuss the above three items. The Secretary summarised the conclusions of the meeting.

Basically, the group is totally opposed to the proposed increase in the provision of housing, particularly where it applies to Kinross-shire, which has by far the highest target. It sees the target as being unachievable, unsustainable and leading to furthering the urbanisation of Kinross-shire and long distance commuting, which is contrary to the government policy. It will also ruin the beautiful countryside, for which Kinross-shire is famous. It was also proposed that all the CCs should prepare a Long Term Strategy for development within their communities to the year 2020 in line with Fossoway, Kinross and Milnathort CCs.

The group was also very concerned about the amended Housing in the Countryside Policy, particularly with the introduction of the Clause for Brownfield sites, which has a very loose definition, leading to free scale development.

The group also discussed the latest policies being produced by P&KC for Affordable Housing.

Cllr Barnacle will draft a letter for all the groups attending to consider and support.

Planning Applications

06/02122/FUL: Conversion of loft and installation of 2 dormer windows, Inis Bheatha, Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood: No comment.

06/02156/FUL: Erection of a conservatory, Wellburn Scotlandwell, Kinross: No comment.

06/02209/NID: Formation of a park and ride facility, access road and vehicular parking area, land south west of Station Road, Kinross: No comment.

06/01449/OUT: Erection of a dwelling house (in outline), land at Newlands Wood, Newlands Farm, Wester Balgedie for the firm of Robert Erskine. Mr Erskine's planning consultant, Mr Forbes Morris, read a letter of justification for his client's development. The Chairwoman said the CC would read the letter.

Other Matters

Playing field: A local resident from Kinnesswood raised a question over the new amendments, which are being made to the playing field by the Primary School. Nobody seemed to be aware of the new plans and while being enthusiastic about the new developments for the children, he had one concern. This was the new very wide footpath, which was being constructed through the field, which, unless blocked in some way, could easily be used as a track for vehicles. The Secretary will contact P&KC.

Kinross Town Hall: Another resident raised a question regarding the old Kinross Town Hall and the use to which the funds raised from the sale of the Hall, would be put to. He was concerned that the funds should be used throughout Kinross-shire and not confined to Kinross. The Hall had been donated to Kinross-shire, by Andrew Carnegie. The Secretary will discuss with Cllr Barnacle.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held on Tuesday 12 December at 7.30pm in Portmoak Primary School.



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17 Dec Carol concert, Orwell Church at 7pm

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24th Christmas Eve and 4th Sun in Advent. 8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist/Christingle. 11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass.

25th Christmas Day. 10am Christmas Communion.

31st Christmas 1. 8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

January Services

7th Epiphany Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist Service of Light.

14th Epiphany 2. 8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

21st Epiphany 3. Christian Unity Week. 8.30am Holy Communion.

11am All Age Worship. Visiting Preacher.

28th Epiphany 4. 8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

Other Services

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Obituaries

DOUGLAS SMITH of Maryburgh, Blairadam, died peacefully in Perth Royal Infirmary on 5 November following a short illness.

Doug was the husband of Mary (née Stuart) for 52 happy years, Dad to Stuart and Wendy, Granddad to Shona, and father-in-law to Gloria and Claude.

Doug, an electronic engineer, brought his family to Scotland when his firm, Elliot Automation, moved north from Hertfordshire in 1965.

He was on the steering committee involved with the setting-up of community councils and was the first secretary of the Cleish & Blairadam Community Council.

He was a Trustee of the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam, for 40 years.

He also served on the management committee and as treasurer of the Kelty Community Centre (where Mary taught badminton) and as treasurer of the Kelty Community Council.

Until he became disabled, he was a keen cyclist and gardener.

He left his body to Medical Research at St. Andrews University and did not want a funeral.

Acknowledgements

BAYNE - Amy wishes to thank most sincerely all relatives and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy and cards received during her recent sad loss; thanks to Stewart Funeral Directors Ltd., for the arrangements, to the Rev. Robert Pickles for his comforting service, and to all those who paid their last respects at Orwell Parish Church, Milnathort.

Baptisms

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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

Storytelling, 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 1½yrs 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-SCHOOL 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





Notices

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association

The Annual General Meeting of Kinross & District Town Twinning Association will be held in Kinross Church Centre on **Tuesday 5 December** at 7.30pm. New and existing members welcome to help plan the visit next summer from our French Normandy twin town of Gacé.

Any one wishing information about our local twinning group should contact the Secretary, David Munro (01577) 862126.

3rd Kinross Guides Christmas Coffee Afternoon/Sale Sunday 17 December, 2 pm – 4 pm

3rd Kinross Guides are having a Coffee Afternoon and Sale to raise some money for Guide funds. It starts at 2 pm and finishes at 4 pm on 17 December. So come along and have a drink and some biscuits at the Millbridge Hall.

Hayfield Trust

This Trust exists to benefit the poor and needy of the Parish of Kinross.

As previously announced in the January/February edition of this Newsletter, the Trustees have decided to discontinue the practice of distributing relatively small cash awards to a number of people at Christmas time every year.

Instead the focus will be more on specific cases where it can be demonstrated that individuals who live in the Parish of Kinross fall within the definition of "poor and needy" and need the Trust's assistance. If you feel that you fall within this definition and would like to apply to the Trust for money for a particular purpose, or if you have a relative or know someone in such circumstances, then please apply in writing to the name and address shown below.

It should be stressed that the funds available to provide assistance are not enormous. The annual net income of the Trust is of the order of £2,500.00.

C C Watson, Esq
J L Anderson, 40 High Street
Kinross, KY13 8AN

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.

Portmoak Film Society CRAFT & FOOD FAIR

Portmoak Village Hall

Saturday 2 December

12 noon – 4 pm

Local gifts and crafts from within the community

Locally grown produce

Tea, coffee and cakes

Kinross-shire Churches COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Kinross High School Assembly Hall

Sunday 10 December

3pm (doors open at 2.30pm)

Combined Church Choirs, Primary School Choir

High School Brass Band, Crossfire Praise Band

High School Poetry Readings

Retiring Donation Come And Sing Carols

All Welcome!

Milnathort Women's Rural Institute CEILIDH AND STOVIE SUPPER

Thursday 18 January 2007

at 7.30pm

in Milnathort Town Hall

Music by the Orwell Ceilidh Band

Tickets: £5.00

Available from Cath Cochrane on 01577 863535

Refreshments Raffles Entertainment

Beekeeping in the Fife and Kinross Area

Fife Beekeepers' and Dunfermline and West Fife Beekeepers' Associations, which also covers the Kinross area, are very active associations and are keen to promote beekeeping further.

For a number of years I have held beginners classes and had a good response. I have decided to hold them again in 2007 and any beekeeper who wishes to increase their knowledge, or anybody keen to learn about beekeeping with a view to keeping honeybees as a hobby, are welcome to attend. The classes will be held in Portmoak Village Hall between 7.30pm - 9pm on the following Mondays:

15 and 29 January

12 and 26 February

12 and 26 March

9 April

There will be a charge to cover costs. For further information contact me at 01592 840582.

Enid Brown, Scotlandwell



Christmas Shopping at CHAS

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

Look out for the new Rachel House 10th Anniversary recipe book - the ideal Christmas present.

From books, toys, games, novelties and collectables to party clothes and jewellery, you will be spoiled for choice in the CHAS shops.

Bazaar Shops

76 and 88 High Street Kinross. Opening Hours 9.30am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. Telephone (01577) 861380.

CHAS Gift Shop

23 Avenue Road Kinross. Opening Hours 10am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. Telephone (01577) 865557.

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community

Open:

Tuesdays	7-9 pm
Thursdays	2-4 pm
Saturdays	10-12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185

Email: fcoffice@btinternet.com

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme ANNUAL BURNS SUPPER



Our fund raising **Burns Supper** will be held in the Windlestrae Hotel on **Monday 22 January 2007**, 7pm for 7.30pm.

Tickets priced £10 will be available from mid December. Contact Ann: 01577 840196, or Bill: 01592 840602. Always a good night with great entertainment, so don't forget.

Would anyone who wants **vegetarian haggis** please contact the Windlestrae Hotel themselves 24 hours before and they will note the name of persons who ask for it to prevent any mix up.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 22nd.

Kinross District Counselling Services

Kinross District Counselling Services offers a new, fully supervised, confidential counselling service brought to you in association with The Web Project. It is open to all-comers.

To make an appointment call Hilary 07930 682902 or Wendy 07762 892252 (donations welcome to cover costs).

You can see us at "The Web" 28 New Road, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



Programme 2006

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).

15 Jan "Course and Source of the River Devon" Geographic, physical and historical account of the life of the River Devon with native flora and fauna. Russell Young.

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.

Mobile Library, Milnathort

Every Second Wed - next visits **6 & 20 December**

Westerloan 1.45 pm - 3 pm

Bridgefauld Road 3.05 pm - 4 pm

Any queries: Phone (01738) 444949

A K Bell Library, Perth

Lodge St Serf 327



Tue 5 Dec **Regular Meeting** at 7.15pm,
Lodge AGM, also **Social Club**

AGM and Election of Social Club Committee. Test fees, PM's dues and Social Club fees now due. All members and their families are wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the RWM, PM's, Wardens and Office-bearers.

Fri 15 Dec 6.30pm, **Annual Installation of Office-bearers** for ensuing twelve months to follow. **Festival of St John** thereafter. A good attendance is requested.

Sat 16 Dec **Christmas Party**, 6pm. Santa is expected later that night.

Tue 2 Jan Regular Meeting has been **CANCELLED**.

Tue 17 Jan **Regular Meeting** at 7.15pm. Master Mason Degree.

Recycling of Waste Paper

P & KC Kerbside Collections

Kinross, Milnathort & Glenfarg

Thursday 21 December

Thursday 1 February

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.

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, or to make an appointment
Please call 01738 566100 or Fax 01738 566101

Please write to Andrew at
Scottish Parliament Headquarters,
Edinburgh EH99 1SP

Email: Andrew.Arbuckle.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Gordon Banks

MP For Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency

Regular Advice Surgeries - For dates of the locations,
or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact
his assistant on:

01259 721536 – Fax 01259 216761
Alternatively, write to Gordon at
49-51 High Street, Alloa FK10 1JF
or **House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA**

Perth & Kinross Councillors

GEORGE HAYTON (Kinross Town)

6 Montgomery Way, Kinross, KY13 8FD
Tel: 01577 863055 Email: gghayton@pkc.gov.uk

WILLIE ROBERTSON (Milnathort & North Kinross)

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA
Tel: 01577 865178 Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

MICHAEL BARNACLE (Kinross-shire)

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

Blythswood Care

Somerfield's Car Park

19 December between 10.30 am and 11 am
Further details from 862258

Tai Chi Classes

Church Centre, Kinross
Tuesdays 7pm – 8.30pm
Thursdays 2pm – 3.30pm

Situations Vacant

Looking for a Job?
Have a look at the new Situations Vacant page
on the Community Website

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs E Thomas (01577) 863714
kcc@macthomas.org.uk

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Mrs M Traylor (01383)
830059, prvtraylor@ukonline.co.uk

Milnathort: Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025
joseph.giacomazzi@btopenworld.com

Fossoway & District: Secy: Mrs C Danks (01259)
742633, celia@dawsholm.demon.co.uk

Portmoak: Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

Kinross Temporary Library

County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

OPENING HOURS (as from 3 April 2006)

Mon	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm	
Tue	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm	6pm - 8pm
Wed	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm	6pm - 8pm
Thu	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm	6pm - 8pm
Fri	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm	
Sat	10am - 1pm		

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Aluminium and Steel Cans, HDPE & PET Plastic Bottles,
Glass, Garden Waste, Metal, Car Batteries, Engine oil,
Electrical Equipment, Paper, Fridges & Freezers, Textiles,
Phone Directories

OPENING TIMES

	April – Sept	Oct – March
Mon	3 pm – 7 pm	1 pm – 4 pm
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

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

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

Monday 26 February 3.30pm to 8.00pm
Tuesday 27 February 5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

The www.kinross.cc website
has recently included a

Situations Vacant page

Until July 2007 there will be no charge to advertise for staff on this page. All you have to do is send details of your vacancy by e-mail to: admin@kinrosscc or by post to:

The Grey House, 70 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY
or by phone to Pauline: 01577 862685

The more businesses that use this page the more people will visit to check for jobs and so the greater benefit there will be to the whole community.

Smiddy Singers CAROLS, CAKES & CANDLES

Join the Smiddy Singers
in their Annual Carol Concert
in aid of local charities
on

Tuesday 5 December
at 7.30pm

in the Church Centre, Kinross
Raffle

Admission (inc refreshments) £3.50
or tickets available from members

Kinross Floral Art Club Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

Thursday 7 December
at 7.15 pm

A demonstration by
Mrs K Marie Rutherford
“Christmas at Home”

New Members and Visitors Welcome

Final meeting of MILNATHORT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 7pm

Tuesday 9 January

Milnathort Town Hall

T.M. GARDEN SERVICES

Grass-cutting, Pruning,
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Garden Fences Painted
Garden Rubbish Removal

Work Carried Out to Customer Requirements

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Mob: 07891-088353

THE KINROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

can be purchased at the following outlets:

Newspplus, High Street, Kinross
Shoppextra, High Street, Kinross
David Sands, High Street, Kinross
Costcutters, Green Road, Kinross
Somerfield, Station Road, Kinross
The Post Office, Milnathort
Giacopazzi's, Milnathort
Glenfarg Post Office
Fossway Stores, Crook of Devon
The Garage or Shop, Kinnesswood
Tourist Information Office, Turfhill

(summer only)

Dobbie's Garden Centre, Turfhill
Kin Kraft, M90 Jct 6 Services Area
Powmill Stores
Stewart & Smart, Stirling Road, Milnathort

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

Christmas & New Year Holiday Arrangements



RECOMMENDED LAST POSTING DATES

Airmail

South & Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Far East (except Japan), Australia and New Zealand	8 Dec
USA, Canada, Japan and Eastern Europe	11 Dec
Western Europe	13 Dec

Within UK

Standard parcels	13 Dec
Second Class	16 Dec
First Class	19 Dec
Special Delivery	21 Dec
Special Delivery with Saturday guarantee	22 Dec

KINROSS POST OFFICE (David Sands)

Sat 23 Dec	open normal hours i.e. 8.30am - 1pm
Mon 25 Dec	closed
Tue 26 Dec	closed
Sat 30 Dec	open normal hours i.e. 8.30am - 1pm
Mon 1 Jan	closed
Tue 2 Jan	open 9am - 1pm

REFUSE COLLECTION

collections due on	will be uplifted on
Mon 25 Dec	Sat 23 Dec
Tue 26 Dec	Sun 24 Dec
Mon 1 Jan	Sat 30 Dec
Tue 2 Jan	Sun 31 Dec

RECYCLING CENTRE

Mon 25 & Tue 26 Dec	closed
Mon 1 & Tue 2 Jan	closed
Otherwise	normal hours

ENVIRONMENT SERVICE HELPLINE

01738 476476

The line will be closed from 3.30pm, Fri 22 Dec.
Reopens 8.45am, Wed 3 Jan
www.perthshire.com/wasteandrecycling

LOCH LEVEN HEALTH CENTRE

Mon 25 & Tue 26 Dec	closed
Mon 1 & Tue 2 Jan	closed

As the Health Centre is closed at weekends, this will mean a four-day closure around Christmas, and again at New Year. When closed, Out of Hours Emergency Cover is provided by NHS24 and the Fife Out of Hours Co-operative.

NHS 24 telephone no. 08454 242424

Health Centre Emergency no. 01577 865252

KINROSS PHARMACY

Sat 23 Dec	open 9am - 5pm
Sun 24 Dec:	open 12 noon - 1pm
Mon 25 Dec:	closed
Tue 26 Dec:	closed
Sat 30 Dec	open 9am - 5pm
Sun 31 Dec:	open 12noon - 1pm
Mon 1 Jan:	open 12noon - 1pm
Tue 2 Jan:	open 12noon - 1pm

DAVIDSON'S CHEMIST, MILNATHORT

Mon 25 Dec:	open 12noon - 1pm
Tue 26 Dec:	open 12noon - 1pm
Mon 1 Jan:	closed
Tue 2 Jan:	closed

KINROSS LIBRARY

www.perthshire.com/library

Sat 23 Dec	normal hours i.e. 10am-1pm
Sun 24 - Tue 26 Dec	closed
Wed 27 Dec	10-1, 2-5, 6-8
Thur 28 Dec	10-1, 2-4
Fri 29 Dec - Tue 2 Jan	closed
Wed 3 Jan onwards	normal hours

LOCHLEVEN LEISURE CENTRE

www.liveactive.co.uk

Mon 18 & Tue 19 Dec:	closed for staff training
Wed 20 - Sun 24 Dec:	normal opening hours
Mon 25 & Tue 26 Dec:	closed
Wed 27 - Fri 29 Dec:	12noon - 8pm
Sat 30 & Sun 31 Dec:	12noon - 4pm
Mon 1 & Tue 2 Jan:	closed
Wed 3 Jan onwards:	normal hours

REGISTRAR'S, COUNTY BUILDINGS

Telephone 01577 867607

Mon 25 Dec	closed
Tue 26 Dec	open 9am - 1pm
Wed 27 - Fri 29 Dec	closed
Sat 30 Dec	open 9am - 1pm
Mon 1 Jan	closed
Tue 2 Jan	closed
Wed 3 Jan	normal hours resume

TRANSPORT

For detailed public transport information:

National Traveline 0870 6082608

P&KC Transport Unit 0845 3011130

For changes to local bus timetables over the festive season, see the public transport section at www.pkc.gov.uk



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Sat	2	Christmas Craft & Food Fair (Portmoak Film Society)
Sat	2	Family History Day, A K Bell Library
Sat	2	St Andrews Coffee Morning (Boys & Girls Brigade) in Church Centre
Sat	2	Diabetes voluntary group meets
Sun	3	Christmas Shopping at CHAS
Tue	5	Kinross and District Art Club AGM
Tue	5	Fossoway CC meets
Tue	5	Lodge St Serf meets regularly
Tue	5	Kinross & District Town Twinning Association AGM
Tue	5	Smiddy Singers: Carols, Cakes and Candles
Wed	6	Kinross CC meets
Wed	6	Mobile Library visits Milnathort fortnightly
Thu	7	Kinross Floral Art Club meets
Thu	7	Camera Club meets weekly (except 28 Dec)
Thu	7	Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club meets
Sat	9	Concert at Common Grounds
Sun	10	Kinross-shire Churches Community Christmas Celebration
Mon	11	Santa in his sleigh visits Scotlandwell and eastern villages (Round Table)
Mon	11	Cleish & Blairadam CC meets
Tue	12	Portmoak CC meets
Tue	12	Santa in his sleigh visits Kelty (Round Table collection)
Wed	13	Santa in his sleigh visits Milnathort (Round Table collection)
Thu	14	Kinross & District Pipe Band AGM
Thu	14	Barefoot Books event at Fair Break Cafe
Thu	14	Santa in his sleigh visits Kinross South (Round Table collection)
Thu	14	Kinross Garden Group meets
Thu	14	Milnathort CC meets
Fri	15	Santa in his sleigh visits Crook of Devon and western villages
Sun	17	Santa in his sleigh visits Kinross North (Round Table collection)
Sun	17	3rd Kinross Guides Christmas Coffee Afternoon/Sale
Tue	19	Blythswood Carecollection at Somerfield's
Sat	23	Christmas celebration and raffle at Fair Break Cafe
Thu	28	Portmoak Film Society: Wallace & Gromit in Curse of the Were-Rabbit

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Tue	9	Kinross and District Art Club meets
Sat	13	Portmoak Film Society: Touching the Void
Thu	18	Milnathort WRI Ceilidh and Stovie Supper
Fri	19	Talk by Director of UK Africa Fellowship Initiative at Common Grounds
Sat	20	Fisdy Music children's workshops and family concert
Mon	22	KVG&ROS Burns Supper
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Fri	2	Perthshire Brass play at Parish Ch, 7.30pm to aid St Paul's and Parish Ch