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CC = Community Council

Cllr. = Councillor

CCllr = Community Councillor

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## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCILS



### KINROSS CC

#### News from the August Meeting

Vice Chair, D Cuthbert welcomed CCllrs Mrs E Thomas (Secretary), Mrs C Drummond, Mrs D Mackay and P Zarb to the meeting held on 2 August. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs W Robertson and G Hayton, PC Child, DCI Colin Mackay, M Scott (Minute Secretary) and ten members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs D Colliar, I Jack, B West, R McConnell and Mrs M Blyth, and P&K Cllr M Bamacle.

**Police Report:** Detective Chief Inspector Colin Mackay introduced himself and explained that he was a member of the Western Division Command Team, heading up the divisional C.I.D. His team are responsible for areas such as Community Safety and Crime Reduction and are involved in situations involving serious and violent crime, anti social behaviour, vandalism, domestic housebreaking and car crime. The latter two are at low levels in our area. However there has been a slight increase in figures in other categories in comparison to the same period last year. DCI Mackay invited questions from those present on any local issues, however no queries were raised at this time. He offered to have a representative attend the CC meetings whenever possible.

CCllr Mackay raised the matter of children loitering in Green Park until around 10.30 pm. PC Child reiterated that if anyone had any concerns as to the behaviour of children/youths they should contact the police at the time.

#### Matters Arising

**Loch Leven:** A communication was received from Alastair Wallace, Secretary of Scottish Anglers National Association, regarding the current position on the Loch. Mr Wallace has been invited to come along to our next meeting when SNH are due to come and talk about their management of the loch.

**Dental Services:** The outcome of the recent meeting was summarised by Cllr Robertson who attended on the day along with Cllrs Hayton and Bamacle and CCllr Thomas. Also present were two representatives from the NHS, the Clinical Director of Dental Care and the General Manager of NHS Tayside, Mr Bill Nicoll. (See page 9 for more details).

**Mortuary Rates Demand:** Cllr Hayton advised that he had again raised this matter, explaining that the CC were unaware of the contract which had been entered into some years ago and to the fact that it would be held responsible for rates on the mortuary. It was agreed that CCllr Thomas would write to P&KC asking that the claims for back payments be waived

for this reason. Cllr Hayton commented that in his opinion the account for rates should be the responsibility of the "Light Up Kinross" Committee and not the CC. It was suggested that Light Up Kinross check the possibility of obtaining a grant to help pay the rates demands. It was noted that P&KC do not fund Christmas lights.

**Golf Ball:** A response is still awaited from the Roads Engineer regarding the lights, however the site is now up for sale and it was suggested that an approach should be made direct to the agents with regard to the lights being switched off, although they might be using the lights as a security measure. Cllr Robertson stated that he hoped that the prospective purchaser would develop the site in a creative way for the benefit of the area and that the Golf Ball would also be preserved.

Two members of the public, Alan and Fiona Barnes, stated an interest in the site, which is being sold by Defence Estates Rosyth. They wish to develop the area into a Military History/Heritage Site, which would be both interesting and educational and possibly attract tourists to the area. They requested support from the CC into this venture. A closing date for offers is to be set and prospective purchasers have also to provide details of their planned use of the site. The CC was pleased to endorse this proposal and it was agreed that CCllr Thomas would write a letter of support to the Defence Estates. It was also agreed that she should write to Historic Scotland regarding the preservation of the Golf Ball.

**A977 Meeting** with Cllr Bamacle: CCllrs McConnell and Colliar had been unable to attend the recent meeting. Representatives from Fossoway CC and FORK attended and submitted suggestions to P&KC, however these proved to be unacceptable. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting of Fossoway CC with staff from P&KC Roads in attendance. CCllr Thomas will check if CCllr Colliar is available on that date.

**Invitation from Perth & Kinross Leisure:** Further details were received regarding the Invitation to Brunch on 21 August. CCllr Thomas will circulate the information to the CCllrs.

**Planning Resubmissions:** CCllr Thomas had written to P&KC asking why amendments to planning applications are not re-advertised. A reply stated that they follow a set procedure in such cases. It was noted that the neighbours are advised of the amendment should it affect them. It was agreed that we would not pursue this matter.

**Public Toilet Signs:** The signs are still awaited and the notice at Kirkgate Park has yet to be removed.

The new signs will, hopefully, be in place within the next two/three weeks.

**Convention of P&KCCs:** A communication was received requesting that we approach the sub-postmasters in our area inviting them to a meeting to be arranged regarding the continuance of local Sub-Post Offices. CCllr Thomas will approach the Post Office with this request.

#### **Planning Matters**

There were various applications for domestic extensions etc on which on comment was raised. The CC had no objection to an application (06/01575/FUL) for a change of use from Class 1 (shop) to Class 2 (office use) at 60 High Street.

Change of Use from Haulage Yard to residential (nine dwellinghouses) with garages and formation of new access (06/01517/FUL) at Kellieside: the plans for this development were available for examination and discussed. It was noted that this development was proposed for a brownfield site. No objections were raised.

Cllr Robertson advised that the policy of Scottish Water is not to adopt small private water schemes. Some discussion was held on the sewage problems in Kinross.

It was noted that this application had not appeared on the Kinross CC list on the Public Access website and that this is a common occurrence. This was due to the incorrect data insertion when the application was originally added to the website. It was agreed that CCllr Thomas would contact Mr Sleith to request the recording of the identity of the CC on applications on the website. It was also agreed that she would request details of the applications determined for each month.

#### **Report from P&K Cllrs**

Cllr Hayton advised that he has inspected the plans for the new **Recycling Centre**, which involves a greater area of land and allows for a variety of materials to be collected.

A new **Community Officer** will be based at the High School from this month.

A **Youth Partnership Meeting** has been scheduled for 17 August. Members of The Youth Partnership are represented by different youth groups in the area and their first issue will be in relation to the provision of a portable football field.

There are 13 missing **toby covers** in Kinross. Scottish Water are aware of the situation. They have been reported and re-reported.

Cllr Robertson advised that the **Berry Fest** in the Market Park on Saturday proved to be very successful. This was organised by Kinross Partnership and the local Tourist Group with the support of P&KC. Kinross Estate Company are to be applauded for their efforts in clearing the Park and supporting this venture. The Secy was asked to write to Mr J Montgomery in this regard. Again, in conjunction with Kinross Partnership it is hoped to run a Farmers Market in the Market Park on a quarterly basis.

**Fairtrade Signs** are now on display within the County.

#### **Area Based Initiative:**

A paper will be circulated to CC Members when available in regard to the development of the Town Centre.

**Loch Leven Heritage Trail:** Cllr Robertson thanked the CC for their support with the problems encountered by TRACKS with SNH which had now been overcome.

CCllr Mackay mentioned that the fence at the children's play park at **Green Park** has still to be erected. Cllr Hayton will follow this up with P&KC.

An offer has been received for the derelict property at **Swansacre**; the building is to be used for a retail establishment below and a flat above.

**Logo:** It was suggested that we should approach Kinross Partnership with regard to the proposed Logo to ask that they approach another design company.

**Stewart Milne Homes development:** Cllr Robertson asked the CC for their comments on the suggested name for the development at Lethangie, i.e. Burnbank Wynd. After consideration the name put forward for consideration was Burnbank Meadows.

#### **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

A letter was received from a Kinross resident raising various matters in relation to the grounds maintenance of shrubbery, signs blocked by trees etc. This communication was handed over to Cllr Hayton.

Public Holiday Dates for 2007: CCllr Thomas read out the list to those present and they were accepted without amendment.

Liquor Licence Renewal, Muirs Inn: no objection.

Ivy Cottage: Notification of Appeal regarding application for demolition of this property. There is to be a site meeting with the Scottish Reporter on 15 August. CCllr Thomas offered to attend on behalf of the CC.

SNP: Booklet to be read and comments invited.

Also further miscellaneous correspondence and leaflets, which were circulated to the CCllrs as appropriate.

#### **Other Matters**

Cllr Barnacle had advised of two forthcoming meetings, one in relation to projected growth in Population of Kinross-shire and the other, provisionally scheduled for 29 August, for all local Core Path Groups. CCllr Zarb and one other Kinross

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## MILNATHORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### News from the August Meeting

Cllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed Cllrs Ross, Porter, Cottingham and Bennet to the meeting held on 10 August. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Robertson, Minute Secretary E Rougvié, PC Child and 15 members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Thomson.

**Minutes of previous meetings:** The minutes of both the June meeting and the extra meeting in July were proposed by Cllr Ross and seconded by Cllr Porter.

**Police Matters:** PC Child said there was little to report other than a few minor incidents. He assured the meeting that the matter of a car left in Wester Loan after 'T in the Park' would be investigated.

### Matters arising from June meeting

Cllr Giacopazzi reported that there was no change in the position regarding the proposed junction at the new Kinross Health Centre. He had received a copy of the letter that doctors had written to KCC expressing their concerns about the layout.

Cllr Giacopazzi said he had attended a meeting on 28 June at the invitation of P&KC Economic Development. He had made some comments about Milnathort, but since the session concerned projects in Kinross, he was effectively present as an observer.

Cllr Bennet had a photograph of a new barrier erected on Burleigh Road, which she felt was too short. She said that she would write to P&KC's Road Department to ask if it could be extended.

Responding to an observation by Cllr Bennet that there were no new play facilities in Donaldson Park, P&KC Cllr Robertson said work was due there as part of a rolling programme of improvements to local parks. It was agreed that Cllr Robertson would invite the Area Parks Manager to the September meeting of the CC to provide an update.

**Historical Society:** Robin Eadie, President of Kinross-shire Historical Society, was in attendance to discuss the erection of history/story boards around the village, and had brought some suggestions as to their content. Cllr Giacopazzi indicated that part of the cost could be borne by the CC, with the rest being raised by sponsorship. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Giacopazzi would liaise with Cllr Robertson about the possibility of receiving a grant towards signage from the P&KC Heritage Trust, and would keep in touch with Mr Eadie.

**Licence renewals:** Licence renewals for Giacopazzi's and the Jolly Beggars were noted.

**Correspondence:** In addition to several leaflets and circulars that were noted, the following matters were discussed:

**Core Paths Group:** Cllr Bennet indicated that she would be attending a meeting of local Core Paths Group representatives on 29 August. With regard to the Loch Leven Heritage Track, Cllr Robertson said that the project had been delayed by Scottish Natural

Heritage, who, despite having been involved in devising the route and not raising any objections when planning consent was sought, had then expressed concerns about the effect it would have on bird life. Cllr Robertson said he was 'appalled' by their action, but the Council had managed to get around the objections and work had now started. The first phase was due for completion in March 2007, and the surface would be similar to that of the track adjacent to the golf course.

**Population/Planning Meeting:** Cllrs Cottingham and Ross agreed to attend a meeting in the Green Hotel on 23 August about the future of the area in terms of planning. Since Dunfermline had almost reached capacity as far as building was concerned, developers were now looking to Kinross-shire, and it was felt that it was very important that the CC should be represented.

**Town Hall:** A letter was received from Patricia Clark of the Milnathort Town Hall Association, which indicated that the Town Hall faced an uncertain future because most of the members now wished to step down. Cllr Porter said she had been a member of the Association for a lot longer than 10 years and it was now very difficult to find people with the necessary commitment. She explained that the Association was classed as a tenant by P&KC and if more members could not be found the responsibility for the hall would be handed back to the Council. Cllr Porter said that the Association met only two or three times a year and did not have any duties, since a caretaker was employed. Cllr Robertson expressed a concern that the completion of the new Community High School in Kinross in 2008 would have a detrimental effect on the hall. He felt that it was important that a strong local committee should run the Town Hall as it was used almost every night and was an important part of the community. Cllr Giacopazzi suggested that the CC could become keyholders, and after discussion it was agreed that Cllr Porter would put this idea to the Association's AGM on 23 August.

**Water quality:** A letter was received from a resident of Old Perth Road about the quality of the water in Milnathort, which she said tasted earthy. Cllr Robertson said that after he had mentioned this issue in the summer edition of 'Focus', a number of people had contacted him with similar complaints. He had written to Scottish Water asking what they intended to do about it, and it was agreed that Cllr Giacopazzi would also write.

**Advertising boards:** correspondence was received from P&KC regarding 'A' frame boards on pavements, and asking for the CC's views. It was agreed that this was not a particular problem in Milnathort, and the Chairman would reply to that effect.

**Convention of P&KCCs:** it was agreed that the CC would join at a cost of £15 per year.

**Wallboard:** Mr John Meade was in attendance to speak to a letter he had written offering the CC space on a wallboard in South Street. This was agreed in principle on the basis that it would be a useful way to display CC information.

**Planning matters:** The following applications were noted: an extension to dwelling house at 16 Linden Park Terrace; change of use from agricultural to residential at Mawcarse Farm, and the erection of five industrial units north of Ladeside Yard, Stirling Road.

**Wester Loan:** CCllr Giacopazzi confirmed that the CC had lodged a holding objection to the proposed development at Wester Loan, on the basis that it would not have been proper to lodge a formal objection since the CC did not have the official plans before them when the matter was discussed at a special meeting on 15 July. However, the official plans and the plans they had worked from at that time were identical. Since then, P&KC Roads had submitted a negative report on one of the issues on which the objection was based – ie parking. The Historical Society had also said it would not recommend the development because it was out of character with the rest of the area.

Mr David Colliar, the applicant, told the meeting that there had been several modifications to the original plans, which, it was hoped, would be submitted shortly. Since there was an ongoing discussion with Roads, there was little point in discussing the existing plans. Cllr Robertson explained that in cases where a piece of land was considered to be strategically significant, a planning brief was drawn up, and the CC agreed that they would ask for one from P&KC. Mr Peter Hessey pointed out that many people weren't against the development per se, but were concerned about it in terms of its height. CCllr Giacopazzi stressed that in asking for a planning brief the CC were not bound by anything. Mr Colliar then said he was 'disappointed' in CCllr Giacopazzi, who he said had wanted to purchase the same site two years ago with a view to building houses on it. He considered him to be 'hypocritical' by now asking for a planning brief. CCllr Giacopazzi replied that this was supposition, and no official offer had ever been made in writing. Mr Colliar stressed that the original plans were no longer valid; new plans had been submitted and could well be acceptable to everyone. CCllr Ross said that he didn't think there was any objection to sympathetic development of the site – indeed, it would be widely supported, but it was the nature of the development that was causing concern.

**Extension of Balado Activity Centre:** Although the majority of Balado Activity Centre is in the Kinross area, the application was for a site falling within Area 49 (Milnathort) and, after discussion, it was agreed that the CC would ask for some more information because of the possible effects on neighbouring properties.

**'Golf Ball':** Mr Alan Barnes was in attendance to

speak to a letter he had written asking for the CC's support for plans to make an offer to the Defence Estates for the NATO 'golf ball' satellite station in Kinross, which had been put up for sale, with a view to turning it into a military museum. The CC agreed that any venture that brought tourism to the area would be good, and, after ascertaining that KCC Chairman David Colliar had no objection, decided to write in support of the project and outlining its benefits.

**Community Councillors:** The CC is currently short of two members, and anyone interested should apply to the Chairman, enclosing a brief CV. In the event of more than two applications being received, an election will be held.

#### **Other Business**

**Cycle track:** CCllr Giacopazzi said that he had received complaints about cars and a motor bike using the cycle track, and had passed them on to the Police.

**T in the Park traffic:** KCC Chairman David Colliar said some of the traffic diversions in place for T in the Park this year were disconcerting. He felt it would be worthwhile to discuss the arrangements with the event's organisers, and would keep MCC informed.

**Tillywhally Wood:** CCllr Ross reported that P&KC Community Services had expressed an interest carrying out improvements at Tillywhally Wood, and agreed to investigate the matter in terms of possible costs.

Mr Colliar then returned to the issue of the plans for **Wester Loan**. He asked the CC to clarify whether they were applying for a planning brief and, if so, he asked for the reason. CCllr Giacopazzi replied that it was an exercise in information-gathering and was a duty of the CC.

**The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 14 September in Milnathort Primary School.**

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### **This Dog Owner Does Not Unite 09.08.06**

I was amazed and saddened to read criticism of the recent improvements at Burleigh Sands, in the August newsletter.

I walk my dog (and my three year old son!) from Burleigh Sands car park on a very regular basis. The new gate from the car park is much easier to negotiate with a three-wheeled pushchair than the previous 'kissing gate'. However, I consider the much wider, drier and more level, gravel-surfaced path to be the biggest improvement, as it allows easy access in all weathers. The original path was so narrow that the back two pushchair-wheels ran through long grass, and unfortunately often through dog faeces too (particularly annoying when I clean up after my own dog...). My son loves the bird-hide, and every walk has to include a visit! Although I don't consider myself a bird-watcher, I find sitting inside is relaxing as it gives the feeling of being out on the water. Incidentally, I often meet other dog-walkers in there! NB The point of a bird-hide is to make people inconspicuous to birds, not for the building to be inconspicuous to people!

Burleigh Sands now looks welcoming and well-maintained. It is easily accessible to virtually everyone, and the new seats and bird-hide encourage visitors to stay longer to fully appreciate this beautiful spot. Surely, the more people who care about the countryside, the safer its future? A big thank-you to everyone involved

Shire End Farm  
Forgandenny

Mrs Claire Murison

### **The Kinross-shire Logo 20.08.06**

As Chairperson of the group involved in progressing the Logo, I would like to respond to the letters in the August issue of the Newsletter; knowing how the Logo has been conceived and progressed will, I trust, be informative and put the situation in context.

A logo should not be confused with a Coat of Arms, in that one is to convey a quite different message from the other. Were it a Coat of Arms for Kinross-shire we envisaged, many of the suggestions from Marie Young would be valid and helpful.

The concept of a logo came from the Kinross-shire Tourism Group as a means of communicating a specific message. It was not intended that it be used to convince tourists to visit our Shire, although it may well do so, but rather to give a clear message to

visitors when they arrive here. The message is that here is a strong and active community set in an area where there is lots to do. As visitors see the Logo in shops, in accommodation providers, in eating places, in activity centres and indeed on the cars of local residents, we hope to convey the sense of a community working together and taking pride in Kinross-shire.

With all this in mind we sought the support of Kinross-shire Partnership under whose auspices a steering group was formed. That group invited a representative from all the Community Councils in the Shire and from the Tourism Group and the Partnership to meet together, the intention being to seek community-wide involvement in the progressing of the design.

It was agreed that our area has a wonderful historical heritage and location but it was the wide range of activities that we decided to focus on. We decided to invite proposals from two established professional graphic designers in the area giving them a brief on that basis. They produced designs which were quite different in appearance and the steering group spent many hours deliberating before deciding on the present concept. That it is not universally accepted is reflected in the fact that the group's decision was not unanimous, but was however the choice of the majority.

We have sought further confirmation of the design by means of a questionnaire in the July Newsletter, on the Kinross website and at the Kinross Show. As a result of these responses we know that by far the majority accepted the proposed Logo and of those, two thirds preferred one particular design (see elsewhere in this edition).

Please give this your support. It was never going to be possible to please everyone, but we would ask that the people of Kinross-shire accept the Logo chosen by a wide representation from our area and approved by many more. As the Logo becomes a familiar sight we trust that the initial aim for it will be fulfilled.

Ewan Cathcart

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### **LOOKING FOR CONTACT DETAILS?**

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

**www.kinross.cc**

## **Auld Mart Estate, Milnathort**

### **– Maintenance of Open Spaces 20.08.06**

Some of your readers will be aware (through Community Council news) that an issue arose recently in relation to maintenance of the 'open spaces' on the Auld Mart estate, Milnathort. It transpired that, whilst these had been maintained over the years by the builders (A & J Stephen) it was suggested they were now the responsibility of the residents. The cost of the Council adopting this land was identified as running into many thousands of pounds – and not something considered an option by many of the householders, for various reasons.

After I raised the issue at a Milnathort Community Council meeting, P&KC Cllr Robertson arranged an open meeting between the builder, P&KC's Outdoor Services department and the residents; the Community Council were also notified and I requested that they send a representative.

The meeting was held in Milnathort Town Hall and was attended by a significant number of residents (almost 60).

Residents eloquently put forward their views and, following various exchanges, the Stephen's representative agreed to return to his Board of Directors with a view to securing a substantial contribution towards adoption.

Residents have recently been informed by Cllr Robertson that A & J Stephen has now offered to pay the **full cost** of adoption.

This is a major achievement in community terms and I would, first of all, like to thank all the residents of the Auld Mart Estate for their collective and wholehearted commitment to resolving this matter to our mutual satisfaction. Well done! I would also like to thank Cllr Robertson for his involvement; it is much appreciated. The input from Mike Constable, Head of Outdoor Services was invaluable and I believe he may have set a record by being the first (and last, perhaps?!) P&KC Officer to receive a round of applause from a group of Kinross-shire residents! I am, of course, sure that all the residents acknowledge Stephen's offer and are satisfied that they decided to resolve the matter so judiciously.

It is just a pity that the Community Council did not consider it a significant enough (community) issue for them to send a representative to the meeting. As it turned out, the Auld Mart estate residents didn't need their support. In the end, we achieved our desired outcome through a fantastic display of community spirit and, of course, a collective will throughout the period of resolution. Well done again to all concerned!

15 Auld Mart Road

L Haworth

Milnathort

## **Gacé Visit**

**10.08.06**

The Town Twinning Group has just returned from Gacé after a very enjoyable visit, which will be reported on elsewhere. This year we were accompanied by a group of Scouts and Boys Brigade members. We would like to record our admiration for the youngsters whose behaviour was admirable. Despite some tiring events during the visit, which we adults found difficult to cope with, these girls and boys continued to attract our admiration. There must have been a few disputes amongst them but these never caused any cause for concern. We have to also say thanks to their leaders for working tirelessly throughout our stay.

Alison Hogg & Ann Harley

2 Hatchbank Road

Town Twinning Group

**1.08.06**

### **A slightly abridged copy of a letter sent to Kinross CC on behalf of the Scottish Anglers National Association.**

From the July meeting and as reported in the August edition of the Kinross CC Newsletter on page two under 'Loch Leven Heritage Trail', it is noted that you (KCC) intend to invite Scottish Natural Heritage to your next meeting to discuss the delays in the Heritage Trail and importantly from our point of view, "the decline in fishing on Loch Leven over the last few years".

With all due respect to your Committee, we feel that there are others including ourselves as the governing body for the sport of Game Angling in Scotland, who might be better placed to give a relatively unbiased view of pertinent reasons with up to date and relevant information why the situation at Loch Leven has been allowed to develop to where it is at present. We have a meeting scheduled with Rhona Brankin MSP, to specifically discuss the situation of Loch Leven and we intend to meet with our local Councillors as well. We currently are running a petition in some of the local shops in Kinross, over this very issue.

It is disappointing to read in the latest Newsletter (August) under the report from the Loch Leven NNR where like last month, there is no reference whatsoever of the situation about the reduction in boats or the demise of the loch as a major tourist attraction and angling centre. The report glows with reports on rare plants and bird life at Burleigh hide and Vane farm and seems to fully illustrate where SNH's priorities really lie.

We feel that the refusal by SNH to allow modified control of cormorant numbers on Loch Leven may be the final nail in the coffin of this world-renowned water. It would appear that SNH - supposedly the guardian of the natural heritage of Scotland - has little regard for the overall welfare of Loch Leven. It seems to care even less that the demise of this famous angling venue will have a serious effect on the local economy and jobs.

Another question being asked is, when the cormorants have finished with Loch Leven, which Scottish fishery will be next on the easy "ready-meal" menu and will no doubt have to cease trading as a result?

If there are any doubts about the attitude of SNH to angling, read the following from one of its recent reports:

*"Some recreational activities do fall outside SNH's remit. These include field sports such as angling and shooting which are normally a form of private or commercial use of land and water, and fall outside issues of access rights. Also the way in which these recreational activities are practised, and their commercial links and special management needs, put them well beyond SNH's remit to facilitate public enjoyment."*

And to whom is this un-elected, anti-field sports quango answerable? Well, Parliament you would assume. Angling brings at least £113 million pounds annually into the Scottish economy – that's more than golf does, so on economic grounds alone, our MSPs should pay some attention to what we have to say. Politicians need to ask questions about why this has happened and seek explanations regarding the proper role of SNH in the **real** world of today where its track record on Scottish native fish has been abysmal. Far from being "inclusive" and taking a holistic view of Scottish nature, SNH appears "elitist" with a definite anti-angling bias.

A press release published by SANA in response to SNH over the Loch Leven situation dated 2 June said:

The fact that sea going Cormorants inhabit Loch Leven in large numbers and cause great damage to fish stocks is undeniable. But Scottish Natural Heritage attempts to dismiss this and produces cormorant population figures which, in the view of *another* Government agency, are grossly **under-stated**.

We are looking at the loss of what was a renowned world class fishery and, perhaps, the possible extinction of its specific type of indigenous brown trout. Along with many other people we feel SNH's track record over native fish species has been abysmal...it only seems to be interested in animals and birds.

It is no wonder SNH has been dubbed "the political wing of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds."

A 2005 report of a recent survey by Fisheries Research Services - a government agency - said that SNH appeared to have little interest in the overall status of the Loch Leven Brown Trout. The FRS report shows that the figures quoted by SNH of an average of 50 - 100 resident cormorants are wrong and, in all probability, refer to a period between 1983 and 1987. It adds that since 1988, "cormorant numbers have increased substantially" and, over the winter months, anywhere between 400 and 700 cormorants have been counted on the Loch. The estimated daily intake for each bird ranges from 1lb to 2½ lb of fish. This equates to an average annual loss of around 80,000lbs of fish, primarily trout.

These birds are a sea-going species of Cormorant.

Because of the collapse of their marine habitat, they have moved inland and are feeding on an indigenous freshwater species, which has benefited the local community and its economy for many years.

Recently, Colin Galbraith, a Senior Scientific Official with SNH, declared: "The answer is not to favour one threatened species over another but to work towards restoring the natural balance in our eco-system."

Is the Loch Leven situation an example of SNH's efforts to maintain a level playing field for all species? We believe there has been biased mismanagement by SNH and they should accept their responsibility for this fiasco.

Other angling interests in the area are concerned about which fishery will be next to suffer a similar fate and it has been suggested that some aspects of the present Freshwater Fisheries Forum Consultation Process are a waste of time, unless the question of predation in fisheries is tackled fairly.

Five years ago £331,000 from Sport Scotland, Loch Leven Estates and Scottish anglers was invested in the extension and refurbishment of the Loch Leven Centre in order to provide an improved facility for all visitors to the Kinross-shire water.

The entire angling fraternity, including Jamie Montgomery, are well aware that the decline in fishing is due to a complex problem, and while cormorant predation is most certainly a contributory factor, it is certainly not the most serious. Over the years large amounts of phosphates and nitrates have been discharged into the loch affecting water clarity and the whole eco-system of the loch including the sustainable habitat of the feeder burns where trout spawn. Research and survey work requires to be undertaken to determine exactly how sustainable the habitat is and what remedies, if any, are required to return the loch to its former glory.

Anglers feel that to lose this prestigious natural facility is a major loss to Scotland and that everything should be done to prevent this from coming to fruition. It should be remembered that the famous trout from Loch Leven have been sent to all parts of the world for example, Australia and New Zealand, South America. I hope this helps to clarify the position.

Alastair Wallace, Secretary, SANA

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## NEWS FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

St Serf's Medical Practice would like to announce that Dr Pat Carragher has left the practice. Dr Carragher has been a GP in Kinross for the past 19 years and he will be much missed by his patients, his partners, his colleagues in Orwell Medical Practice and all those who work in the Health Centre. Dr Carragher is leaving to pursue his interest in palliative medicine and everyone would like to wish him every happiness and success in the future.

Under the new GP Contract, patients are no longer technically registered with an individual GP, but with a practice. It is therefore not necessary for all of Dr Carragher's patients to be formally transferred to another GP. However, for administrative reasons, we have split Dr Carragher's patient list amongst the five remaining GPs in St Serf's Medical Practice – Dr Richmond, Dr Campbell, Dr Lyons, Dr Smith and Dr Pattison. This does not restrict patients' choice of GP and patients who used to see Dr Carragher may request an appointment with any of the St Serf's GPs.

Interviews have been conducted to find a replacement for Dr Carragher and also for Dr Rachel Birch who left us in March of this year. The practice is very pleased to announce that Dr Gordon Allott has been appointed to replace Dr Carragher. Dr Allott will be a full time GP. The partners are also delighted that Dr Anne Cunningham is joining them to replace Dr Birch. Dr Cunningham has been working in Perth and will be a part time GP working 5 sessions per week. Neither of the two new GPs will arrive until the beginning of November, so until then a locum, Dr Steven Terwey, will be working with St Serf's.

## NEW LORD LIEUTENANT

Sir David Montgomery has recently retired as Lord Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross. His successor is Brigadier Mel Jameson, who for the last eleven years has produced the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

## SWANSACRE LATEST

Although Cllr Hayton announced at the August meeting of Kinross CC that an offer for the derelict building on the corner of Swansacre and High Street had been accepted by P&KC, the buyer has since pulled out. However, there had been more than one party interested and it is still hoped that a sale can be agreed with a purchaser who is committed to developing the building.

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## SAVE NHS DENTISTRY

The Kinross Group met again on 16 August with fourteen people present, some new and some "regulars". We heard a report from a meeting in July with some of the group and representatives of NHS Tayside Community Health Partnership, Community Dental Services and Tayside Primary Care. Community and County Councillors were also present, who have been supporting our campaign. Thanks here to Cllr Robertson, who set up the meeting for us. After some discussion as to how many NHS patients in the Kinross area are now without a local NHS dentist, the following outcomes can be noted:

1. More efforts will be made to assess local need and demand.
2. Steps being taken by Tayside NHS to address the situation in the short and longer term will be better communicated to the public.
3. Mr Nicoll will look again at the possibility of including dental premises in the new medical surgery to be built on the Scotlandwell road.
4. An Advice Line for dental information in Perth & Kinross is being put in place before the end of 2006 where you can be put on a waiting list for an NHS dentist when one becomes available.
5. **"Toothache Priority 1st"** - Phone **01738 564261** (preferably before 8.30 am) if you or your children have toothache and you will be seen the same day.
6. In the short term, the use of a mobile dental unit for disadvantaged groups such as disabled people and children may be considered.
7. In the longer term a £3 million "Treat and Teach" dental surgery will be built in Perth. Recruitment of dentists has already started and 1.8 dentists in Perth, 0.8 in Dundee and 1 dentist in Angus will commence service in October.

We felt the meeting was helpful in terms of identifying a need to find out exactly how many people in the Kinross area need an NHS dentist but it is clear that there is no short term "fix". So pressure will need to be kept up to ensure that NHS Tayside doesn't take its eyes off the (Kinross) ball.

We have already collected 800+ signatures for our petition and will be laying them out in shops, newsagents and post offices again, so keep an eye out for them if you haven't already signed! A copy can be downloaded from the Kinross CC website. Click on "Local Issues" under "Community Pages" on the homepage and you will find the petition, plus a longer report of the above meeting.

We plan to lodge the petition with the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee soon so that our campaign can reach a wider audience and the politicians can hopefully exert more pressure on our behalf, as we know the situation is similar all over Scotland.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13 September** at 7pm in Kinross Church Centre. Please feel free to come along or contact Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825 if you can't make it but are interested in getting involved.

## KINROSS DISTRICT COUNSELLING SERVICE

Kinross District Counselling Service is a working partnership of Wendy Campbell from Kinross and Hilary Crook who lives in Dunfermline. The idea to form a counselling service in the Kinross area came about following discussion with the Rev Dr John Munro, Kinross Parish Church and the Web Project, Milnathort. Wendy and Hilary have completed the COSCA accredited Diploma in Counselling with Interface Training td. Edinburgh and are currently counselling with Falkirk Association for Mental Health. Wendy and Hilary are both members of the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists working within the ethical framework of that professional body. Both Wendy and Hilary are insured to practice across a broad spectrum of mental health issues. The service offers a fully supervised confidential service and is open to all. The service is free but donations will be welcome to cover costs. To make an appointment or just to find out more please call Hilary on 07930 682902 or Wendy on 07762 892252.

## FAIRTRADE NEWS

The Fairtrade Directory, which lists all of the places in the county where Fairtrade goods are available for purchase, was launched at a Wine & Cheese Evening on 30 August - this date being the first anniversary of the Fairtrade County status. You will have seen from the excellent road signs upon entering Kinross-shire that Kinross-shire is the first Fairtrade county in Scotland.

Look out for the Directory at many locations in Kinross-shire. As from 2 September Fairtrade products will also be available at 28 South Street in Milnathort, now called 'Fair Break'.

## KINROSS-SHIRE CIVIC TRUST

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KINROSS-SHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The judging for the best kept village competition took place on Wednesday 19th July and the results were as follows:

#### **Best Kept Village.**

- 1st Scotlandwell
- 2nd Kinnesswood
- 3rd Milnathort

#### **Best Kept Hamlet**

- 1st Easter Balgedie
- 2nd Cleish
- 3rd Blairingone

Most improved village or hamlet was Kinnesswood. The prize giving took place on 24th August Provost Bob Scott presented the prizes and help us celebrate the 40th anniversary of this competition.

## KINROSS LEARNING CENTRE

### **Who do you think you are?**

If the BBC's recent "Who Do You Think You Are?" series has inspired you to find out more about your own family history, then the Genealogy course on offer at Kinross Learning Centre in September could be just what you're looking for.

From early parish records to the high-tech register of birth, deaths and marriages at New Register House in Edinburgh, this ten-week course will explain how to start researching your family tree using paper-based and computerised information sources and overcome any hurdles that you come across.

September's programme also includes a number of courses for anyone seeking a more holistic approach to health and well-being. The healing properties of crystals and of traditional herbs and plants will be examined in two brand new courses for the Centre.

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, these classes have been designed to set you on the right track.

Welcome to Computing is an 8-week introduction to the PC, from mouse and keyboard skills to word-processing and making the most of the Internet and e-mail. Those with a little more experience can develop their skills with the five-week, Carry on Computing course.

The full September programme also includes a range of art classes, digital photography and image manipulation, French, German, Italian and Spanish available at a variety of levels and a beginners course in Microsoft Publisher allowing you to create attractive publications for your club or office.

The full programme is on page 11

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Antiques. Introduction	Fri 15 Sep	9.30-11.30am	52	10 weeks
Aromamagic. Introduction to Aromatherapy	Mon 23 Oct	9.30-11.30am	30	5 weeks
Art History – Scottish Painters	Wed 13 Sep	7-9pm	52	10 weeks
Art of Drawing 2	Mon 11 Sep	7-9pm	52	10 weeks
Art of Drawing 4	Wed 13 Sep	9.30-11.30am	52	10 weeks
Basic Maths and English	Thu	10am-noon		Ongoing
Carry on Computing	Mon 13 Nov	7-9pm	42	8 weeks
Carry on Computing	Tue 14 Nov	2-4pm	42	8 weeks
Creative Writing	Mon 11 Sep	2-4pm	52	10 weeks
Crystal Power – Healing Elements	Mon 28 Aug	9.30-11.30am	30	5 weeks
Digital Photography. Introduction	Wed 13 Sep	2-4pm	35	5 weeks
Festive Flower Arranging	Wed 25 Oct	2-4pm	30	5 weeks
Folklore and Herbal Medicine	Tue 19 Sep	9.30-11.30am	30	5 weeks
French 1	Thu 15 Sept	10.30am-12.30pm	52	10 weeks
French 6	Tue 13 Sept	10.30am-12.30pm	52	10 weeks
Genealogy	Thu 14 Sep	2-4pm	52	10 weeks
German 1	Thu 15 Sept	7-9pm	52	10 weeks
Italian 1	Wed 13 Sep	7-9pm	52	10 weeks
Local Medicinal Plants	Thu 2 Nov	9.30-11.30am	30	5 weeks
MS Publisher - Introduction	Thu 26 Oct	1130 - 1330	30	5 weeks
Patchwork and Quilting	Tue 31 Oct	9.30-11.30am	35	6 weeks
Photoshop/Elements. Introduction	Wed 13 Sep	7-9pm	35	5 weeks
Sage Accounting	Thu 14 Sep	4.30-6.30pm	80	12 weeks
Spanish 1	Mon 11 Sep	7-9pm	52	10 weeks
Spanish 4	Fri 15 Sep	9.30-11.30am	52	10 weeks
Spanish 4	Thu 14 Sep	6.30-8.30pm	52	10 weeks
Watercolours Stage 1	Wed 13 Sep	2-4pm	52	10 weeks
Watercolours Stage 4	Mon 11 Sep	2-4pm	52	10 weeks
Watercolours Stage 6	Fri 15 Sep	1.15-3.15pm	52	10 weeks
Welcome to Computing	Mon 11 Sep	7-9pm	42	8 weeks
Welcome to Computing	Tue 12 Sep	2-4pm	42	8 weeks

## POLICE BOX

**Parking:** Now that a new academic year is with us we would like to remind those people who take children to and from school in vehicles to be considerate about how they park when doing so. We understand that parents want to see their children, particularly the younger ones, safely on to school premises and on wet days ensure that the youngsters are as dry as possible when they arrive, but in doing so many people park their vehicles in a manner that compromises the safety of others. We have encountered, among other things, problems where cars are parked on the zigzag markings, obstructing the school crossing patroller, and on pavements whereby pedestrians are forced to walk on to the road to get past. Regretfully we have found the attitude of a small number of parents is that they don't care what happens to anyone else as long as their child arrives at and returns home from school safely. We all have a duty to ensure that everyone, particularly the children, are safe at all times.

We would also ask parents walking to school with their children to cross at and when directed to do so by the school crossing patroller. After all, they are there to ensure that the children cross safely and allowing the youngsters to think they can cross where and when they want is not a good example to set. Also, motorists should be aware that there are parking restrictions outside the main entrance to Kinross High school which are in force in the morning and again at home time. During those periods the only vehicles which should park there are school buses.

**Assistance from the Public:** In the June edition of the Newsletter we devoted the Police Box article to the above subject particularly in relation to members of the public reporting crimes when they happen or as soon thereafter as possible. Following an incident that occurred recently in the area, whereby a householder disturbed two persons on their property during the early hours of the morning and did not report it until



much later, would like to re-emphasise the need to report incidents at the time. It would appear the householder in question delayed calling the police because they felt that no real harm had been done and thought there would have been little chance of tracing those responsible. That

may have been the case but by calling us early we at least have the opportunity of detecting the perpetrators and there is a very good chance that our showing up in the area will prevent any further crime being committed.

We are very often told about incidents days or even weeks after they happen, usually when the person reporting happens to meet one of us in the street or at a meeting and we are asked "what are you doing about youths hanging about our street" or similar "it's happening every night". We then find that the incident described has either happened several days before or has been going on for several weeks. It considerably lessens the possibility to effectively deal with an incident if we are not informed at the time and makes it impossible if we do not know at all.

### **CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone No 0800555111**

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 Kevin Miller.

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**Kinross House and Gardens:** Described by Daniel Defoe as 'the most beautiful and regular piece of architecture in Scotland', Kinross House was built between 1679 and 1693 by Sir William Bruce. The formal garden with loggia, statues, fountain and impressive Fish Gate stretches down towards Loch Leven, with magnificent views of the castle where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned between 1567 and 1568. (GARDENS ONLY – Kinross House will not be open) **Saturday 1000 - 1800, Sunday 1000 - 1800.**

**St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church:** Built in 1874, St Paul's owes its presence and much of its subsequent decoration to the Montgomery Family of Kinross House. The Church reveals the Montgomery Family and other Kinross families' histories through numerous memorials, plaques and the beautiful stained glass windows. St Paul's will be decorated in readiness for the Harvest Festival. **Saturday 1200 – 1600, Sunday 1200 – 1600. Organ recital on Sunday afternoon:** STB Cat 2. Parking available in the Church grounds.

**Kinross Parish Church:** Kinross Parish Church was designed by Edinburgh architect George Angus in a 'perpendicular gothic' style and was built in 1832. Interestingly, the turret finials on the tower are replicas of those at Kings College Chapel, Cambridge. Angus also built similar churches for Kincardine and Kingskettle in Fife. The exterior has remained little changed apart from a small suite of rooms added in 1902 and the installation of the clock in 1930. In 2005, a major refurbishment of the interior was carried out creating an ideal environment for both the congregation and the wider community. **Saturday 1100 – 1400, Sunday 1400 – 1600:** SBC Cat 1. Refreshments. W.C. Parking in town centre.

**Burleigh Castle, Milnathort:** This impressive 15th/16th century tower house was the ancient seat of the Balfours. The 15th century keep and gatehouse remain with picturesquely located angle-turrets, vaulted cellar and turnpike stair rising to the hall and top floors. The south west round tower has skew-putts inscribed with I.B./M.B. 1582 and the red rose of the Balfours. **Saturday 1000 – 1700, Sunday 1000 – 1700.** In the care of Historic Scotland: un-staffed property. **Please do not park on hazardous roadside at Castle. Park in Milnathort and to walk to castle.**

**Michael Bruce Museum, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood:** On The Cobbles in Kinnesswood is the weaver's cottage where Michael Bruce, the "Gentle Poet of Loch Leven", was born in March 1746. Exhibits explain the history of the village, parchment-

making and weaving industries and the works of Michael Bruce whose 'Ode to the Cuckoo' was described by Edmund Burke as "the most beautiful lyric in our language". **Saturday 1030 – 1700. Photographic Exhibition 'The Bishopshire and its people':** STB Cat 3. Park on Main Street. Museum is located a short walk up The Cobbles that leads off from Main Street (A911) in the centre of Kinnesswood.

**Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon:** Tullibole Castle is a classic example of a 16th century tower house. The earliest part is the western end, originally built as a free standing tower. The lower eastern range was added in 1608 and housed a new kitchen and spacious great hall, with a huge fireplace supported by a stone lintel over 11ft long. Visitors are welcome to walk through the grounds to Tullibole cemetery. **Sunday 1030 – 1600. Guided tours.** W.C. Located on the B9097 one mile east of Crook of Devon.

**Balvaird Castle, Glenfarg:** A fine example of late 15th century tower house that underwent a luxurious makeover in the 16th century (with the addition of decorative fittings, courtyard buildings, a pleasure garden and flushing latrines) to become a courtyard palace. Built by the Murrays of Balvaird, who became the Earls of Mansfield, it was their principle seat until 1658 when they moved to Scone. The L-shaped tower house was the principle accommodation, with a spiral staircase in the 'angle' creating more spacious rooms. The sophisticated buildings had deteriorated into a ruinous state as described by the New Statistical Account of 1845, and in 1974 were taken into care by Historic Scotland's predecessor. **Saturday 1000 – 1600, Sunday 1000 – 1600:** In the care of Historic Scotland: un-staffed property. Located off the A913 between Gateside (A91) and Bridge of Earn. Car park at bottom of hill signed off the A913. Half mile walk uphill to castle.

**More information on Doors Open Day activities throughout Scotland is available from the Scottish Civic Trust at [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk).**

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### KINROSS IN BLOOM

It was good to have the chance to chat to people at the Kinross Show and talk about what we've done this year, and what we're planning. Many of you took the opportunity to renew your 200 Club subscription (if you haven't renewed yet, please let Sarah Cuthbert at 8 Highfield Circle have your form as soon as possible) and some people joined for the first time. Contact Diane McDiarmid on 865943 to join – it's £1 a month, and half the proceeds paid out as prizes each month. August winners were: 1st, M Clarke (£25); 2nd, E and I Simpson (£15); 3rd, C Hill (£10) and 4th, J Wallace (£5).

Prizes and certificates were awarded at the Show to the **Kinross Primary School** winners of a drawing and collage competition in June - there were some beautiful and creative entries. (Will pupils please forgive any errors in your names - some of the drawings slightly obscured your names - hopefully, you will know who you are!)

	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>	<i>Highly Commended</i>
P1A	Ellie Nicholson	Callum Sorbie	Morgan Trayner	Keir Robertson
P1B	Jonathan Kane	Rebecca Davis	Iona Crawford	Matthew Hendry
P2A	Finlay Reith	Niamh Mullen	Alasdair Bennett	Euan Boyle
P3A	Ami Smith	Mark Cathro	Gemma Smith	Cally Evans
P3B	Rosemary Forrest	Andrew Sorbie	Ross Berwick	Amy Winton
P4A	Scott Calder	Alex Brown	Eleanor Muncey	Vhairi McAtear
P4B	Cameron Campbell	Morven Mackintosh	Mhairi Boyle	
P5A	Mairi Mulhearn	Kerry Williams	Alison Wood	Marta Laplinksy
P5B	Ellie Caizer	Stevie Berwick	Andrew Jack	Katie Wylie
P6A	Charlotte Pattison	Ashleigh Cox	Scott Beveridge	Jake Baglow

### Gardening Competition

Trophies and prizes were also awarded by Delia Montgomery for this summer's Gardening Competition. The judges were very impressed by the standard of the entries and really enjoyed their viewing day. Well done to everyone who entered and many thanks to our judges, Margaret Kilpatrick and Pippa Maitland Dougal. The winners were:

<b>Best Garden</b>	1st Mrs H Hill, Gallowhill Wynd	2nd Margaret Sinclair, Greenpark
	3rd Mr & Mrs Stevens, Bowton Road	
<b>Business Winner</b>	The Roxburghe Guest House	
<b>Junior Winner</b>	The Jack & Jill Nursery	
<b>Judges' Award</b>	Mr C Robertson, Greenpark	
<b>Commended</b>	Mr John Campbell, Green Road, Mr Brian Farrell, Mavisbank; Rachel House.	

Thanks also to Stuart Skinner of Sands Ironmonger for engraving the awards.

If you see our watering buggy out and about keeping all those baskets and tubs looking lovely, do give us a wave - or better still, contact us to arrange an evening when you could help to do it! Finally, don't forget we will be planting more bulbs around the town on Sunday afternoon **24 September** - do come along and help.

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## **FOSSOWAY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society held their annual Flower Show on Saturday 19th August at the Crook of Devon. The Show was opened by Lady Donald Graham, who also presented the trophies. Caitlin Duffy presented Lady Graham with a bouquet of flowers. The Society would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, everybody who gave donations, attended and exhibited at the show.

### **The Trophy Winners were:**

Ramage Dawson Cup (most points) Mr. G.M. Harley  
President's Shield (runner up) Mrs. F. Bamfather  
Bob Wilkie Cup (Pot Plants) Mrs. E. Harley  
Moir Cup (Cut Flowers) Mrs. F. Bamfather  
David De Boer Cup (Gladioli) Mrs. F. Bamfather  
Drummond Trophy (Sweet Peas) Mrs. F. Bamfather  
G.A. & G. Kendrick Cup (Vegetables) Mr. G.M. Harley

J.M. Fraser Cup (Open Section) Mr. D. Forrester  
Stalker Cup (Baking & Industrial) Mrs. H. Buchanan  
Barden Trophy (Baking) Mrs. H. Buchanan  
Miss Pirie Cup (Industrial) Mrs. J. Forrester  
Nicolson Black Jug (Preserves) Mrs. C. Erskine  
Stewart Rose Bowl (Floral Art) Mrs. N. Green  
Mabel Ross Trophy (Article in Wool) Mrs. E. Johnston  
Liz Wilkie Trophy (Best Exhibit Industrial) Mrs. T. Duffy

### **Children's Sections**

Ramage Dawson Cup (most points overall) Emily Wood & Emily Carson  
The Aldridge Cup (under 10 years) Kirsty Skea  
J.M. Fraser Cup (over 10 years) Emily Wood & Emily Carson  
Spinningdale Trophy (article in wool) Emily Carson  
Good Yarn Trophy (Writing) Calum Greer

### **Special Prizes**

Best Exhibit Pot Plants Mrs. E. Johnston  
Best Exhibit Cut Flowers Mr. F. Bamfather  
Collection of Vegetables Mr. G.M. Harley  
Collection of Potatoes Mr. C. Bayne  
Best Exhibit Vegetables Mr. G.M. Harley  
Best Exhibit Open Section Mr. K. Brand  
Best Exhibit Baking Mrs. A. Bayne  
Best Exhibit Industrial Mrs. T. Duffy

## **BISHOPSHIRE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

### **Prize Winners 2006**

Opdahl Cup for most points in Baking Section – K Baird. Elliot Cup for runner up in Baking Section – S Goudie. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Baking Section - K Baird. Tullis Cup for most points in Handicraft Section – C Hunter. Bell Cup for best exhibit in Handicraft Section – J McLennan. Buchan Rose Bowl for most points in Produce – E Carruthers. President's Prize - £2 by Sandy Band for runner up in Produce – C Cameron. £2 by the Society for the best exhibit in Produce - E Carruthers. Fulton Quaich for most points in Floral Art - M Baird. John Boyd Salver for best exhibit in Floral Art - J Martin. Hunter Trophy for class 33 - no entries. Clydesdale Shield for most points in Baking, Handicraft, Produce and Floral Art - E Carruthers. Lamont Cup for most points in Cut Flowers - I Baird. £2 by the Society for runner up in Cut Flowers - J McDonald. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Cut Flowers – D Martin. Isabella Foreman Quaich for best single rose – M Strang-Steele. Eric Sword Tankard for best 3 gladioli spikes – J McDonald. Akerman Rosebowl for most points in Pot Plant Section - J Martin. Gift Token by Willie Robertson, Milnathort for runner up in Pot Plants – D Fladgate. Flint Quaich for best exhibit in Pot Plants - J McDonald. Donaldson Shield for most points in Vegetable Section – S Herrington. Gift Token by Willie Robertson, for runner up in Vegetables – D Fladgate. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Vegetable Section - S Herrington. Prize by Kirkcaldy Garden Centre for best collection of vegetables – D Martin. Songhurst Cup for best 6 tomatoes – D Martin. BHS Premier Tray - Certificate + £3 - S Herrington, Certificate +£2 – D Martin, Certificate + £1 – D Fladgate, BHS Premier Vase, Certificate + £3 – D Martin, Certificate + £2 – E Boyd. Gardenland Trophy for most points in Fruit Section - S Herrington. BHS Trophy for most points in Horticultural Classes - S Herrington. Kirkness Trophy for Best Kept Garden + £15 Voucher - S Herrington. £10 Voucher – J & H Nichol, £5 Voucher – M & I Wheeler. George Harley Cup for best exhibit classes. 30,133,134,139,140 – V Carruthers. The Sunshine Quaich for the most points 4 years and under – E Hamilton & A Baird. Special Prize by Mrs B Hunter for the best exhibit 4 years and under - E Hamilton. Anne Robertson Cup for most points 5-9 years – H Wilson. Prize by Margaret Brown for best exhibit 5-9 years - V Baird. Prize by Sheila Wardell for best exhibit 10 - 15 years – L Carruthers. Loch Leven Cup for the most points 10 - 15 years - L Carruthers. Barbour-Curtis Family Challenge Shield – the Carruthers family.

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## KINROSS SHOW

### Local Winners

### AGRICULTURAL SHOW

#### Horses

Hunters	Winner	<b>H. &amp; A Aird</b> , Crook of Devon
Shetland Ponies	Reserve	<b>Dougal Dick</b> , Powmill
Fancy Dress	First	<b>Susan Garret</b> , Glenfarg - My Fair Lady

#### Showjumping

Non affiliated under 148cm	Second	<b>Katie Whyte</b> , Glenfarg
Non affiliated over 148cm	First	<b>Mrs Liz Mackay</b> , Hillside House, Cambo
	Third	<b>Lee Sammacca</b> , Hatchbank, Kinross

#### Cattle

Pure Bred Limousin	Winner	<b>John Thomson</b> , Hilton of Beath, Kelt
Other Native Breeds	Winner & Reserve	<b>Brendan Hayward</b> , Rumbling Bridge
Highland	Reserve	<b>Ken &amp; Eva Brown</b> , Ledlanet, Kinross
Cross Cattle	Winner	<b>James &amp; Moira Drysdale</b> , Kinnesswood

#### Dairy

Ayrshires	Winner	<b>Arthur Lawrie</b> , Cuthill Towers, Milnathort
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#### Sheep

Blackface	Reserve	<b>Mrs Mary McNiven</b> , Glenfarg
Cross Sheep	Reserve	<b>G &amp; E Harley</b> , Rumbling Bridge
Jacob	Reserve	<b>Susan Mackie</b> , Milnathort
Blue Faced Leicester	Winner	<b>Jim Heggie</b> , Fossoway
	Reserve	<b>Andrew Reid</b> , Glenfarg

#### Crops

Spring Oats: 1st **Charles Wellwood**, Kinross; 2nd **Robin Niven**, Wester Balgedie; 3rd **Norman Greer**, Cambo  
 Spring Barley: 1st **Robin Niven**, Wester Balgedie; 2nd **Gavin Baillie**, Glenfarg; 3rd **Bruce Hamilton**, Glenfarg  
 Winter Wheat: 1st **John Baillie**, Glenfarg; 2nd **Andy Baird**, Glenfarg; 3rd **Gavin Baillie**, Glenfarg  
 Winter Barley: 1st **George Lawrie**, Balado; 2nd **W. S. Young & Son**, Mawcarse; 3rd **W. Thomson & Sons**, Cowdenbeath  
 Seed Potatoes: 1st **R. J. S. Doig Ltd**, Glenfarg; 2nd **R. J. S. Doig Ltd**, Glenfarg; 3rd **Gavin Baillie**, Glenfarg

#### Other

Best Trade Stand	Winner	<b>John Drysdale</b> , Kinnesswood
	Reserve	<b>Scottish Beekeepers Association</b> - <b>Enid Brown</b> , Kinnesswood
Art & Craft Marquee	First	<b>South Lissens Pottery</b> - <b>David McGregor</b> , Milnathort
Best Advert in Catalogue	Winner	<b>Xchangebusiness</b> - <b>James Paton</b> , Kinross

## FLOWER SHOW

#### Trophy Winners

Cairns Cup (most points)	<b>Tom Webster</b>
Balado Salver (most outstanding entry)	<b>D. Cameron</b>
Kirkness Trophy (most points, Floral Art)	<b>Fiona Alexander</b>
Renton Trophy (most outstanding exhibit, Floral Art)	<b>Mrs D. Smith</b>
Gavin Lindores Trophy (best single rose)	<b>E. Forrester</b>
Scott Davidson Cup (winner class 22)	<b>Ann Munro</b>
Maisie Pirie Cup (most outstanding exhibit by a child under 8 yrs)	<b>Holly Scott</b>
Cathie Pirie Cup (most outstanding exhibit by a child age 9 to 14 yrs)	<b>Ailsa Morris</b>

#### 2006 Children's Classes

Class 23 - A picture depicting Greyfriar's Bobby by boy or girl age 5 yrs or under: 1st **Kirsty Skea**; 2nd **Georgia Smith**; 3rd **Abigail Davidson**; 4th **Lucy Smith**  
 Class 24 - A picture depicting Greyfriar's Bobby by boy or girl age 6 to 8 yrs: 1st **Emma Hodgkinson**; 2nd **Ian Buchanan**; 3rd **Callum Buchanan**; 4th **Caroline Leitch**  
 Class 25 - A model of fairies or dragons or both in fruit & vegetables by boy or girl 5 yrs or under: 1st **Georgia Smith**; 2nd **Tommy Romer-Lee**; 3rd **Isla Romer-Lee**  
 Class 26 - A model of fairies or dragons or both in fruit & vegetables by boy or girl age 6 to 8 yrs: 1st **Emma Hodgkinson**; 2nd **Caroline Getley**; 3rd **Robert Getley**; 4th equal **Arthur Romer-Lee** and **Douglas Hair**  
 Class 27 - An arrangement of a garden flower in a mug shown by a boy or girl 8 yrs or under: 1st **Lewis McLaren**; 2nd **Ted Porter**; 3rd **Caroline Getley**; 4th **Georgia Smith**  
 Class 28 - A decorated paper plate to be hung depicting Oor Wullie exhibited by boy or girl age 9 to 14 yrs: 1st **Emily Wood**; 2nd **Kirsty Drysdale**; 3rd **Margaret MacInnes**; 4th equal **Edward Wood** and **Ailsa Morris**



Class 29 - A garden in a seed tray shown by a boy or girl age 8 and under: 1st **Holly Scott**; 2nd **Gregor Malcolm**; 3rd **Douglas Mair**; 4th equal **Tommy Romer-Lee** and **Yasmin Morgan**

Class 30 - A garden in a seed tray shown by a boy or girl age 9 to 14 yrs: 1st **Ailsa Morris**; 2nd **Emily Wood**; 3rd **Rosie Robertson**; 4th **Clare MacInnes**

The Flower Tent committee hope to see you all next year, especially the children.

### S.W.R.I. TROPHY WINNERS

Aldridge-Sealy Trophy  
Enid Scott-Davidson Trophy  
Benarty Trophy  
Jane Elliot Bell  
Stewart Cup  
Hilton Cup  
Morris Quaich  
Balado Cup  
Teenage Trophy  
Ann Watson Trophy  
Arnotlea Trophy  
Irene Whitson Salver  
The Group Rose Bowl  
Special Prize  
Community A - Paperweight  
Community B - Paperweight

**Carnbo**  
**Cleish**  
**Carnbo**  
**Glenfarg**  
**Dorothy Morris** Cleish  
**Effie Wallace**, Cleish  
**Kirsten Henderson**  
**Hannah Henderson & Ailsa Morris (equal)**  
**Gayle Paterson**  
**Chris Pilling**, Cleish  
**Allison Messenger**, Glenfarg  
**Allison Messenger**, Glenfarg  
**Ann Munro**, Carnbo  
**Allison Messenger**, Glenfarg  
**Jo Fullen**, Carnbo  
**Margaret Nelson**, Cleish

### DOG SHOW

Puppy: 1st **Evelyn Nugent**, Kinross; 4th **Shirley Morgan**, Kinross

Sporting: 1st **V. Smith**, Broomhill Kennels, Crook of Devon; 3rd **Niamh Monaghan**, Drum, by Kinross

Non-sporting: 4th **Catrina Steel**, Milnathort

Open: 4th **Niamh Monaghan**, Drum, by Kinross

Confined to Kinross-shire: 2nd **Mrs A. Cuthbert**, Kinross; 3rd **Max Crawford**, Milnathort; 4th **Daisy Galbraith**, Garden Cottage, Ledlanet, Milnathort

Dog with the Waggiest Tail: 4th **Laura Redvers**, Home Farm, Kinross

Dog with the Most Appealing Eyes: 3rd **Niamh Monaghan**, Drum, by Kinross; 4th **Daisy Galbraith**, Garden Cottage, Ledlanet, Milnathort

Dog Handled by a Boy or Girl Under 14 years of age: 2nd **Andrew Rice**, Drum, Kinross

#### Trophy Winners

The Walls Cup - Best in Show: **V. Smith**, Broomhill Kennels, Crook of Devon. (Italian Spinone)

Weaver of Kettle Trophy - Best Puppy: **Evelyn Nugent**, Kinross. (Lhasa Apso)

The Balkello Quaich - Best Sporting: **V. Smith**, Broomhill Kennels, Crook of Devon. (Italian Spinone)

The Cairns Cup (Best Dog/Bitch in Kinross-shire): **Mrs A. Cuthbert**, Kinross. (Lurcher)

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# *Scene at the Show*



### PAINTING WON BY LOCAL MAN

At the recent Kinross Agricultural Show, The Muirs Gallery raffled a painting by local artist, Lee Scammacca. The opportunity to own the painting worth nearly £200 for just £1 proved popular on the day. Jamie Montgomery of the Green Hotel kindly drew the winning ticket and the proud winner was Jim Davidson. Mr Davidson collected his prize soon after and expressed his surprise "I never win anything!"

### LOGO FOR KINROSS-SHIRE

The sub-committee would like to thank everyone who submitted a vote from the Newsletter, the website or at the Kinross Show. The preferred logo design, with approximately 2/3 of the total votes, was No. 4; this will now be taken forward.

Several suggested straplines were submitted and these, along with the original four, are listed below. Once again you are invited to vote.

My choice of strapline for Kinross-shire is:-  
(please tick 1 only)

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3. The Captivating County
4. At the Heart of It
5. The County of Choice
6. Choose Kinross-shire
7. Kinross-shire Loving Loch Leven
8. The Small County with a Big Heart
9. Nature on Show
10. Best in Class
11. Nature's Dream (County)
12. Big 'T' County
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15. Stop, Loch and Listen
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Please return to:-

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### ACTIVE KIDS IN KINROSS

What are school playgrounds like today?

Come and see the new and exciting playground equipment at Kinross Primary and race on the Mobile Adventure Course

The PTA from Kinross Primary school has been awarded a grant of £4,340 from Awards from All to purchase playground equipment for the pupils at Kinross Primary school. The application was supported by Cath Devanny, Active schools coordinator who has been helping Kinross Primary school playground become more active by setting up playground buddies. Their job is to help teach the younger children how to play various games and help with any problems in the playground. The new playground equipment will give pupils a wide range of games to play with, which will make their playtimes, loads of fun and keep pupils active.

All pupils of Kinross Primary and their family are invited to 'Active Kids at Kinross Primary' event (free of charge) to be held at Kinross Primary School playground on Saturday 2 September, 10am-1pm. You will get a chance to look and play with all the new playground equipment, race on the MAC, a Mobile Adventure Course (prizes will be given to the fastest team of four primary kids and fastest parent and child team). In addition, you will have an opportunity to meet some of the local organisations such as Kinross Cricket Club, Loch Leven Leapers, the 1st Kinross Scouts and Swansacre Playgroup that help keep kids active.

The Mobile Adventure Course (MAC) is a 14 obstacle course which has been designed and is run by an ex senior NCO with the Scottish Division's Mobile Display Team. The MAC has been operating since July 1992 throughout the UK, with schools, galas, fun days etc. The equipment has been chosen for its sturdiness and flexibility, ensuring maximum safety. It is suitable for indoor or outdoor events and can be adjusted in height to suit the ages of the children involved. The MAC is manned at all times by fully trained staff, and a safety demonstration is given before each group tackles the course.

Active Schools is a national initiative aimed at getting more children and young people, including those with a disability, get and stay active. It is one of a number of initiatives that had been established with the purpose of addressing Scotland's inactive unfit and increasingly overweight population. The more children and young people we can encourage to lead active lifestyles today, the healthier Scotland will be as a nation in the future.

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## *Down Memory Lane*



### **Bishop-shire Swifts circa 1920s or 1930**

Courtesy of Mrs Grace Drysdale, East Netherton Farm, Milnathort

Neil Kennovin with ball, Left of Neil, Robert Kennovin (brother), Back Row - fourth from left: Robert Barclay Manorleys, Far left (standing beside team): Peter Gillon



Milnathort Golf Course

Courtesy of Kinross-shire Historical Society

# News of Organisations

## FRIENDS OF KIRKGATE PARK

### Hot News for Kirkgate

Very recent developments regarding the project at Kirkgate Park are being discussed and agreed. They involve phasing the project into at least two parts. This will mean the play equipment goes in next spring according to Perth & Kinross Council. Keep your eye on our website at [www.friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk](http://www.friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk) for more details. We will endeavour to keep you very well informed once Friends of Kirkgate Park have the facts.

## SCOTLANDWELL IN BLOOM

Scotlandwell in Bloom Committee said last year that they were 'going for a hat trick' in the Civic Trust Best Kept Village Competition ..... and they did it!! For a third year in succession (the first time in the 40 year history of the competition), Scotlandwell has won the title of Best Kept Village 2006. The Committee would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to everyone for the part they played in helping to secure the trophy, whether it be with weeding, sweeping, planting, watering, strimming, painting, or merely their verbal (not to mention financial!) support. We are especially grateful to the Misses Baird, Dave Veitch, and Jane and Dave Martin for the donations of bedding plants. Grateful thanks also go to Lochend Farm and Stackyard Kitchen for the superb donation of bedding plants (and for supplying the best tea and scones in the neighbourhood for the workers!!) - we couldn't have done it without you. A huge thank you also to Ian Bruce (Vermicon), our Knight in Shining Armour who came to our rescue with the donation of new tubs after reading about our plight of the seven stolen tubs! With your continued support we will continue to go from strength to strength. And remember ..... 'it is utterly forbidden to be half-hearted about gardening', you have got to love your garden whether you like it or not!!'

## KINNESSWOOD IN BLOOM

We would like to thank Betty Laidlaw and Bryan Carroll & his "Rock Leven" team for their very generous donations. We would also like to thank everyone who supported us at the Portmoak Festival Family Fun day. It was a great success and a good time was had by all.

If you would like to join our group, find out what we have planned or contribute in any way, please come along to our meetings on the first Thursday of the month in the Lomond Country Inn at 7.30pm.

[kinnesswoodblossoms@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kinnesswoodblossoms@yahoo.co.uk)

## CHILDREN 1ST

The Kinross Action Group for Children 1st would like to thank all the people in the area who helped with Sunshine Week this year. We raised a total of £1,196.76, which is wonderful and we are very grateful to all those who helped us. We want to thank all the people who gave up their time to collect for us, all the local businesses who allowed collecting to go on outside their doors (Dobbies Garden Centre, Giacomazzi's in Milnathort, Sands Supermarket in Kinross, and Somerfields) and those who kept our collecting boxes on their counters for most of the month of June (Robertsons of Milnathort, Bowers Hairdressers in Kinross, the café at the Pier by the loch, the Garden Centre café, the Powmill Milk Bar, the bar at the Kinross Golf Club). We are tremendously grateful to them all and of course want to thank most of all the people who put money in the boxes, giving so generously, some of you more than once.

Children 1st helps to make a real difference to the lives of thousands of children and young people all over Scotland, by supporting those who are most vulnerable, the frightened, the abused, the neglected. With your help, we can provide protection from drug and alcohol abuse, physical, sexual and emotional abuse and offer support to the whole family during times of conflict and break-up, in the disadvantaged communities of Scotland. We could not achieve this without the help of our many supporters and we are truly grateful to you all.

Bridie Graham

Chairman of Kinross Action Group, Children 1st

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## GIRLGUIDING KINROSS



We would like to thank all who contributed to and supported our successful bottle stall at Kinross show. Some Guide, Brownie or Rainbow units may not re-start until September due to Guiders having other commitments, including a County weekend of camping (or Brownie house accommodation) and fun at Netherurd near Peebles, almost a full bus from Kinross Division! It would be great if we had more leaders as some units operate with a rota of parents. Please consider the girls and the future of Girlguiding, even if you cannot come every week, there are other things that can be done to help the Guiders, it really is very rewarding and great to see the girls enjoying themselves!

If you think that you would be able to help, please contact Margaret Spence, Division Commissioner on telephone 01577 863 196 or e-mail

spence\_margaret@hotmail.com

## POWMILL SWRI

On 21 June, nine Powmill members, at the invitation of Mrs E Cheape, made a return visit to Strathtyrum House, St Andrews, to see the renovated walled garden, followed by an afternoon tea.

Spittalfeld Bowling Green was the venue for this year's Federation Bowling Competition on 2 July. The Powmill team of Janet Mitchell, Ann Bell, Margaret Watson and Betty Paterson did very well coming in third place, in spite of the rainy day.

At the Kinross Show, Powmill did well to come fifth in Community A and third place in Community B, and Mrs C Stewart, her husband and grandchildren took part in the individual classes. As usual the standard was very high.

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## KINROSS-SHIRE ROUND TABLE



Kinross-shire's Round Tablers have been on summer recess since the beginning of July, apart from the T in the Park weekend. As well as enjoying the music, we ran DF Concerts' innovative age-screening programme and also sold plastic bottles to help keep glass bottles out of the campsite. As T gets bigger, the number of people working on our behalf grows too, and we want to thank all our many friends who gave up their time to come along and help us. Without that assistance we would not be able to earn DF's support which, in turn, allows us to make our donations to so many local groups.

In our last Newsletter report, we mentioned that we were planning a new event for local people to come along and enjoy. We are now pleased to announce the arrangements for our first ever **Beer Festival**.

These have become increasingly popular all over the country and we think it's time we had one here. Ken Davie and his colleagues at CAMRA (the Campaign For Real Ale) have been hugely helpful, pointing us towards an interesting selection of ales, arranging a presentation for our sponsors, and generally giving us the benefit of their experience. For our part, we have put a lot of work into this event, travelling around the country attending similar events - purely for research purposes obviously!

Our festival is being held at The Pier Bar in Kinross on **23 September**, with all the profits going to the Anthony Nolan Trust. The connection between Round Table and the Anthony Nolan Trust is very well established and we hope you will turn out to support us in this event – it's certainly more fun than popping your money in a collecting tin and you can help to save lives at the same time.

During the afternoon, from noon till 5pm, admission will cost £2.00 payable at the door. We close at 5pm to draw breath and get ourselves fed and watered ahead of the evening event which starts at 7pm and goes through until midnight, with admission by ticket only.

During both sessions, you will be able to buy a wide selection of real ales, and enjoy food catered by Café 98. We are also having live music to help keep things swinging along, and every adult paying to get in will receive a souvenir beer glass to help remember the event.

Evening tickets are on sale now at £6.00 each in the following Kinross outlets: Sands Ironmongers, Café 98, and the Green Hotel. In Milnathort, Heaven Scent are selling tickets for us, and you can get them from any Tabler. Please remember that places are strictly limited and so we urge you to buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

Please note that we will be enforcing a strict age-policy during this event and if you appear to be under 21 we will need to see satisfactory proof of age before admitting you.

This is a big venture for us and we need your support, in what we hope will be an enjoyable event that we can repeat in future years.

## KINROSS AND DISTRICT ART CLUB



With the holiday season and three out days painting behind us, the Kinross and District Art Club (KADAC) members will commence their routine meetings for the Winter term in the Millbridge Hall, at 2pm on **Tuesday 5 September** and will continue each week until Tuesday 28 November.

The Club's Annual **Exhibition and Sale of Work** will be held in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross between Thursday **9 November** and Saturday **11 November**. Opening times and further details will be published at a later date.

Potential new members for the Club, from the beginner to the accomplished artist, who feel they would like to take up or continue this rewarding hobby are welcome to drop in any Tuesday to meet the members and perhaps join in. They will be made most welcome. Guidance and advice is available. For details please ring 01577 864391.



## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

We welcome two new playleaders to our team, Amanda Welch and Jayne McKay, plus Louise, our new cleaner, another key part of our team. Our other playleaders, Beth and Alison, were there to greet some new and some familiar faces this week.

A big thank you to the Kinross Community Council Newsletter for their very kind donation of £250. This will go towards replacing the windows in the children's toilets.

Some dates for your diaries:

**Thursday 14 September** - Photos at Swansacre from 1pm - 6pm. Please pop into the Playgroup to book your time slot.

**Friday 29 September** - Race Night at the Green Hotel at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Playgroup. All money raised from this, and fundraising events during the next twelve months, will be going towards our Roof Repairs project which will cost in the region of £10,000.

We hope the local community will support us in this huge project and help to secure the long term future of the Swansacre Playgroup building.

## MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

On **Wednesday 18 October** from 2pm to 5pm, Milnathort Babies & Toddlers Group will be having a Photography Day in Milnathort Town Hall to which all are welcome. Tempest Photography will be there and the packs of photos which will be delivered in early November will be £21. There will also be Tea/Coffee, Homebaking, a Tombola and a Lucky Dip for kids. Usborne books will be there plus more stalls to be finalised. A great opportunity to have photos taken that can be given to family/friends for Christmas.

## KINROSS & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB



### The Rotary Month

A total of £13,000 has been raised over the past year by the members of the Rotary Club of Kinross & District. Among the organisations to benefit will be the Web Project, Mercy Ships, Computers for Africa, Light up Kinross, Kinross in Bloom, Milnathort in Bloom, Friends of Kirkgate Park, Macmillan Nurses, Maggie's Centre, Barnardo's, Institute for Cancer Research and CHAS.

After many enjoyable years working in Zimbabwe, or Rhodesia as it was known then, Rotarian David Birrell expressed his sadness at the current state of the country. David was talking to the meeting of the Rotary Club of Kinross & District held on 17 July. Describing his life experiences since attending Dunfermline High School and his career as a CA, David recalled his times in private practice and as Kinross Town Council treasurer. He also referred to the various positions he has held in Rotary over the years, culminating in his appointment as an assistant district governor. The members also welcomed as a new member of the club, Kelvin Reay, a retired schoolmaster now living in Kinross.

Captain Baylis addressed the meeting held on 31 July giving a very interesting talk on his experiences at sea with P&O and latterly as harbour master at Methil.

As part of his plan to visit all 85 Rotary Clubs in his District, the Rotary Governor, Bill Leslie accompanied by his wife Mary, made a visit to the Rotary Club of Kinross & District on 14 August. The District Governor reminded the meeting that this year's four main charities to be supported by Rotary Clubs of Britain were: The Institute of Cancer Research, The Wheel Chair Foundation, Barnardo's and Impact. Impact is an international programme to prevent and alleviate needless disability which has already treated over 630,000 people and prevented a lifetime of disability for many thousands more.

Members assisted at the Kinross Show by manning the West Gate, marking out the car parking facility at the Kirkgate Park and manning the west entrance.

Prior to the show, on Friday 11 August, the Rotarians competed for the annual Rusty Putter Competition held over the Bruce Course competing on a Stableford basis. The competition was won by John Matthew with 41 points and the runner-up, John's wife Elaine, with 39 points. Wives and non-playing Rotarians joined the players in the Clubhouse after the competition for an enjoyable high tea and prize-giving presented by Club President, Eddie Mackay.

The Club are planning a Bowling Night at Milnathort Bowling Club, a visit to the Abbot's House in Dunfermline, a wine tasting event and a visit to the Enchanted Forest event at the Hermitage near Dunkeld in October.



## PORTMOAK FILM SOCIETY

### 2nd Season Starting Soon!

Here's a good reason to be looking forward to those darker nights of Autumn and Winter after the long hot summer days: Portmoak Film Society enters its second season after a very successful inaugural session earlier this year.

On **Saturday 9 September**, we will be showing "**Hotel Rwanda**", a film about the terrible genocide in Rwanda in 1994 where the United Nations spectacularly abdicated all responsibility and abandoned the Rwandan people to its fate.

The arrangements for the Autumn/Winter season are the same as last time: To see the films, you have to buy membership which will be £24 for 8 films between September and April 2007. You don't have to be an expert in maths to realise it's a massive bargain at only £3 per film and right on your doorstep in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell.

REMEMBER, YOU CAN'T BUY TICKETS ON THE DOOR! Please be sure to buy your membership card *beforehand* at the Pottery, Main Street, Kinnesswood (Tel. 01592 840638). We do it like this so that we can plan ahead financially for the costs of hiring the films and equipment, so please mark the **following dates** in your diary: 14 October / 4 November / 25 November / 13 January / 10 February / 10 March / 14 April. You can loan the card to someone else if you can't make it along yourself or have seen the film already. And single film guest tickets are available for £4 if you wish to bring a friend.

All films start at 7.30 pm, but we advise being there from 7 o'clock onwards to get a good seat, have a chat and possibly a glass of wine with the other film-goers. And don't forget a cushion or you can bring your own comfy seat (we speak from experience...!).

We look forward to seeing you all again soon at Portmoak Picture Palace.

### LODGE ST SERF 327

Regular Meeting, Tuesday 5 September at 7.15pm. Entered Apprentice Degree to be worked by Past Masters of St Serf including Honorary Members.

Regular Meeting, Tuesday 19 September at 7.15pm. Master Mason Degree to be worked by Lodge St John 788 Corstorphine. Short Harmony to follow.

**Saturday 23 September** at 8 pm. Fund-raiser for local good causes featuring "**Joe's Band**". Tickets £8.00 from 863298 after 6.00pm. Donations for raffle would be very much appreciated.

**Saturday 14 October** at 8 pm. Fund-raiser for local good causes "**Quiz Night & Disco**". Tickets £2.00 from 863298 after 6.00pm. Donations for raffle would be very much appreciated.



## KINROSS-SHIRE 50 PLUS CLUB

At the August meeting Bill Paul, president of the Lochgelly Amateur Drama Association gave a talk on the present and past life of the drama group, entertaining us with amusing incidents and mishaps that can happen on stage. Bill treated the audience to a selection of songs from the musicals and the members responded with hearty applause.

**Friday Walks:** On **8 September** "The Fish Supper Walk" - from St Monans to Anstruther and back along the Coastal Path. Only 6 miles and let's hope the weather is kinder to us than the last time. On **22 September** Blair Atholl and the Glen Tilt walk, round by Gilbert's Brige. Because of the time travelling to Blair Atholl, we will leave at 9am on this occasion. This too is a 6 mile walk.

**The Hillwalkers:** The weather for the Killiecrankie to Ben Vrachie walk was sunny with a cooling breeze. We enjoyed our lunch by the shore of the small loch at the base of Ben Vrachie. Some of our more energetic members went to the summit and ended the walk with a welcome drink at the inn in Moulin.

The Auchnafree to Loch Tay walk took place in great walking weather. The hills gave us a display of fresh purple heathers only to be matched by the softer greens of the foliage when looking down onto the shoreline surrounding Loch Tay.

**1 Sep** Grade A Blackford to Dollar

**15 Sep** Grade B Glen Tilt

Meet at Millbridge Hall car park. Departure time 08:30 hrs. Contact Bill Gibson on 01577 865505 for further information.

**The Elderberries** are going on their final outing of this year to Peebles on **Monday 25 September** leaving the Kinross Day Centre at 11am. There are a few spare seats; if any member of the 50 Plus Club would like to go. For further details contact Zena McRae Tel 864342.

**The Craft Group** starts on **Wednesday 13 September**. The group meets at 2pm each Wednesday in the Millbridge Hall. New members with new ideas are always welcome. For more information please contact Cath Watson on 01577 864627.

**September Meeting:** The speaker on **7 September** will be Sheila Hay on the "real" price of the Forth Rail Bridge.

## KINROSS BRIDGE CLUB

The new season starts on **Wednesday 4 October** at 6.45pm in the Church Centre.

We're looking for new members at all levels of play. For those interested please contact Sandy Greenhill, Club Secretary, on 01577 862901.



## PORTMOAK 100 CLUB

### July Draw

1st: No 91, Eleanor White, Kinnesswood;  
2nd: No 7, Clare Abbot, Scotlandwell;  
3rd: No 37, Alan Elder, Kinnesswood.



## TWINNING VISIT TO GACÉ A GREAT SUCCESS



A party of 59 left Kinross to arrive in Gacé on Sunday 30th July. With differing arrival times on the Sunday afternoon and evening, the groups were welcomed into the various homes of their French hosts.

One of the main purposes of the week was the joint participation in the Son et Lumiere production over Friday and Saturday evenings at nearby Touquettes and as such a costume fitting session had been arranged on Monday morning after breakfast. Around 700 authentic costumes had been hand made by the Gacé Jumelage President Michel Brodin, his wife Marie-France and other members of their committee. The sound and light show would portray the history of the twin towns through the ages from pre-historic times right up to the present day. Each member had been pre-designated a number of roles to play in this amazing spectacle which would boast a cast of over 200 from the towns of Gacé and Kinross.

The Monday afternoon gave people the opportunity of spending time with their host families before enjoying a typical French meal which would last most of the evening!

Tuesday morning was an early start for everyone as they assembled outside the Jean Moulin School for a day trip to Paris in two coaches. The party from Gacé and Kinross then saw the sights of Paris by Batobus, hopping on and off the water taxi at different tourist attractions along the Seine at their leisure. Leaving Paris at 6.30 p.m. the coaches drove out of Paris arriving at a quaint country restaurant for an excellent meal before arriving back in Gacé just before midnight.

Wednesday was spent with the host families before the first full scale rehearsal at nearby Touquettes for the Son et Lumiere show involving all the French and Scottish participants coming together for the first time. Thursday morning was another early start as the families and groups met outside the school in Gacé before driving in the two coaches, back in the direction of Paris to sample the delights of France Miniature and the Palace of Versailles.

Friday morning was free with host families before returning to Touquettes in the afternoon for a final rehearsal of the Son et Lumiere show, with the first performance before an estimated 800 spectators taking place on the Friday evening. It was a most memorable occasion for participants and spectators alike with spectacular costumes coupled with amazing sound and light effects which delighted a very appreciative audience.

Saturday again was free with host families with the BBs and Scouts driving by coach to the coast to take in the delights of the beach at Viller Sur Mer. Saturday evening saw everyone assemble at Touquettes for the second and final Son et Lumiere performance.

Sunday morning saw the Brigade and Scout members in full uniform to lay a poppy wreath at the foot of the Gacé War Memorial. The French War Veterans

Association and members of the public were also in attendance. Young piper Douglas Weir played during the ceremony to remember the dead of both wars.

A "Twinning" lunch was held at the Gacé Town Hall where the traditional exchanges of gifts between the two towns took place. The Gacé Jumelage President, Michel Brodin, received a Highland Targe from Kinross Twinning President Robin Lambie. Mr Lambie, in turn, received a framed version of the important life of the apple, right through to the production of cider and Calvados.

The final evening's camp fire session at the BB and Scout campsite was also attended by various members from both the Kinross and Gacé committees and was a fine conclusion to a memorable week. The best camper award went to Alice Eade, with last year's winner Sam Dick finishing in second place with Andrew Lauener in third place.

Monday morning saw the striking of the camp with the long coach journey to Zeebrugge with the final lap from Hull to Kinross on Tuesday. The adult group had arrived back in Kinross on the Monday evening after their flight from Beauvais to Prestwick.

All in all a very successful twinning visit showing that young and old alike can enjoy the spirit of twinning, a wonderful way of finding out how ordinary people live their lives in a way which continues the "Auld

## FAIR BREAK

This is a new community project that will begin on **Saturday 2 September** with the opening of the Fair Break Café, Gift and Bookshop at 28 South Street Milnathort. This fundraising project will be a follow-on to the good work of Common Grounds, formerly of this address. It will work in a variety of ways to raise awareness about fairtrade and raise funds for third world projects. This will include providing a retail outlet and café for Fairtrade crafts and foods to buy or to savour, as well as being an information centre for the Perth and Kinross Fairtrade Steering Committee. Fair Break will also aim to provide financial support to local students and residents who are volunteering in developing countries and be a venue for presentations about the projects and people we and they are supporting. Other small community groups will be welcome to meet here in the evening. Anyone interested in more information about Fair Break or the volunteer positions that are now open, please contact Marg Meade at 01577 863557 or come along to our Opening Day Celebrations on 2 September to sample the fare and meet some of the folks who are passionate about Fairtrade and keen to lend a helping hand. Donations of second hand books will be much appreciated.

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### KINROSS CAMERA CLUB

The new season of the Camera Club kicks off on **Thursday 14th September** with an Open Evening, held 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. Even though the club hasn't been meeting officially over the summer, there's still been plenty going on. Club members have got together informally on a regular basis, and got out and about and made the most of the good weather. Evening excursions that have taken place include Loch Glow, North Queensferry and Culross, as well as the area surrounding Kinross itself. The syllabus for the new 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:

14th September – Open Evening – come along and find out more! All welcome.

21st September – 'The Next Level' – a talk by John Simpson from Bridge of Allan

23rd September – Car Photo Safari – a great opportunity to get out and about with your camera!

28th September – Beginners class – a practical evening where you can learn new skills and techniques.

The digital group will meet again this year on a monthly basis, commencing on the 4th Wednesday on October in the Stables, Crook of Devon. More information will be in next month's Newsletter. 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.

**For more information on Kinross Camera Club, visit our new website:**

**[www.kinrosscamerclub.org](http://www.kinrosscamerclub.org)**

### CALLING CLUB SECRETARIES!

**[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)**

This is the time of year when clubs and groups start up again after the summer holidays. It is also the time when many groups hold their Annual General Meeting – which is when the contact person for the group often changes.

For the website to be of real use to residents, prospective residents and visitors it is vital that information is up to date and relevant. **Please help us**, if you are the new contact person for any club in Kinross-shire, by ringing Pauline (01577 862685), e-mailing – [admin@kinross.cc](mailto:admin@kinross.cc) or by downloading, filling in and returning the Data Protection Form from the website; it can be found at the bottom of page:- [www.kinross.cc/community/clubs/clubs.htm](http://www.kinross.cc/community/clubs/clubs.htm)

### CLEISH & FOSSOWAY SUMMER CLUB

The joint Summer Club was highly successful. The Club reached its quota for children attending almost daily and the children's energy was infectious. Indeed, within a space of 5 days we were learning to use new senses whilst temporarily blinded, were shipwrecked at sea, built new boats and caught some fish, sailed to Crete to sample some Greek dancing and make some placemats, before finding our "land -legs" in Rome - just in time to enjoy a pizza or two before making swords and shields to fight off unfriendly gladiators or stray lions that might cross our path. Who knows where we may sail to next year? I guess we will just have to wait and see!

Without the commitment of the many volunteers, and leadership of Heather Kerr, none of the above could have been achieved.

A huge thank you to all who gave so much of their time and energy into making this new venture so successful. Thank you to all of you who contributed craft materials and food for refreshments for the children. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and without it we would have struggled to have run such a highly successful Summer Club. Rev. Joanne Finlay.

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### DEADLINE FOR ALL ARTICLES

**5.00 pm, MONDAY 18 September  
for Publication on Saturday 30 September**

## SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE



Jeremy and volunteer Craig have been working hard to remove young willows which have recently grown up in the marshes of the Levenmouth area of the Reserve. This work is to help conserve the rare Holy Grass, *Hierochloa odorata*, the iconic plant of Kinross-shire. This beautiful and aromatic grass, which smells strongly of marjoram, is so named because of its use in medieval churches as a "strewing" herb, that is, strewn on the floor to give a nice smell. Other than around Loch Leven, the grass in Scotland is only found along the Solway coast, Orkney and a couple of mosses in the Borders. The grass thrives in wet open areas and is under threat in parts of the marshes around Loch Leven from shading and drying out where willows are taking over.

Together with staff from RSPB Vane Farm we ran two guided walks on 8 and 10 August. Starting from the Muirs Inn, our destination was Burleigh Sands to look at the wildlife, in particular, the Ospreys. Both groups were lucky enough to see Ospreys hunting over the loch. There are still Ospreys to be seen around the Reserve, so if you've yet to see one you'd better get looking before they head off this month to spend the winter in West Africa!

As the Ospreys leave for warmer climes, other birds will start arriving here to spend the winter. The evocative sound of thousands of pink-footed geese will soon be heard once more as they return from their breeding grounds in Iceland and Greenland.

Having completed their moult, wintering waterfowl are increasing in numbers; our counts have recorded 3750 Tufted duck, 2000 Coot and 496 Mute Swans.

A less usual bird, a Razorbill, was seen between Findatie and St Serf's Island. The Razorbill is a seabird so it was odd to see one here on the loch; it possibly lost its bearings during the recent foggy weather! However, it wasn't the first sighting of Razorbill here, but the fourth, the first record being in 2004. At the time of writing, the Long-tailed duck mentioned in last month's Newsletter is still around, being seen from the observation room at Vane Farm.

We had many visitors to our stand at the Kinross Show, all showing great interest in the NNR, asking questions and taking away some of our literature. Our new cotton shopping bags sporting the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve logo also proved popular. Available in either long or short-handled styles, they are fast becoming the latest must-have fashion accessory. The bags are a way of promoting the NNR and have the added benefit of encouraging people away from using plastic carrier bags which contribute to unsightly and dangerous litter.

If you would like a bag, free of charge, pop down to our office at the Pier.

Sarah

## JULY WEATHER REPORT FROM CARNBO



July this year had all the ingredients for a wonderful summer month, many bright sunny day, Higher than normal temperatures throughout the month and even some short spells of rain to keep gardens and crops healthy.

Rainfall for month 52.7mm (53% of average)

Heaviest fall 16.7mm (2nd)

Highest temperature 26°C (25th)

Lowest temperature 6°C (13th)

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# Sports News

## ATHLETICS

After a promising start to the 2006 outdoor season, 400m hurdler Eilidh Child has experienced mixed fortunes. In mid June she competed at the Bedford International Games and was third in a time of 60.50 seconds. One week later at Grangemouth Stadium she retained her Scottish under-20 title with a winning time of 62.08 seconds. Unfortunately about 10 days later she picked up a thigh injury that prevented her from competing for about three weeks and meant she missed the AAA's meeting at Manchester on 15-16 July.

She returned to competition on 22 July at the Under-20 AAA Championships in Bedford, having trained very little due to her injury, and qualified comfortably for the 400m hurdles final. However a recurrence of her thigh injury forced her to pull out of the final and denied her the opportunity of defending the title she won in 2005 and to qualify for the World Junior Championships.

In early August she bounced back and picked up a much deserved silver medal at the Scottish Senior Championships at Scotstoun, coming home in a time of 60.75 seconds. On 17 August she was given a guest slot in the 400 metre race at the televised Celtic Cup Competition held at Grangemouth, and in very windy conditions was 5th in 58.00 seconds. On 19 August her fitness was put to the test competing for Pitreavie AAC at the BAL Plate Final at Bedford. There she was first in the 400m hurdles in 62.10 seconds with the added responsibility of being nominated the club's ace athlete that earned the club double points for her win.

She was also second in the 100m hurdles in 15.30 seconds, in only her second outing over that distance this season, and was part of the 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m relay teams that were 1st and 3rd respectively. Pitreavie finished the competition in second place behind a strong team from the Channel Islands and one point ahead of the third-placed team from Woking.

In what will probably be her last outing of the season she hopes to be selected for the Scottish under-20 team

## KINROSS LADIES HOCKEY CLUB

The club has resumed pre-season training on Wednesdays, 6.30 pm - 8 pm, on the artificial turf pitch at KGV playing fields. Training is a mixture of fitness and skill work with the emphasis on fitness initially - soon find out which of us had lazy summers! All lady hockey players, or potential players, very welcome - just turn up! We will be fielding two teams in Midlands District League once more so need to keep our numbers up to ensure we can continue to put out two full squads.

## KINROSS TENNIS CLUB

We had a very entertaining 'Tennis Fun Day' and BBQ on a glorious day on 5 August with a good turnout of players of all ages. Matches were fast and furious with the winners being John Walker and Craigie McCulloch. The runners up were Edna Nelson and Jamie Hookham.

A BBQ followed which everyone enjoyed (catering by our master chef Stuart Wilson). Many thanks to all who came along and to those who contributed with food and refreshments.

The club championships are well underway with more matches over the next few weekends. The finals are on **3 September**.

Jamie Hookham and Douglas Weir are already in the junior finals.



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## KINROSS RUGBY CLUB

Kinross got off to a flying start in their pre-season friendly with a 50 points to seven victory over a Hillfoots XV. A mixture of 1sts and 2nds turned out for Kinross, helping to allay early fears that we may not have the strength and depth to see us through the season. Readers should not now assume we have enough players for the season, we are extremely short in the backs, and I don't just mean the 'Wee man'! However it was the backs that stood out in this training game with Iain Spence and Tom Coll bagging a hat-trick of tries. A big influence on the backs play was the confidence of stand off Fraser Ross and maybe even more significantly the return of Stuart Allan at centre. With that amount of pace in our armoury all teams in our league had better watch out. Not to mention the dynamic duo of the DEE and Old limping horse Prince who shared the role of full back, even at fifty he's able to carve out a new position for himself. Watch out Mo! It's his birthday soon.

Up front it was the Wood sisters who were doing all the damage, Ally, Gordon and Duncan (eggshell) all featured prominently. Ally is a good bet for player of the year this season, and if you're looking for an outside bet then Keith Tolson has to be in with a shout. That veteran of veterans Jim Handyside rolled back the years to produce a tackle – well done Jim! One for the photo album?

Training is going well with a wide variety of practices to keep all levels of rugby player involved and enjoying their exercise. Why not come along if only for the exercise, **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm** with our newly appointed coach. The more numbers there are down, the more varied and enjoyable the practices can be.

### 1st XV Fixtures for September

2nd	Mackie F.P.	Away
9th	Aberdeenshire	Home
16th	RAF Lossiemouth	Away
23rd	Orkney	Home

### 2nd XV Fixtures for September

30th	Howe of Fife 2nds	Home
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Thank you to all who supported our tombola stall at Kinross show. I hope you all won a prize. This proved to be a successful day for advertising our Jubilee festivities. Well done to George and Donna Harley for their sterling efforts in setting up and running the stall. It is also a big well done to the Jubilee committee who, at the time of writing, will have hosted the first of our special events for the jubilee year. Hopefully you all enjoyed our open day on 27 August and I'm sure all who took part in the tag festivals and touch tournaments are guaranteed to have enjoyed themselves.

Come along and support Kinross Rugby Club and join in the wide variety of social events on offer. Try It!

## KINROSS ROAD RUNNERS

Carnegie Harriers added a new race to the Summer calendar on 26th July. Entries for Loch Fitty Trail race were limited by the venue and there were no entries on the night so only Geoff Bilton and Judith Dobson from Kinross Road Runners secured places in the field of 118 runners. Judith finished 58th in a time of 44:41 and Geoff was 96th in 52:48.

There were plenty of places available at the Donkey Brae race on 31st July due to a mix up with the entry system. This popular 7 mile race along the coast from Aberdour to Dalgety Bay and back attracted a field of almost 300 runners. The race is organised as part of the Aberdour Festival so there were plenty of stalls and activities to keep the supporters entertained whilst they waited for the runners to return. Judith Dobson was 67th in 49:56, Gordon Donnachie was 122nd completing the course 4 mins faster than last year in 53:57, Isabella Carmichael was 156th and 3rd super vet in 56:11 and Louise Pryde finished 242nd in 68:12.

Forth Road Bridge 10K on 13th August is another popular race with limited numbers and no entry on the day. Kinross Road Runners were represented by Gordon Donnachie and Isabella Carmichael. Gordon and Isabella ran personal best times of 45:23 and 47:56 to finish 108th and 150th respectively.

In contrast Club Championship race Ceres 8 on 15th August only accepted entries on the night. The race started at 7:30pm and there were two Kinross Road Runners in the field of 130 who ran this tough 8 mile race around the picturesque village of Ceres in Fife. John Mysercough finished 98th in 1:05:59 and Sue Whisler finished 125th in 1:15:25.

Kinross Road Runners meet at 7pm Wednesday nights in Loch Leven Health Centre car park. Copies of our training schedule are displayed on the notice board in the Leisure Centre and on our web site ([www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk](http://www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk)). We welcome runners of all ages and abilities.

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### KINROSS CURLING CLUB

This is no usual Curling Club as activities have taken place all during the summer.

Early in the summer 10 members took part in a karting endurance race lasting 90 minutes. Teams of two and the results were:-

The Heavies 76 laps

Karting Curlers 74 laps

Hod it and Dod it 70 laps

Wacky Racers 69 laps

Douglas Dunn 69 laps. The race started dry and finished very wet for the last 30 minutes. Tricky on slick tyres (ask Gordon Douglas).

The annual golf Outing involving members of Kinross Ladies Curling Club took place on the Bruce Coarse on 25 July in near perfect weather conditions. On this occasion only two ladies were able to "play" and in the circumstances a stableford format game took place with only 12 players competing and on conclusion Ian Muirhead was the winner with Martin Sutherland runner up.

The challenge of the Dunfermline Curling Club on the Montgomery Golf Course was completed on 10 August with 4 matches involving two players per club on a 4 ball better ball match play basis. All the games were very close but on this occasion, the Kinross boys were winners with a margin of 3 to 1. In both matches the usual Curling fellowship followed at the Clubhouse with High Tea and modest refreshments. There is no doubt that the curlers enjoy the competition on the golf course and this inevitably whets the appetite for the forthcoming Curling Season.

Oh yes, the curling season, this starts for the Club on **Thursday 21 September** at 7:45 with the Opening Bonspiel, President vs Past President. The Rankine, Jubilee and Gallowhill Ploughshare follow shortly thereafter; let the battles commence!

Kinross Curling Club always welcome new members and any new or experienced curlers wishing to join the Club or to discuss what curling may have to offer should contact Match Secretary, Alistair Wood on Kinross 862749.

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## ***Congratulations & Thanks***

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**BLACKADDER - BAILLIE:** Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of **SUZANNE**, daughter of Graham and Karen Blackadder, 5 Middleton Park, Keltybridge to **GORDON**, youngest son of Robert and Irene Baillie, 1 Queensview, Balgedie.

The wedding of **EWAN BAILLIE** and **DONNA INGLIS**, 22 Beveridge Place, Kinross took place on Saturday 19 August 2006 in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross.

Andrew and Lorna **SCOTT** (Café 98) are delighted to announce the birth of their first child. **CAMERON DAVID** was born on Saturday 8 July 2006.

George and May **SHIELS**, Orwell Park, Milnathort are delighted to announce the birth of their third grandchild, **MYA MAY** on 27 August 2006, to Cameron and Lesley.

**MICHAEL SNEDDON** has graduated from Strathclyde University with a BA Honours (First Class) in Accounting.

**DIANE TIMMINS** has graduated with a BA with distinction in Child and Youth Studies from the University of Highlands and Islands. Diane now takes up a position with Perth & Kinross Council.

**MARK BEAUMONT**, former pupil at Kinross High School, has graduated from Abertay University with a BSc in Sports Coaching and Development. He was recently appointed Head Coach to the Scottish Junior Squash team.

In just seven months, by dint of hard work and enthusiasm, **PORTMOAK PRIMARY SCHOOL** has achieved a Bronze Award in the Eco School's Award Scheme Scotland.

**RYAN HOGGAN** of Kinross-shire, a 14 year old black belt at Karate, has received a £300 sports development grant from P&K Sports Council.

**CHLOE WEBSTER**, Kinross, has been selected to take part in a four-week course with YDance, Scotland's first national youth dance company. As part of a group of 20 talented young dancers, Chloe will work with European choreographers and dance specialists.

**LUCY OLDHAM** of Kinross has passed Grade 5 piano with the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music. Lucy is a pupil of Rosemary Tolson of Milnathort.

**CATRIONA McSHANE** of Kinnesswood has passed Grade 5 with Merit in Theory of Music in the Royal School of Music exam. Her teacher is Margaret Houston, Milnathort.

At the 2006 GB National Fencing Championships the Silver medal went to **HARRY MONCREIFF** of Crook of Devon for Men's Sabre Scottish fencers were very well represented amongst the medals at the 2006 National Championships, winning 8 of the 24 medals in the individual championships.

**ALICIA HAY** of Blairview, Milnathort achieved success at the Perth Show with Reserves in Mountain and Moorland working hunter ponies, Mountain and Moorland ridden and Ponies of show hunter type.

### **THANKS**

**RNLI COLLECTION** - Thank you to all who donated to the Lifeboats when we had our collection at Somerfield's in June. We raised the sum of £501.03 on the day and with the additional amount of £23.17 from the collection box situated on the bar at the Green Hotel, we have now transferred a total of £524.20 to the headquarters in Perth. Grateful thanks to the collectors who give of their time and to the management of Somerfield's for granting us permission to collect at the store. Mary Graham, Collection Coordinator.

**THE KINROSS-SHIRE VOLUNTEER GROUP & RURAL OUTREACH SCHEME** would like to thank the Community Council for their generous donation of £250 from the Kinross Newsletter fund. It is most welcome and we would like to express our grateful thanks.

**BILLY, RHONA** and **SUZI MORRIS** would like to thank all their friends for the wonderful surprise barbecue held to welcome them back home to Kinnesswood after living in Germany for five years. Special thanks to those who organised it and to the staff of the Lomond Country Inn who worked hard to make it a lovely evening.

**DAVE** and **ELAINE CARRUTHERS** would like to thank all the family and friends who joined them in their silver wedding anniversary celebration ceilidh on 22 July, and for all the lovely cards, presents and good wishes received from so many. Thank you for making it such a special night! Here's to the next 25 years!!

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## KINROSS CHURCHES TOGETHER



### KINROSS PARISH CHURCH

Station Road, Rev. Dr. John Munro (862952)

web-site [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)

tel: 862570

e-mail: [kinrossparishchurch@btinternet.com](mailto:kinrossparishchurch@btinternet.com)

#### 10.30 am Sunday Services in the Parish Church

(crèche facilities available upstairs at the Church)

3 September **Quarterly Communion** 10.30 am & 6.30 pm

24 September Harvest Festival raising funds for Anne McCulloch and Tearfund in Darfur

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

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

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

**Causeway Court:** Last Tuesday of the month at 2.30 pm. **All are welcome to these services.**

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

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

**Enquiries:** Session Clerk: Mr Danus Skene, Orwell House, Manse Rd, Milnathort (861619)

### FOSSOWAY PARISH CHURCH

Reverend Joanne Finlay (01577 850231)

E-mail [joanne.finlay196@btinternet.com](mailto:joanne.finlay196@btinternet.com)

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie (01592 840823)

#### Sunday Services at 9.45 am

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

Evergreens, every 2nd Thursday in the month 10.30am

Friday mornings - Tots Music in Hall

9.30-10.30am; 11am-12pm

Wednesday evenings - Community Choir 7-9pm

Friday mornings: 9.30-10.30, 11-12 - Tots Music

Wednesday evenings 7pm - Community choir

Sunday 3rd September - Sacrament of Baptism

Monday 4th Sept. - Kirk Sessions meet in Cleish Village Hall

Sunday 10th September - All Age Worship

Thurs. 14th September - Evergreens

Sunday 17th Sept - Preacher: Gordon Brown

Sunday 24th September - Rev. Clifford Hughes

### CLEISH PARISH CHURCH

Reverend Joanne Finlay (01577 850231)

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Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie (01592 840823)

Session Clerk: Mr David Adams (01577 850292)

#### Sunday Services at 11.15 am

#### Crèche in Village Hall 11.15am

Junior Church - 11.15am

Sunday 3rd Sep. - Sacrament of Baptism

Guest Preacher Rev. Ian Alexander

Monday 4th 7.30pm Cleish & Fossoway Kirk Sessions meet in Cleish Village Hall

Sunday 10th Sep - Pulpit Swap with Rev. John Munro

Saturday 16th Sep. - Kirk Session Conference

Sunday 17th Sep - dedication of the Rev. David Macleod Walkway

Guest preacher

Sunday 24th Sep - Guild Dedication Service

Rev. Clifford Hughes

Monday 25th Sep - 7.30 Guild

### ORWELL AND PORTMOAK PARISH CHURCH

Rev Robert Pickles (01577 863461)

Email: [robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com](mailto:robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com)

Sunday worship, Junior Church and crèche

10am Portmoak Church

11.30am Orwell Church

**Prayer Meeting** is held 30mins before each service.

**Service at Ashley House** first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm

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

**Fusion Club** for P5 - S1 - Mondays from 28th

August until October holiday -

Orwell Church Hall at 6.30pm

For details contact Anne Sutherland on

01577 830442

**Communion** at Portmoak Church on Sunday **3rd September**

**Communion** at Orwell Church on Sunday

**1st October**

**Portmoak Sale of Work - Saturday 16th**

**September 2pm in Portmoak Hall**

**Harvest Thanksgiving Services -**

Orwell Church Sunday 24th September

Portmoak Church Sunday 1st October

**Harvest Supper - Saturday 23rd September**

Milnathort Town Hall

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

Muir, Kinross

Rev Dr Marion Keston 01577 866834

Sunday 3rd 8.30am and 11am services cancelled to enable St. Paul's congregation to join in a Diocesan Celebration at 11.00am in St. Bryde's Kirk, Kirkcaldy

Wednesday 6th 10.30am Service of prayers for healing (with Holy Communion)

Sunday 10th 8.30am Holy Communion

11.00 am Sung Eucharist with Baptism

Sunday 17th 8.30am Holy Communion

11.00am All age worship Preacher: Rev. David Underhill

(Mission to Seamen Chaplain)

Sunday 24th 8.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Harvest Festival Eucharist

Wednesday 27th 7.30pm Ecumenical Service of exploration and Worship for Christians in today's world

**KINROSS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Jesus said, "I come among you as one who serves."

**Church and Children's Sunday Club  
every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.**

**Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross**

During each service there will be a time for ministry and prayer for healing.  
(Further information: 01577-863509)

**KINROSS GOSPEL HALL**

Montgomery Street, Kinross

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

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

5 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AW

Parish Priest: Fr Ken McCaffrey

e-mail kenmccaffrey@btopenworld.com

Telephone: 0577 863329

**Mass Times** Saturday Vigil Mass 7.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am

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

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- Whisky, wine and liqueur tasting
- Children's Competitions
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## OBITUARIES

**RONALD ERNEST POPE**, artist-cyclist, died on 23 June 2006. He was born in Cleethorpes, Grimsby in 1918 and joined the family business (lead windows) after leaving grammar school. By then his twin passions of cycling and drawing were well established; his diaries record his joy on acquiring his first bike, and on cycling his 'first hundred miles'. He particularly enjoyed solitary cycling, free to marvel at the landscapes and geology he rode through. He was conscripted in 1939, sent to Norway briefly and then to Iceland for two years, where he practised his landscape drawing between spells of duty. He suffered a leg wound in 1944 but was able to return to his battalion and take part in the Invasion of Europe, after which he spent almost a year in the British zone of Germany before demobilisation.

By this time lead windows were out of fashion so Ron, ever-practical, trained as a nurse, reasoning that this would provide financial security while allowing him to enjoy his art and travel. In 1953 he met Else, his wife-to-be from Freiburg in Germany, while both were cycling in France. They married in England and honeymooned in Scotland, and moved from Hertford to Milnathort after the birth of their first daughter, Ingrid. Ron worked as a TB nurse at the Ochil Hills Sanatorium and then at Bridge of Earn Hospital on permanent night-shifts. They had another daughter, Jenny and a son, Derek, and built a house at Linden Park Road. Finances were tight, so entertainment consisted of long cycle-rides or hill-climbs with the children, but he still enjoyed trips on his own when he could set up his easel and lose himself in his art. He was a member of Dunfermline and District Cyclists and also of Kinross, Dunfermline and Perth Art Societies, exhibiting and selling widely at exhibitions, including the Royal Scottish Academy's annual exhibition no fewer than six times - a remarkable achievement for an amateur painter.

He took early retirement in 1980. Between then and 1987 he undertook four major European tours by bicycle, the last through France, Spain and Portugal at the age of 69. He recorded every detail of each from the moment of leaving Milnathort, in minute handwriting, and later made an album of the journey complete with sketches, diagrams and notes for future paintings, postcards and only the occasional photograph. He would spend the winter months at home painting the scenes he had sketched, always experimenting with new techniques but never losing his unique, recognisable style.

The journeys themselves were not without adventure. One night in Norway he pitched his old tent after dark, and next day, after an extremely cold night, he learned that he had camped on one of the country's highest glaciers. Another time in Greece he learned on waking that he'd slept in a forest notorious for its wolves. He budgeted carefully, itemising expenses, and always eschewing new-style camping or cycling gear in favour of his tried-and-tested, much-mended equipment.

Thereafter he took advantage of Saga holidays, but usually hired a bike and did his own thing by day, joining group

activities in the evening. Back home, he was an active member of the Woodmill singers, a Dunfermline choir. In 1981, still cycling up to 40 miles a day, he wrote an account of his own life, concluding that it had been "well worthwhile" and referring to his bike as his 'magic carpet'. Not long after, he suffered a stroke while asleep and for the last five years of his life he was cared for at home by Else, with help from family and the carers of Perth and Kinross Social Services, many of whom became good friends. Else strove to keep Ron's interests alive, and he enjoyed perusing his travel-albums, even taking pencil to paper on occasion, albeit in a different style. He leaves behind a prolific body of work which conveys his deep love of nature's forms. He also leaves eleven grandchildren (three of them "steps") and three great-grandchildren.

Over £300 has been donated in Ron's name to "Common Grounds" for a primary school project in Tanzania. Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed.

**MISS ELSPET GRANT CAMERON** died on 30 July 2006, aged 93 years.

A dedicated member of Powmill S.W.R.I. who joined age 14 a niece of M. J. Cameron, founder member, Miss Cameron was an honours graduate in English and Literature from Glasgow University. She was a teacher in Glasgow for many years, but her love was for the theatre. She acted in High Road, Taggart, Comfort and Joy to name but a few, and was well known for the hypothermia advert. Understandably work commitments prevented her attending regular meetings but after retirement was a regular attender, travelling from Glasgow by bus to stay in her cottage at Powmill with her many cats.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**WEBB** – The family of the late Margaret Webb would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy on their recent loss. They would especially like to thank the Rev Robert Pickles for his uplifting service and also the staff of Levensen Nursing Home and Loch Leven Health Centre for their care and attention during the last few years.

**OLDHAM** - The family of the late Richard Oldham would like to thank Dr Ian Campbell, the District and MacMillan nurses and Dietitian for all their care and attention during Richard's illness. Thanks also to Rev Dr Marion Keston for her friendship and services at St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church and Perth Crematorium and to all who attended Richard will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

**WARDELL** - Sheila and her family wish to thank their friends for coming to Portmoak Church to celebrate the life of Geoff, for the many beautiful cards and flowers which they have received and for donations to Unicef Middle East Children's Appeal made in memory of Geoff.

# Notices

## Scottish National BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

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

**Monday 30 October** 3.30pm to 8.00pm  
**Tuesday 31 October** 5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

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## BLYTHSWOOD CARE

**Somerfield's Car Park**

**19 September between 10.30 am and 11 am**  
Further details from 862258

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**THE ORWELL DRAMATIC SOCIETY**  
presents a production of J B Priestley's

**An Inspector Calls**

at the Grouse and Claret, Heatheryford, Kinross

**on Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd,  
Friday 29th and Saturday 30th September.**

An evening of fine dining and superb entertainment in a beautiful setting.

Tickets only £25.00 per person  
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## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLASSES

Keep fit this winter and come along to Scottish Country Dancing in Milnathort Town Hall.

The class meets at 7.30pm every Wednesday  
Beginners welcome  
First class **20 September**

Enquiries - Jennifer Wallace Tel 863855  
First class free

## POWMILL QUILTERS

Powmill Quilters are having an exhibition of work in Moubray Hall, Powmill on **Saturday 23 September**  
10am - 4pm

Refreshments by Powmill WRI.  
Soup and Teas £1 - £1.50

Raffle: Quilt and other prizes in aid of Diabetics  
Admission to Quilt Show £1

For more information phone 840330

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## WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING (in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support)

**Friday 29 September**

Guide Hall, Church St, Milnathort  
(opposite South Lissens Pottery)  
10am - 12 noon

Sales Table

Entry by donation

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## Kinross-shire Round Table's FIRST ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL

**The Pier Bar, Loch Leven, Kinross**  
**Saturday 23 September 2006**

12 noon - 5.00pm £2.00 at the door  
7.00pm - 12 midnight £6.00  
(admission by ticket only)

**Tickets on sale at**  
Sands Ironmongers, The Green Hotel,  
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**PORTMOAK PRIMARY SCHOOL****Open Evening**

Portmoak Primary would like to ask all interested friends in the community and present and former parents and pupils to our Open Evening on

**Thursday 28 September**

from 6.30pm - 7.30pm

to view the recent refurbishment of the school.

**MICHAEL BRUCE TRUST****Centenary Dinner**

**Wednesday 27 September**

On 27 September the Chairman of the Michael Bruce Trust will host a dinner to mark the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Michael Bruce Cottage Museum in Kinnesswood.

Tickets for this event, which will be held in the Lomond Country Inn, Kinnesswood, at 7.30pm can be obtained by writing to Dr David Munro, Rose Cottage, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood, Kinross KY13 9HL, enclosing a cheque for £25 per person made payable to the Michael Bruce Trust.

**Dunfermline Strathspey and Reel Society****16th FIDDLERS RALLY**

Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline

**Saturday 9 September**

commencing 7pm

Guest Artistes:

Doreen Amott, Soprano, Accompanist Sandra Allan  
Moonglow, Barber Shop Quartet

Conductor - Ron Smith

Tickets £7 and £5 Concession from  
Carnegie Hall Box Office, tel 01383 314000

**KINROSS DISTRICT  
COUNSELLING SERVICES**

Kinross District Counselling Service offers a new, fully supervised confidential counselling service brought to you in association with Kinross Parish Church and the Web Project. It is open to all comers.

To make an appointment call Hilary on 07930 682902 or Wendy on 07762892252. (Donations welcome to cover costs.)

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

**DR PAT CARRAGHER**

Dr Carragher has recently left the St Serf's Practice at Loch Leven Health Centre to take up a post with the Children's Hospice. If you would like to contribute to a "thank you" present for Dr Carragher for all he has done over the last 18 years, the following have agreed to accept donations until 30 September:

Milnathort	Robertson's Farm Supplies
	Davidson's Chemist
Kinross	Rowlands Pharmacy
	St Serf's Crafts

As it won't be possible to acknowledge each contribution personally, would you put your donation in an envelope with your name and address, so that he can be given a list of donors.

**BALBEDIE AEROMODELLING CLUB**

**Sun 17 Sep** Open Scale Day Balbedie club site

Contact: P Baxter 01577 863807, B Widley 01577 864324

[www.balbedie-aeromodelling-club.co.uk](http://www.balbedie-aeromodelling-club.co.uk)

**RECITAL**

in Kinross Parish Church

**Tuesday 12 September**  
**at 7pm**

Entry free but donations to 'Live Music Now' welcome

Feergus Hetherington, violin  
Matthew McAllister, guitar

Sponsored by 'Live Music Now', a scheme founded by the late Yehudi Menuhin to take high quality live music to people throughout our communities, particularly those who are disadvantaged, while simultaneously giving outstanding young musicians the opportunity of performing at the outset of their professional careers.

**Milnathort Babies & Toddlers  
PHOTOGRAPHY DAY**

**Wednesday 18 October**  
2pm - 5pm

Milnathort Town Hall

Tea/Coffee, Home Baking, Lucky Dip, Usborne Books  
(see p 23 for more details)

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ARTICLES**

**5.00 pm, MONDAY 18 September**  
**for Publication on Saturday 30 September**

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

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**RECYCLING OF WASTE PAPER**

P & KC Kerbside Collections

**Kinross, Milnathort & Glenfarg**

**Thursday 28 September**

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.

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

**FERRY TO  
LOCHLEVEN CASTLE**

Castle opening hours: 9.30am to 6.30pm

The ferry leaves daily from the Fisher Pier, with last outward sailing at 5.15pm

Admission (including ferry fare) is paid on the island.

Adult: £4.00 Children (5-15): £1.60 Concession: £3.00

There are benches, lawns and toilets on the island, but access to the castle is not suitable for wheelchairs. Larger groups should contact Historic Scotland's Visitor Services Manager on 01786 431324 or the Site Manager on the island (mobile 0777 8040483) beforehand to make special arrangements.

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	April – Sept	Oct – March
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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

## LOCH LEVEN LEISURE

### Pre-School Activities

We offer a variety of pre-school activities for 18 months – 3 years and 3 – 5 years. **Wee Springers** on a Monday is a movement and development class developing basic motor and social skills. **Kiddie kickers** on a Friday is a fun introduction to football.

For further information or to book a place please call 01577 863368.

### School Aged Activities

Loch Leven Leisure runs a number of sports classes after school. If you fancy trying athletics, racket sports, multi-sports or football then call 01577 863368 to book a place or for further information.

**What activities would you like to try or take part in?**  
**What activities would you like to see on the Motiv8 programme?** If you have any ideas then why not come in and speak to us or fill out a comments card. We look forward to hearing your suggestions.

### Portmoak Church

### Sale of Work

**Saturday 16th September**  
**2-4pm**

Stalls include:

Baking, Tombola, Produce, Handcrafts, Bric-a-brac,  
Garden produce, Books  
Teas with home baking

**All welcome!**

## KINROSS FLORAL ART

7-15 pm on **Thursday September 28th 2006**

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### MTKY

Finally, the month we've all been waiting for has arrived! September: the month of MTKYs performance of "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" The excitement's building as everyone is counting down to opening night and the best week of our year so far!

The show takes place from

**Tuesday 19th Sep - Friday 22nd September**

**At: Kinross High School - 7.30pm-10.00pm**

**Adults: £6**

**Concessions (schoolchildren and OAPs): £4**

To buy tickets call:

**Isobel: 01577 862970, Lynn: 01577 863271,**

**Alysha: 01577 864814**

**Or speak to any member of MTKY for tickets too!**

We know you don't want to miss out on the fun, so buy a ticket, come support us and have a fabulous night full of laughter, tears and fun! We look forward to seeing you there!

### [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

If you visit the website, [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) you will have already noticed that there have been major changes. If you haven't visited lately do have a look.

The first, noticeable change is that the site has had a re-brand and now sports a new "page header" which is in keeping with the new "branding" for Kinross-shire.

A link has been added both on the Home Page and on the Community part of the site to a Photo Library. This links into a completely new part of the site, which contains a gallery of photographs taken in and around Kinross-shire. The images have all been taken by residents of the county or friends of [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc). All the images are free to download by local groups, businesses, etc (but please read the "Fair Use of Copyright-Free images" which appears on every Photo Library page).

At the moment there are gaps in the areas covered so if you have any pictures that you would be happy to make available please e-mail Pauline at [admin@kinross.cc](mailto:admin@kinross.cc). The more photographs there are the greater the advantage to all.

The development of the Photo Library and the updating of the page header have been made possible by grants from the Branding Budget, Economic Development, Perth & Kinross Council.

### 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

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or someone to talk to

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7.30 p.m. Salutation Hotel, Perth

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		yes	Gdns only	Kinross House	1 Apr - 1 Oct	daily	10am-7pm	3.00	2.00	free
			Gdns only	Arnot Tower Gardens, by Leslie	10 May - 27 Sept	Tues only	10am-5pm	3.50		U10 free
yes	yes	yes (part)		Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	10am-5pm	5.00	4.00	
yes	yes	yes		Cherrybank Gardens, Perth	Mar - Oct	Mon-Sat	10am-5pm	3.75	3.40	2.50
				(Europe's largest heather collection)		Sun	noon-5pm			
yes		yes (part)	Gdns only	Scone Palace gardens	24 Mar-31 Oct	daily	9.30am-5.45pm	3.50	3.00	2.20
		yes (part)	Gdns only	Cambo House, Kingsbarns, by St Andrews	all year	daily	10am-dusk	3.50		free
	yes	yes		Falkland Palace, garden & Town hall	1 Mar-31 Oct	Mon-Sat	10am-5pm	8.00	5.00	
				(family ticket £20.00)		Sun	1pm-5pm			
				Hill of Tarvit, by Cupar	1 Sep - 8 Oct	Thurs-Mon	1pm-5pm	8.00	5.00	
yes		yes (part)	Gdns only	Kirklands Garden, Saline	Apr-Sept	Fri-Sun	2pm-5.30pm	2.00		
		yes (part)	Gdns only	Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff	May-Oct	daily	2pm-6pm	4.00	3.00	1.50

SPECIAL DAYS OPEN IN SEPTEMBER	
<p>Two of the gardens which open daily throughout the summer and feature in the table above also have special open days in September, when entry proceeds go to charity.</p> <p>The special open day at <b>Cherrybank Gardens in Perth</b> is on <b>Sunday 10 September</b>. Cherrybank has over 900 varieties of heather set in a stunning 6-acre garden and is designed to provide a rich mix of colour throughout the year. It also plays an important conservationist role. All this is complemented by artworks and water features including an acoustic pool and trout stream. Soup and rolls, teas and coffee are available in the café. There is a gift shop and plants for sale. There are good disabled facilities at Cherrybank and tarmac paths. The only dogs permitted are guide dogs. Proceeds on the open day are split between Scotland's Gardens Trust and the Scotland's Gardens Scheme charities of the year. Entry for children under 12 is free.</p> <p>The garden at <b>Cambo House</b> at Kingsbarns has its second special open day of the</p>	<p>year from 2pm to 5pm on <b>Sunday 17 September</b>. This is a romantic Victorian walled garden designed around the Cambo burn, with willow, waterfall and charming wrought-iron bridges. Other attractions are an ornamental potager, naturalistic plantings, old roses, colchicum meadow and glowing autumn borders. It is described as an all seasons plantsman's paradise and has featured in 'Country Life' and 'The Garden'. There will be teas and a plant stall. There is partial disabled access and dogs are permitted on leads. Admission £3.50, children free. Proceeds from this open day go to the SGS charities of the year. Cambo is on the A917 near St Andrews.</p> <p>More information on these and other gardens can be found in the "Gardens of Scotland" 2006 handbook available from the Tourist Information Office or from the following website: <a href="http://gardensofscotland.org">gardensofscotland.org</a></p>



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## PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER 2006

Elderberries	Monday	4	11	18	25		1.30 pm
Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	5	12	19	26	10.30 am	
Bingo	Tuesday	5		19	26		1.30 pm
Classical Music Concert	Tuesday			12			1.30 pm
Morning Service	Wednesday	6	13	20	27	10.45 am	
Quiz Afternoon	Wednesday	6	13	20	27		1.30 pm
Art Class	Thursday	7	14	21	28		1.30 pm
Film Afternoon	Thursday	7	14	21	28		1.30 pm



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# Playgroups & Nurseries



## MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

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

## LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

### Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact - Shelagh 01577 865456

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

## PORTMOAK UNDER 5's

Babies and Toddlers (up to 2.5yrs)

Tues 10.00am-11.30am

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

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

Contact Gillian McCloskey 01577 861525  
Venue - Portmoak village hall

## FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - Alison Smith 01577 862310

## GLENFARG VILLAGE PLAYSCHOOL

Monday, Wednesday and Friday,

9.30 am - 12 noon

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



## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071



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

**Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.00-11.30am**

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

**Storycraft** Mon 1.15-2.45pm

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

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Contact Pat Irvine 01577 840584 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)

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