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Letters

Editorial

Deadlines

May we make a plea to contributors to respect the Newsletter deadline! We had a large number of items coming in well after the deadline this month, and whilst we try to be helpful by accommodating time-sensitive items, this can create a considerable amount of extra work for the editorial team, especially if the item is a lengthy one. We have a tight timetable of procedures to work through before delivering the Newsletter to the printers, and this is put in disarray with late entries.

I'm afraid there is no easy way to remember the Newsletter deadline. It is not the same date every month. Deadlines are fixed by working backwards from our chosen publication date. Deadline day is, however, always a Monday. Generally it will be the third Monday of the month but very occasionally it will be the fourth, depending on how long the month is and how the dates fall. (And deadlines for our combined January/February issues can be quite different again!)

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website, www.kinrossnewsletter.org and each Newsletter contains the deadline for the following month. As announced last month, the deadline time is now 2pm on deadline day.

Where has all the good news gone?

Maybe fewer people are getting married, maybe the birth rate is falling. Who knows? But our Congratulations column is getting smaller and smaller! If someone in your family has recently become engaged, married, had a baby, graduated, achieved something special, why not share the good news? There is no charge for items like this and we'd be delighted to publish them.

Sorry, no room for the crossword this month.

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Kirkgate Triumph

5.10.07

Some five years ago, having taken my small grandson and a friend for a picnic and football to Kirkgate Park, I wrote to this page bemoaning the desolation there. We left, together with one other family from Dundee, after a very short time, as it was impossible to play and dodge the dog deposits, any pieces of adventure equipment being in a state of total ruination.

On visiting the Better Place to Live Fair, some three years later, we found two mothers at a small stand entitled "Friends of Kirkgate Park". From that embryonic beginning, the sheer will and persistence of those mothers culminated in the transformation of that once sad area of ground into what visitors found at the Discovery Week-end.



During the school holidays, our two other grandchildren came up from England to stay for two weeks. On one of the fine days, we took our Scottish grandson, his friend and the two cousins, over to the Castle on the Island where all four (aged 11, 9, 8 and 7) bolted down a picnic and became totally enchanted by what they experienced there, and not less so by the boat trip there and back. Ice creams at the Pier Café were followed by my first visit to Kirkgate Park since its restoration.

All four children were in thrall at the variety of equipment and sheer space on offer. Another 8-year-old from Suffolk, on holiday up here, joined in an England v Scotland football match - no dog deposits to dodge, and with rucksacks as goalposts, ran themselves into the ground. What a joy!

My son-in-law and I took Jamie on the opening Sunday and were filled with admiration at just what had been achieved with strong will, much persistence and a great deal of vision. Many congratulations to the Friends of Kirkgate Park.

One last entreaty to dog owners - please, please always take a plastic bag, place hand into bag, collect the item(s), pull back the bag from inside out, knot securely, and place in dog-bin provided, or take home and contribute to landfill. Quick, simple and so thoughtful to others.

Marie Young
South Cottage, Meikle Seggie, Milnathort

Fossway CC / T in the Park**14.09.07**

With reference to D Alexander's letter published in the September edition of the Kinross CC Newsletter, the contents of which are identical to that received from Mr Alexander by the Secretary of the Fossway and District Community Council (FDCC) under cover of an email dated 3 September 2007. Mr Alexander's letter was reviewed point by point at the 4 September meeting of the FDCC and the Secretary was asked to relate the decisions in a written response to Mr Alexander and this was sent to Mr Alexander on 14 September 2007.

In summary, only one of the statements made by Mr Alexander, specifically that he "*was happy to apologise for the distress which may have been caused at the beginning of the event*" was agreed by councillors as an acceptable amendment to the minutes. Regarding the statements that Mr Alexander alleges were untrue, the Councillors commented as follows (extracts from Mr Alexander's letter are in inverted commas):

1. "*The Minutes state that: Douglas Alexander who owns the Balado site believes the organisers should contact Community Councils to discuss the problems. This is an untrue statement*"

The Councillors unanimously agreed that in their recollection Mr Alexander made such a statement in those or similar words at the Cambo meeting. Accordingly they agreed that the minute should stand.

2. "*...Mr Saunders claimed that DF Concerts only wished to speak to Perth and Kinross Council officials. This is also untrue.*"

The Councillors accepted the Secretary's statement that this was his inference from the telephone statement made by Karen McColl when declining to attend the August FDCC meeting. Further, the Councillors agreed with Mr Saunders' assertion that no consultation was undertaken with FDCC and that the 'T in the Park Community Council Meeting' chaired by the T in the Park organisers was in the nature of a briefing of arrangements and that since no information or agenda was provided in advance of the meeting this effectively prevented consultation with residents and prevented useful and constructive criticism of arrangements. Also, no members of the public were permitted to attend, in fact some residents from Cambo were turned away, and therefore the meeting could not be called a 'community' meeting and was in fact a **private** meeting. The CC concluded that the existing consultation by the organisers is with P&KC and not with the Fossway community and agreed that the minute should stand.

Mr Alexander seems to suggest in his letter that the minutes of a CC meeting should be almost verbatim and is concerned that his contributions were not minuted. It has been pointed out to Mr Alexander that the minutes of a meeting are a **brief summary** (Chambers dictionary definition) of the meeting and it is not possible for all comments or contributions to be included. Particularly when the minutes reflect the discussions, comments and decisions of a meeting of duration 1 to 2 hours. The Community Councillors believe that the minutes of the meeting of 7 August 2007 are an honest, truthful and accurate brief summary of the key discussions and decisions made at the meeting. No attempt has been made to "structure the exclusion of contributions" other than as happens naturally in the need for brevity. Normally very few amendments are suggested, indeed, apart from Mr Alexander's suggestions the general public at the meeting suggested no amendments.

The Community Councillors are very concerned that the real issue for discussion is how to prevent the utterly unacceptable

disruption to local communities from T in the Park in 2007 from being repeated in future. In this regard the efforts of the CC have concentrated on finding constructive solutions for the future.

FDCC would like to see the organisers arrange for their traffic management proposals to be examined and approved by P&KC and the Police and reviewed by independent traffic management consultants. Their plan should explain how event-goers will be directed to the event and prevented from using reserved access roads, what bottlenecks and queuing is forecast and where, and how foreseeable risks such as vehicle breakdowns, collisions etc would be managed on the day, and how local residents access would be achieved. Also requested is the inclusion of a risk assessment showing what events/ occurrences would delay, disrupt or prevent the arrangements from working properly, and what actions are intended to eliminate or mitigate these risks and how and by whom will these be implemented. These consultations should be held early enough that plans could be altered in light of public comments and suggestions.

FDCC want to see T in the Park become a "world class" event and to achieve that aim they would expect "world class" planning and consultation. This will require a significant change to the way event planning and consultation with local communities was conducted in 2007.

It is noted that the T in the Park organisers have already called for a meeting with CC representatives and others to discuss matters. This is a constructive step forward.

Fred Saunders, Honorary Secretary
Fossway and District Community Council

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Kinross Highway Code 12.09.07

Has Kinross got a Highway Code totally different from the rest of Britain?

I am appalled at the driving I see every day in Kinross; maybe all households should be issued with a free copy of the Highway Code!

On the High Street we have a 20mph limit; this is obviously a wrong sign having been put up - it would appear to be about 50mph.

If cars are parked at the side of the street on which you are driving, I always thought the rule was that you stop and let the traffic coming the opposite way through - not in Kinross!!

Montgomery Street is a very busy street, but in the morning between 8.30am - 9.05am it turns into a nightmare, caused by mothers and a few fathers taking their children to Kinross Primary School with total disregard to any other road user, travelling up Montgomery Street at stupid speeds never think to stop to let anyone travelling down Montgomery Street past.

At the junction of Montgomery Street and High Street, so many of them cut the corner on the wrong side of the road. I myself have been on the receiving end of this several times and only by braking sharply have avoided accidents. It's only a matter of time until an accident happens. Perhaps if the parents concerned left their house a few minutes early they wouldn't need to put their life in danger, plus their childrens and all other road users.

Sheila Rennie
Montgomery Way, Kinross

Beautiful Kinross-shire 14.09.07

I would like to say how much I have enjoyed visiting many parts of beautiful Kinross-shire throughout the summer and have admired all the wonderful displays of flowers. The hard-working Bloom Committees and everyone involved from the planters to the watering patrol are to be congratulated. Congratulations to all the winning villages, I thought every village deserved to be a winner.

The Friends of Kirkgate Park are also to be congratulated on their determination to see this fantastic project brought to fruition, culminating in a very successful Discovery weekend. The small committee has done a tremendous amount of work. The weekend's activities catered for all age groups. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying this great facility in Kinross. The weather was also very kind which was much appreciated.

This enhanced area is an ideal venue for a host of activities. This park is for the community and I hope that all will respect the park and the equipment as a place to play, a place to relax, a place to walk the dog. Please take all litter home (including dog waste). Visitors to Kinross are impressed with this new facility. Well done to everyone.

Councillor Kathleen Baird

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Retirement Thanks 14.09.07

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils and their parents for their continued support over the last ten years. It has been a pleasure working with so many lovely people from Kinross and the surrounding areas, who have all helped make our business the success that it has been.

We have always strived to teach our pupils safe driving and we both hope that all of you will remember us by continuing to do so. Thank you all.

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Perth & Kinross Mental Wellbeing Week 6 - 14 October

A week-long programme of events taking the theme of 'Mental Wellbeing and Friendship' will be launched by comedian Karen Dunbar on **Saturday 6 October**. The events, including 'One Leaf-One Link', a community tree sculpture; a challenge football match with St Johnstone; music at the Twa Tams; short health walks in the main settlements across P&K; information stands in St John's Mall and a range of workshops and taster sessions in the Concert Hall all aim to promote mental well-being. There will also be an art exhibition, 'Piece of Mind', created by local artists to celebrate the therapeutic benefits of the arts, in the Birnam Institute, and a one day conference 'Art at the Heart of Wellbeing' will explore the role of the arts in promoting positive mental well being on **Wednesday 10 October** in Perth Concert Hall.

For more information or to enrol for any of these events contact PLUS 01738 626242 or visit www.plusperth.co.uk



Dr Hulbert, provost, his wife and Jackie Proctor, artist, at one of the leaf workshops

Kinross-shire Councillors

Kinross shire is a busy place with lots of communities and community meetings, many on the same night. The Councillors are trying to organise their diaries and hopefully at least one will be present at CC meetings. Sometimes this will not be possible. All of us can be contacted either by email or at the Council or at home at any reasonable time.

Cllr Kathleen Baird

Kinross Town Hall and Library

Court Case

Perth & Kinross Council has revised its pleadings. A hearing was due to take place on 19 September but the agent acting on behalf of Perth & Kinross Council was on holiday at that time. The case will continue on another date.

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Save NHS Dentistry Campaign

Some new members attended the September meeting after parts of Kinross and the local area were leafleted to let people know about the campaign.

Some people reported that they had been given appointments to attend Drumhar dental clinic in Perth and had been expecting to register as regular NHS patients, only to be told that the appointment was a "one-off" with routine treatment to follow if necessary.

The campaigners were disappointed that patients could not register but decided to invite a representative from the Community Health Partnership to explain the situation. The date for this meeting, which will be open to anyone looking for an NHS dentist, will be advertised in the next Newsletter.

In the meantime we have received some good news, which is that Mr Waite's dental surgery in Station Road, Kinross is once again taking on NHS patients after employing another NHS dentist. Please phone 01577 864573.

We continue to campaign for both local and national access to full NHS dental provision through our petition at the Scottish Parliament and believe that the improvements we are seeing in the Kinross area are due to the high profile we have given this issue.

For more info on the campaign, phone Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825.

T in the Park – the Argentinian View

2007's T in the Park may still be causing controversy close to home, but the festival and Kinross-shire itself made a good impression on a journalist writing for an Argentinean music magazine. This is a small extract from the article in August's *la mano*:

"Kinross, the town that hosts T in the Park, is just over an hour from Edinburgh and Glasgow, the two main Scottish cities, and is situated in the banks of Loch Leven, a lake with historical resonance, for in one of its islands – Castle Island to be precise – Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567, before her flight to England and eventual incarceration under Queen Elizabeth I, the daughter of Henry VIII and Ann Boleyn.

"Kinross is called 'the portal of the Highlands' because of its strategic situation in the center of Scotland. Apart from brightening up at the beginning of July with the best of British rock, the place is ideal for trekking, to wander along the picturesque country lanes on a bicycle, to go fishing or simply to take things very cool by pondering the length of your toe nails while you take in the landscape of its green hills. Just one thing, the whisky is not imported...

"T in the Park 2007, a friendly festival if ever there was one, was history. An intensive course in today's rock, mainly British-made. While I walked the road that ran parallel to the camping site and into town, heading for my temporary home in Kinross, the promise of a hot shower, a nice cup of coffee and a soft mattress resembled Paradise.

"In the background, in the semi-darkness of midnight, I could still discern the profile of the Scottish hills waving me goodbye, until the next festival. I'll be back!"

Mysterious Structure Appears on Bishop Hill by Loch Leven

On 6 September the Newsletter received the following email from Mr John Ritchie:

I was wondering if you could feature or help identify the mysterious green structure with a giant white golf ball on top that has appeared during the last few weeks on Bishop Hill, above Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood near Loch Leven.

Driving from any direction towards Loch Leven you cannot miss this ugly object as it is the highest point on the landscape.

The towering structure, which seems to be of a permanent design, protrudes high above the trees on one of the highest points of Bishop Hill and has been constructed without local consultation.

Does it have Planning? Has a warrant been issued? There is no record online at Perth & Kinross Planning Department, who stated when contacted that they did not have a Planning Record and would look into the matter.

It's a disgrace that this structure has just been thrown up without consultation, causing a blot on the idyllic and beautiful landscape; it looks worse than a wind turbine.

Wind turbines/farms have been fiercely fought off in the past to avoid such things becoming a dominant feature in Kinross-shire, affecting the landscape and wildlife, yet this seems to have surpassed every one.

This towering ugly structure should be removed immediately and an inquiry held to why it was allowed to be constructed in the first place in such a beautiful habitat.



The Munduff Hill "rain radar" Photo: John Ritchie

In order to find out how the structure came to be built, the Newsletter has delved into the planning database on the Perth & Kinross Council website (see our articles online page at www.kinrossnewsletter.org for the link, and also for more information and photos) where all the relevant documentation relating to the application can be found.

As it turns out, the normal planning process did not entirely apply to this structure as it was an application by the Crown, erected by the Ministry of Defence on behalf of the Meteorological Office. Such applications do not actually need planning permission – there is simply a requirement for the MOD to send the local Council a notification of their intention to build. The process then followed is similar to that used for a normal planning application, but without reference to a development control committee.

So what is the structure? In fact, the tower is a "rain radar" which will monitor rainfall, in order to collect data which should aid the forecasting of rainfall events and also model flood risks within the Perth & Kinross catchment area and beyond. The radar is part of a network of 16 stations set up across the UK. Properly speaking it is sited on Munduff Hill, with the adjoining plateau of Bishop Hill providing ideal visibility for the radar equipment within the white geodesic dome which sits atop the green steel tower. Although the radar is unmanned, access to the tower by 4-wheel drive vehicles is also a necessity, and so a suitable track to the tower through the woods to the rear of the radar is in the process of being constructed. It is also important for the smooth operation of the radar that the surrounding trees do not grow up to the height of the dome, and so a management plan has been put in place to keep the treetops suitably well pruned.

A report on the ecological impact of the site was prepared by E³ Ecology Ltd of Wark in Northumberland. They concluded that the site was of a low ecological value, and that no adverse effects were to be expected on the area's plant and animal life.

The application for the radar was first put forward in May 2006.

Portmoak Community Council raised an

objection, considering the tower to be detrimental to the landscape and contrary to the policy which does not permit obtrusions on the crests of hills around Kinross-shire. The official reply was that the radar would not cause a significant adverse impact on the hilltop, and that whilst the site would not be invisible from all locations, it would be well screened due to being positioned within the existing tree plantation.

In any case, whether or not you believe that these towers are a blight on the countryside there is also some good news in that the radar will not work properly in the vicinity of windfarms, which cause too much interference. At least the hills around Loch Leven will be spared from that particular form of encroachment for the foreseeable future.



Behind the trees:
the site still under construction



The access road curves away down the hill

Discovery Weekend

We were so lucky with the weather over the celebratory weekend which saw the opening of the redevelopment at Kirkgate Park. Dry mild evenings and sunny afternoons meant everyone could enjoy the festivities to the maximum.

Decent numbers enjoyed the Disco and a Wine Tasting supported by David Sands Ltd. The Kirkgate Ceilidh was a sell out with a great evening of dance from The Gary Sutherland Ceilidh Band interspersed with some piping and drumming from younger members of Kinross Pipe Band.

Gig in the Park fitted its description as ten local bands took to the stage in the marquee. This was central to the afternoon which saw creative workshops and a climbing wall helping keep everyone entertained.

Sunday's Opening Day exceeded all our expectations as a rough head count at about 3pm suggested more than 1000 people in the park. A fairly vast selection of hands-on activities presented by RSPB, SNH, Arborantics, Robbie Gordon, Fië and Kinross Bat Group amongst others provided loads of entertainment while we awaited the opening ceremony and the sunshine.



Making friends with the Chainsaw carved Otter!

Kinross Pipe Band followed by Loch Leven Diamonds marched into the park at 2pm. Louise Batchelor did a great job of explaining the reasons for celebration and selling the rest of the afternoon to the crowds. Rosie Robertson then did the honours and launched herself on the flying fox through the opening banner. The park improvements were officially open!

Many activities were enjoyed including just lazing on the new amphitheatre in the sun! A speed chainsaw carving demonstration was fascinating to watch as Pete Bowsher and friends made wood look like butter as we watched animals appear. Kirkgate is now proud owner of three carved seats in the form of geese, a trout and an otter. Regular park users had been watching fascinated in the days leading up to the opening as more shapes were made to appear, this time made from earth. Helen O'Brien and Shona Leitch enjoyed their stay in Kirkgate as they gave form to three figures taking in the Loch Leven scene. These are still to have their surface planted with some wildplant seed which will complement their shapes and they are to have a larger sea of wildflower planted around them.

Many thanks are due. Niall Loble, Countryside Ranger who helped put the whole set up together, Robert Graham and Clare McCance who supported me in whatever way that was needed (and it was!, calming sweated brow particularly). They also put together the Gig event and workshops. Louise Batchelor and Nigel Kellet for being such pros and making

the Opening go without hitch. The Diamonds and the Highland Dancers. Willie et al at Sands, Andrew Scott for keeping us all fed. I could go on, there are so many people who have contributed to making it happen both in front of and behind the scenes. Biggest thanks to Dave Cuthbert, Bouwien Bennet, Jock Keith and Bob Findlay. Small in number, but what an immense team. Words fail me and they know that doesn't happen often!

Enjoy the Park everyone!

Susan Bathgate

Gig in the Park, Saturday 1 September

With the weather on our side, the Saturday Gig in the Park was a fantastic success. With a line up of ten local bands the music went down a treat, both the young people and the interested parents and passers by commented on how talented the bands were - something Kinross-shire should be extremely proud of!

The following bands played: Curb Stomp, Any Old Note, The Fallen, Space Heroes, Drawing Cameron, Scars of a Bleeding Soul, Lucky 13, Sta' light Striking Power, Blue Fuse and Project Siberia.

So a huge thank you to all the bands that took part in the event and especially to those who were there at 10.30 on a Saturday morning with rather bleary eyes to help set up the equipment.

The workshops, quiz trail, and other activities were very well attended with hundreds of designer T-shirts, tiles and jewellery being made on the day, the graffiti boards which were produced with the help of Mark from Skinnycap of Dundee kept young people entertained. The climbing wall was a big hit with 100 young people scaling its dizzy heights.

The event also provided an opportunity to ask the young people about future events and activities they would like to see happening in Kinross-shire. This feedback was very informative and positive and will come in extremely useful for future planning of youth activities.

A special thanks to all the K-flip (Kinross Youth Forum) volunteers who helped with the behind the scenes jobs both before and on the day, and to all the other volunteers who were kind enough to get involved.

Other thanks go to The Web Project, Outdoor Education Team, Youth Services Central and Geographical Teams, Musical Theatre for Kinross-shire Youth, Kinross Library, Kinross High School, Sporting Chance for their Quiz Trail prizes, all the people that attended the event and last but in no means least - Friends of Kirkgate Park for letting us have this opportunity to organise this event for the young people of Kinross-shire.

Clare McCance

CL&D Worker for Youth Work in Kinross and Kinross-shire



Warming up for the gig...

Loch Leven Heritage Project



Progress on Phase 2 of the lochside heritage trail has been going according to plan and the new section of path around the southeast shore of Loch Leven will be open to the public soon. Meantime the first part – from Kinross to Pow Burn – has proved a real attraction for the area this summer and has received much use from holidaymakers and locals alike. The contractor, Gordon MacLarty of Crieff, has finished the path through Levenmouth Wood and has been putting in a gently sloping all abilities path from the Findatie car park down to the River Leven. His team is just starting the Vane Farm to Findatie section.

A new footbridge will be installed across the River Leven, about 500m downstream of the sluice house, in early October. As part of the interpretation for the project, the bridge will have oak railings with carvings on an industrial heritage theme. Once it is in place, wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs will be able to get down to the loch from Findatie and go across the bridge for a stroll through the wood, where an existing SNH bird hide is going to be opened up.

TRACKS have found the Kinnairds at Findatie Farm and the RSPB at Vane Farm very helpful in taking forward this section of trail. They have also been greatly assisted by the River Leven Trustees, who manage the sluice house and control the level of water in the river for the paper mills and distillery downstream. The construction of the River Leven Cut and establishment of the Trust date from the River Leven Acts of 1827 to 1835, so this is a living part of the history of Loch Leven.

Plans are afoot for a ceremony to open Phase 2 to the public in early November. See the November newsletter for details.



Work underway on the River Leven footbridge
Photo: Felicity Marfin

The path itself is only one element of the Loch Leven Heritage Project, which also includes interpretation of the natural and historical heritage of the area, and enhancement of the environment. Much of the interpretation will be delivered through landscaping, designed to lead people into the trail and make significant places more attractive.

David Wilson, who produced stonewall features at Edinburgh airport and Broxden roundabout at the entry into Perth, is coming up with ideas for Kinross Pier, Kirkgate Park, Burleigh Sands and Findatie.

Nick Bowen, of Ian Whyte Associates, has been appointed to manage the landscaping at the main access points to the trail, including the pier car park in Kinross, where Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Scotland, Kinross Estate, Perth & Kinross Council and TRACKS are jointly funding the work. Nick explained the work he is doing, "Currently the car parks are better known by locals rather than visitors. The landscaping will make the trail more visible and accessible, whilst improving the environmental quality will provide an appropriate setting for the rest of the path."

"At the moment Findatie is dilapidated and easily missed. It's not the sort of place you think of going with the family for an afternoon's leisure. We are trying to address that by tackling the layout, drainage and surroundings, so that it looks more like a visitor destination. We want people to perceive it in the same way as, for instance, a car park at the entrance to a National Trust property."

"At Burleigh Sands, we propose to more than double the capacity of the car park. It is a sensitive location with mature beech and Scots pine, so we plan to fit the extra car parking among the existing trees. It should retain its character and be informal in nature."

"Our approach is to keep things simple, using gravel for parking and native species for hedges and tree planting. We will plant some more trees at Burleigh Sands to vary the age structure of the wood and to make the car park less visible from a distance."

While the Loch Leven Heritage Project steadily moves towards a 2008 conclusion, thought continues to be given to adding an extra section of path from Vane Farm to Kinross to complete the circuit of Loch Leven. TRACKS are very grateful for the support from landowners who gave them permission to look at options for this path. The Feasibility Study into this section has been done and has reported that goose studies need to be conducted over two winters before a route can be negotiated. TRACKS have now gone out to tender for a field naturalist to carry out this work from October to the end of March, in the triangle of fields between the loch and the B9097 Vane Farm road and B996 Kinross road.

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October Leisure Programme in Kinross for Pre-School and School Age Children



Date	Activity	Venue	Time	Age
3 & 9 Oct	Whacky Rackets	Loch Leven Leisure	2.00pm – 2.45pm	3 to 5yrs
1 – 5 Oct	Kiddie Kickers	Loch Leven Leisure	9.00am – 9.45am	3 to 5yrs
4 Oct	Pool Inflatables	Loch Leven Leisure	12.30pm – 1.30pm	P4 to S4
11 Oct	Snorkelling	Loch Leven Leisure	12 noon – 2.00pm	P4 to S4
1 – 5 Oct	Football	King George V Pitch	10.00am – 12 noon	P1 to P7
8 – 12 Oct	Multi Sports	King George V Pitch	10.00am – 12 noon	P1 to P7

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News from the Health Centre



Debra Shann and Dr Victoria Smith will be covering Dr Osborne's maternity leave and they will be here until Dr Osborne's return in the spring of next year.

This year's flu clinics will be on Saturday mornings. The dates are **Saturday 13, 20 and 27 October** and **Saturday 3 November**. These dates are, however, subject to change if there are delays with the supplies of flu vaccine as happened last year. The vaccine should be delivered at the end of September and bookings for the clinics will start as soon as it arrives.

It is some time since we talked about the new Health Centre. This is because the project has been caught up in considerable bureaucracy which has added months of delay. The project has had to go back to NHS Tayside and the Scottish Government for further approvals. Whilst the practices have been pressing hard for this to be done quickly, it has proved impossible to get the process speeded up. We understand that the project is due to be considered again in November by the Scottish Government and that final approval should be given at that time. If this is done, the contractors should be able to start on site early in the New Year. With an 18 month build, we should be able to occupy the new building in the autumn of 2009. Meanwhile we have to struggle on in with the current premises. We are very short of space, both consulting space for the clinicians and administration space for the support staff. This does restrict the number of clinics we can run and clinics are often delayed if the previous clinic is running late. We will endeavour to reduce the impact of this on our patients.

At this time of year we conduct our annual patient satisfaction survey and would be very grateful if patients who visit the surgery could complete a form. The results will be discussed with our Patient Focus Group in due course.

New Kinross High School

As this edition of the Newsletter was going to press, P&KC officials had still not reached financial close with Axiom, the consortium which will build and maintain the new Kinross High School and Loch Leven Community Campus. However, Alan Fraser, In-School Co-ordinator with the Investment in Learning Project, was optimistic that the most recently projected opening time of October 2009 would still be achieved.

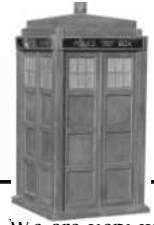
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Bishopshire Horticultural Society Prizes

1. Opdahl Cup for most points in Baking Section Kathrine Baird
2. Elliot Cup for runner up in Baking Section Betty Elliott
3. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Baking Section Kathrine Baird
4. Tullis Cup for most points in Handicraft Section Sylvia Herrington
5. Bell Cup for best exhibit in Handicraft Section Wendy Conway
6. Buchan Rose Bowl for most points in Produce Elaine Carruthers
7. President's Prize - £2 by Sandy Band for runner up in Produce Christine Cameron
8. £2 by the Society for the best exhibit in Produce Christine Cameron
9. Fulton Quaich for most points in Floral Art Christine Hunter
10. John Boyd Salver for best exhibit in Floral Art Christine Hunter
11. Hunter Trophy for class 33 No entries
12. Clydesdale Shield for most points in Baking, Handicraft, Produce and Floral Art Elaine Carruthers
13. Lamont Cup for most points in Cut Flowers John McDonald
14. £2 by the Society for runner up in Cut Flowers Isobel Baird
15. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Cut Flowers John McDonald
16. Isabella Foreman Quaich for best single rose Margaret Brown
17. Eric Sword Tankard for best 3 gladioli spikes John McDonald
18. Bag of compost from Carrs Billington for best 3 vases sweet peas No entries
19. Akerman Rosebowl for most points in Pot Plant Section Deborah Fladgate
20. Gift Token by Willie Robertson, Milnathort for runner up in Pot Plants Jane Martin
21. Flint Quaich for best exhibit in Pot Plants Deborah Fladgate
22. Donaldson Shield for most points in Vegetable Section Simon Herrington
23. Gift Token by Willie Robertson, for runner up in Vegetables Deborah Fladgate
24. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Vegetable Section David Martin
25. Prize by Kirkcaldy Garden Centre for best collection of vegetables David Martin
26. Songhurst Cup for best 6 tomatoes No entries
27. BHS Premier Tray Certificate + £3 Simon Herrington
Certificate + £2 Deborah Fladgate
Certificate + £1 David Martin
28. BHS Premier Vase Certificate + £3 David Martin
Certificate + £2 No entries
Certificate + £1 No entries
29. Gardenland Trophy for most points in Fruit Section Sylvia Herrington
30. BHS Trophy for most points in Horticultural Classes Deborah Fladgate
31. Kirkness Trophy for Best Kept Garden
+ £15 Voucher Sandy and Rosemary Braid
£10 Voucher Mhairi and Ian Wheeler
£5 Voucher Eric Salmond
32. George Harley Cup for best exhibit classes 130,133,134,139,140 Heather Wilson
33. The Sunshine Quaich for the most points 4 years and under Amber Wilson
34. Special Prize by Mrs B Hunter for the best exhibit 4 years and under Amber Wilson
35. Anne Robertson Cup for most points 5-9 years Heather Wilson
36. Prize by Margaret Brown for best exhibit 5-9 years Heather Wilson
37. Prize by the Wardell family for best exhibit 10 - 15 years Victoria Carruthers
38. Loch Leven Cup for the most points 10 - 15 years Zoe Conway
39. Barbour-Curtis Family Challenge Shield The Carruthers family



Police Box

Anti-Social Behaviour

Last month we reported on youths causing annoyance in relation to congregating in the evenings at various locations and engaging in anti-social behaviour such as under age drinking. We would now like to highlight another problem that unfortunately also involves some of our younger members of the community and mostly occurs during the school lunchtime period and at the end of the school day. Groups of young people, mostly school pupils, are generating complaints in relation to other aspects of anti-social behaviour by congregating at a number of places, where litter is deposited, noise and bad language is heard, stones are thrown and in some cases individuals are urinating in public. One location where such behaviour is prevalent is in the lane that connects the High Street and Talla Park running alongside the Clydesdale Bank, although similar problems have been reported in Davies Park, outside the Millbridge Hall, the play area in Green Road and in the wooded area adjacent to the Kinross Golf Course at the back of Talla Park. We are currently liaising with senior staff at Kinross High School, who are also concerned about the number of complaints they have received, with a view to taking action that will hopefully improve the situation and minimise the complaints. Already school staff have highlighted the problems at morning assemblies and we have mounted extra patrols in the problem areas where a large number of our young people have been spoken to and made aware of the complaints. We will continue to monitor the situation and it is hoped that further assistance will be obtained from other agencies such as the P&KC Litter Wardens.

In the meantime, we would ask those who frequent the town centre at the times mentioned to consider their behaviour and, in

particular, to dispose of their litter thoughtfully. We are very well aware that the majority of our young people know how to behave and dispose of their litter the right way and that some older people are not exempt from engaging in acts of anti-social behaviour. In conclusion we will continue to try and identify the guilty persons with a view to bringing them to task for their actions and hope that we can rely on the assistance of the responsible public in order to do so.

Parking at Schools

Despite reporting on this subject on several other occasions people dropping off and uplifting children at schools are still ignoring road markings and signs and causing danger to other road users. These locations are to be monitored and any offenders will be reported.

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Kinross - Constable Ronnie Child.

Milnathort, Kinnesswood & Scotlandwell - Constable Graham Stephen.

Cleish and Blairadam, Crook of Devon, Powmill, Blairingone, Cambo and Glenfarg areas - Constable Lynne Petrie.

Best Kept Village Awards

The Kinross-shire Best Kept Village Awards were presented at a ceremony in Cleish on 30 August. The competition, now in its 41st year, is organised by the Kinross-shire Civic Trust and sponsored by Robertsons of Milnathort. There are two categories, Best Kept Village and Best Kept Hamlet.

Each settlement was inspected by a panel of three judges on 9 August.

Kinnesswood took the **Best Kept Village** prize after two years in the hands of Scotlandwell. The judges noted significant improvements after its third place last year. Milnathort, a previous winner, was very narrowly in second place, with a very strong feeling of a good community effort, but let down by litter. In third place was Scotlandwell, but all three settlements showed high standards and it was not easy for the judges to reach their final decision.



The awards presentation

Cleish was the winner in the **Best Kept Hamlet** category, a regular previous winner, and drew praise from the judges for the obvious tidiness of the public areas, with a positive

community involvement. In second place was Keltlybridge, which shared third place two years ago, and looks likely to present a strong challenge in the future. There was a tie for third place, shared by last year's winner Easter Balgeddie, and Maryburgh, the latter having also featured in the top three two years ago. The Stewart trophy for the most improved settlement in either category was won by Keltlybridge, emphasising its recent progress.

Brigadier Duncan Cameron, spokesperson for the judges, said "we were very impressed with the improvements that had been seen in a number of the villages and hamlets since the last competition." He also emphasised the independence of the judges in reaching their decisions.

Kinross-shire Successes in Perthshire Awards

Several Kinross-shire settlements also achieved success in the Take a Pride in Perthshire Awards. It is becoming more common for Kinross-shire settlements to enter this competition. The winners were announced at a ceremony in the Salutation Hotel, Perth on Monday 10 September, with trophies and certificates presented by Provost John Hulbert.

Scotlandwell won the Wee Village category, just beating past winners Spittalfield in a keenly-fought category.

Kinnesswood won the Large Village category in only their second year of entry. Second place couldn't separate past standard-bearers Bridge of Earn and near neighbours and fledgling participants **Glenfarg** and **Duncricvie**. A certificate of commendation was awarded to **Milnathort**.

Full results

Wee village: 1 Scotlandwell, 2 Spittalfield, 3 Kenmore. Small village: 1 Muthill, 2 Blackford. Large village: 1 Kinnesswood, 2 (eq) Bridge of Earn and Glenfarg, 3 Aberfeldy, highly commended - Milnathort and Errol. Small country town: 1 Pitlochry, 2 Blairgowrie and Rattray, 3 Crieff 4, Coupar Angus. Best involvement with community youth: Spittalfield. Best community involvement: Coupar Angus.

Community Council News



All Community Council meetings are open to the general public.

Kinross Community Council

News from the September meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 September were: CCllrs D Colliar, D Cuthbert, I Jack, J Drummond, D Mackay, C Drummond, S Bathgate, L Mackay and M Scott. Sergeant Ward represented the Police and eleven members of the public were in attendance. The Chairman welcomed the new Community Councillors, John Drummond, Susan Bathgate, Laura Mackay and Campbell Watson.

Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs M Blyth and C Watson and from P&K Cllrs Baird and Robertson.

Police Report

Sgt Ward reported on damage at Kirkgate Park. The person responsible for graffiti was identified and has been charged with vandalism. Under police supervision, and witnessed by a number of people, he was made to remove the writing from the play equipment. No incidents were reported over the Discovery Weekend. The Police, however, recommend that security measures, in particular lighting, be put in place in the Park. CCllr Bathgate said that lighting had been considered but was rejected on the basis that it might attract people. Sgt Ward confirmed that extra foot patrols are patrolling this area.



Cycle racks at the Park and Ride, which have been vandalised

The situation at the Park and Ride with youths racing cars was addressed. Sgt Ward advised that vehicles have been seized twice for causing annoyance to residents in this area. A fine is levied for the return of the vehicle. The cycle racks have also been vandalised. Apparently, the damage was caused by youths locked up in the sheds kicking themselves free. Again, charges have been made in respect of this incident. It was mentioned that there is no lighting in this area at night. Sgt Ward said that P&KC has confirmed that lighting is in place, however a problem exists in relation to the development of the housing in the area. We are to write to P&KC requesting that the lighting system should be in operation at the Park and Ride. Sgt Ward reported that the Crime Prevention Officer is to visit this site on 6 September. Parking in the area of the zigzag lines at the Primary School is now the responsibility of the Parking Wardens and not the police, unless the vehicle is causing an obstruction. This relates to all zigzag lines in the town. An obstruction would occur if the vehicle is causing a nuisance and is sited within

fifteen metres of a junction.

Thefts have been reported at Balado Activity Centre, a trailer removed from a farm and garden furniture. In all these cases a vehicle is required to transport the goods from the site. The public are asked to be alert to any vans parked which raise suspicion.

Speed checks and the use of seat belts and mobile phones are still being monitored.

Sgt Ward confirmed that he was in agreement with the requirement for a speed limit on the A977 at Balado Quarry. Improved signage was also a requisite for this area. He mentioned that from a total of 131 speed offences, 80 were related to the Balado Quarry location.

The public should be alert in the months before Christmas to buying stolen or inferior goods from visitors to their door. Legitimate sellers carry identification.

CCllr Cuthbert mentioned that a gang of boys were intimidating the children in Kirkgate Park. The Police are monitoring this situation.

CCllr Mackay advised that a car was speeding in the Green Road area. The Police will look into this matter.

Again, the Police welcome support from the community and ask that they contact them with any information they may possess in relation to crimes.

T in the Park

The Chairman stated that we were all aware of the problems experienced at this year's T in the Park, especially on the Friday. The CC received a number of emails from various bodies both complaining and praising the event and these have been passed on to both DF Concerts and Tayside Police (Superintendent Bell). The main issues raised in the communications to the CC related to traffic management, the use of gardens etc as toilet facilities, the level of noise in some areas and the removal of bins etc to transport camping equipment.

The Chairman had approached Andrew Wilson of P&KC and asked if the CC could attend the debriefing meeting. The CC did not receive an invitation and the meeting has now taken place. Having again spoken to Mr Wilson it was confirmed that the local Councillors were invited, however Cllrs Robertson and Barnacle were unable to attend. Cllr Baird was present and Cllr Hayton attended on behalf of Cllr Barnacle. It was agreed we should request a copy of the minutes of this debriefing meeting.

The Chairman was concerned that no back-up plan was adopted prior to the event. The Police moving vehicles on could have alleviated the traffic gridlock on the Friday. Such a decision was eventually reached, but was taken too late. Consideration should have been given to the weather and the impact this would have on the parking of cars. It was to be noted, however, that following the incident at Glasgow Airport, and at short notice, increased security measures were put in place. One such measure was that the car parking areas near to the arena were not utilised. The Police also allowed the parking of cars on some roads and this resulted in their closure. In some cases the security people were not fully versed on what was expected from them. Also the Police were to have been provided with maps of the area. CCllr Jack said that from first hand experience with a member of the Force he could confirm that this was not the

case. Sgt Ward advised that Superintendent Bell was dealing with this matter, however it was to be acknowledged that mistakes were made by the Police and apologies due to those who were affected by the traffic problems. CCllr Cuthbert asked if the Police Report would be made public. Sergeant Ward was unable to answer this. The Chairman stated that it would be more practical to open the campsite on the Thursday evening. A period of six hours was not enough time in which to allow for the smooth progress of 60,000 people and the problems with traffic were evident early on the Friday morning. An issue was also raised as to the noise levels from the campsite on the Friday night/early Saturday morning.

The Chairman stated that this was now the eleventh year of T in the Park in Kinross and the rapport with T in the Park and DF Concerts was excellent. This could not be said in relation to the Council's involvement in this event. The communication from T in the Park and DF Concerts to the community throughout these years has been sound, whereas P&KC provides little or no information.

Mr Alexander mentioned that he attended a meeting of Fossoway CC in August. There was criticism of Big Day Out for not consulting with the local community. In 1977 Mr Alexander asked them to attend the meeting of the [Kinross] Community Council and communication has been good ever since. Fossoway CC mentioned nothing about this statement in their minutes and on enquiring Mr Alexander was told that this was "Not relevant as it happened so long ago". He also advised that Balado Activity Centre would be attracting more events to their premises and that they featured in the Perth and Kinross Event Strategy. Mr Alexander also mentioned that a communication was received from a party in Argentina who also praised the event.

A letter was received from Fossoway CC in relation to "T in the Park - Proposed Consultation Process Changes" requesting inclusion of various steps in the consultation process in relation to traffic management.

The Chairman confirmed that a meeting would be held in the last week in September with all five CCs, the local Councillors, Tayside Police and T in the Park, and a Public Meeting arranged for the end of October.

As mentioned, the CC also received a number of emails praising the event. One or two of these came from people in England who had travelled up to the Festival and were enthusiastic both at the organisation of the event and the wonderful welcome they received from the community.

A member of the public mentioned that he had sent the CC an email. He lives in Gallowhill Road and advised that his lawn was used as a public toilet during the weekend. The Chairman confirmed that Gallowhill Road takes the brunt of the festival traffic in Kinross.

Planning

07/01795/FUL Duncroft, 18 Station Road - alterations and extension to dwellinghouse; 26 Wilson Court - erection of a fence (in retrospect); 7 Mavisbank - erection of a conservatory; 18 Smith Street - erection of a conservatory; 9 Montgomery Street - extension.

No adverse comments were made in respect of the above.

07/01732/OUT Baltree Farm - formation of four residential development plots. This is listed on the P&KC website as "Pending Consideration". The Chairman read out the Regulations covered in the Housing in the Countryside in relation to Policy 64. Copies of two letters of complaint were received by the CC and the Secy read these out. The grounds for complaint are that the proposals are contrary to the Local

Plan (Policy 64); access to the site; felling of trees (some mature) and change of use from agricultural. After some discussion it was agreed that the CC should object to this application on the grounds that the formation of four houses is contrary to the Housing and Countryside Policy, Policy 64. CCllr Drummond mentioned the felling of the trees. The CC had written to P&KC requesting a Tree Preservation Order be issued.

The Chairman advised that the access position would be determined by the Roads Department and that SEPA would deal with drainage/sewage.

Development at Pier Road (2 dwellinghouses and two flatted dwellinghouses): The CC received copies of two letters of objection submitted to P&KC by neighbouring proprietors. Despite the planning application being submitted some months ago, Neighbour Notification has only now been received. This followed on complaints received from the neighbours on hearing of this proposal in the CC minutes. It was agreed that the CC would write to P&KC enquiring as to the procedures for Neighbour Notification and why the same is not enforced and also, as we have now received objection letters, if the CC can make any comment on the application at this stage.

Land at Tillyrie Farm: Notification of proposal to hold a Public Enquiry into the proposed wind turbine development.

Correspondence

Gritting and Snow Clearing – In reply to a query by the CC, P&KC advise that gritting can be calibrated to cover both carriageways at one pass, but this is not physically possible when snow clearing. The snow plough/gritter travels to the Council boundary westbound and then returns eastbound to Turfhill, hence when snow clearing it will take twice as long to cover one route than when on just gritting operations. The final paragraph of their letter states "this is one of the reasons the travelling public should allow extra time for their journeys during adverse conditions".

Myre Burn – Gordon Banks, MP, replied to our communication and explained that he has been involved with the residents of Milnathort following the floods of December 2006 and believes that dredging of waterways would be an effective way of reducing the threat of floods within our communities. He had raised the matter with P&KC in relation to Milnathort but will now do so again in relation to the CC enquiry re. the Myre etc. There was a reply from SEPA containing detailed information regarding regulations for dredging watercourses. The Myre burn requires no Licence to be dredged, as it is relatively small and has been modified. No response has been received from Keith Brown, MSP.

Request from Mike Cheesewright, Convention of P&K CCs asking that we support the Aberfeldy CC campaign for **public manned toilets**.

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – Communication received from P&KC inviting written representations on any aspect of polling districts or polling places used (in particular in relation to access/facilities for persons who have different forms of disability) from any registered elector by 12 October 2007. Any persons or bodies making representations should, if possible, give alternative places that be may used as a polling place.

Waste and Recycling Bin Policy – Notification from P&KC of implementation of new policy from 3 September 2007. The communication explains that no side, excess waste or overflowing bins will be collected and confirms the formalisation of the container presentation time (7.30 am).

Any person in contravention of the new rule will receive notification. Waste Advisors will visit suspected offenders and if found responsible a warning letter will be issued. A "one strike and you're out" rule will apply and a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued for each separate offence after the initial warning letter. If you have waste that will not fit into your bin it can be taken free of charge to your local Recycling Centre.

Other Business

Somerfield – The banners around the fence at the entrance to the town was mentioned. Cllr Robertson has written to the Council Planning Officer asking that these be removed and it was agreed that we should send a similar letter.

Pavements – Some shops are placing goods etc. outside their premises and blocking off part of the pavement. This creates a problem for access to people in wheelchairs etc. It was agreed that we should write to the Enforcement Officer requesting that they take the appropriate action.

A Better Place to Live Fair is to be held in March 2008. More details should be available in November. It was agreed that the CC would take a stand at this event.

Auto Market (Auctions) – It was noted that the Right of Way has been blocked off and access to the Pier from this area is now not possible.

Somerfield/Motorway – The Right of Way down the side of the Motorway (Bowton Road to Somerfield) is closed at the moment for safety reasons. This will be reopened once the GS Brown Development is complete.

Council Yard/Grouse & Claret – The Right of Way at P&KC Yard has been closed. Access is available round the front of the Yard.

Shops in Conservation area – St Serf's has been painted a bright blue shade. The computer shop has been decorated a green/yellow colour. The condition of the betting shop was also raised. It was agreed that we should write to the relevant Officer at P&KC enquiring if the redecoration complies with the regulations in place for conservation areas and also if he would be willing to meet with members of the CC to make an inspection of the conservation area and provide some general advice.

Green Park – The safety barrier at the Park is still not in place. Cllr Mackay first raised this with the Cllrs some eighteen months ago. We are to write to P&KC requesting that the barrier be put in place now.

Auction Mart – A member of the public mentioned that letters had been circulated to various householders in the vicinity of the Mart advising of a proposed housing development and factory outlet. The CC have no knowledge of such a proposal at this time, however once we receive notification we will forward a "Holding Letter" to P&KC to allow time to consider this application. It was noted that this area is zoned as industrial in the Local Plan.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 3 October at 7.30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall, Kinross. (Apologies received in advance from Cllrs Colliar and Jack who are on holiday that week – Cllr Cuthbert to take the chair.)

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

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

Milnathort Community Council

News from the September Meeting

CCllr Giacomazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Ross, Porter, Thomson, Bennet and Smith to the meeting held on 13 September in Milnathort Primary School. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Baird, Minute Secretary E Rougvie, Jim Renton of P&KC Environmental Health Service and 11 members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Cottingham.

Wheele bin policy

Jim Renton outlined the P&KC waste and recycling bin policy which came into effect on 3 September this year in an attempt to reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill sites and to ensure the safety of collection crews. The Council has now adopted a zero tolerance approach to bins that are 'incorrectly presented' by way of being overfilled so that the lids don't close, or having excess waste on top or around them. The bins will not be collected and notices will be attached to them. Mr Renton said that P&KC were awaiting funding from the Scottish Executive so that more bins could be provided that would encourage further recycling. The Council faced huge fines if it failed to meet its landfill diversion targets, and everyone had to take responsibility for the waste they produce.

Planning matters

The following applications were noted: Formation of two off street parking spaces at 32 Viewfar Road; alterations and extension to house at Orakaria, Perth Road; alterations and extension to house at 22 North Street; change of use from open ground to garden ground, amendment of extension and formation of footpath at 16 Linden Park Terrace; demolition of single storey extension and erection of two-storey extension at 20 Wester Loan; alterations and extension to house at 1 Mayfield Gardens.

Ashley House: Several members of the public were in attendance to express their concerns about the proposed extension to Ashley House care home. After discussion, it was agreed that the CC would lodge an objection to the application on the grounds of its excessive size, loss of privacy and loss of amenity.

101 South Street: Planning permission was being sought for the demolition of a workshop and outline consent for two houses on the site occupied by Mitchell's Electrical Services at 101 South Street. The CC acknowledged that the business, whose owner had retired, had been a unique and important facility for Milnathort, but after discussion it was agreed to lodge an objection on the grounds that the site was zoned for business use and should be retained as such.

Correspondence

The following items were received:

A letter from the Pension Service highlighting the full benefit entitlement check it offers to ensure that people are not missing out (see notice on page 37).

A letter from Fossoway & District CC outlining concerns about traffic management at T in the Park. Cllr Giacomazzi will attend a meeting later this month (Sept) that had been arranged prior to this year's event.

A letter from P&KC enquiring about three missing sets of MCC minutes from 2006. CCllrs will check their documents. Notification of a public inquiry to be held following an appeal against the decision to refuse the application for a wind cluster at Tillywhally Farm. A pre-inquiry meeting will be held this month. Cllr Thomson joined the members of the public while this issue was being discussed.

An invitation to join the Convention of P&K CCs. Noted.
 NHS Spectra in-house magazine. It was agreed to ask for this not to be sent to the CC in future.
 P&KC media release about the new Kinross High School, which should be opening in October 2009. Noted.
 Minutes of P&KC. Noted.

Other Business

Flooding issues: After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Ross would contact Jim Irons of P&KC reminding him of the promises that were made in July about dredging the burn. It was essential that people in Milnathort had some reassurance that everything possible was being done in time for the coming winter.

Resignation: CCllr Ross tendered his resignation, as he will be moving from the village on 14 October. The next meeting will be his last, and a new treasurer will be appointed.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday 11 October at 7.30pm.

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 4 September in Crook of Devon Church Hall were: I Farquhar, F Saunders, A Morrison, H Wallace, T Duffy-Wigman, L Stronach, L Boulter, Cllr A Miller and 20 members of the public. Apologies were received from I Booth. No Community Policing representative was available.

Minutes of the last meeting: Approved with two amendments. A letter had been received by FDCC from D Alexander which was discussed at this meeting. The two amendments are as follows: D Alexander owner of the Balado site would like to offer his apologies to all residents that have been inconvenienced due to T in the Park; and CCllr Wallace pointed out that the fact of continual rain in the area and extra security measures put in place due to Terrorist attacks at Glasgow Airport, did not help the situation.

Matters Arising

T in the Park: Following on from last month's meeting in Cambo and the large number of stated complaints from residents, FDCC have written to DF Concerts Ltd seeking changes to their planning and consultation process and copied it to Councillors and other CCs.

Pitcairnie Development: Again after continuing complaints from residents we have written to the Chief Executive at P&KC regarding the problems with this development. We even had the ridiculous situation last month when the developer was controlling access over a public access road, and these were reported on the BBC Landward programme. Regrettably P&KC have said they are not prepared to take action against the developer for failure to issue neighbour notification and we think there was no option but to accept their position on this.

Also regrettably the Reporter has upheld the appeal by the developer against enforcement action being taken by P&KC.

FDCC has not yet received responses to letters of concern sent in late July about flood risk concerns of residents and so further letters have been sent to P&KC Flood Risk Officer and to SEPA's Chief Executive asking for intervention.

Powmill complaint from David Mason about lack of signs for side roads: P&KC have responded and explained the policy for road signs. Their policy prohibits signs for side roads to avoid too many signs and potentially confusing road users. Mr Mason has been sent a copy of the policy.

Carnbo speed complaints: FDCC know that a further traffic survey was planned for June 2007 and we have asked for the results of the survey.

P&KC Introduction of Waste and Recycling Bin Policy

A leaflet has been distributed showing what is acceptable and unacceptable when presenting bins for collection. A fixed penalty is payable for over-filling your bin and for putting out black bin bags beside the bin. Residents have asked what happens when shared bins are involved. FDCC will write to P&KC to clarify the position.

Perth & Kinross Council Business - Councillors Reports

Apologies were sent from M Barnacle and K Baird. There are now four local Councillors and Cllr Miller advised that at least one, possibly two, will attend FDCC meetings. Cllrs Robertson and Baird will cover other CC meetings and Mike Barnacle and Sandy Miller will cover FDCC meetings. The elected local Councillors will also be holding

monthly meetings on the last Monday of each month.

Planning

07/01767/FUL - Erection of five dwelling houses at Hilton of Aldie for Mr M Moran. FDCC recommend refusal on account of the wholly inappropriate over-development of the site, the failure to provide sustainable development and the adverse environmental impact of an isolated development.

07/01601/LBC - Demolition of a greenhouse and erection of a 1.8m wall, Briglands Stables, Crook of Devon for Briglands Trust. FDCC recommend deferral to further investigate and establish the merits for restoring the greenhouse.

General Correspondence

The following is just a small selection of the correspondence listed in the Fossoway CC minutes. Fossoway CC posts its minutes on its website: www.fossoway.btinternet.co.uk (Ed.)

Letter from Fiona Watt, Cambo resident, complaining about events in Cambo during T in the Park, and seeking action to ensure no recurrence in future - noted.

Letter from John Nimmo, Cambo resident: Complaint regarding traffic congestion and resulting anti-social behaviour - noted.

Cllr Barnacle: Copy of letter to N Brian, Head of Development Standards re approvals and Enforcement Issues.

Planning Aid for Scotland: Invitation to become a "Friend of Planning Aid", cost £25 subscription - provides advice and training on planning matters. I Farquhar will review this.

Convention of P&K CCs (Secy, M Cheesewright): Letter seeking support to retain Aberfeldy public toilets open and not replaced with comfort stops - noted.

Perth and Kinross Quality of Life Trust: Magazine explaining the Trust and letter offering support in management of community benefit funds. Treasurer to consider how to realise community benefit funds.

Outgoing Correspondence:

C Roger, DF Concerts Ltd: proposed changes to the consultation process for 2008 T in the Park.

C Haggart, Head of Traffic and Road Safety, P&KC - Cambo - results of traffic survey and speed control measures.

Dr Campbell G Emmell, SEPA CEO: FDCC asking if he will intervene to assess flooding risk Cambo and was SPP7 considered.

S Veitch P&KC Flood Risk Officer - Repeat requesting response and also asking if SSP7 was considered.

Fiona Watt, John Nimmo, Ann Munro, Mrs Wilks, M

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Smith, G Paterson - via email - Summary of proposed changes to T in the Park consultation process proposed by FDCC.

Other Business

Discussions were invited on ideas on how to slow traffic on A977. As Cllr Barnacle was not at the meeting to discuss Safer Routes to School, H Wallace will talk to Cllr Barnacle on his return.

Due to an unfortunate incident in the Crook of Devon where a Kinross High School Pupil was accidentally knocked down by another school bus, parents and residents ask for the usual bus stop at Kinraig in the Crook of Devon to be moved a few metres down the road where the road widens. Fortunately the pupil suffered only minor bruising but this just highlights the real need for traffic calming measures in villages along the entire A977.

A pedestrian crossing should also be proposed at Powmill where an equal amount of school children regularly cross the busy A977 to catch their school bus. FDCC will contact Andrew Warrington as this move of bus stop seems a logical answer to safety problems.

George Watt, a Cambo resident, spoke about lack of policing during T in the Park but goes on to mention that when the BBC recently filmed their Landward Programme on 20 August, two control cars and an Inspectors car were present, presumably to maintain public order. More police should be present at T in the Park.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 October in Moubray Hall, Powmill.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the August Meeting

The CC met in Cleish Village Hall on 20 August and was attended by four CCllrs; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and K Baird; Robert Graham, Senior Capacity Building Worker and Community worker at Kinross High School; Phil Gaskell; PC Stephen; the Cleish & Blairadam CC Newsletter Editor and 14 members of the public. In the absence of the Chairman Catriona Culley took the Chair; apologies were also received from Trish Kitchin.

Robert Graham spoke briefly and said that his office could offer support for local community groups.

Crime Prevention: PC Stephen said there had been a series of break-ins, mostly in the Kinross area, with thefts of diesel etc. These mostly happened during the hours of darkness and although the evenings are still light the daylight is rather less, and those with less than admirable intent can be out and about. Again this is reminder to be mindful of security and to report anything which arouses suspicion at once, not the next day.

Wind Farms: It was reported that following the conjoined enquiry, the Lochelbank application had been approved, three were refused at appeal (Mellock Hill, Snow Goat and Little Law) and Tillyrie had gone to appeal.

Tracks and Trails - Phil Gaskell, SNH area manager for Kinross and Clackmannan, produced two booklets (1) The Story of Lochleven, a copy of which is available in the Village Hall and at the Tabernacle, and which the CCllrs have read, and (2) The proposals for the Nature Reserve of which leaflets are available, and a full copy can be had from the Kinross office. This is a consultation document and the views of the public are very welcome. A question from the floor dealt with water sports on the loch, however, these do not mix with nature conservation although canoes in the summer are not a problem. It is important that visitors from outwith the area are well informed, as not all know how to take responsible access.

Planning - New

Windyknowes, Blairadam: single storey extension - no objection.

Moreland Farm: outline application has now been submitted for a house in Plot 2 and two more. It was pointed out that it is difficult to comment on an outline application and owing to the present system it is almost too late for the CC to make useful comment. However the CC has already submitted their comments.

The Paphle: an application has been submitted for a garden room at the rear of the house - no comment.

Planning - Pending:

Dullomuir: this will now go to Committee; no objections from the neighbouring householders.

West Mains, Cleish: this went to Committee and approval was given for two houses instead of the three requested. There were more conditions in the planning report.

Boreland Farm: Cllr Barnacle reported that he had done a tour of various steadings with the Planning Officer and this had included Boreland. Alterations have been mentioned which might mean a fresh application, but there is no news as to when this application might come up. It was reported that Boreland Farm has a National Monuments Record No. As regards the hedges at the top of the Boreland road, the Secretary has received a letter which said hedges had no protection - these could be replanted and would grow in five years. However, this is not the point of our worries; the

hedges as they stand, with their unique topiary, are part of the village landscape and setting.



The topiary hedges near Boreland Farm

Greenacres: there will be a site inspection on 30 August of both north and south plots. There had been more dumping to the south and both the Environment Services and SEPA have visited.

Templeton: this application had been refused by Committee.

Kinnaird: this application had been refused.

Housing in the Countryside Policy: Pending

Roads: Surprise, surprise - the cones on the road over the Motorway have disappeared. How and where is a mystery. But let us be grateful.

Regards repairs to the drains - there is no money.

It was reported that there had been serious flooding under the Motorway at Blairadam and that the Summer Road was flooded yet again. There had also been more flooding at Blairadam. With the heavy rain, and more forecast, not just in the immediate future but in the long term, this problem must remain a cause for serious concern. (Loud cheers).

Cleish Website: The Chairman reported that Fran Gillespie was prepared to put one together; there will be a trial period over the next three CC Meetings. This does not mean the end of the Cleish & Blairadam CC Newsletter, but the success of the Newsletter does depend on the distributors who do a wonderful job which is much appreciated.

Community Council Elections: All CCllrs have to stand down on 4 October; they may all be re-elected but if an election is needed forms can be had from the Secretary.

T in the Park: It was not surprise to hear from the meeting several comments following the problems at the recent event and Cllr Barnacle said a full de-brief was imminent.

Two of the immediate problems were lack of public toilets on the approach roads, and the lack of signs for local traffic.

In reply to a question from the floor, it was reported that £500,000 had been given to Kinross-shire, including Rachel House and other charities through the services of the Rotary. It was also reported that it was not intended to make the Festival any larger in the near future, limiting the numbers to 80,000. On a further question it was reported that just under £10,000,000 had come to the local economy.

Cleish Speed Limit: A member of the public said that nobody pays attention to the 20mph signs and tractor drivers go as fast as anyone else, especially when the children are in school. This restriction is difficult to enforce - but when the children are in school they are safe. Perhaps we could all pay a little more attention to the limits.

Loch Leven Project: Sandy Morton gave an interesting report on a meeting he had attended which dealt with many questions such as the management of visitors, the provision of bins and seating, and signage showing distances between the various points of interest.

Lighting at Middleton Park: This has still not been changed, despite the developer having been paid.

Best Kept Village: Congratulations to Cleish who won the Best Kept Hamlet and to Keltybridge who won the new trophy for the most improved village. Kinnesswood won the trophy for the Best Kept Village. Everyone who takes part in this annual competition works extremely hard and the result is considerable enhancement to the whole of our most attractive county.

The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 22 October at the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on Tuesday 11 September at Portmoak Primary School were: Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Sue Mitchell-Henry, Jo Morrell, Jim Shepherd, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle, PC Graham Stephen and several members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from Alistair Smith.

Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman gave an update on the **Stephen's Land Proposals**. The PCC has received a letter and map from Stephen's inviting comment. As we expected, they want to retain the house plot closest to the Bishop's Terrace corner. The PCC will comment on two issues:

The developer will need to remove soil from the building site of the new houses when construction starts and, rather than truck it away, they would like to infill the nearest gully in our field with this soil. The PCC will write a letter to Stephen's requesting more details about the amount of soil and their expectations on its impact on the gully's new surface level to ensure minimal impact. The letter will also ask if the "soil" is topsoil or subsoil to ensure that what is dumped in the gully will be fertile.

It was noticed that the current path along the southern boundary is not shown on the map. It was agreed verbally that the path would remain.

There followed some discussion from various members of the public on this and related matters, including untended high grass on the footpath up to the water tank, which is the responsibility of the Water Board. The PCC will write to the Water Board on this matter.

The Chairwoman had received from the **Association of Scottish Community Councils** a long and detailed survey asking the PCC to comment. The survey has to be in by 1st October and as time is short the Chairwoman offered to complete the survey on the PCC's behalf, which was agreed by the other PCC members.

A letter had been received from the Perth and Kinross **Quality of Life Trust** offering advice on administering and distributing community benefit funds derived from wind farm or housing developments. As we have no wind farms in our area because of the meteorological station on Munduff Hill, this does not apply to us. If the situation arises in the case of future housing development we will consider requesting their assistance.



Portmoak Primary School

Primary School Head Teacher Margaret Wilson informed us that the school board has ceased to exist and has been replaced by a parent council called, '**Friends of Portmoak**'

School. They would like to invite a member of the PCC to become part of the Group. The first meeting will be held on 24 September. The PCC will appoint a representative.

Whilst the Head Teacher was present a member of the public raised the point of a dangerous **Stagecoach** bus practice of moving away from the pickup point before children are seated. As a result some parents were no longer using the bus but driving the children to school. The PCC agreed to follow up on this.

Police Report

Fly tipping - The meeting was told that the public can report any instances of this anonymously to the police and were encouraged to do so.

The question was raised with the police of **accident statistics** when an accident was attended by the police from another region. PC Stephen will check if a recent accident at Auchmuir Bridge had been recorded in the P&KC statistics. He will report back to us at next month's meeting. This is important to evaluate the relative safety of specific sections of our roads, and will be considered when we finalize our road safety study.

Another question raised during the police presence was the issue of a **safe road crossing** in Kinnesswood and traffic calming measures. The police said this was not their remit. Gillian Murray of P&KC is the person the PCC has been dealing with since October 2005. Both the PCC and Cllr Barnacle are unhappy with her handling of our persistent requests and Cllr Barnacle will attempt again to speak with her about a resolution.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported there was £327.84 in the CC Account and £259.42 in the Tetley Trail Account.

Paths Group

There was nothing to report as there had not been a meeting. The next meeting is on Tuesday 18 September at 7pm at Portmoak School.

Kinross-shire Fund

The Chairwomen represented the PCC at the Kinross-shire Fund Advisory Committee meeting on 10 September. She reported that they continue to fund community activities in Kinross-shire and, in particular, would like to see more applications from child and youth related groups.

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No other progress other than as mentioned above with efforts on Cllr Barnacle's part to reach Ms. Murray.

Planning Matters

07/01840/FUL Extension to dwelling house, 22 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood for Mr and Mrs G Brown, c/o Mr G Brand, 12 Church Street, Carnoustie.

07/01770/OUT Erection of a dwelling house (in outline), land at Youngs Moss, Scotlandwell for Mr R McCormack c/o Carrie Construction Design, 83 Graigbeath Court, Cowdenbeath.

No comment was made on either of the above as the plans have not been made available to the PCC or in the public domain on the P&KC's website. Additionally, the most current weekly list of new applications was similarly not available online. The PCC will write to the P&KC Planning Dept. requesting they do not make any decisions on these applications until after the plans have been available to the PCC and the public and the normal time span allowed for comment to be made.

Report from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Mike Barnacle informed the meeting there had been

many changes in P&KC **Planning Department**. Roland Bean is now overall head of planning. His title is head of sustainable development and planning service generally. Under him are two others: Nick Brian who is Head of Development Control, replacing Ian Sleith and Peter Marshall who is head of forward planning. Callum Petrie is now in another department, however he will complete any applications he has begun working on. Cllr Barnacle has now become Vice-Convenor of the Development Control Committee. Cllr Barnacle said the planning department are reviewing the Housing in the Countryside Policy with relation to its misinterpretation and misuse over the past 18 months.

KVGROS: Cllr Barnacle said all four Cllrs had written to the Minister of Transport to support the Kinross Voluntary Group and Rural Outreach Scheme.

Cllr Meetings: Cllr Barnacle said all four Cllrs are to meet every four weeks to discuss the various matters of concern to the local communities. He added that any problems or questions brought to the attention of a specific Councillor would be dealt with by him/her.

Litter Bins: P&KC is replacing old litter bins with new ones more suitable to modern needs. Any resident can make requests in relation to the placement of these bins. Chairwoman MacPhedran has the replacement schedule for our area.

Polling Districts: Polling districts and locations are being reviewed.

Other Business

It was pointed out by a member of the public that the Children's **Nursery** in Milnathort had changed the start time from 9.15am to 9am which suited many Milnathort parents but not those from the out lying areas. As a result these children often miss the first 15 minutes, which can be significant if the time is used for experiences like going to the library. Cllr Barnacle will suggest the right person for the parent to follow up with at the Council offices.

The matter of **dog fouling bins** on the entry road to the Portmoak Moss in Scotlandwell was raised. A resident pointed out that there is more "dog activity" at the car park than there is at the entry gate and dog owners are dropping the filled bags next to their parked cars. The PCC will write to Dennis Hearsum, Dog Control Officer P&KC, on possibly re-siting the bin.

There was a report of a child running out into the road from the play park next to the Primary School and nearly hit by a car. The **park hedge** is too high and prevents the motorists from seeing running children. Other instances of near accidents because the high hedge blocked the road users view were cited by members of the public. The PCC will write to the appropriate person in P&KC.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 9 October at 7.30 pm in the Portmoak Village Hall.

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Club & Community Group News

Swansacre Playgroup



Swansacre Playgroup has started the new school year with a new team of playleaders, new ideas and lots of fun. We still have a few spaces each day for playgroup children, so anyone interested please contact Bouwien (863107) for more details. The cost of a playgroup session is £3.50 (concessionary rate available). After the October break we will be starting our StoryCraft club on a Monday afternoon for 3-5 yr olds. This is 1 1/2 hours of stories, songs and fantastic crafts to make and take home. Parents are not required to stay.

We have also launched a lunchclub on a Wednesday for pre-school children. Parents must collect their child from nursery and drop them at Swansacre with a packed lunch and our staff will supervise lunch and play prior to children enjoying our Rising 5's session. We also run our Wee Swans group on a Friday afternoon from 1.15 until 2.45 where parents and toddlers can meet other parents and toddlers with a playleader on hand. For more information contact Bouwien (863107). We are now in a position to accept BUSY BEES CHILDCARE VOUCHERS as payment.

Once again we are planning a NEARLY NEW SALE on **Friday 2** (evening) and **Saturday 3** (morning) **November**. If you are planning a pre-Christmas toy clear out and fancy a browse to pick up a bargain for Christmas then contact Swansacre (862071) for details (only toys and baby equipment allowed, must be in excellent condition and all parts must be included).

High School Council



With the phasing out of School Boards, the inaugural meeting of the new Kinross High School Council was held in August. Among items discussed were concerns regarding security in the new school. Members were assured there would be 100% CCTV coverage in all areas to which members of the public will have access. Also discussed were home education, staffing and the way forward for the new Council.

Inner Wheel of Kinross & District



On Monday 10 September, President Linda Bayne welcomed members back after our summer break. Our Speaker for the evening was Rotary President Barry Davies who gave a very interesting power point presentation of his early days in the Rhondda Valley and his varied career in the Mining Industry and now in Health and Safety. He also presented a cheque to Linda on behalf of The Rotary Club for our Charity Fund in recognition of the assistance which Inner Wheel gives to Rotary at T in the Park and other functions. Linda gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club to Barry. Linda reminded everyone that our next meeting will be **Monday 8 October** and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Kinross & District Rotary Club



The Duchess of Cornwall is to become President of Shelter Box, the disaster relief charity set up by the Rotary Club. Since beginning work in 2001, Shelter Box has rapidly developed into a highly effective humanitarian aid agency that has raised £15 million and sent emergency help to 33 countries.

On 8 August, the charity reached a major milestone when a consignment of aid sent to help victims of monsoon floods in Nepal brought the total number of people assisted by the charity to an estimated 500,000. Shelter Box specialises in providing emergency accommodation and other survival essentials to disaster victims. The aid is delivered in pre-packaged kits – the 'Shelter Box' – each designed to help a family of 10 survive for at least six months and generally contains a 10-person tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools and a multi-fuel stove.

Local NHS Executive, Graeme Ball, used statistics available on the Internet to illustrate that Kinross was one of the healthier areas to live in when compared to the Perth & Kinross County in general. He went on to illustrate the alarming differences in life expectancy depending on where one lived and highlighted the dramatic increases in liver disease and suicide rates in Scotland compared with the rest of Europe. Graeme concluded by suggesting that the health inequalities in Scotland were increasingly driven by compulsive over consumption.

Liz Rougvie, a member of the Fife Children's Panel, was the guest speaker at the end of August meeting. Liz told how the Children's Panel system was unique to Scotland, being formed 35 years ago following the recommendations of the Kilbrandon Committee. Liz went on to outline the workings of the hearings and some of the far reaching legally binding powers the hearings could impose if thought necessary. The most notable change in recent times had been the increase in the number of drug related cases being heard. Anyone with an interest in children's welfare can apply to join the Panel provided they are prepared to undergo the comprehensive training involved. The vote of thanks was given by Rotarian John Stewart.

Among the donations agreed during the past month were £500 to Computers for Africa and £100 to the RSPCA. A Shoe Box emergency aid scheme is being launched in conjunction with the local schools.

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Projects. Highlight of this past month was the Project Lunch, on 14 September, after which Karen McCleary from the Balraig Foundation gave a short illustrated talk on their Kelvin Loaf project in Kenya. This provides bread free or at cost to impoverished slum dwellers and orphanages. Convener Jim Henry thanked Karen before presenting her with a cheque for £500.

The project to follow Kelvin Loaf is raising money to help with the construction of a windmill, which would be used to pump water to supply the Chidamoyo Christian Hospital in Zimbabwe.

Fairtrade. To answer a number of queries, Traidcraft (the supplier) has advised that the Cafedirect instant coffee '5065' has been renamed and rebled as 'Cafedirect Classic Blend'. Customers who have not found this change to their taste can look out for two new varieties which should be available soon. Look out also for new item in stock, Fairtrade dates.

Other Events. On the evening of **Friday 12** and all day **Saturday 13 October**, there will be an opportunity to see a display of Fairtrade goods in the hall, to browse through the new Traidcraft catalogue and to place Christmas orders.

Book Club. In August, members enjoyed an excellent day at the Edinburgh Book Festival. They heard two speakers, in the morning Sarah Chays gave a spirited reporter's firsthand account of living in Kandahar and the politics of Afghanistan. In the afternoon session, after an enjoyable lunch, they were entertained by Roy Hattersley's tales of life with his dog 'Buster', followed by his answers to, mostly political, questions from the audience.

Pay Us a Visit. Common Grounds is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm in the Church Street Hall, Milnathort.

Although we already have a dedicated group of volunteers and welcomed a number of new faces over recent months, we are always on the lookout for more to cover holidays etc. So, if you are interested and prepared to give up a few hours a week in a good cause, or know someone who might be, why not give one of the contacts below a call or drop in sometime for a cup of coffee and speak to one of the volunteers on duty.

Contacts outside opening hours are - Shirley Morgan on 864745, Jim Henry on 864452 or Pat Payne on 862715.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The first meeting of the new session attracted a large number of members and an excellent speaker. Colin Fraser of Lyon and Turnbull, the Edinburgh Auction House, stepped in at the last moment to replace the firm's Emma McMillan and his topic was Scottish jewellery. Colin demonstrated the understated but uniquely Scottish native materials such as silver, gold, citrines, agates and granite. There were examples of pieces dating from the mid 19th century Scottish Revival led by Victoria and Albert and also examples of the 1920s Celtic Revival. There was much emphasis on the importance of provenance and/or the name of a maker. Scottish jewellery is sought after with the world-wide market soaking up good pieces. Colin finished the evening with a light-hearted quiz. Suffice it to say, members did not exactly cover themselves with glory.

Loch Leven Leisure User Forum



The Loch Leven Leisure Centre User Forum met on Monday 20 August. Included on the agenda was a report from the Manager, Neil Johnston, thanking David Payne and the original User Group members for their hard work and commitment over the years to improve the services and facilities provided by the Centre.

Included in the letter was a cheque for over £350 that had been raised by the User Group. In presenting the cheque to the Centre, David Payne had requested the money be put towards equipment to improve the facilities available to people with a disability. Neil Johnston informed the User Forum that the money will be used to introduce an automatic door system at the front entrance of the Centre. It is hoped that this new service will improve accessibility to the Centre for customers with a disability and users in general. The money donated has helped to fund this project and Perth and Kinross Leisure are grateful for the generous support of the User Group.

Representatives from clubs and organisation attend regular meetings of the new User Forum to discuss current issues and how the Centre can develop in the future. Any club or individual interested in becoming involved with the User Forum should contact Neil Johnston at the Centre for further details.

Probus Club



On 5 September Mr Gilmour Nicol, President for 2007-2008, welcomed the members to the first meeting of the session, but first he had the sad task of asking the members to stand in remembrance of two of the members who had died over the summer months, Jim Brown and Russell Young.

The speaker for the meeting was Mr Duncan Gilfillan, and his subject "The Challenge of Water Colour". The title comes from a TV series in which Duncan had competed a few years ago. He said the main thing that the TV producers were looking for was an artist who could "communicate" something through his pictures. Duncan showed us a series of watercolours painted by himself and they certainly had something - one could say they communicated. He started off with a water colour picture of a workshop in Colinsburgh, which looked a bit dilapidated, but the vibrant colours of the stonework and the rust on the roof made a great picture. This was followed by three pictures of ancient tractors, all of them complete wrecks, but the life history of these machines had been captured in the paintings. The picture of a farmhouse kitchen showing a coal fired range of a previous generation brought back memories. Duncan had brought along about a score of his own pictures.

Calligraphy is another of Duncan Gilfillan's hobbies, and he showed the club various examples of his work which were brilliant in execution. The subject matter was also intriguing. One book was simply called Scottish Nursery Rhymes, another a Book of Insults.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

Loch Leven Fishing Pier; Robertson's of Milnathort;
Kinnesswood Village Store;
Fossoway Stores, Crook of Devon

Kinross Camera Club



The season is now underway at Kinross Camera Club. It started with a bang with the open evening in mid-September. The evening was very well attended and a good time was had by all. It was nice to see so many old and new faces at the club. The season has continued strongly, with excellent evenings courtesy of Roy Robertson, and WO Ian Arthur from the Royal Naval Photographic Unit. The weather was probably better in September than over the rest of the summer, and club members have been getting out and about and making the most of it. There's been plenty of variety in what people have been photographing over the past few months, proving that even when the weather is not kind, there are still pictures to be found! As always, this year's syllabus includes a range of speakers, competitions, practical sessions and much more. Here's what's happening over the next few weeks:

October

- 4 Sylvia Wilson – 'Tanzania – A Trip of a Lifetime'
- 11 Roy Smith, Ayr – 'ABC to XYZ – Pictorial Slides'
- 18 Practical evening – bring your camera!
- 25 6 of the Best

November

- 1 Night Photography - wrap up and bring your camera!
- 8 League 1 judging – Rikki O'Neill

One advance date for the diary is **Thursday 15 November**. Willie Shand will be giving a public lecture in the Parish Church. We hope to see as many people as possible there. Watch out for further details nearer the time.

The club meets on a Thursday evening, from 7.30pm, in the Church Centre, Kinross High Street. Come along and find out what the club has to offer. The club has an active membership and can offer something for everyone - novice and experienced photographers alike. Your first few visits are free, so you can 'try before you buy'. So why not come along?

The digital group meetings have also recommenced. This is an informal group which looks at digital techniques, and meets on the last Wednesday of the month in the Stables, Crook of Devon.

Click tips for October - making the most of Autumn

A photograph can be about a pattern or a texture. Why not look for interesting shapes and colours in the fallen leaves and photograph an image which consists entirely of leaves?

Evening light in the autumn can be beautiful and rich. Take a walk through some woodland and look for the effects the light has as it gets filtered through the trees.

In the morning, the mists rising off Loch Leven and in the surrounding countryside can produce some interesting effects. Look for silhouetted islands, trees and other features which can create a tranquil, but interesting image.

If you have a scanner, why not experiment by scanning some leaves directly on the equipment – you'll see some interesting effects as the veins of the leaf stand out.

Finally, don't forget the people and pets in your life! Portraits, both human and animal, look great in an autumnal background. Just remember to look for light reflected in the eyes!

For more information on the club, photography and for contact details, please visit the club's website, www.kinrosscameraclub.org

Kinross in Bloom



Well the weather has eventually improved and the plants have finally blossomed out, filling the tubs and baskets. I find watering the baskets and tubs very rewarding not only because the fruits of our labours have flourished but also because of the number of people who stop to talk to me and admire what we are doing.

If you like what Kinross in Bloom has done for the town then please support us. This can be done in a number of ways. You could volunteer to help water, plant the tubs and baskets, plant bulbs, or join our 200 Club (£1 per month and half the money is paid out as prizes). August's winners are: Elizabeth Stewart £25, Jill Whitfield £15, Tom Duncan £10 and Mr & Mrs Burnett £5. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Aileen Sorbie on 01577 861477.

We are planning to plant some bulbs at Gacé Gardens on **Saturday 29 September**, so please come along and help us – bring a trowel if you can. We are meeting there at 10 am. If you know of anywhere that might need brightening up, then please feel free to let us know.

Kinross in Bloom is quite a small committee and could do with some help – especially some strong men who could help put up/take down the hanging baskets. If you could possibly help on 6 October, please call us. If you have a car with a tow bar, could you spare it for a few hours to pull the trailer around the town to collect the baskets? Please telephone me if you can help us at all.

A final plea is to anyone who has an interest in helping Kinross to be a better place. We are very short of committee members/helpers so if you wish us to be able to continue with our good work then please consider giving us a hand – by giving as much of your time as you can spare.

Duke of Edinburgh Award: If you are considering participating in this scheme then you may be interested in helping Kinross in Bloom as part of your 'community' work. Contact me if you are interested in more details.

Aileen Sorbie, Secretary

Portmoak Film Society

New Members and a new Sound System

The local Film Club's third season got off to a great start in September with an 82% approval rating for "The Last King of Scotland" and eight new members.

The new sound system was a revelation and everyone agreed it is a vast improvement.

Prefer not to drive? Some Milnathort members have found the bus times suit perfectly. After the film, you can linger over refreshments in the hall or the local hostelry before the journey home. [Stagecoach Service 205 leaves Kinross about 6.50pm, Milnathort about 7.00pm and returns from Kinnesswood about 10.45pm.]

The next film is Martin Scorsese's critically acclaimed mob drama "The Departed" starring Leonardo di Caprio and Matt Damon, showing on **13 October** at 7.30 p.m.

Why not come along as a "guest member" and see what you're missing! The cost is only £4 and is deductible from your membership fee should you wish to join. As last year, the membership fee is on a sliding scale based on £3 per film for the films remaining (Min. £12).

All it takes is a phone call on 01592 840-204/638/576.

For more info log on to: www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Diabetes UK (Scotland) Kinross Voluntary Group

Our first meeting of the new session was held on Saturday 15 September and we welcomed a new member. We were able to share a lot of information with him and hope to see him again next month.

If you have any ideas on what you would like included as points of interest we shall be pleased to hear from you. We will be having an Info and Sharing morning every other month. We have so much information coming in from Diabetes UK and felt it would be helpful to have a discussion morning so that we could decide what was appropriate for the group. As always we would appreciate your input.

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 20 October** at the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 10.15 am for 10.30 am.

If you need any further information about the group please contact Vivian (Area Liaison, Volunteer Diabetes UK) on 01738 635826 or Linda on 01577 861217.

Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade



The new session commenced with a fun night at Kirkgate Park on the last Friday in August.

A lovely sunny evening saw around 60 youngsters from primaries one to seven take part in a round robin of fun activities with team 2 finishing as overall winners on the night.

The Anchor Section caters for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three, meeting in Kinross Church Centre from 6pm until 7.15pm. There is an award programme with a focus on life-skills and fun activities.

The Junior Section is for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six, meeting in Kinross Church Centre from 7pm until 8.45pm with the latter part of the evening being spent at Kinross High School games hall where section members take part in a number of physical and ball game activities. The Perth Battalion football season commences after the school October holidays and the Mini-Volleyball Competition and Swimming Gala is also due in November.

The Company Section caters for boys and girls from primary 7 up to the age of 18. The Company Section also meets at Kinross Church Centre from 7pm till 10pm. A new award structure is now in place and weekly badgework classes have already commenced. The first Battalion competition this session is the officers and boys volleyball tournament which takes place in late September with Kinross being the current holders of the silver trophy.

The Company has also entered the BB National Competition (UK wide) in badminton, table tennis, chess and masterteam with the home and away draw for each being due out in a couple of weeks.

The annual enrolment service for members will take place during the morning service at Kinross Parish Church on **Sunday 28 October**.

With the BB achieving 125 years of service in 2008 a **special summer camp** has been planned for the first fortnight in July (back in time for T in the Park) based 18 miles north of Toronto, flying directly from Glasgow to Toronto. This special summer camp is open to all ex-members of Kinross BB and those interested should contact Company Captain David Munro (tel 01577 862126) for further details.

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



Following a very busy summer with our Gacéan guests being hosted for one week in August as well as the Gacé schoolchildren visiting Kinross over the last week of September, our twinning links are strengthened, although we do need to recruit more members from the 20 to 40 age range within the areas of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg. It is good to see healthy exchanges between the twin towns and it provides much fun and a fair bit of humour enjoying each others' company.

The **annual general meeting** of the Twinning Association will take place in Kinross Church Centre on **Tuesday 13 November** starting at 7.30 pm. A short committee meeting will be held prior to the AGM.

A range of social activities is being planned over the coming months with again a focus on fun.

Historical dancing starts at Robin Lambie's Bountree home in Glenfarg fortnightly at 7pm from Sunday 30 September. All are welcome to join in a fun activity which helps raise your fitness levels over the winter months. For further details of the twinning association telephone Robin Lambie (01577) 830295.

Kinross Motorcycle Club



The Kinross Motorcycle Club has been established for some 4 months now, in that time the Club has enrolled 16 members, had 12 meetings, 10 of which were ride outs. Each ride out has covered some 100 miles plus lasting between 2 - 2.5 hrs, that is over 1000 miles with 24 hours worth of valuable ride time. The rides have taken us through Glendevon, o'er the Sma' Glen to Aberfeldy, along the River Tay past Newburgh and many other routes, sampling some fine fish suppers on the way. Within the club we have a mix of sports bikes, sports tourers, tourers and muscle bikes. We also have two young riders who are considering joining the club which would enable them to gain riding knowledge from more experienced club members.

With the dark evenings becoming earlier the Wednesday night ride outs have been put on hold, however the club is still meeting throughout the winter months. On **17 October** a Go-Karting evening at Knockhill has been organised and a Quiz night is currently being planned for November. Other than that a couple of drinks and a chat at The Green Hotel on most Wednesday evenings will help the springtime to come round that much quicker; then the bikes will be cleaned, serviced and ready to eat up the many fantastic roads Central Scotland has to offer.

If you are interested in joining then contact John Gibson 01577 865806 - john@gibsonj26.freeserve.co.uk, or Mark Conway 01592 840481 - markconway@fmail.net Or just come along to one of the meetings.

Do you have

Photographs of Kinross-shire

you'd be happy to share with others?

Visit www.kinross.cc to find out how to add your photos to the Photo Library. The aim of the library is to provide a resource for promoting Kinross-shire.

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the September meeting the members had an afternoon of wine tasting by the Cairn O'Mhor winery. The speaker introduced us to their Scottish wines, all of which were of different fruit flavours. The members enjoyed a wee tippie and a good time was had by all. A vote of thanks was given.

Charity Concert: The Club is holding a concert in the Kinross Parish Church on **23 November** at 7.30pm. Admission £5 per ticket. The entertainment is East Fife Male Voice Choir. Proceeds to Kinross Day Centre.

Friday Walks: The Fish Supper Walk was held on a perfect summer's day in September with the skies and the sea almost Mediterranean blue at Anstruther. Both walks for October are inland walks, and we have to carry flasks and piece boxes once more.

5 October: The Hopetoun Monument from the Deer Centre, Cupar. This is a circular walk of about 6 miles along country roads and farm tracks, with some climbing, along a new route starting with St Mary's Road.

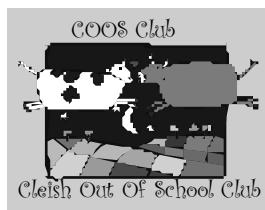
19 October: The autumn walk from Pitlochry to Killiecrankie, starting at the Dam. This is our annual circular walk along some of the well known paths near Pitlochry, and is at least 8 miles long.

Hillwalkers: At last, good weather has prevailed for our last three walks and excellent, 360 degree views were the order of the day when we ventured up Ben Vrackie on 17 August. On 31 August we enjoyed a stroll through Boreland Glen on our way from Glen Devon to Auchterarder and lastly, on 14 September we had a blustery but sunny 8 mile traverse of Turnhouse Hill, Carnethy Hill and Scald Law in the Pentlands, when we again had fabulous 360 degree views.

For October, we intend to take in an 11 mile circuit of Glen Banvie and the Falls of Bruar on the **12th**, followed by another 11 mile circuit of the Tetley Trail and the Holl Reservoir via Carlin Maggie on the **26th**.

October Meeting: The speaker on **4 October** will be Lilian King on "Women in Mining."

Cleish Out Of School Club



It has been a busy term at the COOS Club. We were delighted to welcome Zoë Hunter as the new play worker and Nicky Kitchin as our temporary Play Leader. The children have been enjoying some creative art sessions under Nicky's expert guidance. We are still looking to recruit a permanent Play Leader and if anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please direct them to our advert on the Community website or suggest that they contact the club. The club will operate from Fossoy School during the second week of the October school holidays (15th to 19th). The programme is available to view on the Club website at www.coos.org.uk. Days are themed starting with "Autumn" as Monday's theme, "Mission Impossible" on Tuesday, the funfair on Wednesday, crazy painting on Thursday and Halloween on Friday. To book your child or children in, please contact COOS on 07747 856314.

Please mention The Newsletter when answering advertisements

Kinross Historical Society



The Chairman, Robin Eadie writes: The new Historical Society season starts 15 October. Due to increased membership we are moving to larger premises, the Parish Church in Station Road.

So far as parking is concerned, Lindsay Sands has kindly given us permission to use the Sands Car Park. In addition, disabled person or anyone with walking difficulties can use the lane to the west of the church.

On **Monday 15 October** the speaker will be Dr Lindsay Lennie BA(hons) Dip Bldg Cons PhD MRICS talking about Historic Shopfronts Past, Present and an Uncertain Future. Everyone welcome.

Residents Association

Kinross and Milnathort Area Residents Association are having an Open meeting in the Windlestrae Hotel, the Muirs, Kinross on **Thursday 25 October** at 7.30pm. Guests include invited Councillors and a representative of Perth & Kinross Police.

Kinross Residents Association and Milnathort & Portmoak Tenants & Residents Association have recently amalgamated to form one Association and a constitution has been drawn up by the Kinross and Milnathort Area Steering Group. Copies of the constitution are available from the Perth & Kinross Tenants & Residents Federation office on 01738 442302 and copies of the constitution will be available on the night of **25 October**.

This is an opportunity to learn more about plans for your area and how your views can be taken into account, so please come along to support your local Association.

If you need help with transport this can be arranged locally via your Steering Group or through the Perth & Kinross Tenants & Residents Federation office. Travel expenses and an allowance for child care/caring can be claimed at the meeting on production of receipts.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be kept informed by letter, local newsletter or Federation News please contact the Federation Office on 01738 442302.

Lodge St Serf No 327



On Saturday 8 September Shed Degree worked by Buchan Shed No 4 was a huge success. Many thanks go to those who attended, also those who donated food for the visitors. Following an auction of items donated by the Brethren, the sum of £135.00 was raised which will go towards our fund raising effort over the next months.

Local good causes have been donated the sum of £1,000.00 from last year's fund raising, again thanks go to all of the people of Kinross who so generously assisted with the events held. (See Notices for next meetings).

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Sports News

Kinross Rugby Club



Well folks, the new season is already upon us and underway. After two months of punishing pre-season training and a couple of warm up games, the Kinross first XV began the season with a long haul trip to a very wind-swept Orkney and after a gutsy performance from the boys eventually lost 10 - 7, but the lads must be commended for the brilliant commitment shown in making such a trip and thanks also go to Chalky Wight for the organisation of the trip. Week two of the season saw Kinross play host to Aberdeenshire, but sadly after another determined performance from the boys and some first half injury woes, the game eventually finished a very flattering 26 - 19 to Aberdeenshire. Things are looking good, however, with bonus points gained in the opening two games and with the huge influx of youth added to the squad over the summer combined with experience of the players already at the club things are looking rosier for the future of the club. The second XV have also been in action and started the campaign with a solid performance against Grangemouth and a tricky away fixture to Forresters.

Future Home Fixtures

First XV

22 Sept - St Andrews University
29 Sept - Stirling University
20 Oct - Gordonians

Second XV

29 Sept - Heriots 3rd XV
20 Oct - Edinburgh University 2nd XV
3 Nov - Lasswade 2nd XV

Training is on as always on a Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm and regardless of age and ability everyone is more than welcome to come down and get involved. If you have just moved or returned to the area why not come down and play for your local club we would love to see you. However, if training is a step too far, the second XV also needs athletes (and has-beens) of all ages to dust down the boots, dig out the shorts and come along and show us how it used to be done.

The social scene at the club is also thriving at the moment with the club open every week night and all day Saturday and Sunday for every game of the 2007 world cup; come down have the banter, watch the game on the club's new 46 inch Plasma HD TV and enjoy some of the cheapest beer in town.

Hope to see you soon

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Orwell Bowling Club

Westerloan Milnathort

Can you believe that the outdoor bowling season is over already? It only feels like last month we started with the President v Vice President on the opening day. And by the time you read this we will have had the closing game which is the Secretary v Treasurer. Orwell has had another good year, once again being represented at the finals at Ayr. Congratulations go to the women's rink of M White, D Foster, M Young and M Allan and to the 2 bowl pairs of J Tomney and A Wilson. Congratulations also to J Menzies and S Fullerton for winning the Clackmannan and Kinross County Pairs. Below is a short list of winners and runners up of some of the club competitions.

Competition	Winners	Runners-up
Gents	D Winton	A Lloyd
Ladies	S Fullerton	D Foster
Senior	V McKechnie	A S Greenhill
Junior	M Hamilton	W J Reid
Presidents	A Lloyd	W J Reid
Gents Pairs	A Lloyd & J H Taylor	W J Reid & J Taylor
Ladies Pairs	C Davidson & D Foster	J Menzies & A Wilson

Competition Winners

Gents Triples D Winton, W J Reid & B Cook
Ladies Triples J McCann, C Davidson & J Reekie
Gents Rink J Paterson, A Morgan, D Rose & J Fullerton
Ladies Rink M White, D Foster, M Young & M Allan
Prizes for these competitions and others will be awarded at the annual **Prize Giving Dance** which will be held on **17 November** in the club house.

Kinross Volleyball Club

Following a very successful series of outdoor practices on Monday evenings at King George V Park over the summer, indoor training has begun at Kinross High School games hall from 8 until 10pm, also on a Monday.

Volleyball is a real fun sport which can be played at any age without the requirement for specialised equipment – all you need is a tee shirt, shorts and trainers. Club members will teach you the basics and after one week you can be on court playing for fun and having a great time. For further details telephone David Munro (01577 862126).

The 8 until 9 slot is devoted to Junior training aimed at the 12-17 age group with 9 until 10 being for adult training. There has been a recent increase in numbers attending club nights at both adult and junior levels. Because of this it is hoped to enter six teams in this season's Perth & Kinross District League Competition with two teams competing in the Premier League and four in the Recreational League (two adult teams and two junior teams).

The first competitive games will have been held on 23 September with the Recreational League Cup competition, won last season by Kinross BB. Read next month's newsletter for this year's result. Both Premier and Recreational leagues commence after the school October holidays and Kinross Scotrange will be hoping to go one better than their league runner up position last season.

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

Kinross Ladies have made a great start to the season by winning the Bell Trophy, the first competition of the new season. It is all the more remarkable an achievement as the team was very much put together at the last minute. Well done girls!

Training started in the middle of August and so far has been very well attended. We train every Wednesday evening at the King George V Playing Field at 6.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Kinross Bowling Club

During the last month we have played most of the finals in our club competitions; a full list of winners and runners up will be in next month's newsletter. We have had two one-day competitions during the last month: **The Jim Wallace Cup** won by G. M. Rennie (3 years in a row), Runner up was I. Christophers. **The George Smith Shield** won by Sheila Rennie & Fred McDonald, Runners up Betty Paterson & Kelvin Reay. Both these trophies were presented to the club in memory of the late Jim Wallace & George Smith.

The outdoor bowling season is coming to an end very quickly as the nights are getting dark so early. The Open Pairs due to take place on 16 September was rained off.

The closing of the green will be on **Sunday 30 September**, with a few ends being played followed by presentation of prizes and some snacks.

Anyone interested in bowling please contact the Secretary, G. M. Rennie on 01577 864727. The season starts again in April 2008 - all welcome.

Football

Kinross United AFC have had a difficult start to the season, winning two and losing three games.

However, under a new committee and management, the club have secured great support from local members of the community and business fraternity. The club is interested in improving their playing squad. Anyone interested should contact Alan Fraser on 862018 or Sandy Fraser on 865762.

Training takes place at The Myre, Kinross at 6.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Kinross Curling School

KCS invite you to an informal evening, at the Green Hotel on **Wednesday 10 October** at 7.00 pm. While you enjoy a free glass of wine, Steven Kerr, ice rink manager (ice maker of the year 2006) will do a presentation on how to make curling ice (it's not just frozen water)!

We are also holding our Beginners Course on curling on **Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October**.

For further information on any of the above please contact Ena Stevenson: telephone 01383 850257 or email enastevenson@aol.com

Junior Curling

Thursday After School Curling

The above classes commence on **Thursday 11 October** and continue throughout the curling season at the Green Hotel Ice Rink from 4.00pm until 5.15pm. Coaching is given to children aged 8 years to 12 years.

Enquiries/entry forms (SAE) to: Mrs Anne Porter, Middle Balado House, Balado, Kinross, KY13 0NH, telephone 01577 864018.

Kinross Squash Club

The summer leagues have finished and the new leagues are now posted at the rear of the squash courts.

Numbers in the leagues are currently very healthy and we have 6 divisions of five or six players in each section.

Matches have to be completed by 6 October and players will move up or down every 5 weeks. Winners of each of the divisions will be awarded a voucher towards their next court fee.

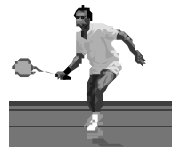
If you wish to join the leagues please add your name to the results sheet which is pinned on the squash notice board. You will then be included in the next month's listings.

Last season finished off with our club championship which was eventually hotly contested by two of our youngsters Andrew Marshall and David Gordon. The event had a great atmosphere and everybody was awarded some interesting prize!!

The month medal will be on the last Thursday of each month and is an opportunity for members to enjoy a subsidised game of squash in a more relaxed way and have a chat to other players.

Membership fees are now due but we are again offering a discount for those who pay by the end of October.

If you have played squash in the past or are currently playing but would like a few more challenging games then do not hesitate to join the squash leagues or attend the monthly medal meet. You will find us a friendly bunch of players with a wide range of abilities.



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Kinross Road Runners



Our current secretary, Judith Dobson, has put an enormous amount of energy into running Kinross Road Runners (if you excuse the pun!). This summer she reached a definite mile marker when she became a "super vet". To mark the occasion and thank her for her work, the Club presented her with a sports voucher and flowers. Judith has been with Kinross Road Runners for 8 years and during 6 of these she has served on the committee. Her first race was our own Loch Leven Half marathon but she says her favourite races are the Catevan Trail, Devil's Burden and Speyside Way. All three are long, arduous off-road trail races which reflect the determination she puts into running and organizing. Judith averages 10 or so races a year and is a regular face at training nights. She has posted many good times with personal bests for the 10k of 42.41, half marathon 1.34.50 and full marathon at 3.21.00. Judith also completed the London Marathon in 2001 and 2002. So congratulations Judith! We all look forward to seeing your name in the top section of your new age category at future running events.

Members of Kinross Road Runners have been very active over the last months and the results are listed below. Notable amongst these are Chris Pratt's time for a half marathon. By going under 1hr 30mins he achieved a PB at this distance. He also managed to go under the magical figure of 40 minutes for a 10K in the Forth Road Bridge run.

There was a huge turn out of no less than 16 members for the mid week Graham Clark memorial race which involves running 3 laps of Knockhill race track. This year it was held in glorious sunshine and new member Roy Paterson pushed our main fast man, Steve Crawford, all the way to the line. The ladies team comprising Natalie Milne, Patricia Milne and Christ Myerscough were placed 2nd. Roger Stark was 3rd over 60 and Norman Smith was 1st over 70.

Isabel Carmichael made the long journey to participate in the Nairn Half marathon worth her while by finishing as 1st Female in the over 50 category.

Kinross Road Runners caters for people of all abilities. All you need is enthusiasm for running.

During the summer months we have seen many people out running on the streets of Kinross and the new loch side path. If you are one of those people but you have been put off the idea of joining a club by the thought that everyone will be super fit and super fast, now is a good time to take a deep breath and join Kinross Road Runners at our Wednesday night sessions. I think you will be pleasantly surprised how friendly the club is and the range of abilities and ages of the members. Wednesday nights involve short training sessions where there is no possibility of being left behind as everyone can run at their own level. Meet at the Health Centre car park by Loch Leven Leisure for a 7pm start – 8pm finish. We look forward to welcoming you.

Glasgow Half Marathon, 2 September

320th	Chris Pratt	1 hr 29min 40secs	PB
2629th	Isabella Carmichael	1 hr 53min 21secs	
4493rd	Bill Noullan	2 hr 07mins 58secs	

Paisley 10k, 26th Aug

85th	Chris Pratt	40mins 27secs	
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Graham Clark Memorial, 22 August

36th	Steven Crawford	23.37
38th	Roy Paterson	23.47
57th	Douglas Leitch	25.03
69th	Andrew Johns	25.37
76th	John Myerscough	26.08
84th	Natalie Milne	26.42
87th	Raymond Milne	26.49
91st	Peter Edgerton	26.58
96th	Patricia Milne	27.21
98th	Roger Stark	27.37
111th	Christine Myerscough	29.14
115th	Valerie Findlay	29.39
117th	Geoff Bilton	29.46
124th	Graeme Malcolm	30.20
143th	Ann Malcolm	32.27
146th	Norman Smith	34.57

Forfar 10k, 19 August

176th	Sue Whisler	57.40
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Nairn Half Marathon, 18 August

115th	Isabella Carmichael	1 hr 56mins 49secs	1st FV50
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Forth Bridge 10 k, 12 August

35th	Chris Pratt	39.59
76th	John Myerscough	44.35
115th	Roger Stark	46.57
203rd	Isabella Carmichael	53.33
257th	Sue Whisler	59.47

Largo Law Hill, 11 August

44th	John Myerscough	01:04:14
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Sturminster Half Marathon, 5 August

223rd	Isabella Carmichael	2:10:36
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Tour of Fife Race

Overall Time

Chris Pratt	2hrs 08mins 04secs
John Myerscough	2hrs 16mins 23secs

Donkey Brae Run, 29 July

134th	John Myerscough	53.14
181st	Christine Myerscough	57.49
203rd	Isabella Carmichael	1:00:15
249th	Sue Whisler	1:08:11

Loch Fitty Trail, 25 July

59th	John Myerscough	45.39
69th	Christine Myerscough	48.40
80th	Geoff Bilton	52.23
96th	Isabella Carmichael	57.47

Sandy Slither, 13 July

83th	Graham Malcolm	00:56:57
95th	Isabella Carmichael	01:00:21
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News from the Rurals



CROOK OF DEVON - Mrs M Arbuckle presided over the first meeting of the new session.

After business was concluded she introduced Mrs M Brown who gave us a very interesting and amusing talk on the background to her book "Beyond the Rowan Tree".

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs I White.

Competitions:

Flowering Pot Plant	- Mrs I White
Flower of the Month	- Mrs S Lamont

BISHOPSHIRE - The new season got under way with a talk from James Macdonald from the Canine Concern Scotland Trust. One of the roles of the Trust is to provide an educational service to promote responsible dog ownership in Scotland by visiting schools to reach the dog owners of the future. It also manages the Therapet service, the pet visiting service to Nursing Homes, Hospices, residential accommodation - anywhere that dogs, in particular, can provide comfort and interest to people who are no longer part of the outside community. Mr Macdonald gave quite an insight into this work, with many humorous tales.

Competitions:

Animal Photo	- Brenda Bird
3 Pieces Shortbread	- Wilma Barclay

CLEISH - President Margaret Kilpatrick welcomed 22 members to the September meeting. Business was attended to then our speaker, Mrs Joyce MacRae, was introduced. Mrs MacRae is now retired as Chairman of the National Federation of SWRI. With great enthusiasm and humour, she reminded us of the reasons and aims of the SWRI, a lively movement with numerous interests and activities, including drama, arts, crafts, music and sport, along with the wider social issues. President Margaret Kilpatrick gave the vote of thanks. We then enjoyed tea and raffle.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Fiona Barnfather
Holiday Photograph	- Faye Gibb
Jar Raspberry Jam	- Catherine Erskine

CARNBO - President Rosemary Hudson welcomed members, including seven new members, to the first meeting of the session on 17 September. Mr Angus Ferguson gave a very interesting and often amusing insight into the conception and growth of 'Demijohn', a young company which sells high quality liqueurs, spirits, olive oils, vinegars and spices. These are all sourced and produced by people who are passionate about food and drink.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Norah Winyard.

BLAIRINGONE - At our first meeting of the season a good turnout of members enjoyed an excellent talk and demonstration by Kate Croy and young assistant Elisha on the history and the art of muffin making.

Competition

Flower of the Month	- Jean Broome
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SWRI Congratulations: At the Handcraft and Housewives Conference in Montrose, Mrs Dorothy Morris, Cleish won the Playfair-Hannay trophy for a knitted toy.

Congratulations



David and Irene **ALSTON**, Renton Drive, Kinross are delighted to announce the marriage of their elder son **CRAIG** to **CHARLOTTE APPLETON** on 11 August 2007 in Baldersby St James, Yorkshire.

VICKI BERKENSHAW and **ANDREW CRAWFORD**, both of Kinross, were married on Friday 31 August 2007 in the Old Court House, County Buildings, Kinross by the Registrar.

PATRICK MacHUGH represented Scotland in the Under-15 junior badminton Quadrangle at Milton Keynes where Scotland play England, Wales and Ireland. They beat Wales and Ireland but lost to England in the final. Patrick also represented Scotland in the under 17 badminton juniors at the recently held UK Games in Coventry. They again beat Wales and Ireland but lost to England in the final.

DENIS GORDON, 2 Montgomery Court, Kinross celebrated his 65th birthday on 30 August. Congratulations from Eleanor, Donna, Brian and Conner.

GEORGE TODRICK (19) of Milnathort has taken part in the gruelling 10,000 mile Mongol Rally, helping to raise money for various charities. As a member of a team driving from London to Mongolia in a small Fiesta car, he faced the challenge of completing the arduous journey through atrocious conditions and terrain. This was accomplished successfully.

Thanks



GEMMA DIXON and **SCOTT MORGAN** would like to thank everybody who helped with their son **JACK** who suddenly took ill at Kinross Show. He is now fit and well. A special thanks to Dr Derek, who if he hadn't been there, our son would not have been with us today.

CHARLIE MARSHALL and **DUNCAN SMITH**, 10 year old pupils at Milnathort Primary School, have raised £258 for Ninewells Hospital cancer appeal. They undertook a 5.4 mile cycle run, stopping en route to complete 27.5 lengths of the swimming pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre.

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Out & About

Vane Farm



As Colin is on his summer holidays, it has fallen to me to resume journalistic duties one last time and tell you all about matters Vane.

With summer now over, our thoughts on the reserve begin to turn towards autumn. The vegetation topping is more or less completed just in time for the returning pink-footed geese from their breeding grounds in Iceland, indeed a few have already made the long journey to Scotland with some already being seen early on in September. Over the next few weeks we will hopefully start to see a build up in numbers to upwards of 15,000. Although some will over winter with us, many will gradually disperse down to areas such as the Solway and England before re-appearing en route back to Iceland next spring.

A small number of barnacle geese and Canada geese have also been seen in the fields at the western end of the reserve and the numbers of greylag geese in the area have begun to increase too.

Winter wildfowl are also building up with numbers of pochard noticeably increasing; soon the loch and the reserve will be very active with wintering birds.

At the time of writing "Egbert" (the little egret) has not been seen on the reserve. Having spent the past four winters with us, staff and visitors alike were eager to see him return; fingers crossed he's just running a little late this year and he'll be back with us soon!

There is a variety of new products available now in our gift shop, including the full range of RSPB Christmas cards, calendars and diaries, as well as a wonderful selection of gifts. These include 'Good Nature Gifts' which will directly help vulnerable wildlife and help restore some of our most susceptible habitats – so you can feel good as you spend! Our new product ranges, which include organic clothing, home ware and greeting cards and a collection of new binoculars are also now in stock and just in time for Christmas! In conjunction with the RSPB's Save the Sumatran Rainforest campaign, there is also a range of specialist items available to purchase; by buying these products, you will be directly supporting the Harapan Rainforest, as all profits from these products will go directly to protecting and restoring it.

Forthcoming events at Vane Farm include **"Feed the Birds Day"** on **Sunday 21 October**, when you will be able to get advice on how to attract birds to your garden with bird cake and feeders. Then on **Sunday 28 October** the famous **"Spooky Sunday"** with its crazy and creepy activities returns. There are four sessions but it is already filling up fast, so advance booking is absolutely essential.

Colin will be back with you again next month, by which time I will be on my way to pastures new, so I guess it's goodbye from me. A very fond farewell,

Jayne

Loch Leven NNR



Following the completion of the first phase of the Heritage Trail project, visitors to Loch Leven are now able to gain access to more of the loch and its surrounding habitats. The path leads from Kinross Harbour, through Kirkgate Park, all the way round to Burleigh Sands and beyond. The path has opened up the opportunity to embark on an interesting little habitat management project which is sure to improve diversity and enrich peoples' experience of the loch. Between the boathouse hide and Mary's Gate, there is a secluded pond that has been previously overgrown and virtually lifeless. SNH staff at Loch Leven have begun clearing young willow from within and around the pond in order to allow more light in, which should rejuvenate life in the pond. Light filtering through the tree canopy will provide energy for plants, which will provide feeding and breeding sites for a variety of beasts and amphibians, including diving beetles, dragonflies, frogs and newts.

We would also like to investigate possibilities for improving access around the pond. Perhaps we could install boardwalks around some of the pond edges? We would then have the option to run pond dipping sessions for children to explore life in a secret pond. This would provide us with an excellent opportunity to show people an intricate food web in an ecosystem that can be accessible and easily explored.

Developing habitats such as these is particularly exciting because improving the biodiversity of the NNR increases the enjoyment of locals and visitors to Loch Leven. If the pond management project is successful, we should have a special gem hidden along the woodland path for the lucky and intrepid walkers to discover!

Scottish Natural Heritage would like to thank all those people who took part in our interactive stall at this year's Discovery Day in Kirkgate Park. Friends of Kirkgate Park were pleased with the turn out of the event, which provided three days of wide ranging entertainment for the local community. Our involvement on Sunday was typically well received, with various interactive game displays for children, information on current management proposals for the loch, and even an appearance from 'Tuffie the duck', who turned out to be a master on the climbing wall and a big hit with the younger children!

Stop press! – Just as we write this, the first Pink-footed Geese are coming into Loch Leven all the way from their breeding grounds up in the Icelandic Highlands. Keep your eyes and ears peeled and I'm sure you'll spot them around the reserve very soon.

Paul

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Farming



It is with real regret that I have to write about Foot and Mouth disease in this month's newsletter. I feel that it is important that local people understand the far-reaching complications of the outbreak in the south of England. In this modern age we are constantly bombarded with news programmes, radio bulletins, newspaper headlines and magazine columnists offering their opinion. The sheer volume of the coverage is representative of the importance of the outbreak but as the weeks turn into months there is a real danger we switch off and become indifferent to yet more news of this disease.

Following the first outbreak, movement restrictions were quickly put in place in order to prevent spread of infection. The entire UK livestock industry had just let out a small sigh of relief and was looking forward to returning to some kind of normality when the new outbreak was announced. Don't get me wrong; I understand that these restrictions are the only way of ensuring our livestock remain protected. And of course we are so very fortunate that we are not at the centre of the outbreak area facing the devastating loss of all our stock. I know farmers in the south west of Scotland that had to endure the cull of 2001, financially the business was compensated, but the personal loss is still very raw.

As the situation stands at the moment, farmers can sell their stock direct to slaughter. They cannot, however, sell stock to another farmer either privately or through markets. Given that the months of August, September and October see hundreds of thousands of cattle and sheep sold through the auction ring, you may start to realise the stalemate of the industry.

Hill lambs that are born and reared on all the hills in the Highlands and Islands are weaned off their mother and sold to farmers in the Lowlands. These lambs need to move because the heather hills cannot meet their nutritional requirements; they are growing fast and require lush grass and cereals before they are ready for slaughter. Stuck at home, the lambs will be eating pasture that was meant for their mothers. Thin ewes at tupping time will not produce a good crop of lambs next spring. The financial implications are far reaching.

Ewes produce four or five crops of lambs in their lifetime, to maintain the size of the flock; replacement of 20-25% with young sheep is required. Unable to purchase these gimmers in time for the breeding season will cause chaos for many units.

Small herds of cows are facing difficulties due to these restrictions. If something happens to the stock bull, it cannot be replaced and cows will not produce a calf during the usual calving season next year. In-calf cows can be stranded away from home and cannot be brought back to give birth.

The UK is also subject to an export ban on cattle, sheep and pigs until we can prove we are clear of this disease. The Spanish and Greeks love our tender juicy hill lambs and the Italians enjoy a sizzling Scottish steak. Not being able to export our product to these nations is a blow.

If you understand the havoc these restrictions are causing, you may want to help ease the burden on Scottish farmers. Every time you buy beef, lamb or pork make sure it is Scottish. As Tesco says "Every Little Helps!"

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Weather



August Weather Report From Carnbo

August continued the dismal weather experienced during June and July, but thankfully not with the same vigour. Towards the end of the month pressure began to rise and the weather took a turn for the better with higher temperatures and more dry days.

Rainfall for month	127 mm (170% of average)
Heaviest fall	49.8 mm (18th)
Highest temperature	21°C (23rd)
Lowest temperature	5°C (8th)
Average temperature	12.5°C
Two days with temperature above 20°C	
Thunder not recorded	
Cloud cover	62%

Summer 2007

The vital statistics of "Summer" 2007 (*2006 figures in italics*):

Mean temperature	12.5°C	(14°C)
Highest temperature	21°C	(26°C)
Lowest temperature	4°C	(5°C)
Days with temp above 20°C	4	(31!)
Total rainfall	380mm	(202mm)
Highest day total	49.8mm	(29.8mm)
Cloud cover	70%	(58%)

Hedgehog Alert!

Now that the weather is changing and the nights are getting colder the poor hedgehog is a bit confused. Normally the hedgehog will think about hibernating around the middle of October but some are preparing to do so now. The ideal weight for a hedgehog to survive is 650grams by the end of September, but Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre have taken in hoglets at 50-60grams over the past week. Over the last few weeks the average weight of small hedgehogs found has been between 120-210grams which is far too light for them to survive a harsh winter. Any underweight hedgehogs found



even at night should be rescued. If you do decide to rescue one then put it in a high sided box with newspaper and an old towel, give it some water and meaty cat food (NO COWS MILK AND BREAD PLEASE) and keep in a warm place overnight. Hedgehogs like a nice warm bed so please do not leave it outside. If it is shaky, place a warm hot water bottle under the towel to keep it warm.

This year has been particularly bad with mothers aborting and many dying from lungworm (which sounds like smoker's cough). To date, the Centre's total intake is 188. This is 40 more than last year at the same time, and is also 40 less than last year's total intake.

Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre can be contacted at 6 Flass Road, Wormit. You can telephone us on 01382-541311 for advice or help (please remember our day starts at 5am, so would appreciate no calls after 9.30pm). If the hedgehog requires care we would ask you to bring it to us as we are pensioners and rely on donations to help with some of the costs of operating the centre. It costs approximately £1.50 to feed one hedgehog per week (plus other costs) over and above that.



Gardens Open & Walks

Gardens open regularly not too far from Kinross

Opening Arrangements				Admission	Disabled	Contact
				Adult	Child Access	Number
Braco Castle gardens, Braco	1 Feb - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	free	partial
Falkland Palace, garden & Town hall (NTS)	1 Mar - 31 Oct	Mon-Sat Sun	1000-1700 1300-1700	£10.00	£7.00	yes(gdn) 01337 857397
Pittencreeff Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes 01383 726313
Cherrybank Gardens, Perth (Europe's largest heather collection)	Mar - Oct	Mon-Sat Sun	1000-1700 1200-1700	£3.75	U12 free	yes 01738 472800
Scone Palace gardens	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	0930-1730	£4.00	£2.75	partial 01738 552300
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.00		partial 01738 625535
Drummond Castle gardens, Crieff	May - Oct	daily	1300-1800	£4.00	£1.50	partial 01764 681433
Cambo House, Kingsbarns, by St Andrews	all year	daily	1000-1700	£3.50	free	partial 01333 450054
Culross Palace and gardens (NTS)	1 Oct - 31 Oct	Thu-Mon	1200-1600	£8.00	£5.00	partial 01383 880359
Hill of Tarvit Mansion & gdns, Cupar (NTS)	1 Oct - 29 Oct	Thu-Mon	1300-1600	£8.00	£5.00	yes 01334 653127

Notes: Other prices may be available, eg Concessions, Family. NTS = National Trust for Scotland (entry free to members). At some gardens there are plants for sale and refreshments available. Some gardens do not allow dogs.

Gardening/NTS events in October

Annual SGS Plant Sale and Fair

This will take place at **Hill of Tarvit** near Cupar on **Sunday 7 October**, 10.30am to 4.30pm. There will be an interesting selection of plants and clumps of herbaceous plants at bargain prices. There will also be a Food and Garden Craft Fair and a Gardener's Question Time. Refreshments available. 40% of entry price to Homestart and East Neuk National Trust Gardens, 60% to SGS Charities.

Roots and Fruits

On **7 October** there will be a **tour of Culross Gardens** when visitors can see examples of the produce grown in the garden, including unusual fruits. Booking is essential on 01383 880359 or by email to blessels@nts.org.uk. Meet at reception at Culross Place and bring waterproof clothing.

The Upstairs – Downstairs World of 1906

On **Saturday 13** and **Sunday 14 October**, there is an added treat for visitors to **Hill of Tarvit** Mansion house. Live actors will be recreating the roles of the servants who worked there 100 years ago. Visitors can learn about the etiquette of Edwardian society, what people ate in those days and the gruelling working day of the servants. Opening times: 1pm to 4pm, no booking required.

P&KHT Guided Walks

Listed below are the October walks from the "Exploring Perthshire's Past" series organised by Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust. Spaces on all walks are limited and **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** – telephone Steven Timoney on 01738 477089. Further details can also be found on the Trust's website: www.pkht.org.uk

The Historic Landscape of the Sma' Glen, Crieff

Wed 3 Oct: Discover the wealth of sites within one of Perthshire's most dramatic small glens. Grade 3, duration 3-4 hrs, cost £5. Start time 1pm at Library Lodge, Perth.

The First Frontier of the Roman Empire, Braco

Thu 4 Oct: The Gask Ridge is the location of a series of Roman forts, fortlets and watchtowers which make up what

was the first and most northerly frontier of the Roman Empire. Starting at Ardoch, one of the best-preserved earth and timber forts in the Empire, this tour visits a number of sites on the ridge and discusses what life was like on the frontier over 1800 years ago. Grade 2, distance c. 3km, approx duration 5 hrs, cost £5 per person for minibus. Start time 11am at Library Lodge, Perth.

Tour of Dunkeld

Tue 9 Oct: The fascinating town of Dunkeld has a rich history with connections to the Picts, Columba and Kenneth MacAlpin. This tour looks at Dunkeld's early development as well as finding out about the Battle of Dunkeld and more. Grade 1, distance c. 2km, approx duration 2 hrs. Cost: free but spaces limited. Start time 11am at The Cross, High St, Dunkeld.

Earth Buildings in the Carse of Gowrie

Wed 10 Oct: In contrast to much of Perthshire where stone became the preferred building material, the Carse of Gowrie has an assortment of clay built structures spanning hundreds of years. This tour visits a number of these sites, including Cottown Old Schoolhouse, a rare surviving example of a clay-built cottage with thatched roof once common in the east of Scotland, now in the care of the National Trust for Scotland, and Flatfield, an early brick built farmhouse. Grade 1, approx duration 3-4 hrs, cost £5 per person. Start time 1pm at Library Lodge, Perth.

Fortingall Village Walk

Tue 16 Oct: Sites visited on this walk include prehistoric stone circles and burial mounds, the development of an early Christian site and the enchanting Arts and Crafts architecture of the village. Grade 1, distance c. 3-4 km, approx duration 5 hrs, cost £5 per person for minibus. Start time 10.30am at the Library Lodge, Perth.

More information about gardens open can also be found on our website, www.kinrossnewsletter.org



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October

- Sun 7** 10.30am Guild Dedication Service led by Margaret Michie.
Sun 14 10.30am Service led by Margaret Michie.
Sun 21 10.30am Service Baptisms. Led by John Munro. Theme: Wrestling with God.
Sun 28 10.30am Brigade Enrolment Service, a family service led by John Munro.

Junior Church will be on holiday **7 and 14 October** but there will still be a crèche in the church and also a time for children in the GP room during the service.

Pram Service: Each Tuesday at 10.00am in the Church Centre. All under 3s and carers welcome.

Midweek worship: Each Wednesday in the Reading Room of the Church Centre, 10.45 – 11.15 a.m.

Whyte Court: First Tuesday of the month, at 2.30 p.m.

Causeway Court: Last Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

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 Helena Cant (862923) or e mail: helenacont@aol.com

Saturday break: Most Saturday mornings, tea, coffee and fresh baking are available 10am-12 noon. A second-hand bookstall is usually open.

Enquiries: Session Clerk: Mrs Linda Williamson, 15 St Mary's Place, Kinross (862789)

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834
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October Services

- Wed 3** 10.30am, Service of prayers for healing.
Sun 7 Pentecost 19, 8.30am, Holy Communion. 11.00am, All age communion service.
Sun 14 Pentecost 20, 8.30am, Holy Communion. 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 21 Pentecost 21, 8.30am, Holy Communion. 11.00am, Morning worship.
Sun 28 Pentecost 22, 8.30am, Holy Communion. 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

Sunday School and Creche during the 11.00am Service.

Thursday Morning group Bible Study. Everyone welcome. For further information, please contact Sarah Oxnard, telephone (01577) 864213.

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10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

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

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

3 Oct Guild Afternoon Tea: 2-4pm Orwell Hall

7 Oct Communion at Orwell

28 Oct Session Away Day

4 Nov Communion at Portmoak

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	12.00pm	Sunday School
	5.45pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.15pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6.30pm	Children's Club (term time)

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Junior Church 11.15am

October

Tue 2 7.30pm Kirk Session
Sun 7 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 14 11.15am Preacher: Mrs Carolann Erskine
Sun 21 11.15am Brighton's Praise Choir
Sun 28 11.15am Harvest Thanksgiving All Age
 Worship Service & lunch

Fossoway Parish Church**Church of Scotland**

Rev Joanne Finlay Telephone: (01577) 850231
 E-mail joanne.finlay196@btinternet.com
 Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Sunday Services at 9.45am

Crèche, Junior Church and Teenage Group 9.45am

Tots Music: Friday mornings in hall,
 9.30am-10.30am; 11am-12pm

Community Choir: Wednesday evenings, 7pm-9pm

October

Sun 7 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 14 9.45am Preacher: Mrs Carolann Erskine
Sun 21 9.45am Brighton's Praise Choir
Sun 28 9.45am Celebrate Service: Harvest
 Thanksgiving
 6.30pm Harvest Pot-luck Supper (in hall)

25 Oct 7.00pm Congregational Board.
 7.30pm Kirk Session.

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 Email: kenmccaffrey@btopenworld.com

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
 Sunday 9.30am

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

Acknowledgement

YOUNG Pierrette and family wish to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for the many expressions of sympathy, cards, and letters received following Russell's death. Many thanks to the Rev. John Munro for his help and support and uplifting service. Thanks also to all who paid their last respects to Russell at the church and crematorium and who gave so generously to the Red Cross and church funds.

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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

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.

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 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 - Lucy Lomas 01577 864868

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Moubray Hall, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

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



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21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacre.co.uk



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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

Rising Fives Wed 1.00-3.15pm

This is complementary to Nursery

Wee Swans Fri 1.15-2.45pm

Children from the age 1 1/2yrs with parent/carer

For more information please contact Bouwein 863107 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 Caron 861607.

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. We now have an Entertainments License For more information contact Kate 863309 .



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contacts: Alissa 830124

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Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

Come and make some new friends and enjoy a balanced morning of play, fun and learning!

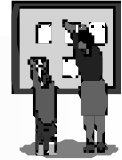
We have a great outdoor play area too!

Monday / Wednesday / Friday Mornings

9:30 - 12:00

Places available for 2 - 4 year olds

For more information or to arrange a visit please contact Ann McLean
01577 830034



Notices

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

Monday 22 October 3.30pm to 8.00pm
Tuesday 23 October 5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

Kinross Tennis Club BBQ Saturday 29 September

Tennis from 4pm
BBQ from 5 to 7pm Food and drinks supplied
All members and prospective members welcome

Kinross Scottish Country Dancing Club

Classes begin in Milnathort Town Hall
Wednesday 26 September, 7.30pm

Beginners welcome
Good fun and great exercise

Just come along or contact J. Wallace tel 863855

Orwell and Portmoak Guild

Autumn Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 3 October
2pm - 4pm
in
Orwell Church Hall

£1.50 entry

Fitness Classes at Loch Leven Leisure

Monday	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am *
Tuesday	Aerobics	6.45pm – 7.45pm
Wednesday	Aerotone	10.45am – 11.30am
Thursday	Aerobics	10.00am – 11.00am *
Thursday	Aqua fit	8.00pm – 9.00pm
Friday	Aerobics	10.00am – 11.00am *
Saturday	Core Stability	10.30am – 11.15am

* = crèche available

These classes are designed to help develop muscle strength, flexibility and tone your whole body, whilst helping to improve general fitness and cardiovascular performance. Classes cost £3.40 with a live active discount card with options to take out a PKL Spectrum Membership offer.

Kinross Garden Group

Winter Meetings begin with a special guest
on **Thursday 11 October**
in the Millbridge Halls at 2 pm
Watch this space!!



Kinross-shire Historical Society



Meetings will be held in a new venue this year, at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month and the second Monday of December. Subscriptions: Adult £6; Senior Citizen £5; Visitor £2; under-18 - no charge.

- 15 Oct** **Historic Shopfronts.** Past, present and an uncertain future. Dr Lindsay Lennie BA (Hons) Dip Bldg Cons PhD MRICS
 - 19 Nov** **History of Mining.** From 1291 discovery of coal through years of "slavery" up to 1960's. Duncan Gilfillan.
 - 10 Dec** **South with Shackleton.** Professor David Munro.
 - 21 Jan** **Traditions, Champions and Change.** St Andrews and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. Ian Whyte.
 - 18 Feb** **Guddling Among The Graves.** Historic background with some amusing stories. Dr Hamish Brown MBE.
 - 17 Mar** **The Battle of Killcrankie.** Minor skirmish or major battle? Grant Carnegie
- Annual General Meeting.**

Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

Saturday 27 October
BINGO 8.00pm then dance along to JACKIE
Entry £2.00 for non-members

Milnathort Ladies Bridge Club

restarts on
Thursday 4 October
in the Thistle Hotel at 2pm.
New members are welcome.

HOME BRU

An evening of local musicians of all ages and stages
Sunday 28 October at 7.30pm
in Kinross Parish Church

All welcome

After the success of the first HOME BRU concert which raised money for the High School trip to Malawi in the summer, it is planned to have another. This is a chance for players and singers to share a platform in an informal evening with a very supportive and safe audience!

Anyone who would like to be included on the programme should contact Alex Cant on 862923 or alexcant44@aol.com, as should any teachers wishing to volunteer their pupils!

Clocks Change

British Summer Time ends at 0100 GMT on
Sunday 29 October.

Remember to put you clocks back one hour the night before.

Kinross Floral Art Club

Demonstration at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

Thursday 25 October, 7.15pm

Maureen Phimister: "What a wonderful world"

New Members and Visitors Welcome.

Perth Young Archaeologists' Club Needs You!



Perth Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC) is looking for enthusiastic helpers to join in running the Club for 2007 to 2008.

We are a branch of the national Young Archaeologists' Club - aimed at 8 to 15 year olds to encourage and foster an interest in all things archaeological.

The Club currently has 25 members from Perth and environs. We meet for field trips and activities on the second Saturday of every month, April to December.

For more information, contact Sarah (Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust) on 01738 477080.



No specialist experience necessary - just an interest in history, archaeology or the environment required.

To volunteer with Perth YAC you need to be over 16 and to complete a CRBS disclosure check.
www.britarch.ac.uk/yac/

Lodge St Serf No 327

(See also News of Club and Community Groups)

October

- Tue 2nd** Regular Meeting at 7.15 pm. A Fellow Craft Degree. Provincial Grand Master Bro. Tom Bradley will also lead a Deputation that evening to dedicate new Regalia.
- Tue 16th** Regular Meeting at 7.15 pm. A Master Mason Degree.



Dunfermline Ask Grand Open Day

Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross

Saturday 13 October, 10 am to 4pm

Private readings and mini readings with Jean Bruce,

Kerry McLeod, Marion King, Ivan Seller,

Debbie Young and Sylvia McGoldrick

Gift and Craft stalls, Tea/Coffee and a light bite, Tombola

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Special request by the officers of 327: Ladies, please do not wear stiletto heels, as you will be asked to remove them.

Samhain Evening

(Scots Gaelic – Summer's End, pronounced Sha-Vin)

Saturday 27 October, 4-7pm

The Market Park, Kinross (opposite Green Hotel)

Torchlight Procession

(battery tealights for pumpkins available for purchase at event)

Forkin fur aipples, Treacle String Buns, Guising,

Summer's End Market, Kids' Ghoulish Games,

Spooky Dressing Up, Dancing and Drumming, Hot Food

dress warmly, bring torches

Blywood Shoe Box Appeal

It's that time of year again. **Filled boxes** - Please could these be ready by **9 November** and handed into 99 Lathro Park, Kinross. We will be checking and putting them into containers ready for transportation. If you would like to be part of the team and have a few hours to spare, please contact Pat Payne 862715 for further details.

The Combined Choir of Cleish and Fossoway Churches & Friends

ANNUAL CONCERT

Faure 'Requiem'

Vivaldi 'Gloria'

in

Cleish Church

Sunday 4 November 2007

at 7.30 p.m.

Admission: £5.00

Kinross Parish Church CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 10 November

Church Centre, Kinross

10am till 12 noon

Lots of lovely Christmas gifts, jewellery, cards, Ultimate Plum Puddings, Cake Stall, Mystery Parcel,

Children's Corner

Teas & Coffee and maybe even a visit from the man in the red suit if he is not too busy!!!

Kinross Floral Art Club

Coffee Evening

Thursday 22 November

"Christmas Magic" by Jo Goldworthy at 7.15pm

Church Centre, Kinross

Further details in November issue.

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For further information please call 07766515950 or 07732485305 or visit www.healingrooms-scotland.com

Michael Bruce Trust Annual Lecture

“Alexander Buchan - Kinnesswood’s own Weatherman”

7.30pm **Thursday 25 October**

Portmoak Village Hall Entry £2

To mark the centenary of the death of Kinnesswood-born Alexander Buchan (1829-1907), the “Father of modern meteorology”, Michael Bruce Trust Chairman Professor David Munro will give an illustrated talk on the life and work of one of Kinross-shire’s most celebrated sons.

The Pension Service – Local Service for Perth & Kinross

Are you aged 60 or over? You may be due extra money in State Benefits without realising it. Would you like to know more about the various State Benefits which are available to the over 60 age group? Are you in poor health and need help to care for yourself? If so, you may be entitled to extra Benefits.

The Pension Service is the benefit-paying arm of the Government for the over sixty age group and we can offer advice/help on the various benefits which are available.

If you would like the Local Pension Service to carry out a benefits entitlement check for you, please feel free to contact us on **01738 412105** to arrange a home visit, or if more convenient we can see you at local Information Points which can be prearranged. Information Points can be arranged at Pitlochry Housing Office, Blairgowrie Housing Office, Crieff Learning Centre, Loch Leven Health Centre in Kinross and the A K Bell Library in Perth.

In certain cases having a benefits health check carried out can make a big difference to a person’s weekly income.

Anti-Social Noise Service

The Anti-Social Noise Service can help you if you are affected by anti-social noise in your home.

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Weekdays 8.45 am until 2.00 am

Weekends 4.00 pm until 2.00 am

At any other time Tayside Police will be available to take your call on 01738 621141.

Anti-social noise is noise nuisance emitted from one residential property than can be heard in another. Examples might include loud music, parties, barbeques, shouting, a barking dog. It is defined in the Anti-Social Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004. The Anti-Social Noise Service is part of P&KC’s Environment Service.

Blythswood Care

Somerfield’s Car Park

16 October between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Surface Mail Dates

Recommended Last Posting Dates for Christmas for Overseas Surface Mail:

Non-European destinations (except USA, Canada, Middle East, Far East and S. Africa) **Mon 1 Oct**

Middle East and Far East (except Hong Kong and Singapore) **Mon 15 Oct**

USA, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore and S. Africa **Mon 29 Oct**

E. Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta and Iceland **Fri 16 Nov**

Western Europe **Fri 30 Nov**

Royal Mail

Changes to Collections

As from **28 October 2007**, there will be no collections from postboxes on Sundays or Public Holidays.

The WEB Project (Kinross-shire)

Open Day

Thursday 25 October

between 2pm and 7pm

at our new premises in

28 New Road, Milnathort

Come in for a chat and to find out more about our work with young people in the Kinross-shire area. We will be delighted to meet local community members, parents, young people and professionals alike.

If you require further information, please contact Aileen or Lucy on 01577 861608.

Perth Association for Mental Health

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

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William Robertson, 85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA. Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

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

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@pkc.gov.uk

Recycling of Waste Paper

P & KC Kerbside Collections

Kinross, Milnathort & Glenfarg

Thursday 11 October

Only paper presented in blue lidded wheelie bins will be uplifted. No envelopes, plastic wrapping or cardboard.

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

Gordon Banks

MP For Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency

Regular Advice Surgeries

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

01259 721536 – Fax 01259 216761

Alternatively, write to Gordon at

49-51 High Street, Alloa FK10 1JF

or **House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA**

Mobile Library, Milnathort

Every Second Wed - next visits 10, 24 October

Westerloan	1.45 pm - 3 pm
Bridgefauld Road	3.05 pm - 4 pm

Any queries: Phone (01738) 444949

A K Bell Library, Perth

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945

mbs@scott21.fife.co.uk

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Mrs M Traylor (01383)

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joseph.giacobazzi@btopenworld.com

Fossoway & District: Secy: Mrs C Danks (01259) 742633,

celia@dawsholm.demon.co.uk

Portmoak: Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

Kinross Temporary Library County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

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

Regular Library Sessions for Children

Story Telling for pre-school children takes place in Kinross Library **every Tuesday morning** from 10.30am to 11am. No need to book, just come along.

Rhythm and Rhyme sessions take place on the **last Wednesday of the month** at 9.45am at LOCH LEVEN LEISURE. All babies, toddlers and carers welcome. No need to book.

Bookstart Book Crawl for children aged 0 to 4: on each visit to the library, children are given a sticker. After collecting five stickers, they are awarded a certificate.

Kinross Recycling Centre Bridgend Industrial Estate

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Mon	3 pm – 7 pm	1 pm – 4 pm
Tue	closed	closed
Wed	3 pm – 7 pm	1 pm – 4 pm
Thu	closed	closed
Fri	3 pm – 7 pm	1 pm – 4 pm
Sat	9 am – 7 pm	9 am – 4 pm
Sun	9 am – 7 pm	9 am – 4 pm

Kinross District Counselling Services

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

To make an appointment call Hilary 07930 682902 or Wendy 07762 892252 (donations welcome to cover costs). You can see us at "The Web" 28 New Road, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

**Table Tennis • Carpet Bowls • Videos • Cards • Dominoes
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Programme For October 2007

Elderberries	Monday	1	8	15	22	29	1.30 pm
Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	10.30 am
Bingo	Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	1.30 pm
Morning Service	Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31	10.45 am
Quiz Afternoon	Wednesday	3	10	17	24		1.30 pm
Halloween Party	Wednesday	31					1.30 pm
Art Class	Thursday	4	11	18	25		1.30 pm
Film Afternoon	Thursday	4	11	18	25		1.30 pm
Scrabble	Friday	5	12	19	26		1.30 pm



Day trips to be arranged



Coffee Bar open 9 am - 4 pm, Senior Citizens Lunches Daily

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LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

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Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm

Tel: 862422

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Local School Holidays and In-Service Days

Main Holidays

Autumn

Sat 29 Sept 2007 to Sun 14 Oct 2007

Christmas

Sat 22 Dec 2007 to Sun 6 Jan 2008

Spring

Sat 29 Mar 2008 to Sun 13 Apr 2008

Other Holidays

mid Feb Hol

Fri 15 Feb 2008 & Mon 18 Feb 2008

Easter weekend

Fri 21 Mar 2008 & Mon 24 Mar 2008

(Easter Sunday is on 23 Mar 2008)

May Day Hol

Mon 5 May 2008

In-Service Days

Thu 15 Nov 2007

Fri 16 Nov 2007

Tue 19 Feb 2008

Tue 6 May 2008

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