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Letters

Editorial

New School Progress

At last, with the announcement that 'financial closure' has been reached, we can now be confident that the proposed new High School for Kinross will go ahead at Lethangie. It is four years since P&KC received the go-ahead from the Scottish Executive to proceed with the Investment in Learning project, financed by a Public Private Partnership, and eighteen months since Axiom was announced as the preferred consortium bidding to build the schools and provide services. Writing in the Kinross Newsletter in October 2003, the then rector of Kinross High School, Christine Bentley, said "it is intended that all seven projects will be operational and open for school business in August 2007". It was, perhaps, an ambitious timescale, but the reality is the contract between the Council and the building consortium was not even signed by the time all the schools were supposed to be built and open. There's a statement about the revised timescale for our new school on page 6 and an invitation to a public meeting on 13 November in Kinross High School (7pm) to find out more about the project.

Colour Compromise

Discussion continues on the Bishop Hill Golf Ball (see Letters and Portmoak CC report). If you were putting the weather radar radome there, what colour would you make it? Green, perhaps, to blend with the hill? Or a pale shade of blue, to blend with the sky? (But then perhaps grey would be better).

Apparently the Met Office considered many colour solutions, but decided that white was the best "compromise". How can white be a compromise between green and blue? Maybe the radome is meant to look like a cloud

Letters Policy

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

Abbreviations Used

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

Newsletter Deadlines

Attention Club Secretaries! And everyone who contributes to the Newsletter regularly. Please remember there is **no Newsletter at the beginning of January**: the joint January/February issue will be published on Saturday 26 January 2008 (with the deadline being Monday 14 January). So if you want to publicise an event in January, you may wish to get the details into our December issue. The deadline for the December issue is Monday 19 November.

Bishop Hill Golf Ball

1.10.07

Following your piece on the above subject in the October edition of your excellent Newsletter, the accompanying photographs and Mr Ritchie's letter, I have discovered that P&KC, on the advice from their Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment consultants, David Tyldesley and Associates, recommended that the cabin and security fencing should be coloured dark green. This has been done but why did they not include the golf ball itself in that recommendation? After all, it is by far the most prominent part of the whole structure. Indeed, they should also have recommended that the cover be of non-reflecting material and so vastly reduce its impact on a sunny day.

Ken Paterson

Carloonan, Mawcarse Crossroads, Milnathort

Copy of a letter sent to P&KC

Access Problems in Kinross

03.10.07

On Wednesday 5 September 2007 our group walked to the new Kinross Bus Park and Ride for a visit as part of our project.

We are writing to ask for better access on footpaths following this visit.

One of our group uses a wheelchair and we encountered several problems including the following:

1. No dropped-down kerbs at end of Green Road, which meant re-tracing our footsteps.
2. Traffic cones blocking footpaths which required to be moved to allow wheelchair access.
3. Promotional signs, heavily weighted, from local supermarket, blocking the footpath which had to be moved to allow wheelchair access.
4. Fencing around building sites obstructing footpath access for wheelchair.

It is not until the path is walked with a wheelchair user that one becomes aware of the problems encountered but this problem must equally be shared by parents with double buggy prams and elderly people using zimmers who must also find it difficult to manoeuvre round these obstacles.

Please give consideration to other users when placing signs, traffic cones, and fences in the town. Perth & Kinross Council, please arrange to provide dropped down kerbs at road ends for wheelchair users who cannot bump down and have to back-track to find an alternative route, sometimes spending lots of time back-tracking as each route ventured proves to be a "wrong-way" with no way to cross. It was rather like being in a maze!

We look forward to hearing from you with regard to this.

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North Burial Ground**1.10.07**

May I, through your Newsletter, express my disgust, in that during a recent visit to my in-laws graves, I found the cemetery unworthy of the deceased who are at rest there. The ground is very uneven and requires to be levelled. The grass, although cut, has not been trimmed around the edges. I feel that, because of the uneven ground, the elderly who visit the cemetery would find it very difficult to keep their balance. If this is the best that Perth and Kinross can do, then the townspeople should ask for a rebate in their community tax. If this was Perth then I'm sure the problem wouldn't have arisen in the first place. I would ask the councillors, who are supposed to represent the people of the town, to find out if the matter can be rectified, and make the cemetery a place that people can be proud of.

Thank you.

G Martin
Arbroath, Angus

Garden Theft**25.09.07**

Having won the Best Senior Entry in the Kinross in Bloom Competition, it is obvious the pleasure I gain from my garden.

Much to my dismay on Sunday 23 September, I discovered four of my ornaments had vanished: a cupid with a dove in his hand, a fairy with bronze metal wings sitting on a glazed ball, a chrome ball and a sign saying "Mum's Garden". If they were to be returned, how pleased I would be to see them.

Mrs M Sinclair
5 Green Park, Kinross

Praise for School Pupils**21.10.07**

Congratulations to Arngask and Cleish Primary Schools who are among the schools this year who have gained the right to fly a GREEN Flag at their school. They are part of a growing number of schools participating in the ECO School programme and were presented with their award at the AK Bell Library in Perth. Through the eco programme the pupils have participated in enterprise projects, enhancing the environment at their schools.

Arngask Primary School also took part in a sponsored walk, realising £600 which has been donated to TRACKS to help provide a walk from Duncricvie to Glenfarg, providing a Safer Route to School.

I was privileged to attend Cleish Primary School end of term service and presentation to Mrs Martin. Each pupil was a star and I am sure Mrs Martin will have very fond memories of her many years at Cleish.

Despite what we read about failing schools and poor attainment figures, this is not the case in Portmoak. I attended a meeting at Portmoak school where the headteacher discussed the action plan following an excellent HMIE report; there was only one action point. Parents who attended the meeting were very pleased with the report. The inspectors were so impressed that they have returned to the school to see good practice in some areas.

I have enjoyed visiting the schools and parents. Teachers and pupils should be proud of their achievements.

Councillor Kathleen Baird

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News & Articles

Light Up Kinross

The annual switching-on ceremony of the Kinross Christmas lights will take place on **Tuesday 27 November**. The official switch-on will be at 7pm at the County Buildings, but be sure to be out on the streets well before then to hear the Pipe Band play and watch them march up from the town centre. Santa will arrive in his sleigh, ably assisted as always by Round Tablers. Please contribute to the collecting cans towards the cost of the lights! The event will be rounded off by a display of fireworks.



*Santa meets the crowds at last year's Light Up Kinross
Photo: Roy Munro, Pixel Pixx*

Kinross High School French Exchange



During September, Kinross High School played its annual host to a party of pupils and staff from two secondary schools in Gacé, Kinross's twin town in Normandy. Arriving by coach on a Wednesday evening, the French contingent was welcomed by members of the town-twinning committee as well as the staff, parents and pupils of the High School.

The French pupils spent one week with the families of Kinross High School pupils who, earlier in the year, stayed in Gacé for one week on the first leg of the exchange.

As well as getting the chance to experience life inside a Scottish school, the French pupils also took part in a variety of events including day trips to Edinburgh, Falkland Palace and St Andrews as well as a traditional ceilidh.



Pupils from Gacé were welcomed at Kinross High School

Remembrance Day

Sunday 11 November

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on Armistice Day itself, the anniversary of the end of the First World War, which officially ceased at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918.

Today the scope of remembrance ceremonies extends to remembering all those who have suffered and died in conflict in the service of their country. This year is the 25th anniversary of the Falklands War.

The Kinross Remembrance Day Ceremony

In Kinross the Remembrance Ceremony will follow the usual pattern. A parade of ex-servicemen, cadets, Scouts, Guides and others, led by Kinross and District Pipe Band, will march from Kinross Parish Church at 10.45am to the war memorial at the County Buildings. A minister will lead a short ecumenical service and two minutes' silence will be observed at 11am. After the laying of the wreaths, the parade will continue to the grounds of Kinross High School.

Please note, the traffic on the High Street south of Green Road and the traffic on Station Road between the Parish Church and the High Street will be stopped for periods of time during the parade and service.

Poppyscotland

Milnathort's Poppy Convenor, Helen Glover, recently attended the AGM of poppyscotland, which was held this year at the MacRobert



Building in the University of Stirling. Following the AGM an illustrated talk was given by Lieutenant Colonel Neil Sexton, Commanding Officer 9 Regiment Army Air Corps on his work in Afghanistan. The evening ended with a talk by Jim Panton, Chief Executive of poppyscotland.

Please support the valuable work of the charity by buying a poppy from one of the various outlets in Milnathort. On grounds of health and safety, poppies will no longer be fitted with pins. Instead there is the choice of green-stemmed poppies or adhesive ones. Thanks, as ever, to the local businesses who make room for the poppies on their counters.

Electronic newsletter on grants

An electronic newsletter has been launched by Perth & Kinross Grants Direct.

The publication will provide up-to-date news from local and national funders, detail funding opportunities, give details of funding surgeries, and highlight links to useful websites and databases.

The service is supported through a range of partners including Perth & Kinross Council, the Council of Voluntary Services (CVS) and Perth and Kinross Quality of Life Trust.

To add your group to the E-funding news mailing list contact subscribe@pkgrantsdirect.com

For further information contact Perth & Kinross Grants Direct on 0845 6052000 or email enquiries@pkgrantsdirect.com

Loch Leven Heritage Project



A successful summer's work on the path around the southeast corner of Loch Leven will culminate this month in the opening of Phase 2 of the lochside heritage trail. This 3.2km section of the trail will be opened to the public on **Saturday 3 November**, as detailed below.

One of the highlights of this phase of the project has been the installation of a new bridge over the River Leven cut on 9 October. A 120-ton crane lifted the 25m long pedestrian bridge into place as a complete unit. The whole operation, under local contractor Hatrick-Bruce, went very smoothly and all that remains to be done is the carving of the oak rails with various heritage themes. The new single-span bridge gives access from Findatie over the river into Levenmouth Wood.



*The new bridge over the River Leven is lowered into position
Photo: Neil Kilpatrick*

Phase 2 of the heritage trail runs from Vane Farm to the northwest end of Levenmouth Wood, and has the Findatie car park as its main access point. As part of the project, this car park is being landscaped to improve its appearance and to incorporate an attractive gateway feature to the trail. The third and final phase of the project, to be completed next summer, will run up the east shore of the loch and link this section to the Pow Burn and Burleigh Sands, but until then users will have to turn back at the top end of Levenmouth Wood.

The wood is well worth visiting for its interesting habitat, which includes dry and wet areas, and for a Scottish Natural Heritage bird hide, which will become accessible to the public for the first time in thirteen years.

A leaflet about Phase 2 of the trail is included in this issue of the newsletter and copies will also be available at the opening ceremony.

Everyone from the local community is very welcome to attend the **public opening**, which will take place at 12 noon on **Saturday 3 November** at the new bridge over the River Leven. Bring your friends, family or members of your organisation. Car parking for the event is available at the Findatie car park and it is only a short walk of approximately 500m down to the bridge site.

Billy Mitchell, Chairman of the River Leven Trust, will perform the opening ceremony. After that the public will have walking and cycle access to this section of the trail, although the full interpretation and signage material will not

be in place until the end of the year. As with Phase 1, the trail is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs, but these will not be able to reach the RSPB Vane Farm visitor centre from the path because of steps on the tunnel under the road here.

TRACKS wishes to record its special thanks to the River Leven Trustees, the RSPB, the Kinnaids at Findatie Farm and Kinross Estate for making Phase 2 of the trail possible and for their support throughout its construction.

Forth & Tay Disabled Ramblers visit Loch Leven

Sixteen hardy disabled ramblers ventured out in the rain onto the new lochside path on Sunday 16 September. We were accompanied by ten volunteer helpers. On arrival we all sheltered in the Pier Cafe waiting for the rain to stop. Unfortunately there was little respite from the wet weather! We were delighted with the excellent, accessible facilities in the cafe.

After a late start due to the weather we rambled round to Burleigh Sands for a picnic lunch before heading back to the cafe to dry off. Everyone agreed that the new path is superb and we look forward to visiting again in 2008, hopefully in the sunshine next time!



*Forth & Tay Disabled Ramblers don't let the rain dampen their ardour!
Photo: Jan McDonald*

Perth Leisure Pool Refurbishment

Perth Leisure Pool, which will be 20 years old next year, will shortly undergo a major refurbishment. The flume tower's spiral steps will be removed for complete galvanisation and upgrading. The central column will be sandblasted and recoated, with graphic panels introduced to enhance the overall appearance. On 3 December the Monkey Jungle, Outdoor Lagoon and Leisure Water will be closed to enable improvements to take place. During this time the Training and Teaching Pool, Health Suite, Fitness Gym and Café Aqua will be open as normal.

From 17 December, the centre will close its doors to complete the remainder of the maintenance work and will reopen during the festive period on 27 December. During this closedown period, intensive staff training will be undertaken and other service improvements will be put in place, aimed at ensuring the centre remains at the forefront of swimming facilities in Scotland and further builds on two decades of successfully providing for locals and visitors alike.

**Deadline for all Articles
2.00 pm, MONDAY 19 November
for publication on Saturday 1 December**

RSPB Vane Farm Education 40th Anniversary Reunion

Field teachers past and present gathered at Vane Farm Nature Reserve to look back over 40 years of environmental education. Bridget Gray, first teacher naturalist/warden at Vane Farm talked about the original renovation of the farm steading, where she lived in an upstairs flat (now the coffee shop and office)! Scrap books and photos were pored over, new props and costumes were admired and Uwe Stoneman (Manager) recorded names and dates on a flipchart for the historical record. Guests enjoyed a buffet and glass of wine prepared by the Vane field teachers.



Together again! Vane Farm field teachers past and present

Present: Bridget Gray, Jane Smith, Margaret Crighton, Jackie Yuill, Trish Miller, Elspeth Christie, Maggie Gay, Christine White, Jane Richard, Susan Leslie and Uwe Stoneman. (Apologies from Fay Pascoe, Sarah Wiseman and Joyce Gilbert)

New Adult Learning Opportunities at Kinross Community Learning Base



Hello! I would like to introduce myself to you all.

My name is Neil and I am very pleased to be the **new** Adult Literacies tutor based at Kinross Community Learning Base. Our base is located round the side of Kinross High School and I currently work there on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The learning opportunities happen in a relaxed and informal atmosphere and the learning is based around what you want or need to learn.

We all need help from time to time for different areas of our lives. Perhaps you want to help your children with their homework. You may want to get a job or promotion at work. Maybe you wish to take a more active part in your community or simply gain new skills for your own satisfaction. I can help with a range of things such as understanding bills and bank statements, filling in forms and understanding and writing letters. So, for those of you who perhaps feel you missed out at school or who wish to brush up on reading, writing and number skills for whatever reason, why not give me a call for a chat?

We also offer support to speakers of other languages.

I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Please telephone 01577 863439 and ask for me or to leave a message.

Investment in Learning

Good news on the Investment in Learning Programme – the next key stage, Financial Close, has been reached! Achieving Financial Close means that work will begin in the near future to build the six new learning campuses, including Loch Leven Community Campus incorporating Kinross High School and Kinross Library and Museum.

The Council announced on Tuesday 9 October 2007 that it has signed a contract for a 30-year partnership with Axiom Education, during which the consortium will build, operate and maintain the new schools and community facilities. Following detailed negotiations, the partnership will provide the best results for all concerned and in particular for our pupils, staff and local communities. Building works will get underway on a phased timetable, with construction on our campus set to begin on 11 February 2008 and due to be operational on 26 October 2009.

A Public Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13 November** at 7pm in Kinross High School where you can learn further details of the project.

A Fraser, In-School Coordinator

Musical Showcase

If you enjoyed any of the three fund-raising concerts performed by pupils of Strathallan School in Kinross Parish Church, including the concert which filled the church this September as part of its Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal for a project in Malawi, you will enjoy the school's public concert which will take place on **Sunday 18 November** at 6.30pm in **Perth Concert Hall**.

The concert will comprise a variety of music from classical to the theatre, with solo performances and a wide range of ensembles from orchestras to choirs.

This event is free to the audience. If you would like tickets in advance please contact Strathallan School (01738 815000) by 11 November or contact Irene McFarlane (01577 863624).



Strathallan Director of Music Neil Metcalfe with pupils on African drums at September's concert in Kinross Parish Church

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*Thanks as ever to the Kinross Community Council
Newsletter for publishing our report.*

Once again the Kinross-shire colour scheme has turned every conceivable shade of orange, red and gold as autumn arrives – and with it the Kinross-shire Partnership's second report of the year. In the past six months the Partnership has continued to liaise closely with local businesses and organisations, working collaboratively to maintain and further the economic well-being of Kinross-shire. In addition, KP directors are constantly seeking and identifying ways of improving the quality of life for the steadily growing number of people who live and work in the county. Stalwart Chairman Ewan Cathcart (Burnbank Bed & Breakfast) continues to share his considerable energies between chairing the KP board (his first year of office has certainly flown by!) and the Kinross-shire Tourism Sub-committee. Along with KP's Treasurer David Graham (DMAS Ltd), Ewan and the other KP directors - Jamie Montgomery (Kinross Estate Company), Willie Robertson (Robertson's of Milnathort, Local Councillor), Euan Ferguson (Hatricks-Bruce), Martin Rowlands (Tyrefair Ltd.) and Martin Pettinger (MWH) – give generously of their own time in pursuit of the Partnership's aims. A newcomer to the Board is Eddie Henderson, partner in Milnathort-based company Henderson's Chartered Surveyors. Eddie's expertise in the rural sector ranges from traditional areas of valuation, sales and property development through to specialist claims work, and also includes newer areas such as golf course development. We are delighted to welcome him to the KP Board.

Thanks also for the support of councillors Kathleen Baird and Sandy Miller who attend the KP monthly meetings on behalf of the local community.

OBJECTIVES

Each of Perth and Kinross district's four Partnerships identified a range of area-specific objectives when they were set up in November 1998. Kinross-shire Partnership's core aims are as follows:

OBJECTIVE 1

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

Better Place to Live Fair

If you are involved in any of Kinross-shire's numerous societies or groups, you'd be well advised to book your stand early for the biennial BPTL Fair. This hugely popular event will take place at Kinross High School on Saturday 8 March 2008. Turn-out at the last Fair in 2006 surpassed all expectations, and it's a great way of telling the local community about your organisation. A fifth of the available tables have already been snapped up, so to book yours, please ring Pauline Watson soon on 862685 or e-mail admin@kinross.cc. If you're not currently involved in any local groups or organisations, the BPTL Fair will give you a perfect opportunity to view what's on offer in Kinross-shire. Stall-holders can begin setting up from 8 a.m. onwards on the day, and the Fair is open to the public between 10.00 a.m. and 1 p.m. So don't miss out - make a note in your diary now...

Branding and Tourism

Remember that Kinross-shire's attractive "The Friendly County" logo, complete with sunshine and hills, is available for use by any Kinross-shire-based businesses or associations. If you run a local business or group and would like to display this eye-catching logo on your website or promotional material, please contact Pauline (862685) for further information. You can see the logo on the front page of the Kinross CC Newsletter or on the website www.kinross.cc

Summer's End Market

Sadly this year's Berryfest, scheduled for late July, fell victim to Scotland's seriously soggy summer. However, the Market Park will soon be playing host to a rather different local event which promises fun for all the family. The "Summer's End Market" or "Samhain" evening will take place on Saturday 27 October from 4-7p.m. This exciting new venture is the brainchild of Kinross-shire Tourism Group. Talking of which...

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Kinross-shire Tourism Group

Chairman Ewan Cathcart reports that the Tourism Group held its Annual Update Meeting on the 11th September. Progress achieved to date was highlighted and the exciting future plans of a number of the groups in the County – such as Kinross in Bloom, T in the Park, Tracks, Montgomery Hotels Group and Friends of Kirkgate Park – all reflected the undeniable buzz surrounding tourism in Kinross-shire. Following the meeting, the Tourism Group is hopeful of receiving funding to enable them to develop further attractions and events in the county. So don't forget to broadcast the news that Kinross is a pro-active, happening place – we want as many people as possible to visit and enjoy our 'Friendly County'.

VIPs

As ever, KP's Visitor Information Points have been well frequented during the tourism "high" season, their convenient locations making them extremely popular with Kinross-shire's many visitors. Currently our VIPs are located at the following local venues: Robertson's of Milnathort, Kinnesswood Village Store & Post Office, the Fishing Pier at Loch Leven and Fossoway Stores in Crook of Devon). Many thanks to the proprietors of these establishments and their patient staff for helping to put the "friendly" in the "Friendly County". Your help is appreciated by the KP Board and – even more importantly – by the many folk that you have helped during the summer months.

www.kinross.cc – leading the way in community websites

If you're new to the area (and even if you're not!), Kinross-shire's ground-breaking website is the place to find out what's happening in and around the county. There's a wealth of essential information, including details of local businesses, services and organisations – not to mention "what's on", "situations vacant" sections, and even a notice board where you can express your views on local issues or post questions.

An exciting new addition to the website is the Classified Ads section, where Kinross-shire residents can advertise items under £500 FREE OF CHARGE for two weeks. Appropriate photos plus a short description of any items for sale can also be submitted. Equally welcome are brief reports of events which have taken place anywhere in the county. For example, if you've held a charity auction or an Annual Awards Ceremony recently and want to let everyone know about it, just keep the information coming! We're also currently working on a "Things to See and Do in and around Kinross-shire Section", so if you own or run a visitor attraction within 35 miles of Kinross, please write and tell us about it. Details of forthcoming events, items for sale, photos etc.

for www.kinross.cc should be sent to website wizard Pauline Watson (email: admin@kinross.cc or tel: 862685).

OBJECTIVE 2

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

Long months of planning by Kinross-shire Partnership and Kinross-shire Youth Partnership finally paid off when the county took delivery of a Street Sports Arena. This exciting new resource is a portable sports rink (10m x 20m) which can be used for team sports and can be set up both indoors and outdoors – space permitting! The arena has already seen active service at Kinross High School (thanks to the PE staff) as well as at Kinross Show and the Discovery Weekend at the Kirkgate Park. It is available for use by youth groups at a minimal charge, and also for corporate use at very reasonable rates. To check availability or make a booking, contact the **Community Learning Base on 01577 863439**. Any local businesses interested in advertising their services on the display panels surrounding the arena should contact Pauline Watson for more information. Equally, if you have access to a vehicle with a tow bar and could help by delivering the trailer to local venues occasionally, please do get in touch.

Kinross Show

Once again KP was represented at the annual show – and fortunately our tent didn't leak (unlike others...). Despite the distinctly dodgy weather on the day, a stream of brave souls ventured along to the stand where they were welcomed with open arms (or rather umbrellas!) by KP Directors.

OBJECTIVE 3

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

Market Park

KP director Euan Ferguson has investigated ways of enhancing this fantastic local venue through the provision of electricity and water. Financial support will obviously be required for this to happen, and the Partnership has already made enquiries into how best to source the necessary funding.

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

The Milnathort Town Hall - A progress report

A brief history...

The Milnathort Town Hall has been a central feature and important public amenity to Milnathort since 1853. The hall was opened in 1853 and is a great community asset, still regularly used for a wide variety of purposes including various dance classes, Shotokan Karate, badminton, WRI meetings, general meeting facilities and various other functions and entertainment.

Originally, a police post and cells were accommodated in the hall, whilst the present ante-room was part of an earlier building which was utilised as a corn exchange. The hall is built over the Back Burn; this once ran across the road as a ford, prior to the construction of New Road and after the construction of current day flood defences, still occasionally runs across New Road.

A close call...

In June/July 2006, the town hall was in danger of being closed and taken under the control of Perth & Kinross Council if a new committee could not be found and put in place to run the hall.

As a result, the community spirit kicked in and an inspired team of 'Milnathortians' took up the challenge to join the MTH committee and inject some life, and funds, into improving the standards and usage of this local community facility.

The all new committee of 12 people took over in Autumn 2006 and have brought new ideas, motivation, enthusiasm and fund raising to the Town Hall and have made a significant difference in the short time in office.

The condition of the Hall..

The hall condition has unfortunately been on a gradual decline over the years and it has been recognised that significant improvements are required to bring the hall up to a high standard where people will want to use it more and be proud of this local historic focal point.

The objective of the committee is to promote the benefit of the Town Hall for the environs of Milnathort and therefore it's the committee's responsibility to pursue the required Town Hall improvements. As a result of this, fund raising will take all available forms in order to pursue this objective whole-heartedly.

Plans for Improvement...

Significant improvements are planned for the coming year starting with the Ante-room and then cloakroom facilities. The entry hall will then be restored and thereafter the most significant feature, the main hall itself

A complete refurbishment of the Ante-room / Kitchen area is the first thing on the list and this will involve extensive renovation in order to achieve a clean, modern space that people can enjoy using but will be sympathetic to the Grade B listed status of the building.

The committee has begun the process of raising money to achieve the plans and over the last 6 months have organised 2 family discos and a car boot sale, all of which were successful in raising funds.

A great deal of commitment, effort and enthusiasm will be required in the coming year and I know that the current committee has the ability to show the worth of the Town Hall to the community.

As Chairman, I thank all the committee members, firstly for volunteering and also the commitment and effort that they've shown over the last 8 – 10 months. I also thank our Caretaker, Angus Wilson, for his commitment and for keeping the MTH running smoothly.

We now ask for support from the people of Milnathort.

We ask for your support...

It is estimated that to complete the full refurbishment will cost £104,000 and so far we have raised just over £10,000. The Kinross-shire Round Table have very kindly donated £1000 to the fund and have committed to donate the proceeds of the Milnathort Santa Sleigh collection, so please donate generously when Santa comes to visit as it's for a very good cause.

Various organisations are being contacted, however YOU can also help the town hall fund by supporting this cause through at least one of the following ways:

- By direct donation. Any amount is worthwhile and very much appreciated – please contact any of the Committee members;
- By attending the fund raising events in the Town Hall arranged by the committee;
- By hiring and using the hall for children's parties, discos, birthday parties, meetings, sport and fitness pursuits etc;
- By checking the clubs, classes and associations that currently use the MTH and join one if it's of interest.

But one way or another, please support the improvement of this important local amenity, after all, it's there for you.

Donations and information can be obtained from any of the committee members or Hall caretaker, telephone numbers listed below. Please call now.

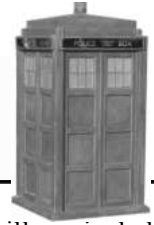
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Police Box



Clock Change

By the time this article goes to print, the clocks will have changed and we will have less daylight in the evenings, which means that potential thieves can hide under the cover of darkness for longer. We would urge householders to be more vigilant with regard to the security of their homes and should, among other things, ensure doors are kept locked, security lights and alarms are working efficiently and valuables are kept in safe-keeping.

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

Reporting Incidents

It is quite common for members of the public to report incidents to us several days after they have happened in the belief that they are not important enough to bother us with at the time. We would urge everyone to report any incident to us at the time as this greatly increases the chances of us tracing the person responsible and keeping our community safe. This information can also help detect other related crimes that members of the public may be unaware of. This may help prevent a series of offences being committed.

Kinross Beat area is very large with many villages included within the Police boundary. Although some of these areas have very little crime, officers regularly patrol each village. The information that we receive from the public helps us prioritise our work and we rely on this so that we know when to be in each area and what the local problems are. When you contact us please bear in mind that the nearest available officer may be patrolling one of these villages and so may take some time to attend. In an emergency, officers will always leave less serious work in order to attend immediately.

Crime Stoppers - Telephone Number 0800555111

This telephone number is a freephone number unless you are using a mobile phone, which any member of the public can contact at any time, if they have information relating to criminal activity of any sort. It is, if you wish, confidential and you cannot be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous. Community Liaison Officers (details shown below) can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 01577863571.

Kinross - Constable Ronnie Child.

Milnathort, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell - Constable Graham Stephen.

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

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers on our Day Centre page, at the end of the Notices section)

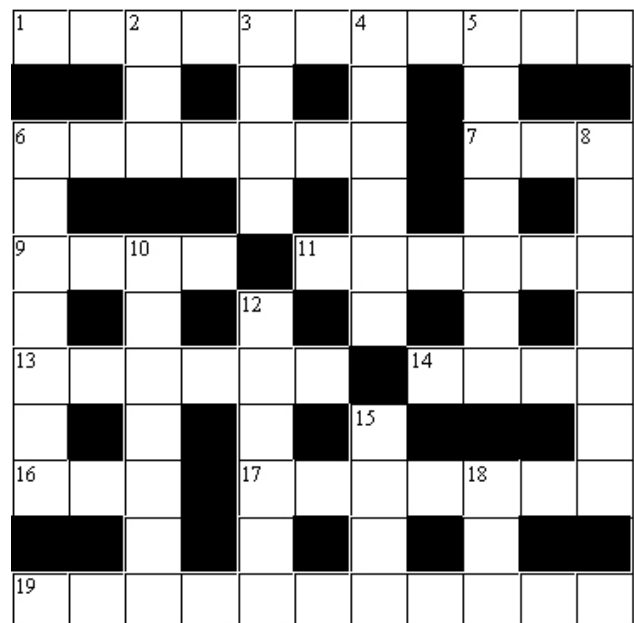
ACROSS

1. Try porch gap to find code. (11)
6. Father heads a mixed pair with a thousand to make a Hungarian spice. (7)
7. Many, or one for auction. (3)
9. Mirages hide anger. (4)
11. Riddle me a gin. (6)
13. Number puzzle, nothing cryptic about this. (6)
14. Horse hockey confuses loop. (4)
16. Gleeefully hides from the wind. (3)
17. Two mothers surround eleven to get the most. (7)
19. Robin sleeps whilst accountable. (11)



DOWN

2. Pay up, or talk (3)
3. Slim hint. (4)
4. Sounds not like a relative. (6)
5. Quickly or back up to end everything by example. (7)
6. Sunshade, or a slap around. (7)



8. Makes up to me or a café. (7)
10. Ingenious devices to tad eggs. (7)
12. With hands on hips and elbows bent outward. (6)
15. Turns about as a six runs up. (4)
18. Crowd of 1,048,576 bytes, plus nothing. (3)

Community Council News



All Community Council meetings are open to the general public.

Kinross Community Council

News from the October meeting

Present at the meeting held on 3 October 2007 were: CCllrs D Cuthbert, J Drummond, D Mackay, C Drummond, S Bathgate, M Blyth, C Watson and M Scott (Secy). Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs K Baird, W Robertson and S Miller; Phil Gaskell, SNH; Inspector Patience and a further representative from the Police and six members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs D Colliar, I Jack and L Mackay and from P&K Cllr Barnacle. In the absence of CCllr Colliar, CCllr Cuthbert acted as Chairperson.

Police Report

Acts of vandalism had occurred in both Kinross and Milnathort and a number of incidents were successfully detected. Some damage to vehicles was also noted. Once again mention was made of the youths congregating in the park areas. The number of police patrols had increased in these areas. The Inspector confirmed that it is not one individual group causing these problems.

CCllr Cuthbert reported that he had received a telephone call from a householder complaining about youths at the Myre throwing stones at her windows and that damage to cars has also occurred in this area.

Again, the Police welcome support from the community and ask that they contact them with any information they may possess in relation to crimes. Should you witness any incident please contact the Police promptly to assist in the detection of the crime.

Report from Scottish Natural Heritage

Mr Gaskell, Area Manager of SNH, reported on the consultation which had taken place in relation to the management proposals for Loch Leven Nature Reserve for the next six years and also provided leaflets and other information. Although the consultation period closed in mid September, SNH would be happy to receive feedback from the CC, with a new deadline fixed for mid October.

Mr Gaskell stated that Loch Leven is one of the prime wildlife sites in Europe, is a National Nature Reserve and a centre for fresh water ecology. The site has been a nature reserve for over forty years. Involvement and participation from the local community was invited. The issues raised in this consultation to date include car parking, litter, signage etc. One of the key developments to the Loch is the Heritage Trail and this is proving very popular.

Two booklets were available providing the story of Loch Leven and the history over the 40 years and information on the management proposals. These booklets are available on the SNH website, www.snh.org.uk or from the local office. A report containing a summary of all comments received will be produced.

Cllr Robertson enquired if the hide at Burleigh Sands was to be rebuilt. Consultation with the landowner is currently taking place and the replacement hide would hopefully be in place this winter, depending on funding.

Mention was made of an Australian study in relation to dog

disturbance in wildlife areas. Mr Gaskell advised that dogs should be kept under control, either at heel at all times or on a lead and not allowed to roam free. There are also some areas where dogs are not permitted and the public should adhere to the Local Access Guidance, which has been developed to keep areas for birds that are quiet and relatively free from disturbance.

Mr Gaskell was thanked for his attendance.

Meeting of 5 September

The minutes of 5 September were nominated by CCllr Mackay and seconded by CCllr Bathgate, under correction of the date quoted in the reference to Mr Alexander's statement in relation to T in the Park. This should read 1997 not 1977.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of 5 September

Public Toilets: Response received from P&KC advising that they are in the process of increasing the number of partnerships across the whole of Perth and Kinross and will in time look for an additional partner for Kinross. They confirmed that they will bear in mind our comments regarding the lack of toilet facilities on Saturday evening and Sunday when assessing suitable premises. With regard to the two APCs for Kinross, P&KC advise that the Kirkgate Park APC is still progressing but provision is subject to funding and also resolving the power and drainage issues on site. The development of the APC within the Park and Ride site is also subject to the appropriate funding.



Public toilets in Kinross - are they adequate?

CCllr Bathgate enquired as to when the power was to be put in place at the Park; it was noted that there is a drainage connection already on the site. She had been informed that APCs would be more costly than the vandalism costs to the public toilets. Portaloos can be put in place for special events, but as the park is popular with both young and old and very busy, toilet provision should be in place now. CCllr Cuthbert enquired if it would not be possible in the interim to open up the toilet block. It was agreed that the four Cllrs would discuss this at their next meeting and that pressure should be exerted to have the necessary facilities required at the Kirkgate.

T in the Park – Debriefing Meeting: The letter referred to in the minutes has yet to be sent out, however a draft of the proposed letter was available for perusal this evening. Cllr Baird said that there has not been a debriefing meeting with Big Day Out and P&KC. All agencies, with the exception of representatives from Big Day Out, attended a meeting convened by P&KC. It was noted one Cllr will be able to attend in the future as an observer but will not be permitted to take part in the proceedings. Cllr Baird advised that the CC represents the views of the public, as do the Councillors, and all are liaison officers in relation to the issues raised by the public with P&KC and other bodies. CCllrs Colliar, Cuthbert, Blyth and Jack attended a meeting recently with T in the Park representatives, the Police, the local MP and

representatives from Cleish and Fossoway CCs. Discussions are ongoing and a further meeting is to be arranged. Hopefully, having aired all issues, a resolution can be reached by December. CCllr Scott mentioned an article in a recent newspaper in which Matt Hamilton from Tayside Police apologised for the traffic problems that occurred over the T in the Park weekend. The CC agreed that we should not intervene at this time but allow the process to continue until a determination is reached. Should a public meeting be required we can put this request to T in the Park and other parties at that time. CCllr J Drummond stated that he was against this decision and that a public meeting should be held now. It was further commented that T in the Park representatives attended our CC meeting just prior to the event and only a small number of the public attended. In contrast a meeting at Fossoway CC was very well attended.

Banners at Somerfield: Cllr Robertson had contacted P&KC in relation to both the banners and another matter raised by the CC. Mr Beveridge, the representative from P&KC, replied today that he has not had an opportunity to look at either of these issues. Mr Robertson has forwarded a further reminder and asked for a response. Planning consent is required for both the erection of banners and the painting of the building in a conservation area. Despite the lack of action by P&KC, the banners have been removed, possibly by youths or the wind.

Planning Applications to be Considered

No comments were raised regarding the following two applications: 07/02003/FUL 43 Lathro Park, Kinross - Demolish existing garage and erect new garage to rear of property and extend existing dwellinghouse; 07/02034/FUL Kellieside, Kinross - Formation of new access road.

07/018232/OUT Erection of 2 dwellinghouses (in outline) **Torriebank**, Kinross: P&KC provided a copy of the application and plan. The plot is currently used as an enclosed paddock and the area of site is 0.24 hectares. A new access is to be formed from a public road with drainage to watercourse/soakaway and no trees will be affected on the site. This planned development is over the road from Carsegour Steadings. After discussion it was agreed that we should write to P&KC objecting on the grounds that this is a ribbon application and appears to be contrary to the Housing in the Countryside Policy.

Redrow Homes – Scottish Motor Auctions: Following last month's CC meeting a copy of the Neighbour Notification in respect of this application was received. The proposal is to build 197 dwellinghouses (including 128 flats) and associated works at the Scottish Motor Auction site,



The Scottish Motor Auction site, Bridgend

Bridgend. The Neighbour Notification was dated 31 August 2007. The CC wrote to P&KC requesting further information to allow us to make the appropriate response. We have not received a reply from P&KC, but downloaded information from their website. The plans were circulated to the CC members for examination. This application was first registered with P&KC in 2005 and the current status is an amended application received by P&KC last month. After discussion it was agreed that we should write to P&KC requesting that they defer any decision on this application until a Development Plan is in place for the town. It was noted that a meeting was held last week with the developers and other interested parties in relation to this area. The CC is to request that the Development Plan should incorporate the current High School site and the County Buildings. Cllr Robertson advised that it was proposed to house the Tourist Office in the County Buildings. A number of factors are taken into account when determining the Development Plan, e.g. the Education Panel will be consulted in relation to the level of housing. Cllr Robertson suggested that we request presentation of the Plan once the proposals are agreed.

Classlochie: Mrs McLaren had phoned and advised that applications were registered on 20 September with P&KC. This information should filter through to us next week. We are to write to P&KC requesting plans etc. with the request that we can comment on the application following our November meeting.

Kirklands Hotel: CCllr Scott also mentioned that an application was registered on the website in relation to alterations to the hotel. This would be raised at our next meeting.



Floodlights approved for Kinross Tennis Club

Planning Applications Determined

Confirmation was received from P&KC that the application (06/02762/OUT) for erection of 12 affordable dwellinghouses and formation of 3 house plots (in outline) on land northwest of Hatchbank Farm has been refused.

The following planning applications have been approved: 07/00885/FUL **Kinross Tennis Club:** erection of floodlights on two tennis courts, tarmac area in front of clubhouse to create play area at Kinross Tennis Club, Station Road, Kinross. 07/01336/FUL **4 Balado Wynd**, Kinross: alterations to existing house. 07/00126/REM **Cruachan, Old Cleish Road**, Kinross: erection of two dwellinghouses and garages. 07/01295/FUL **Land to the west of Clashburn Close**, Bridgend Industrial Estate: erection of two-storey office with single storey storage/warehouse areas. 07/01502/OUT **27 Alexander Drive:**

erection of a house (in outline). 07/01839/FUL
7 Mavisbank: erection of a conservatory. 07/01795/FUL
18 Station Road: alterations and extension to dwellinghouse. 07/01811/FUL
26 Wilson Court: erection of a fence (in retrospect). 07/01261/FUL
71 Muirs: alterations and extension to outbuildings to form granny flat.

The following planning applications have been withdrawn: 06/02036/OUT The Green Hotel, Muirs: erection of 53 **retirement flats** (in outline). 07/01757/FUL
Westhall, 194 High Street: erection of a dwelling house.

Housing in the Countryside Policy

It was agreed that we should support Cllr Barnacle in his endeavours to clarify the current position regarding the Housing in the Countryside Policy and submit a letter to P&KC in these terms. Cllr Robertson confirmed that the policy in past years was quite generous, however plans to tighten up were to be applied and a Working Group of Councillors and Officers is to look at the proposals.

Affordable Housing: This subject is also topical and the CC will monitor the situation.

Report from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Miller had intended to raise the subject of T in the Park, but this had been covered earlier. In his opinion a much wider consultation should be put in place with the public being able to express their views. The communication process at present is inadequate.

Cllr Baird had nothing further to report.

Cllr Robertson advised that work was underway in repairing the problems with the fire hydrants, stop valves, toby covers and broken pavements. The drainage problems are also being addressed.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail – Cllr Robertson advised that the Vane Farm to Grahamstone paths would be “opened” on 3 November. The final phase is planned for spring next year, connecting Channel Farm to Grahamstone. Cllr Robertson stated that everyone involved should be commended and also the people using the route as there is very little litter.

Correspondence

1. Tayside Safety Camera Partnership – Leaflet received providing general information on the work of the TSCP.
2. P&KC – Copies of Minutes from 14 June 2007 to 12 September 2007. These to be handed to CCllr Colliar.
3. Rural Tayside Leader – Communication received advising of funding available under the Scottish LEADER Programme 2007-2013. This is intended to support communities in using innovative approaches and co-operative activities in developing their own area.
4. Perth & Kinross Access Group – P & K (Disabled) Access Group have asked for support in their quest to have a total ban imposed on advertising boards or A-Boards in Perth & Kinross. The boards cause hindrance to wheelchair users and the sight impaired.
5. The Pension Service – Reminder that the Local Pension Service offer a free form completion service for State Benefits covering the 60 plus age group.
6. Association of Scottish Community Councils – Notification of AGM to be held in Edinburgh on Saturday 3 November.
7. Glass Recycling Campaign – Communication received from P&KC advising of a campaign for the pushing of glass recycling in September.

Other Business

Green Park – Cllr Robertson confirmed that the safety barrier should be put back in place this year.

Swansacre Building – CCllr Watson enquired as to the current position. Cllr Robertson is to check the status of the contract, however the sale is still ongoing. A first sale fell through when the prospective purchaser would not agree to immediately upgrade the building following the sale. CCllr Mackay mentioned that she had witnessed a builder in the property this week. Cllr Robertson mentioned that he had suggested to P&KC some years ago that this building be used for affordable housing.

Loch Leven Inn – CCllr Mackay advised that the price was not achieved at auction and no sale has taken place.

Light Up Kinross – The Christmas light switch on is to be held at 7 pm on 27 November at the County Buildings.

Remembrance Parade – CCllr Scott has written to P&KC requesting approval for the Parade.

Burns Begg Street / High Street – CCllr Bathgate enquired if the crossing of the High Street from Burns Begg Street could be improved. Many of the school children cross from this area and visibility is poor. We are to write to P&KC requesting that a crossing be put in place at the south end of the town.

T in Park Meeting of 14 May – Mr Alexander asked that we minute that David Colliar of Kinross CC chaired the meeting on 14 May at the Green Hotel in relation to T in the Park. The Fossoway CC Secy has more than once erroneously referred to another party chairing this meeting. It was agreed that this would be done.

Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 7 November at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Kinross. The Agenda includes an item on “The Future of Kinross”.

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

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

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Milnathort Community Council News from the October meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Lamont, Porter, Ross and Thomson to the meeting held on 11 October in Milnathort Town Hall. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Baird, PC Stephen, Minute Secretary, E Rougvie and one member of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Smith, Bennet and Cottingham.

Police matters

PC Stephen reported the theft of an ornamental street lamp from South Street, which he said had been an act of vandalism. It could therefore be lying in someone's garden, and he urged anyone who had seen it to get in touch. He also appealed for information about a car window that had been smashed at Milnathort Motors. Another car had been broken into at Burleigh Sands car park, but it was hoped that the fact that it was to be re-designed would help address this ongoing problem. PC Stephen said that a nationwide crackdown on knives was ongoing, although this was not a major problem in this area.

CCllr Lamont expressed concerns about the turning circle in Viewfar Road, which was filled with builders' vans and could pose problems if emergency services needed to get through. PC Stephen said this was only a police matter if the vans were causing an obstruction, and after discussion it was agreed that Cllr Baird would ask the Council for double yellow lines.

Appointment of Treasurer

It was agreed that CCllr Bennet would take over as CC Treasurer from CCllr Ross, who is leaving the area.

Matters Arising

Cllr Baird reported on a meeting she had attended between local CCs and the organisers of T in the Park. The main complaints were from Fossoway CC and related to the traffic problems and lack of toilet facilities. The police had apologised for the traffic chaos and given an assurance that it would not be repeated. They were looking at ways to encourage people to use public transport in future and the community would be kept involved with arrangements. It had not yet been decided whether the festival would begin on the Friday next year.

Planning

The following applications were noted: Erection of dwelling-house at Netherhall farm, Kinross; erection of an entrance porch at 124 South Street, Milnathort; extension to Ledlanet House, Kinross; erection of a barn at Touchie Farm, Kinross; extension to dwelling-house at 19 Burleigh Road, Milnathort.

Correspondence

The minutes of a full meeting of P&KC were noted.

Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 8 November in Milnathort Primary School.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the October meeting

A meeting was held on Tuesday 9 October at Village Hall. In attendance were Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Sue Mitchell-Henry, Jim Shepherd, Alistair Smith, Margaret Wilson, Cllrs Mike Barnacle and Sandy Miller, Sgt Menzies, WPC Morag Struthers and several members of the public. There were apologies from Joe Morrell.

Police Report

The Police confirmed that the recent accident at Auchmuir Bridge had been attended to by Fife Police. The Secy confirmed that he had informed P&KC Roads about the accident for them to record in their Accident statistics.

The Police are currently carrying out a Safer Scotland campaign with regard to Knife Crime. They had also been carrying out a joint speeding campaign with the Traffic Police on the A911, particularly at Easter Balgedie.

Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman had written to P&KC regarding the provision of dog bins at the entrance to Portmoak Moss. She had had no response to date.

The Chairwoman had received a letter from Aberfeldy CC regarding the lack of provision of public toilets in Aberfeldy. Cllr Barnacle informed the meeting that there had been a Council-wide study carried out before the last election and there was an agreed policy on the provision of Comfort Scheme toilets as well as automatic toilets and manned toilets throughout the Council area. The CC agreed not to respond.

The Chairwoman had contacted the Met Office (Gordon Hutchison) regarding the possibility of changing the colour of the Weather Radar Radome to green. They had responded that the Met Office had considered many colour solutions to the Radome, but had considered that white was the best compromise.

Secretary's Report

The Secy had received a copy of a letter from Cllr Mike Barnacle to P&KC regarding a number of issues covering traffic, roads and flooding. This letter was an update on previous letters that Cllr Barnacle had written over a number of years. A copy of the letter would be circulated to all the Cllrs.

The Secy had received a letter from Tayside Safety Camera Partnership on its current work. The CC would still like to see TSCP establishing a site on the A911, but TSCP have a programme on the A91 and the A977 for 3 years.

Paths Group

CCllr Sue Mitchell Henry reported on the latest meeting of the Paths Group. Very few people are attending the meetings.

P&KC Countryside Trust has granted £3k towards the re-branding of the Michael Bruce Trail and the production of new leaflets. If anyone has any points of interest that they feel should be contained in the leaflet, they should inform the Secretary.

The next meeting of the Paths Group will take place at the Portmoak Primary School on 20 November at 7pm. It is hoped that Janet Croft of TRACKS will attend this meeting to make a presentation about TRACKS work. If people are interested in the proposed Paths Network in the community, they should attend this meeting and express their views.

A911

In Cllr Barnacle's letter, referred to above, he expressed the CC's anger at how little response had been made to the

CC's concerns about speed limits and traffic calming on the A911 and other local roads by P&KC Roads. Cllr Barnacle will pursue this matter further with P&KC Roads.

Planning Matters

07/01840/FUL Extension to dwellinghouse, 22 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, Kinross. This application has already been approved.

07/01770/OUT Erection of a dwellinghouse (in outline), land at Youngs Moss, Scotlandwell for Mr R McComack. The CC agreed to object to this application, as it is contrary to the Local Plan.

07/01979/FUL Alterations, formation of dormer windows and raising of roof ridge (in retrospect), Glenvale Steading, Newlands Farm, Kinross. The CC will object to this retrospective application.

07/02048/FUL Change of use from residential accommodation to office space, Vane Farm Nature Centre, Kinross for RSPB. No comment.

07/02038/FUL Erection of a chimney and formation of a balcony, 21 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, Kinross. No comment.

The CC expressed concerns regarding the way in which Planning Applications were being considered by P&KC. A number of houses had been constructed and were being constructed in the community, which turned out to have considerably greater visual impact on their surroundings than had been understood. There was also concern about post planning consent modification that the CC was not being notified about.

Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Miller informed the meeting about the continued progress of the new Kinross High School. He had received expressions of concern that the groups set up to represent local opinion would be disbanded now, but he assured the meeting that this would continue.

He also stated that he was very happy to pursue people's complaints with the Council, but he did need to have facts to support the complaints.

Cllr Barnacle informed the meeting that the four representative Councillors had agreed to meet once a month to discuss strategic issues.

There will be a public meeting on 18 October to launch the Portmoak Primary School report. One of the issues was the size of the school hall, which was too small for some uses. Consideration may be given to using the external grounds to the school for more diverse uses.

There had been a meeting to discuss T in the Park on 22 September, which had been a constructive meeting. Unfortunately, Portmoak CC was not invited to it. There will be another meeting in December.

Date and Place of Next Meeting

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

Visit our web site at www.portmoak.co.uk

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross & Ochil Ramblers

Do you think of Ramblers as ancient, earnest and bobble-hatted? Well, think again!

Our walking group, set up two years ago, is affiliated to the Ramblers' Association. We have a wide age range amongst our members, we're friendly and fun and not a bobble-hat in sight. We provide a varied programme of walks on a fortnightly basis throughout the year, usually alternating between Saturdays and Sundays. At this time of year when days are shorter, we tend to stick with shorter routes.

Come along and try out a few of our walks before deciding for yourself if you'd like to join us.

Here's what's coming up:

Sunday 4 November: Blairadam Forest - 7 miles. A walk through forest trails in the lowlands of Fife where coal mining was first recorded by Dunfermline monks in 1291.

Saturday 11 November: New and Old Sauchie - 6 miles. Easy circular boundary walk over footpath, bridle path, and woodland including two viewpoints; the Roundel, Mount William and also local historical and industrial sights of a bygone era.

Sunday 2 December: Dumyat Circular - 5 miles. 700 feet ascent. A steady ascent to the summit of Dumyat, returning via Lossburn reservoir. Mostly on tracks except from the descent from Dumyat

For further information, including where to meet, contact Jacqui Ritchie on 01592 840451

Save NHS Dentistry Campaign

As there was no meeting in October, this report is more about future events which we hope you will be interested in attending.

First and foremost, the group will meet on **Wednesday 14 November** in Kinross Church Centre (the Garden Room) at 7 pm to discuss recent developments with NHS dental provision in Perth and Kinross. Two representatives from the Community Health Partnership have kindly agreed to attend and remember that all our meetings are open to anyone who has an interest in seeing everyone provided with an NHS dentist within an accessible radius.

On 6 November our petition will be reviewed once again in the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee. If anyone is interested in going, please contact the number below. There will be a report of the outcome at the meeting on the 14th.

Finally, for all those who wish to have their say on any aspects of the Scottish Government's health strategy, which also includes dental services, there is an opportunity to do so direct on 30 November at the Quality Hotel in Perth. We will be sending a delegation, so if anyone is interested, again please contact the number below.

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

Milnathort School Association

The Association recently held its AGM at Milnathort Golf Club. The Secretary, Mark Koziel, was pleased to report that 2006/07 had been a most successful year, with a total of over £4000 being raised for the school. Cheques for £3500 and £500 were presented to the school and the Nursery respectively and we understand that these will be used to install Smart Boards in the School and to provide weatherproof storage for outdoor play equipment at the Nursery. We would like to thank all the local businesses, families and individuals whose support helped us towards this tremendous achievement.

We are now looking forward to the new school year and our first event, the Halloween Disco for the children on 26 October. A further date for your diaries is our **Christmas Bazaar**, which will be held on **Saturday 1st December** in the School Hall. There will be the usual mix of stalls, raffle, tombola, refreshments and activities for the children and it promises to be fun for all, so please make a point of coming along to support us. Look out for more details nearer the time.



Cheques presented to the school are to be put to good use

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Kinross & District Rotary Club



The annual Rusty Putter Competition was held over the Bruce Course at Kinross Golf Club and won by Rotarian Bill Sinclair with Club President, Barry Davies, runner-up. Following the event the non golfing members joined the competitors for an enjoyable dinner and prize giving.

Rotarian Ken Paterson spoke to the meeting on 10 September about his recent holiday to India. Ken related his impressions of the country and the welcome he received from local Rotarians.

The following meeting was addressed by Ken Riley who gave us a fascinating insight into his involvement and efforts to encourage support for the game of cricket in Kinross that have resulted in over 110 youngsters now participating in the sport.

The Club have agreed to send a shelter box to assist the victims of the recent Kathmandu floods. Over 400 shoe boxes have been delivered to local schools. These boxes are filled with everyday objects that we take for granted but are welcomed in parts of the world where these items are considered luxuries and are not normally available.

The District Governor, Clive Bartram from Montrose Rotary Club addressed the Club meeting on 24 September. Clive, accompanied by his wife Sandra, updated everyone on the current objectives of the movement and the need to increase membership, both male and female, by adjusting membership conditions to meet the requirements of modern life. Clive spoke of Rotary International's success in working towards the total eradication of polio with the current immunisation programme probably saving over 6 million people from contracting the disease. In concluding, Clive welcomed new member Carolyn Poller to the Club.

On 1 October the Club had a visit from a touring Australian Group Study Exchange Visitors hosted by Dunfermline Rotary Club. The group of 6 gave a presentation on their families and careers in Western Australia. Earlier in the day they were taken on a sightseeing trip round the local area.

The following meeting heard from Dr John Nyjust, a fellow Rotarian from the Dundee Camperdown Club, about his recent visit to American Rotary Clubs. John described how he had told his hosts the American Declaration of Independence had been founded in part on the Declaration of Independence signed in 1320 at Arbroath. He went on to relate how his Christian beliefs had inspired him to undertake missionary work and to give talks to schools on his experiences.

Vin Odey from the SSPCA spoke to the mid October meeting on the invaluable work carried out by the Society. Established in 1839 to look after the interests of working horses in Edinburgh, the Society now gets involved in over 31000 incidents per year. Over a million miles are covered by the inspectors and over 101,000 telephone calls are answered each year. Apart from animal welfare issues, the Society is involved in education and is currently lobbying the Scottish Parliament to introduce legislation to ban the use of air guns and snares. The Society depends on voluntary donations to meet its £7.5 million annual costs and President Barry Davies presented Vin with a cheque for £100.

Following the meeting an inter Club indoor games competition was held with 8 members of the Blairgowrie Club which was won by Kinross who now go through to the next round to be held in Perth.

Children 1st

CHILDREN 1ST

The Kinross Action Group for Children 1st would like to thank all

the people in the area who helped with Sunshine Week this year. We raised a total of £981.67, which is terrific and we are very grateful to all those who helped us. We want to thank all the people who gave up their time to collect for us, all the local businesses who allowed collecting to go on outside their doors (Giacopazzi's in Milnathort, Sands' Supermarket in Kinross and Somerfield's) and those who kept our collecting boxes on their counters for most of the month of September (Robertson's of Milnathort, Bowers Hairdressers in Kinross, the Boathouse café at the pier by the loch, the Garden Centre café, the Powmill Milk Bar and the bar at the Kinross Golf Club). We are tremendously grateful to them all and of course want to thank most of all, the people who put money in the boxes, giving so generously, some of you more than once.

This year, some of our collectors were accused of being PAID to stand and shake tins for the charity. I would like to remind the people of Kinross who do not collect for us that all the people who help us do so out of their own goodwill and kindness! They take time out of their busy lives to help raise money for children who need it badly and they do a terrific job. And they don't get paid!

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

Bridie Graham

Chairman of Kinross Action Group, Children 1st
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Inner Wheel Club of Kinross & District



President Linda Bayne welcomed members to our October meeting.

The Club had two speakers this month. The first was our District 1 Chairman Fiona Sutherland, who is also a member of St Andrews Inner Wheel. Fiona gave a very interesting talk on her many years as a member of Inner Wheel and as a member of the District Executive. Our second speaker for the evening was Lesley Bottom from Kinnesswood. Lesley's day job is as a curator at Pitreavie Glen, Dunfermline, but her talk was as a 'Squirrel Volunteer.' Lesley monitors the grey squirrel population in Kilmagad Woods and the red squirrel population at Portmoak Moss. Her stories on the antics of squirrels were fascinating.

Grace George, our Club Treasurer, gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the members to both our guests Fiona and Lesley.

Linda reminded everyone that our next meeting will be **Monday 12 November** and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Potager Garden

Community Garden, Bowton Road

On Monday 24 September from 2 until 4pm, the kettle was on in the Greenhouse for a big brew up in Kinross. We had pots of tea and coffee and lovely homemade cakes and raised over £100.00 for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. It was a lovely afternoon and we were all very delighted to meet a rescued hedgehog on the day. Also available were cards for every occasion!

There was much preparation done before the event and my thanks go to the volunteers who kindly cleaned the greenhouse and shed and tidied the Garden.

Dobbies have shown great interest in the Garden and kindly sent a representative to give gardening advice and were very generous in helping us raise funds – 20 trays of Violas and gifts for the children. They have also been able to release funding to the Garden and provide compost, tools, bulbs and seeds. We are very grateful for their support.

Webster Building Supplies Ltd, Milnathort have come to our rescue with stain for the 36 panels of fencing! Felt and guttering for the 16' shed and teak oil for the benches. Potager Garden will be very posh when we reopen in the Spring! The Garden will also be open on fine days, so please feel welcome to come and relax. It is rather a special place.

If you would like more information about the Garden, please contact Michelle Hardaker 01577 862622 or email dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk



Kinross in Bloom

It has been another successful year for the Bloom committee who are really proud of the basket and tub displays around the town. Sadly they are now down but already plans are afoot in planning for next year's display. We have decided that until we can recruit more helpers to help with the watering rota we are going to reduce the number of baskets for next year. Currently watering everything takes just under two hours. It can be done anytime during the day but obviously evening watering is better if it can be done. If you could spare the odd couple of hours with no major commitment to the Bloom committee, please give us a thought. Watering is very sociable and lots of people tell you what a wonderful difference Kinross in Bloom has made to Kinross. Please telephone me on 01588 861477 if you can offer any help.

On 29 September the committee planted lots of crocus bulbs at the Gacé Gardens. We will look forward to seeing a sea of colour there next spring.

The October draw has been deferred until later in the month where we are hoping to have a stall at the end of summer market at the Market Park on 27 October. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak to members of the Bloom and get the chance to join our 200 Club, where half the money raised is spent on prizes.



Kinross Boys And Girls Brigade

The annual enrolment service of the Brigade was held in Kinross Parish Church on Sunday 28 October where Dr John Munro led the dedication of officers and members for this coming session. The first Battalion competition of the new session was the Centenary Volleyball Cup which was retained by the Kinross Company once again.

The annual swimming gala will have taken place on Saturday 27 October at Perth Leisure Pool with Kinross hoping to retain as many as possible of the four trophies won last session.

In National Competitions the Kinross Company has been drawn at home for the Masterteam Quiz, which will take place in Kinross Church Centre at 7.30pm on **Saturday 1st December** involving companies from Glenrothes, Grangemouth, Kirkcaldy and Stirling.

The first round of the National Badminton Competition sees Kinross at home to the 1st Hagsgs Company. In Chess, Kinross have a home draw against 8th Falkirk and receive a bye in the Table Tennis National Competition.

To celebrate 125 years of service, flights have been booked for the special summer camp which 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.



Young visitors enjoying the Potager Garden during the coffee afternoon for Macmillan Cancer Support

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Portmoak Film Society

Lottery award and Christmas competition

Great news for local film fans - PFS has received a £5,000 grant from the "Awards for All" fund which will be used to purchase our own projector – the one we have used for the last two years having had to be hired. We still need more money for a screen and sound system, however, so remember to bring money for our popular raffles when you come to the next film!

Which will be ... "Young Adam", David Mackenzie's 18-rated thriller starring Ewan McGregor, Tilda Swinton and Peter Mullan, to be shown on **10 November** at 7.30pm in Portmoak Hall.

October's film, mob drama "The Departed" was given a 93% 'good' rating by the audience and also trialled the introduction of an interval which allowed people to have drinks, snacks and a chat in the middle of the evening rather than dispersing at the end. It's all good for neighbourhood relations!

Looking ahead to Christmas (only 8 weeks away now, folks!) we want to show a family film again after last year's success. We would like to give young film fans the chance to see a film of their choice, so we're inviting local children to submit their nomination for the Christmas film. The film with the most nominations will be shown and all children who take part in the competition will be entered into a draw for the prize, which will be free entry for the whole family! Send your suggestion, by 17 November please, to info@portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk - and remember to state your name and address clearly on the email. We will announce the successful film and the date of showing in the next Newsletter.

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

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



The **Annual General Meeting** of the Twinning Association will take place in Kinross Church Centre on **Tuesday 13 November** starting at 7.30pm. 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 continues at Robin Lambie's Bountree home in Glenfarg fortnightly at 7 pm on Sunday evenings. 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.

Although 2008 will see no official twinning visit, in 2009 Kinross will visit Gacé and in 2010, Gacé will visit Kinross. The focus on the next couple of years will be on social occasions and fund raising events for the 2010 visit.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

August Draw

1st	No 92	Roderick Baird, Kirkness
2nd	No 103	Marlyn Gardner, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 59	Frieda Irving, Kinnesswood

September Draw

1st	No 83	Angus McNair, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 46	Brian Ogilvie, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 120	Bob Drysdale, Kinnesswood

Common Grounds Charity No. SC031582

Projects: The present project in hand is helping the Chidamoyo Christian hospital by contributing to the cost of the building of a windmill to pump freshwater. The hospital is situated in Zimbabwe. Our end of year donation, which is based on a percentage of our year's profits and usually goes to a charitable cause outside Africa, goes this year to Médecins Sans Frontières.

Fair Trade: Our fair trade products continue to do well and we are pleased to be local supplier. This month we have added a new range of jams, jelly-chutney-sauces and marmalades, all produced from local fruits in Swaziland. Why not try the peach and ginger jam, produced by Swazi Jam. Do come along and see for yourself!

Other events: Our Christmas catalogues are still available to browse through for something different but not always expensive. Speak with our shop manageress Shirley Morgan for help. She may also be able to assist regarding her hand-made jewellery range.

Book Club: For the moment the book club has a full complement of members.

Shoebbox Appeal: Full boxes can be handed into common grounds before 9 November.

Annual General Meeting: Our AGM will take place in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street in Milnathort at 7pm on **Friday 30 November**. Members of the public are very welcome. We are always interested in people joining in any capacity to support the local book and coffee shop and our charitable aims and objectives.

Welcome: You can expect a very warm welcome in the Scout Hall on Church Street, especially from our log fire. A very special thanks to Beryl and Jim Harley and all who donated logs for the fire. Our happy band of volunteers will make you feel not only welcome but at home when you browse our extensive collection of second hand books over a warm cuppa of your choice.

Points of contact out of hours are, as always: Jim Henry (01577 864452), Shirley Morgan (01577 864745) or Pat Payne (01577 862715).

Kinross and District Art Club



The Kinross and District Art Club re-commenced their Tuesday afternoon weekly meetings on 28 August and will continue until the AGM in December. Several new members have joined our organisation and a warm welcome is extended to them. However, if anyone would like to join, please contact any member of the Club who will be able to give information regarding times and contacts.

A successful Annual Exhibition was held in the Parish Church, Station, Road, Kinross in early September. The change of dates and venue proved to be popular for various reasons and as such it has been decided that this will happen again next year. Dates and times will be promulgated when final arrangements are in hand.

Our Treasurer moving to pastures new has resulted in two changes within the Committee. David Cochrane moved from Vice Chair to become President, a post he held previously, and John Green made a sideways move to become Treasurer.

The Kinross web page will be updated in the fullness of time.

Kinross Camera Club



The season is now well underway at Kinross Camera Club. There have been some excellent evenings, courtesy of external speaker Roy Smith from Ayr and from club member Sylvia Wilson. The first practical session has also taken place with members experimenting with tabletop and macro photography, and portraiture along the lines of 'crime suspect' mugshots!

Club members have also been busy preparing their work for the competition season, and have submitted their entries for the first round of the league. The practical flavour is continuing with the chance to develop skills in night photography early in November.

As always, this year's syllabus includes a range of speakers, competitions, practical sessions and much more. Here's a flavour of what's happening over the next few weeks:

November

- 8** League 1 judging – Rikki O'Neill
- 15** **Special Event – Willie Shand.** Local photographer Willie Shand will be giving a public lecture on the Isle of Skye, in the Parish Church at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £4 and are available locally and on the night. Email committee@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk for further details, or visit our website.
- 22** Digital Workshop led by Eric Bowyer from Edinburgh Photographic Society

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'.

The digital group meetings are also going strong. 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. It's a great way to share ideas and pick up some new techniques in digital photography, both in the camera and on the computer!

Click tips for November

The nights really are drawing in, but here's a few suggestions for subjects for November:

Dawn colours are cooler and can be particularly attractive on a frosty morning. Experiment with a few landscape shots – grey silhouetted trees, hills and other features can look very effective against a tinted sky. Don't worry about mist – the haze can really add atmosphere to your shot.

Look for shafts of sunlight hitting the fields while it's still frosty. Try a small aperture to get pin sharp exposure.

Towards the end of the month, the Christmas displays will all appear in the town and city centres. Why not get out and photograph them before all the Christmas shoppers arrive? Look for unusual angles – for instance, you could try looking for colourful reflections in puddles. Alternatively, try a long exposure shot and from further away and get blurred people, which provides additional context for your picture.

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

Swansacre Playgroup



Swansacre Playgroup are holding a **Children's Nearly New Sale** on **Friday 2 November**, 6pm - 8pm and **Saturday 3 November**, 10am - 12 noon. Please contact Swansacre (862071) or Gillian (865069) to purchase a seller's number if you would like to sell maternity, baby, toddler or children's equipment or toys. All goods must be in good condition and all parts must be included. Please do not bring clothes other than maternity clothes. All sellers agree to 50% donation from sales to Swansacre Playgroup.

A Shopping Evening will be held on **Thursday 29 November** from 8pm at Swansacre Playgroup. Tickets available from Swansacre (862071) and committee members. Hair and beauty demonstrations are provided by Hype, and appointments for facials, makeup and nails can be booked in advance via playgroup. Other sellers include JEM jewellery, Usbourne Books, CHAS and Laura's Chocolates to name a few. A complimentary glass of wine is offered on entry.

Do you know what you'd like for Christmas? Then **write to Santa** and post your letter in one of Santa's Post boxes which can be found in Milnathort and Kinross Post Offices, Loch Leven Leisure Centre and Swansacre Playgroup from December 1st. Please remember to write your name and address on the back of your letter so that Santa can reply to you and include £1.50 to cover Santa's costs.

Are you crafty? Would you like to learn a new craft? If you answered yes to either of these questions then why not join us at **Crafty Capers** for an evening of fun where ladies are trying their hand at anything from sewing, knitting and crochet to quilting, card-making and jewellery-making. We meet every second Thursday at 7.30pm in Swansacre Playgroup for drinks and homebaking, cheery chat and occasionally an 'expert' demonstrator to teach us new skills. Bring along a piece of craft you're working on or come along for inspiration. No experience necessary. Contact Kate (865215) for more details. November meetings on 8th & 22nd, please come along!

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Pipe Band News

Well, it's been a while since we last went into print, so here goes for a roundup of the playing season this year.

Despite depleted numbers overall and a Drum Corps comprised chiefly of young learners, the Band has performed well at a number of competitions this summer including the European Championships in Inverness and the World Championships in Glasgow. In April, at the mini-Band competition in Peebles we even managed a 4th place overall with the drummers finishing a very creditable 2nd.

Interspersed between all the competitions, and despite the very wet weather this summer, we crammed in a great number of engagements and events. Some of the highlights included: our hugely successful (but packed!) Ceilidh in March, a fundraising concert in June by the ever popular local duo, Gaberlunzie, and of course, playing both Friday and Saturday at T in the Park in July with all the Band gaining backstage performer's passes. We also managed to squeeze in a variety of engagements including a number of galas, weddings and various local events.



Kinross & District Pipe Band enjoy a rare day of sunshine at Vane Farris 40th Anniversary in June

September saw the Pipe Band playing in support of the wonderful Discovery Weekend organised by Friends of Kirkgate Park. Here, we combined the Park's Grand Opening with a number of performances at various venues around Kinross, joining forces with the excellent Highland Dancers from Jacqueline Crawford's "Lawson's school of Dancing". As on previous occasions we finished the day at

the Salutation Hotel, where the new owner, John Morris, very kindly put on a hugely appreciated "spread" for all the band members.

In August we were delighted to hear back from the National Lottery "Awards for All" programme that our application for a grant had been successful and that the Band had received an award of £5,000 towards much needed new drums and pipes. The drums in particular are now on order and will be pressed into immediate service when they arrive towards the end of the year. Still on the fundraising front, the Kinross-shire Round Table very recently also pledged an extremely generous donation to Band funds to assist with the purchase of this much needed new equipment. Other organisations and individuals have also made various contributions through the season, and we say a heartfelt "thank you" to them all!

The summer season now over, the Band has settled into a new regime of two practices a week (Monday and Thursday evenings in the Masonic Hall) in order to prepare ourselves for a season of solid competition performances in 2008. However, in between the practices there are still a few dates worth noting between now and the end of the year:

Sunday 11 November: As always the Band will lead the annual Armistice Parade up to the memorial at the County Buildings.

Saturday 24 November: RSPBA Perth & Angus Branch Solo Competitions take place in Edzell, where a number of our younger members will compete

Tuesday 27 November: At 7.00 pm the Band will lead the parade up to the County Buildings for "Light Up Kinross"

And finally, **Tuesday 18 December:** we will have our Annual General Meeting at 7.00 pm in the Masonic Hall. All welcome.

Once again, we appeal to all those pipers and drummers in the community with any experience to come along and support your local Band. We are still very short on playing members in general, and would really appreciate a few extra players to boost the numbers and help support the up and coming youngsters. Come on - we know you're out there !!

Thanks once again to everyone who has helped make 2007 such a busy and successful year, and we look forward to an even more successful season in 2008!

For information on the Band, please contact Nigel Kellett, (01577 863738) Alex Murphy (01577 862803) or visit the Pipe Band website: www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the October meeting Lilian King gave an interesting and enjoyable talk on "The Famous Women of Fife". The members responded with a hearty applause.

Friday Walks: The walk in October from the Deer Centre to the Hopetoun Monument was on a day which was so warm and pleasant, that nobody wanted to move away from the monument when their picnic boxes were empty. The day was rounded off sitting at the tables outside the Deer Centre, still basking in the sun, enjoying a cup of tea. There are three walks in November.

2 November: A Muckhart to Dollar circular walk, going along the Back Road to Dollar, and returning by Muckhart Mill. The way out is along tarred roads, and the way back is by farm tracks - and is only about 6 miles.

16 November: Crieff to Muthill and back along the River Earn. This will probably start and finish at Crieff Visitor Centre, and should be a leisurely stroll of 7 miles or so.

30 November: The Powmill Milk Bar's "Take a hike" walk, past the Bull Stane to Crook of Devon, then along the Devon riverside to Rumbling Bridge and Blairhill, coming back past the Muckhart Golf Course. This is along country roads and tracks and a good 6 miles, but we should be back at the Milk Bar well before closing time.

Hillwalkers: The weather was kind to us as we ventured into Ben Lawers' country for the second time this year, when we traversed from Loch Tayside over to Glen Lyon on 28 September, a walk of nearly 10 miles through a lovely, wild area. We were also lucky to observe two herds of red deer on the higher ground, probably getting ready for the annual rut. On 12 October, we again had the advantage of good weather when the group completed an anti-clockwise walk from Old Blair skirting the Falls of Bruar and round Glen Banvie. The majority of the team completed about 11 miles whilst three hardy members took a slightly longer detour.

Our November walks will be a circular walk of about 10 miles based on Glen Boreland on the 9th, followed by a similar circular walk based on Black Hill on the 23rd.

November Meeting: The speaker on 1 November will be Bob Neish on "Trekkling in the Arctic".

Kinross Historical Society



On Monday 15th October, the Chairman of the Historical Society, Robin Eadie, welcomed members and friends to the first meeting of the 2007-2008 season of winter talks. Due to the numbers attending the talks last season, the KHS has moved to a larger venue at the Parish Church in Station Road, Kinross.

Dr Lindsay Lennie entitled her talk "Historic Shopfronts - Past, Present, and an Uncertain Future." She is currently employed by Historic Scotland to record and research historic shop fronts in Scotland and she took us back in history, back to the 12th century, showing that it took many centuries for shopping to progress from Fairs and Markets to the early shops. Dr Lennie illustrated her talk with excellent pictures showing first the medieval arcades which can be seen in Elgin and Glasgow and going on to show how shops developed in the 18th century, with bow windows and lots of small panes of glass. At that time, glass could only be manufactured in small panes, but in the 1830s panes of glass became bigger and this made for larger and more showy shop windows.

Plate glass windows became embellished with cast iron, to add status. In order to protect the plate glass, wooden shutters were added and in the 1840s, roller shutters were developed. Shopfronts developed through the Victorian era, through Edwardian elegance and Art Nouveau to the changing tastes of the 1920s and 1930s. Dr Lennie told us that chain stores have been around for about 130 years and most of the audience would have been old enough to remember Burtons and Liptons. Those visiting Arbroath would be able to see a preserved Lipton's shop interior and in Aberfeldy the interior of a tweed merchant's shop still illustrates a bygone age.

Dr Lennie brought us up to the present day, telling us that there is a lack of knowledge and understanding of the interesting interiors and exterior shop fronts. Her audience enjoyed seeing her photos of shops that we know including Heaven Scent in Milnathort and the Computer shop in Kinross. John Pleass gave the vote of thanks to the speaker and the Historical Society is very grateful to Alan Crabb who generously gave his time to help with the technology in the new venue.

The next KHS meeting is on **Monday 19 November** when the speaker will be Duncan Gilfillan on the "History of Mining." (see also Notices page 36).

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Kinross-shire Round Table

2nd Annual Charity Beer Festival



Over 300 people from as far afield as France and Wales enjoyed another very successful beer festival organised by Kinross-shire Round Table on Saturday 22 September. The charity event took place in the boat shed of the Pier Bar at Loch Leven and the combination of real ale, live music and fresh food was fully appreciated by all who attended.

A choice selection of over 30 British real ales, German lagers, ciders and perries, specially selected by CAMRA, was available. Local outside caterers, Café '98, were on hand throughout the Festival with their barbecue, providing delicious food for those who needed more than beer to sustain them. Music on the night was provided by local bands Breach of the Peach, and Gemma Fox.

Over £4,000 was raised by the event, half of which will be donated to the Brittle Bone society, and the rest will be donated to local causes in conjunction with the Kinross-shire Fund.

Raymond Milne, Chairman of Kinross-shire Round Table said "I am delighted that our second annual charity beer festival was every bit as successful as last year's event, and I am particularly pleased that we have raised such a substantial sum for charity. Our thanks go to everyone who was involved in the event, and in particular to our main sponsor, The Purvis Group, who assist not only financially but also provide necessary equipment. We would also like to thank all of the local businesses who sponsored a barrel of beer, and Kinross Estates for the use of the boat shed."

Our next fundraiser will be in aid of **BBC Children in Need**. Kids up to age 6 should bring their dads and mums to the Kirkgate Park at 10.30am on **Saturday 10 November to Toddle for Pudsey**. Sponsorship forms are available from schools and nurseries or direct from Round Table.

As well as organising the Beer festival, Kinross-shire Round Table has a full and varied programme which covers a wide range of sporting and social and cultural events. Anybody interested in joining Round Table should contact Rashmi Shah at rjshah@globalnet.co.uk or Murray Mitchell at murray.mitchell@btinternet.com

Kinross Garden Group



Eighty-one members and visitors were delighted to welcome Jim McColl, currently presenter of the "Beechgrove Garden" to give a presentation on "The Calyx - A National Garden for Scotland" to our October meeting, the first meeting of the winter programme. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8 November** in the Mill bridge Halls, Kinross at 2pm. We will be delighted to welcome Nicola Singleton to give us a talk entitled "A Tour of National Trust Gardens in Scotland".

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Probus Club



On Wednesday 17 October, the members of the Kinross Probus club were given a graphic description of the life of "The Fisher Lassies of Scotland" by Mary Sherrard. The fishing industry has always been important to Scotland and before the First World War the Scottish fishing fleet was the biggest in Europe; in 1913 there were 10,00 boats (mainly drifters) involved. The fishing boats went round Britain in a clockwise direction, following the herring, and following the fishing boats were "The fisher lassies" who gutted the fish. They were absolutely essential to the industry, with no machinery in those days to gut the fish. The day started at 5.30 with a shout, "get up and tie your fingers" because most of the fingers were protected with bandages against accidental slips of the extremely sharp knives. There were a few slips because the girls were fast at their work, credited with gutting up to 30 herring in a minute! The work went on till the catch was all gutted, which could be late. Saturday was dance night and Sunday the day off, because as good Scots they kept the sabbath. The girls were great singers and to give us the feel of the community Margot Cook sang several lovely songs about the fisher-folk. Various churches and the Red Cross looked after the girls' welfare. This style of gutting the fish finished soon after the Second World War. It was an illuminating and exciting description of a bygone age, and Tony Jones expressed the thanks of the Probus members.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Members were taken on a whistle stop world tour, courtesy of entertaining speaker, Don William, who outlined the history, travels, customs and impact of familiar store cupboard items such as coffee, tea, flour, sugar etc. The speaker at the November meeting will be the always welcome Susan Payne from Perth Museum.

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Sports News



Kinross Bowling Club

The Bowling Club closed its season with "The Gibson Triples". The weather was beautiful and we had a good turnout. This was followed by the presentation of prizes and a buffet. A good time was had by all.

Overall the weather has not been too kind to us this year. However I think we all have had an enjoyable season.

Thanks go to: "The Green Team" for keeping the Green and surroundings in great shape; the ladies for all the baking, cooking and cleaning throughout the season - this is very much appreciated by all; Ethel for making 90% of the ties and selling the raffle tickets all year.

We will be back in the spring and hope for a good summer next year - anyone who would like to try bowling or are bowlers please get in touch with Secretary G.M. Rennie 01577 864727 as new members are very welcome.

Prize Winners:

	Winner	Runner-Up
S. Single Hand Presidents	I. Christophers	B. Paterson
Bess Hunter	P. Allcoat	F. McDonald
Gents Pairs	Jean Cousar	B. Paterson
	P. Allcoat	J. McGhee
	G. Rennie	J. Boyle
Ladies Pairs	Jean Cousar	S. Rennie
	B. Paterson	A. Bell
Renton	Jim Cousar	G.M. Rennie
Mixed Pairs	S. Rennie	Jean Cousar
	I. Christophers	Jim Cousar
Handicap	P. Allcoat	Jim Cousar
Montgomery	G.M. Rennie	B. Paterson
Barnes	G.M. Rennie	Jean Cousar
E. Ford	S. Rennie	Jean Cousar
J. Wallace	G.M. Rennie	I. Christophers
Waddell Ford	G.M. Rennie	K. Reay
Cowie Shield	J. Wilkie	B. Paterson
Tuesday League	J. Boyle	Jean Cousar
Wed. Night	S. Rennie	J. Mitchell
		D. Hague
		S. Stewart
G. Smith Cup	S. Rennie	B. Paterson
	F. McDonald	K. Reay
Gibson Triples	S. Rennie	G.M. Rennie
	Jim Boyle	B. Paterson
	M. Watson	M. Boyle
Ladies Champion	M. Boyle	B. Paterson
Gents Champion	G.M. Rennie	I. Christophers

Well done to everyone. Thanks again to sponsors throughout the season - Sidey Glaziers, Meiklem Drainage, Kinross Round Table and Nicholson Decorators. Watch this space for next season's happenings.

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Kinross Badminton Club

At the recent AGM, Bill MacDonald was re-elected President (yes, more comebacks than Frank Sinatra). The new Vice President is Stephen Ross, with Mark Moran as Secretary and Iain Coulter as Treasurer. Committee members are Alison Walker, Calum Graham, Don Edwards and Fiona Dunning. For information on the Junior and Primary Section, please phone 01592 840392 and for the Senior Section, 01577 862592. The Secretary's number is 01577 842239.



Kinross Squash Club

Membership fees are now due for the year 2007 - 2008. Fees have been held at £12 for adults.



Squash Club membership entitles you to play in the mini-leagues, the ladder and other Club adult and junior subsidised competitions and club nights. The club will also affiliate its Junior Section to Scottish Squash for 2007-08 to enable national and regional junior events to be held here.

The squash leagues are very healthy at the moment and we are currently running 6 leagues with 5 players in each league. Matches have to be completed in 5 weeks. If you wish to join please contact Peter Hookham by e-mail on petehook@compuserve.com and / or leave your name and telephone number on the squash notice board at the rear of the squash courts in Kinross Leisure Centre.

Last month's league winners were:

Premier league	Archie Melville
League 1	Peter Hookham
League 2	Fergus Dowds / John Myerscough
League 3	David McInroy / Alison Greenshields
League 4	Alister Johnston
League 5	David Sharman

Fossoway Tennis Club, Crook of Devon

Tournament results so far:

	Winner	Runner-Up
Ladies	Christine Austin	Mary Paterson
MacDonald Cup	Elizabeth Palmieri & Brian Black	Christine Austin & Andy Bowman
Doubles	Martin Grant & Brian Black	Christine Austin & Pete McLellan
Minis	Ella Maine	Shaw Grant

The Annual Prizegiving and AGM will be held at The Stables, Crook of Devon on **Friday 9 November** at 7pm to which all members are invited. Usual complimentary drink, tasty food, silly games and fabulous raffle! Please come along if you can manage (we promise the AGM won't last long!!)

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

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Kinross Cricket Club



2007 has been an historic year for Kinross Cricket Club. We built a new pavilion and cricket pitch and moved to our new ground at Kinross House in early April. Membership passed the 150 mark, a new ladies section of the club was formed, our Under 11 and under 15 teams remained unbeaten in all their matches, our Under 13 and U15 teams won both their respective Scottish Cup and Fife Junior League titles and last year's Under 13 team started the year by being named Perth & Kinross Sports Team of the Year for 2006 for their performance in winning our first Scottish Cup title in 2006.

Junior Awards Night was held recently at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross. Prizes were presented by Perth & Kinross Cricket Development Officer and former South African President's XI player, Andrew Lawson. The prize winners in each category are as follows:

Kwik Cricket Bronze Awards

Nicholas Baughan, Sally Weir, Patrick Moore, Lewis McLaren, Sam Law, Poppy Baird, Niall Baird, Gregor Malcolm, Luke Koronka, Toby Irwin, Emily Hewitt, Scott Wiltshire, Robert Watson, Madeleine Moore, Josh Cooney, Connor Cook, David Chalmers, Kyle Brouwer, Sophie Baird, Michael Starkey, Craig Lewis, Kirsty Pool

Winners: Sally Weir, Lewis McLaren, Toby Irwin, Niall Baird

Kwik Cricket Silver Awards

Duncan Lewis, Rory Mulhern, Andrew McRobert, Gavin Hay, Oliver Law, Hamish d'Ath, Katy Robson, Kirsty Clarke, Peter Rattray, Tommy Starkey, Fred Culley, Greg Lungley, Robin Scott-Gray, James Donaldson

Winner: Fred Culley

Kwik Cricket Gold Awards

James Hay, Calum Macdonald, Callum Purves, Alexandra Galloway, Ewan Doig, Jamie Alexander, Andrew Jack, Mark Cathro, Hamish Gillanders, Fraser Hammond, Felix Principe Gillespie, Lori Kellett, Gregor Stewart, Robert Tree, Benjamin Smedley, Sam Megginson, Simon Cook, Kieron Treanor, Zoe Conway

Winner: Robert Tree

Inter Cricket Skills Award

Adam Shannon, Benjamin Collins, Jack Finnie, Andrew Pool, Calum Weir, Cameron Prentice, James Cockburn, Alasdair Breasley, Nicholas Diston, Cameron McCracken

Winner: Calum Weir

Under 11 Awards

Under 11 Most improved player of the year: Jackson Brown

Under 11 Fielder of the year: Alasdair Breasley

Under 11 Bowler of the year: Martin Mackie

Under 11 Batsman of the year: Calum Weir

Under 13 Awards

Under 13 Most Improved: Grant Doig

Under 13 Fielder: Mark McLaren

Under 13 Bowler: Rory Weir

Under 13 Batsman: Nicholas Farrar

Under 15 Awards

Under 15 Most Improved: Murdo Nicoll, Chris James

Under 15 Bowler: Peter Ross

Under 15 Batsman: James Ross

Junior of the Year: JAMES ROSS

Sunday 7 October saw the first ever Kinross Ladies match against a very strong St Andrews University team. Kinross won the toss and chose to bowl first. Excellent bowling and fielding restricted St Andrews to 84 in their 20 overs and after tea Kinross went into bat. Our youthful inexperience showed as Kinross were eventually all out for 46. Whilst the ladies didn't manage to record a win there was enough skill displayed to be very encouraged for next season. The 2008 calendar is already filling up for the ladies with 8 confirmed fixtures.

The senior 1st XI needed a win in the final game of the league season to secure promotion into division 2 of the Strathmore league. Unfortunately, having had almost 3 weeks of unbroken sunshine, the final match was unable to be played due to rain. As an unplayed match is null & void, Kinross finished division 3 runners up for the second year running. The season had not completely finished however, with a final friendly game against league rivals Almond Valley. Junior player of the year James Ross batted number 3 and recorded the first ever 100 to be scored at Kinross House. James retired having reached 101 not out in a truly inspired innings.

Senior Awards night was held at the Green Hotel on Saturday 27 October. Over 50 players and friends attended the annual dinner. Head coach, John Ross, thanked everyone for their efforts through out the year and introduced a number of new developments for the club.

A preview of the 2008 Training DVD was shown. This is being produced by the club to provide junior players and their parents practise drills they can work on at home to improve their game. The recently launched Kinross Cricket Cast was also profiled. This is a downloadable podcast of the main things happening in the club and can be found on the club website www.kinrosscc.co.uk

After dinner the following award winners were named:

Fife Mid-Week League Awards

Mid Week League Batsman of the Year – Simon Lopez

Mid Week League Bowler of the Year – John Mooney

Fife Mid Week League Champions 2007 – Kinross CC

Batting Awards

Highest Batting Score 40 Overs – James Ross 101 not out

Highest Batting Score 20 Overs – Simon Lopez 54 not out

100 Award – James Ross 101 not out v Almond Valley

Annual Awards

John Stewart Trophy (Services to the club) – Anthony Drew
Richard Oldham Memorial – John Mooney (best bowling figures 6-29)

Batsman of the Year – Peter Ross (84 Average)

Bowler of the Year – Drew Weir

Fielder of the Year – Findlay Watt

Player of the Year – John Muncey

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Orwell Bowling Club

A glorious autumn day blessed our closing of the green game on 29 September. This took the usual form of Treasurer v Secretary, the former winning by a hefty margin. It was followed by a welcome bowl of steaming home-made soup, and hearty sandwiches provided by the stalwart ladies in the kitchen. The final of the Meldrum Cup Pairs was won by Harry Kinloch and Walter Hamilton. Now come on, all you younger folk out there: green bowling is NOT just for the "auld 'uns" - it demands tactical skills, precision and no small degree of strength. We have a resident coach, suitable bowls and shoes to lend, so why not think about coming along to have a go next season? You can come as a guest to begin with - watch this space for opening day in April 2008. You may surprise yourselves and enjoy it! Just phone the club on 01577 863739, and leave your name and number. We look forward to hearing from you.

Members, please remember the **Presentation Dance** on **Saturday 17 November** at 6.30pm.

Kinross Volleyball Club

The Perth & District Volleyball season began with the Recreational League Cup competition with four Kinross teams involved. Last year's winners, Kinross BB were pipped at the semi-final stage against local rivals Kintronics who went on to win the competition, defeating APTA in the final.

Kintronics also opened their Premier League campaign with one win and a narrow defeat. Kinross Scot Range had a free on the first set of Premier fixtures but they will be hoping to go one better than last season when they lost out on the league championship by one point.

In the opening fixtures of the Perth Recreational League there were three "local derby" games. The first match involved John Booth's Kinross BB when they played John Cameron's Kintronics. In the opening set Kintronics were leading 16-14 but a run of points from the BB side saw them run out overall winners 25-20; 20-17.

The other local derby involved Peter Eade's Kinross BGB and Craig Donaldson's Scotrange II. The first set saw the Boys and Girls Brigade dominate to win 25-18 but the second set was a more close fought affair with the Brigade side eventually winning by the same score as the first set. Kintronics also played Scotrange II and it was Kintronics who were victors with a 25-17; 25-18 win.

With six teams operating from Kinross this season there has never been a better time to become involved in your local club. Junior training takes place on Monday evenings at Kinross High School games hall from 8 until 9 pm with adult training operating from 9 until 10 pm. New members always welcome - 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).

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Kinross Curling School



Steven Kerr, ice rink manager at the Green Hotel, gave a very interesting and in-depth presentation on how to make curling ice. While keeping it light hearted, he showed the audience of around fifty curler just how much hard work he and his staff put in to preparing the ice for the start of the season, and then to maintain that standard throughout: a most enjoyable and knowledgeable evening.

Kinross Curling School's next course is the **Intermediate** on **Saturday 10 November**. It is for all club members who wish to improve their delivery, or need help in other aspects of their game.

Curling Clinics. We have held a couple of our curling clinics already, which have been well attended. The next ones are:

Friday 16 November 5.45pm Curling stick (cue)

Thursday 22 November 10.00am Handles and Angles

RCCC, with the help of KCS, are running a **Masterclass** session on **Friday 28 December** for coaches and curlers. This will be a tremendous day for any club curler who wants to know more about split timing, delivery and how to play the correct weight etc, all coached by some of the top coaches in Scotland. Rhona Martin, Olympic gold medalist will be there to answer your questions - a chance not to be missed, and all for only £30.00, which includes lunch.

To find out more about these courses, please read the posters scattered round the rink or for more information contact:

Ena Stevenson telephone 01383 850257

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Kinross Junior Curling Club



The season has just begun for Juniors aged 12-21 years. Meetings take place most Sundays from 5pm until 7.15pm at the ice rink in the Green Hotel. If you are interested in joining, please contact Secretary, Mrs June Geyer, e-mail june@jgeyer.freemove.co.uk

A Sports Dinner for Men and Women in aid of Kinross Junior Curling Club and charities will be held on **Friday 16 November** in the Green Hotel. Speakers will be Alan Duncan, veteran of Freuchie Cricket Club's 1985 Lord's victory and Alistair McCabe, Royal Caledonian Curling Club President 2006-7. The Master of Ceremonies will be Sam Mercer and the Auctioneer Alastair Logan. The cost is £35 per ticket, available from Mrs Linda Palmer Tel 01577 861628.

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Kinross Rugby Club



The new season is well under way now at KRFC and shows no signs of slowing up. It has been a testing time for both the first XV and second XV over the past two months, with both sides turning out full hearted performances. Unfortunately a few injuries and many players having other commitments has taken its toll and results could have been better. However we hope to see everyone back soon to help fight the cause. However that didn't stop the First XV picking up an impressive first victory of the season in the first round of the Scottish cup against a spirited Carnoustie. The front row led the way in the match with Euan Goudie and Keith Tolson scoring one try each and Kieron Methven notching the other two. The always trusty boot of Iain Spence help notch 3 out of the 4 conversion attempts to give a final score of Carnoustie - 6 Kinross - 26.

Future home fixtures to be played at the KGV Playing Fields (behind the Muirs):

1st XV

10 November V Waid Academy FP

17 November V Orkney

1 December V Crief and Strathearn

2nd XV

3 November V Lasswade 2nd XV

24 November V Stewarts Melville 2nd XV

1 December V Forresters 2nd XV

The club is as always on the look out for fresh talent and seasoned pros to bolster the ranks, so if you have just moved or returned to the area, even if you have never played before, come along and get involved. Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. Numbers have been good so far, so lets keep this up and we hope to see some of the missing faces back training. Alternatively, if training is a step too far, the second XV play every Saturday and are always keen to see new faces.

The clubhouse is still business as usual and is open all through the week and on Saturdays and Sundays for all your social needs, so come down. There is always something happening, the banter is always good and you can enjoy some of the cheapest beer in town. You can also check out www.kinross-rugby.com for all information and the latest goings on.

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Kinross Hockey Club

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Kinross Hockey club is a small friendly club and looking for a qualified coach and new players of any age and standard to have fun. We have a single team playing in East Division 2. We've a strong link with local schools via our youth team - the Kobras. So why not come along to training and meet the squad. Adults (14+) on Tuesdays 1930 - 2100 or Kobras (10-14 years) on Thursdays 1800 - 1900.

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Do you go out running? Perhaps you run to help weight loss, to get fit, to help unwind? KINROSS ROAD RUNNERS NEEDS YOU! We have something for everyone.



We are a mixed bunch of men and women and are certainly not super fast athletes. We just enjoy running. Why not come along to one of our Wednesday night sessions? We meet in the health centre car park near Loch Leven Leisure Centre at 7pm and finish around 8pm. We look forward to seeing you. Please introduce yourself and let someone know that's it's your first session. If you cannot make our Wednesday sessions, we also have informal Sunday morning runs that start from the same place at 9am.

Kinross Road Runners are pleased to announce that they have been awarded an "Awards for All" grant. This will be used to buy large display timing clocks. These timing clocks will be used at club events and will also be available for hire to local clubs and societies. We also intend buying two large barriers to aid organisation at running events. These will also proudly promote Kinross Road Runners name and logo on the attached banner.

On Friday 19 September Kinross Road Runners had a social evening where 42 members and friends attended a splendid meal at Loch Leven Larder. Forthcoming club events include the Hartley Relay which takes place in Arbroath this year on 18 November and the Club Handicap on 16 December.

Eight members ran in the very popular Stirling 10km race on 16 September. The race is very well organised and is fully subscribed long before the day. Its popularity is due mainly to the fact that it is a relatively flat fast course. This year the race used electronic chip timing with sensors embedded in the race numbers worn by the competitors. The send off at the start was unusual as the runners left to the sound of the up tempo beat of a women's drumming

band. First club runner home was Steve Crawford in just under 38 mins. This was a personal best (PB) for Steve and a fine achievement although he has mentioned that a sub 36 is in his sights for next year. John Myerscough also achieved a PB by going under the 43 min mark whilst Andy Johns managed a very creditable 43 mins 23 secs despite having a broken toe.

On the weekend of 23 September, three Kinross Road Runners travelled to Anstruther for the "East Neuk" 10k which starts from Waid Academy. The race involves a very pleasant out and back route with occasional sea views and is mainly on traffic free tracks. Hazel Porter finished 47th in 42min 22sec to scoop the 3rd female prize whilst John Myerscough came in 75th and Sue Whistler came back from injury to qualify as the 3rd counter for Kinross Road Runners in a season's best of 53 min 47 sec.

On the same day, one member, Douglas Leach, travelled to "Linlithgow" to run the 10km. In a large field of nearly 500 runners Douglas made the journey well worth his while by finishing 74th in a PB of 41min 54 secs.

Meanwhile, one lady member, Isabelle Carmichael, went across the water to take part in the Prestonpans half marathon. She recorded a time of 1 hr 57mins 41 secs.

On 30 September, two ladies ventured south of the border to the Great North Run which is one of the largest half marathon events in Great Britain. The large field must have pulled them along as they were both rewarded with personal best times. A brilliant achievement from both ladies and just reward for all the miles of training they have put in over the year.

Ex club president Dave Houston and his wife Alison went northward for the Loch Ness 10km race and both posted respectable times finishing under 55 mins.

After a long lay off, Rashmi Shar came back to racing and entered the Pitlochry 10km. He finished in a fantastic time of under 40 mins.

Position	Name	Time
Stirling 10k		
55th	Stephen Crawford	37:58
79th	Roy Paterson	39:30
148th	John Myerscough	42:47
163th	Andrew Johns	43:23
235th	Roger Stark	46:01
347th	Geoff Bilton	49:21
440th	Isabella Carmichael	52:38
487th	Sue Whisler	54:29
Linlithgow 10k		
74th	Douglas Leitch	41:54

Position	Name	Time
East Neuk 10k		
47th	Hazel Porter	42:22
75th	John Myerscough	44:29
173rd	Sue Whisler	53:47
Prestonpans ½ Marathon		
120th	Isabella Carmichael	1:57:41
Ceres 8 miler		
32nd	Andy Johns	55:18
102nd	Sue Whisler	1:13:27
Great North Run ½ Marathon		
1691st	Judith Dobson	1:36:52
1838th	Trish Miln	1:37:34

Position	Name	Time
Dunbar 10 miler		
20th	Andy Johns	1:10:33
Baxters Loch Ness 10k		
637th	David Houston	53:10
748th	Alison Houston	54:34
Pitlochry 10k		
17th	Rashmi Shah	39:44
131st	Isabella Carmichael	52:19
Aviemore ½ Marathon		
90th	Andrew Johns	1:33:10
148th	Judith Dobson	1:37:45
388th	Isabella Carmichael	1:54:46
607th	Bill Noullan	2:10:53

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News from the Rurals

To celebrate the 90th Birthday of SWRI, the finals of their 'Ruralympics' will be held at Meadowbank Stadium in February.

The Kinross Group Heats will be held in Kinross Church Centre on 18 November at 2.30pm. Teams of four members will be most welcome to take part but must be confirmed at the Kinross Group Meeting to be held in The Institute, Crook of Devon, on Saturday 10 November at 2pm.

Congratulations to Milnathort SWRI, the second oldest Institute in Scotland, who celebrated their 90th Birthday in October, and to Muckhart SWRI and Cambo SWRI who also celebrated their 80th Birthdays in October.

CROOK OF DEVON - Mrs Margaret Arbuckle welcomed members and friends from other rurals to celebrate Crook of Devon's 80th Birthday.

We enjoyed a lovely meal at Muckhart Golf Club. Janette Allan, being the longest serving member, cut the cake. Entertainment was provided by "The Civil Folk". Isobel Mechan gave the vote of thanks.

CLEISH - President Margaret Kilpatrick welcomed members to the October meeting. As usual business was attended to, then our speaker, Mrs Frances Drysdale, shared with us her Shetland experience, telling us of her visits to the islands. She had delighted in discovering some of the history, birdlife, scenery and friendly people from Sumburgh to Muckle Flugga, shrouded in cloud. We were inspired to pay a visit ourselves, in spite of her account of the flight there. After Margaret Kilpatrick gave the vote of thanks, we enjoyed tea and the raffle.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Sandra Webster
Miniature Flower Arrangement	- Sandra Webster
Treacle Scones	- Marion Bisset

BISHOPSHIRE - Teresa and Trish demonstrated a variety of dishes using potatoes. There was a mixture of savoury and sweet things, and the members sampled them all for supper.

Competitions:

Folded napkin	- Avril Rogers
Pot of jam	- Brenda Bird

CARNBO - Members gathered at the Green Hotel, Kinross to celebrate their 80th birthday. They were welcomed by President Rosemary Hudson for an evening of fellowship and fine food. An excellent display of memorabilia was arranged by Miss Grace Paterson.

BLAIRINGONE - President Mary Ramsay presided at our October meeting in the Moubray Hall, Powmill.

A warm welcome was given to Mr & Mrs Crane who gave a most interesting talk and slide show on "The History of Saline Village".

Competitions:

Sausage Rolls	- Mary Croy
Flower of the Month	- Agnes Murray

POWMILL - New President Mrs Ruth Briscoe welcomed members and friends to the first meeting of the session on Wednesday 19 September. On completion of business items, Mrs Briscoe introduced Mrs Mary Wilson who gave a demonstration on cake icing and decoration with some very helpful tips. She also showed us how to crystallize fresh flowers for cake decoration.

Vote of thanks was given by Vice President Mrs M Thorn and a delicious tea was provided by Mrs J Buchanan and Mrs E Clark.

Mrs Briscoe also congratulated and thanked members on Powmill WRI's success at Kinross Show by winning the Benarty Trophy.

Competitions:

Jar of Blackcurrant Jelly	- Mrs R Briscoe
Holiday Souvenir	- Mrs E Johnston
Garden Gem	- Mrs J Mitchell

Vice-President Mrs Maz Thorn welcomed members to the meeting on 17 October. She then introduced geologist Dr Brendan Hamill who gave an extremely interesting and informative illustrated talk on the geology of Loch Leven and the surrounding area. He explained about the different types of rocks and rock formations in our area and also told us his theory on how the Loch Leven basin had evolved.

Mrs J Buchanan gave a well-deserved vote of thanks and a delicious supper was provided by Mrs L Heggie and Mrs E Johnston.

Dr Hamill very kindly judged the competitions and the results were as follows:

Three Rock Buns	- Mrs E Johnston
Halloween Decoration	- Mrs M Wilson
Garden Gem	- Mrs M Wilson

MILNATHORT - Our ladies were surprised by our entertainers this month - Bridge of Earn Belly Dancers! They were dressed beautifully in full costume and performed traditional Egyptian dances, then encouraged our ladies to participate, which they did with great enthusiasm.

Competitions:

Decorated belt	- L Douglas
Turkish delight	- Sheila Wardell
Flower of the Month	- L Douglas

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Out & About

Vane Farm



Hello folks, back again, was on me hols (aye a know whit holidays!!) at the last deadline so Miss Buchan kindly filled in, thanks Jayney. Anyway normal service has now been resumed, so yer stuck wi me again.

It is definitely turning more autumnal now with a wee chill in the air. This time of year is a good time to drag yersel oot o bed o a morning and watch the assembled hordes of Pinkfoot Geese rising from the loch at first light - an evocative sight, and indeed sound, of autumn in the area. The ither option, if ye slept in, is tae watch them comin back in at dusk - one o natures joys, whatever version ye choose. We had 16,300 around the loch on a recent count, so plenty to choose from. Another recent count produced 207 whooper swans on the loch which can be seen from our new cctv cameras in the centre. Come along and have a play about wi the joystick and see whit ye kin see.

We have cut the bonny bumblebee meadow across the road from the centre in case ye were wonderin where it had gone. This is a normal thing to do after the plants have gone over a bit and will ensure that we have a nice show of flowers fur next year; keep yer cameras at the ready.

Oor we pal Egbert has still decided not to grace us with his presence thus far but we are ever hopeful that he will show up some day soon. It was around Christmas that he appeared the first year he came, so still plenty time. We have heard reports of several Little Egrets up in the Montrose area, so maybes he has fund hissell a laydee or indeed a man if he/she was a laydee? Still wi me, cos am lost noo!! So good luck tae the wee guy, wherever he is - "haste ye back".

Centre type stuff noo. Our current crop of field teachers decided since it was oor 40th anniversary tae have a wee reunion perty for past teachers. Past and present congregatit at Vane fur a guid blether. Loads o reminiscing, lookin at auld photies, trying tae work oot who did whit when etc. A bit o eatin n stuff like that. According to effer perty reports naebody got oot o hand or did onything outrageous, not the kind o thing we wid expect from wur teaching ladies.....eh aye!! (See also page 6)

Jayney B., she of the smiley face and part time news reporter ilk, has decided tae leave us tae go n work fur the guide dugs and by the time you read this will have departit. So guid luck to her in her new career. We will miss her madness (aye ok, pot, kettle, black) around the place and her happy smile. Keep in touch, Miss Buchan.

Our next event will be an **"Optics Weekend"** over the weekend of **10 and 11 November**, 10am to 4.30pm both days so come along and hey a gander.

Ta ta till next month, the month of yule, aagghhh scary!!

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



It's been a busy month at Loch Leven, not least with the return of at least 15,000 pink-footed geese from their breeding grounds in Iceland. This is a unique annual spectacle for the area, and mustn't (indeed, cannot!) be missed. The build up of waterfowl during autumn also includes increased numbers of teal, shoveler, pintail and whooper swan so life on the loch is currently reaching peak levels of activity. The scheduled dawn goose watches in October are set to be popular events, and we hope that people enjoy the experience. Other species recently seen around the reserve include red-throated diver, arctic tern, ruff, knot, little stint, long-tailed duck and a genuinely vagrant canada goose. News of any other rarities spotted around the loch are most welcome here at the pier.

Elsewhere, recent voluntary involvement on the loch has included the creation of a new reed bed habitat around the site of the old Burleigh hide, preceding the proposed replacement hide, which we hope to have in place by next spring. A core group of volunteers has been established following this group activity, and plans involving future volunteer events will be discussed at the forth-coming core group meeting. Anyone interested in joining this core group and attending the volunteers' meeting should please contact the reserve office on 01577 864439.

A Fungi Foray was held this month to investigate the emergence of mushroom species in Levenmouth woods. Reserve staff teamed up with Tony Wilson from the Fiè Ranger Service for this event, which proved extremely popular with all those present. Subsequently, another foray later in the season is being scheduled for the end of the season. Any interest in this, possibly the last chance to investigate fungi for the year, should, again, contact the reserve office on the aforementioned number.

The Loch Leven Heritage Trail project is in the process of installing a bridge across the River Leven ahead of the opening of Phase 2 of the project. This will see the path from Levenmouth woods to Findatie open and accessible to the public. We advise that those wishing to take access to Levenmouth take note of the Local Access Guidance produced and made available at various distribution posts throughout the reserve. Please remember that this is a sensitive part of the NNR, so please keep your dogs under close control, i.e. at heel or on a lead. We have a bird hide overlooking the pools for those interested in enjoying this secluded area while minimising their own level of disturbance. The pools at Levenmouth can be a great place to watch wildfowl at all times of the year, with breeding shoveler using it in the Spring and migratory wildfowl flocks using it during the autumn and winter.

Paul

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Farming



Multiplication

As farmers, you might expect our family to be keen gardeners; it seems, however, that we do not possess the right skills and enthusiasm to keep our farmhouse garden in perfect order. At best we manage a weekly cut of the grass during summer and a quick tidy round in the autumn. We do have a rather large yard at our back door and this year I have managed to fill the area with tubs full of a variety of shrubs, bulbs and trailing plants. The children were quick to spot this change and asked to join in. We gave each of them half an empty oil drum with the top edge carefully folded over to prevent accidents. Then out came the paintbrushes to decorate each barrel in bright colours. Daddy then had to drill some holes in the bottom to allow free drainage, then we all helped to fill with a layer of gravel and then some topsoil mixed with compost. I have to admit that this bit was the most effort. It took us most of the Easter holidays to prepare three barrels ready for planting. Then came the easy bit: one packet of carrot seeds, a few turnip seeds from the next-door farmer and six seed potatoes. Planting took a matter of minutes. With little of experience of the perils of root vegetable growing, the three barrels were left to grow without fertiliser or sprays. The kids were very willing to water the plants all summer, usually having a good water fight while they were at it.

So when it came to the recent October break from school, it was easy to explain where the name "tattie holidays" had originated. We had been testing the carrots on a regular basis to see how they were growing and adding them to salads. We did not manage to produce long plump specimens like we are used to picking up from the supermarket but we were pleased that our carrots were tasty and some had grown to about 10cm long. The turnips may have suffered from being planted too close to each other or maybe from an insect attacking their leaves, so they reached tennis ball size. Once you have removed the outer skin, a small chunk remains to add to the soup. Most satisfaction came from growing the potatoes. Loosening the soil then digging in with our hands, we removed 55 potatoes from the barrel, just over nine times as many as we had planted. Thankfully the potatoes had not been affected by blight, which can damage the skin, leaving it spotty and hard, nor did we have any disease within the tuber itself - just potatoes requiring a quick wash under the tap and boiling for 20 minutes. We cooked our produce that night and enjoyed it with some local beef; we reckoned the food miles on the table were less than five that evening and there were clean plates all round.

As I pointed out to the children, the three barrels of vegetables fed our family for a couple of evenings. If we were to contemplate growing enough food from our garden to feed us for the winter, that would require digging over our nice green lawn and losing the space where the climbing frame and swing are situated. Our summer would be spent weeding, thinning and watering and we would have to use some sprays to prevent our food from being lost to insects and pests. We all agree growing vegetables on a small scale was lots of fun but we will leave the rest to the experts.

And next time we are stuck behind a tractor carting potatoes through Kinross? We are not going to moan that it will make us late for swimming lessons but instead just be grateful that the supply of potatoes is plentiful. Enough to keep us going in crisps at playtime!

Fiona

Weather



September Weather Report From Carnbo

September was a much drier and settled month than the previous three Summer months, the only fly in the ointment was the sudden drop in temperature towards the end of the month, this leading to ground and air frost being recorded much earlier than in recent years.

Rainfall for month 66 mm (66% of normal)

Heaviest fall 21 mm (16th)

Highest temperature 21°C (5th)

Lowest temperature -1°C (18h)

Average temperature 13°C

1 day with a maximum above 20°C

4 days with a maximum below 10°C

Ground frost recorded 5 nights

Air frost recorded 1 night

Thunder not recorded



Autumn scene: fallen leaves carpet the ground near Rumbling Bridge

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Congratulations



AILEEN SMITH, formerly of 92 Muirs, Kinross and **JONAS CEDERWALL**, Stockholm, Sweden announced their engagement on 1 October. The wedding will take place in March 2008.

Patricia and David Shearer **PAYNE** are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter **SHOENA** to **JUSTIN FRYER** of Durban, South Africa.

DEBBIE EMSLIE and **TYLER CLINTON** were married on 27 April 2007 in Portland, Oregon, USA.

DIANE THOMSON, formerly of Templeton, Cleish and **JAMES DUFFUS** of Ellon were married at Fyvie Castle, Aberdeen on 13 July 2007.

CHRIS BURKINSHAW and **BEATA KUKIELA** were married on 22 September 2007 in Lowicz, Poland.

George and Carol **HUTT**, Tom Thumb Cottage, Cambo are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter, **NICOLA** to **ROBERT ALLAN**, eldest son of Rosemary on Saturday 29 September at Orwell Church, Milnathort.

Chris and Cath **DEVANNY**, Milnathort are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, **JACK LENNOX** on 1st October 2007.

Congratulations to Liam and Fiona **SMITH** (formerly 92 Muirs, Kinross, now Neilston, Glasgow) on the birth of a daughter, **CAMERON ZOE**, on 10 October 2007.

LIAM McGOURTY, a former pupil of Kinross Primary and High Schools, has graduated from Heriot-Watt University with a Master of Engineering in Electrical and Photonic Engineering.

SIÁN MCGREGOR, formerly of Kinnesswood, now Glasgow, has graduated with a BA Sociology from University of Stirling. Congratulations from all the family.

STEPHANIE MCGREGOR of Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood has graduated with a BA Child and Youth studies from the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI Millenium Institute), Perth college campus. Congratulations from all the family.

At the Scottish Junior Solo Piping Championship, **ANDREW McPHEE** of Kinross achieved third place in the Scottish Junior Champion (13-16) section. Pipers taking part came from across Britain, Ireland and Canada.

MARK McLAREN (12) of Kinross, a pupil at Dollar Academy, has been awarded 1st prize in the Royal Highland Education Trust's Gate to Plate competition, which he took part in during the summer at one of the area's agricultural shows. The Trust provides resources for use in schools to help educate children in food, farming and the countryside.

KAYLEIGH and **VICKI REID** from Kinross Otters were both 3rd in the Scottish aquathlon series. Kayleigh was in the 13/14 age group and Vicki in the 9/10 age group. This involved participating in at least three events plus the final championship event. **CAMERON MILNE** from Kinross was 1st in the 13/14 boys and **GREGOR MALCOLM** of Milnathort won the 8-year old boys.

ANN SMART from Cambusbarron passed her grade 8 piano exam (Associated Board) with distinction, and also won the Alice Calder Memorial prize for gaining the highest mark in grade 8 (piano) for the year. Congratulations also to **MICHAEL WILSON** of Muckart, a first year at Kinross High School, who has been offered a place in the "Youthworks" course at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama – a course for pupils with exceptional musical talent. Both Ann and Michael are pupils of Anthony J Foote, LRAM.

CATRIONA CHILD, formerly of Kinross but now residing in Edinburgh, has won a writing competition run by the Sunday Herald and sponsored by anCnoc whisky. The challenge was to write a blog about modern Scotland and Catriona's winning entry was about the characters she sees from her tenement flat window in Edinburgh. By winning the first prize, Catriona and her partner will now enjoy a night out at a top restaurant in Edinburgh and be able to sample a selection of anCnoc's single malts. Catriona will also attend a creative writing course run by one of Scotland's top authors.

CAROLINE FLORY has achieved Certification from the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals. This process involves long term employment in libraries and life long learning as well as demonstration of skills and abilities to a CILIP panel. The portfolio was described as "impressive and well organized" and was "a pleasure to read". Caroline is now entitled to use the post nominal letters ACLIP which is probably what I will get around the ear when she sees I have put this in the newsletter – *Derek Flory*. Caroline works in the local Kinross library.

PORTMOAK PRIMARY SCHOOL has been highly praised by HM Inspectors of Education in a recently published inspection report covering key aspects of the work of the school at all stages. Among the many notable points made were the school's effectiveness in identifying and meeting pupils' needs and the high standards of reading, writing and mathematics, with many pupils attaining national standards earlier than expected. Parents and pupils were happy with the school's work and pupils enjoyed being there.

Pupils and staff of **STRATHALLAN SCHOOL**, in a concert in Kinross Parish Church, raised £521 in ticket sales for the church's Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal for the Sangalala Fund to build a maize mill in Malawi.

Thanks



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JEANETTE FLETCHER: I would like to thank all my friends and family for the surprise 60th birthday party they held for me at the Masonic Lodge on Saturday 20th October, and also for all the kind gifts I received. A lot of hard work went into all the arrangements to make it a very memorable evening, for which I am very grateful.

Kinross Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church Church of Scotland

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November

- Sun 4** 10.30am Service led by John Munro. Elaine Duncan, Chief Executive of Scottish Bible Society, will preach. Informal Communion.
- Sun 11** Remembrance Sunday.
10.00am Youth Service led by Marion Keston and John Munro.
11.00am Parade at the War Memorial.
11.15am Service in Kinross Parish Church, led by John Munro.
- Sun 18** 10.30am Service led by John Munro.
- Sun 25** 10.30am Service led by John Munro.

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: helenacant@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)

Kinross-shire Churches Together COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The annual Community Christmas Celebration is to be held at 3pm on **Sunday 9 December** in the Assembly Hall of Kinross High School.

The event will last just over the hour, and will include contributions from the combined church choirs and Milnathort Primary School Choir; and from the High School, readings by pupils and a performance by the string group. The celebration will be led by St Paul's Church this year, and the doors will be open at 2.30pm. All are very welcome. There will be a retiring plate for a Christmas charity.

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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

- 4 Nov** Communion at Portmoak
11 Nov Remembrance Day Services
17 Nov Christmas Bazaar – 2-4pm Milnathort Town Hall
2 Dec Communion at Orwell

Kinross Gospel Hall Montgomery Street, Kinross

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.00pm	Sunday School
	5.45pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
	7.15pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6.30pm	Children's Club (term time)

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November Services

- Thu 1** All Saints Day, 10.30am, Holy Communion.
- Sun 4** 4th before Advent, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
- Wed 7** 10.30am, Service of Prayer for healing with Holy Communion.
- Sun 11** Remembrance Day, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
10.55am, Silence and Prayer.
11.10am, Holy Communion
No Sunday School on this day
- Sun 18** 2nd before Advent, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 25** Christ the King, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
(Children to bring gifts of toys to others)

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.

Cleish Parish Church**Church of Scotland**

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Sunday Services	11.15am
Crèche	11.15am
Junior Church	11.15am

November

Sun 4	11.15am	"God in all Things"
Sun 11	11.15am	Remembrance Sunday Worship
Sun 18	11.15am	Preacher: Rev. David Reid
Sun 25	11.15am	Sacrament of Lord's Supper

Sunday 4 November 7.30pm - Cleish Church: Combined Choirs concert.

Monday 27 November 7.15pm - Cleish Guild - Coffee Evening.

Fossoway Parish Church**Church of Scotland**

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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

November

Sun 4	9.45am	"God in all Things"
Sun 11	9.30am	Remembrance Sunday Worship *held in the Institute/village Hall
	10am	Laying of wreaths.
Sun 18	9.45am	Preacher: Rev. David Reid
Sun 25	9.45am	Sacrament of Lord's Supper. 3pm-3.30pm Communion service for housebound & their families.

Tuesday 27 November 2pm - Women's Group.

Mondays 3-4pm - Children's Yoga - church hall

Tuesdays 7.30pm - Church Choir "Rock Nativity" rehearsals in church hall.

Fridays 9.30am - Tots Music - church hall.

Housegroup/Bible Study group - contact Margaret Hamblin (01577 850252)

***Please note that Remembrance Sunday Worship will take place this year in the Institute Hall, Crook of Devon, at 9.30am on Sunday 11 November. Thereafter worship will conclude at the cenotaph where wreaths will be placed in thanksgiving and remembrance. Refreshments will be served in the Institute Hall at the close of worship.**

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Ken McCaffrey Telephone: (01577) 863329

Website: www.stjameskinross.co.uk

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.

Obituary

NANCY McKEE, Westhall, Kinross died suddenly but peacefully at home on 17 September 2007. Nancy was born in Westhall 71 years ago and was a familiar figure in Kinross. She had time for everyone, was always interested in their families and ready to listen. Always cheery, Nancy was uncomplaining in spite of the illness which dogged her for the last two years.

Nancy worshipped at the Gospel Hall in Montgomery Street. The Fellowship was founded in Kinross by her grandfather John Martin and the hall, which was completed in 1928, was built by her father Bobby. The McKee family have worshipped there for almost 80 years.

Nancy loved children and was very active in the children's work and in the Sunday School. The children in turn loved her.

She was a dear and loving niece, aunt, great aunt, cousin and friend. She was predeceased by her younger sister Moira, whom she also loved dearly.

Kinross will be an emptier place without Nancy.

Acknowledgements

McKEE - The family and close friends of Nancy McKee would like to thank everyone for their kindness in sending cards and letters following their recent bereavement. Thanks also to Dr Richmond, Gill Balfour, Lynne Heggie and all the district nurses and carers, the staff of Ward 26 at Ninewells Hospital, Stewart Funeral Directors and all who paid their last respects at Kinross Parish Church and the North Cemetery.

ELMA (ELIZABETH) GIBSON - Mhairi, Niall, Katrina, Alan and David wish to thank all neighbours and friends who supported them and expressed kindness and sympathy in their recent bereavement. A special thanks to Jill Balfour (District Nurse) and her colleagues who nursed Elma and helped the family support her in her last few days. Thanks also to Edith, Jan and "the other" Elma for their visits and kindness and to the Rev John Munro for his support, kindness and comforting service. A collection in aid of The British Heart Foundation was held at the end of the service.

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Looking for Contact Details?

For listings of local clubs, businesses, public services and more, visit **www.kinross.cc**

Playgroups & Nurseries

PORTMOAK UNDER 5's

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

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

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

Contact Gillian McCloskey 01577 861525
Venue - Portmoak village hall

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact - Lesley 01577 865191

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



SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacre.co.uk



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

Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.00-11.30am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

Storycraft Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Storytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

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

GLENFARG VILLAGE PLAYSCHOOL



Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

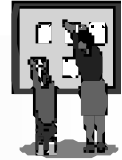
Come and make some new friends and enjoy a balanced morning of play, fun and learning!

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

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

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

Please hand in filled boxes in to Common Grounds or 99 Lathro Park by **Friday 9 November**. If you can spare a few hours to help check and pack the boxes, this would be much appreciated.

Date: **Fri 9 November 7pm - 9pm**

Sat 10 November 10am - 4pm

Place: Cleish Village Hall

(please ring me if you need transport)

Tea and coffee will be available both days and home made soup on Saturday.

Pat Payne 01577 862715

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!!!

Please come and support this event.

Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Christian Aid

As the Milnathort Christian aid contact, I would like to let you know about the forthcoming Scottish supporters' conference, which will be held on **Saturday 17 November**, from 9.30 to 16.00 at the Murrayfield Parish Church Centre, Ormidale Terrace, Edinburgh. The conference is an ideal venue to share ideas, learn about Christian aid climate change campaign and fundraising as well as hearing from the Rt Rev Brian Smith and John Barret MP. Together, we can make a difference.

Margaret Caldwell

Orwell Bowling Club BINGO TEA

Monday 5 November
7.30pm

Entry £1 including refreshments

Bring your own cup please

POSTCARD, STAMP & COLLECTORS FAIR

Church Centre, 10 am to 4 pm
Saturday 17 November

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.

- 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.**

Ross 2000

Annual General Meeting

will be held at 70 Muirs, Kinross
at 8.15 pm on

Tuesday 27 November



Children's Hospice Association Scotland

Charity No SC 019724. www.chas.org.uk

CHAS Charity Shops: Visit CHAS Bazaar at 88 High Street for great bargains in their exciting autumn/winter range of coats, knitwear and boots. At Bazaar 2 explore their wide selection of autumn and winter reading and pick up a bargain from their treasure trove of collectables.

CHAS Gift Shop: Over 40 designs of CHAS Christmas cards are now on sale at the CHAS Gift Shop as well as many quality gift ideas for all the family for under £10

Sunday Opening: CHAS Gift Shop will be open for festive shopping and refreshments on the following Sundays: **25 November, 2 December and 9 December**, from 12 until 4pm

CHAS Bazaars 76 and 88 High Street, Kinross, tel 01577 861380. Opening hours 9.30am to 5pm Mon to Sat.

CHAS Gift Shop, 23 Avenue Road, Kinross, tel 01577 865557. Opening hours 10am to 5pm Mon to Sat.

Volunteering for CHAS: If you would like to know more about volunteering in the CHAS Shops or mail order, please contact Frances Todd on 01577 865557 or Liz Aitken on 01577 861830.

Kinross Floral Art Club

Coffee Evening

Thursday 22 November

"Christmas Magic" by Jo Goldworthy at 7.15pm

Church Centre, Kinross
Entry £5. Tombola stall

Children 1st CHRISTMAS FAIR



Lethangie, Wednesday 21 November

9.30am to 3pm

Christmas Stalls

Refreshments

Lodge St Serf No 327

November

Tue 6th

Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.
Nomination and Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing twelve months.

Sun 11th

Armistice Day Parade: Assemble in lane at west side of Parish Church at 10.40am for march to Cenotaph. Members of the community taking part in the Parade are invited by Lodge St Serf No 327 to the Masonic Hall following the ceremony where refreshments will be served.

Sat 17th

The return of Perth band **Face2Face** who once again have agreed to come along at a greatly reduced fee to raise funds for local good causes. Tickets costing £5.00 are available on either 01577 863298 or 07796797138 after 6pm. Donations for raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Tue 20th

Regular Meeting at 7.15 pm.



SPORTS DINNER

in aid of Kinross Junior Curling Club and charities

FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER

The Green Hotel, Kinross

Tickets £35 from Mrs Linda Palmer 01577 861628
(See also Sport, page 26)

Kinross-Shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme



would like to give advance notice of their

BURNS SUPPER

which will be held on **Monday 21 January 2008**
in the Windlestrae Hotel

Local Pension Service

The Pension Service offers a free form completion service for State Benefits covering the 60 plus age group. They can also carry out a full check to ensure those people aged over 60 are receiving their correct entitlement to State Benefits. The Pension Service can check entitlement for the following benefits: Winter Fuel Payments, Attendance Allowance, Pension Credit, Social Fund, Age-Related payments, Disability Living Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Bereavement Benefit, Help with NHS Costs.

To arrange a home visit from Local Pension Service staff (based in Perth) to make sure you are not missing out on money that is rightfully yours, phone 01738 412105.

LADIES NIGHT

Tuesday 20 November

Portmoak Hall, 7pm

Ladies, come along and enjoy pampering sessions: Virgin Vie, Avon, jewellery and much more.

Cookery Demonstration by

Pampered Chef (limited places)

Ticket price includes Wine and Mincemeat Pie

All proceeds go to "Emma's Yellow Fund"

Tickets available from Kinnesswood Post Office

Friends of Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade COFFEE MORNING

Church Centre, Kinross

10am – 12 noon

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

Cake Stall

Raffle

Bottle Stall

Fair Trade Goods (Kinross High School Fair Trade Group)

CHAS Christmas Cards and Gifts

Music by Members of the Brigade and any members of the public who would like to take part

Are you Being Served?

Be sure to say "I'm Free" to put these dates in your diary. On 5, 6 and 7 December, following on from the widely acclaimed sell out performances of Jeremy Croft and David Lloyd's popular stage production of 'Allo, Allo', **The Orwell Dramatic Society** are proud to present another play by that formidable team of scriptwriters.

'Are You Being Served?' is a delightfully funny play based on the very popular television series of the same name. Full of innuendo, double entendre and rapier wit, it is nevertheless all good clean fun for the whole family and should prove a worthy challenge to the very talented cast and crew many of whom appeared in 'Allo Allo'.

Tickets are available from cast members, the society secretary Ian Salmon on 01577 830448 and the director Caroline Flory on 01577 865103. Tickets will also be available from selected outlets in Kinross and Milnathort, details of which will be on the posters. Tickets are priced at £7 and £5 for concessions.

Performances will take place at Kinross High School at 7pm on **5, 6 and 7 December**.

Blythswood Care

Somerfield's Car Park

20 November between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club CHARITY CONCERT

with the East Fife Male Voice Choir
in Kinross Parish Church

Friday 23 November at 7.30pm

All tickets £5.00

In aid of Kinross Day Centre

Kinross Floral Art Club

Thursday 13 December

"Snowflakes and Fairy lights" by Avril Aitkin

at 7.15pm

at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

Kinross Community Councillors

Susan Bathgate	42 High Street	864742
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For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

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: fcoffice@btinternet.com

Recycling of Waste Paper

P & KC Kerbside Collections

Kinross, Milnathort & Glenfarg

Thursday 8 November

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.

Mobile Library, Milnathort

Every Second Wed - next visits 7, 21 November

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

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mbs@scott21.fife.co.uk

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

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Milnathort: Chair: Mr J Giacobazzi (01577) 864025

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Portmouk: Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

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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 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 November 2007

Elderberries	Monday	5	12	19	26		1.30 pm
Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	6	13	20	27	10.30 am	
Bingo	Tuesday	6	13	20	27		1.30 pm
Morning Service	Wednesday	7	14	21	28	10.45 am	
Quiz Afternoon	Wednesday	7	14	21	28		1.30 pm
Art Class	Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	1.30 pm
Film Afternoon	Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	1.30 pm
Scrabble	Friday	2	9	16	23	30	1.30 pm

Day trips to be arranged



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

Telephone: 01577 863869



LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm

Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219



Local School Holidays and In-Service Days

Main Holidays

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

Kinross Recycling Centre Bridgend Industrial Estate

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

Opening Times

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

Crossword Answers

ACROSS

1. cryptograph
6. paprika
7. lot
9. rage
11. enigma
13. sudoku
14. polo
16. lee
17. maximum
19. responsible

DOWN

2. yap
3. thin
4. granny
5. allegro
6. parasol
8. tearoom
10. gadgets
12. akimbo
15. axis
18. mob

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