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# Letters



## Editorial

### Loch Leven Heritage Trail

Last December we reported on the first turf of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail being cut. Twelve months on and there are two sections of the trail open, giving a total of six miles of wheelchair- and cycle-friendly paths to enjoy around our beautiful lochside.

**Leaflet:** The opening ceremony of phase two took place in early November, and a leaflet showing the new part of the trail was supposed to be included with each issue of the November Newsletter. Unfortunately, we did not receive sufficient quantities of the leaflet, so some Newsletters did not contain one. Apologies to anyone who was disappointed. If you want to pick up one of the leaflets (produced by TRACKS), the following places should have some: Robertson's of Milnathort, Loch Leven's Larder, Lochend Farm Café, RSPB Vane Farm, SNH Kinross, Newsplus Newsagent in Kinross, Le Jardin Café at Dobbies and the Green Hotel.

### Next Newsletter Issue

Just another reminder that the next Newsletter deadline will seem "early" in the month, when it falls on 14 January. That's because the next issue is a joint January/February issue and will be published on 26 January.

### Seasonal Wishes

Thank you for all the positive comments and encouraging remarks we have received about the Newsletter over the past year.

The editorial team of the Newsletter would like to wish all readers, contributors, advertisers and stockists a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year.

### 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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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.

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Cllr = Councillor  
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## Christmas Greetings

11.11.07

May I, through the Newsletter, thank the Editorial Team for a very good Newsletter and take this opportunity to wish all readers A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2008.

Councillor Kathleen Baird

## Be part of the Great Daffodil Appeal 2008

5.11.07

I am writing on behalf of all the Marie Curie Nurses in the area to appeal for your readers' help to make a difference to families coping with cancer. We really need people in Kinross to take a box of our daffodil pins into their workplace to 'sell' for our Great Daffodil Appeal during February and/or March 2008.

The Great Daffodil Appeal is Marie Curie Cancer Care's biggest annual fundraising event and takes place throughout March. In this month we aim to get everyone across the UK to give donations for daffodil badges and wear them with dignity, and as it will be Marie Curie Cancer Care's 60th anniversary year, we would like your help to make it the best year ever.

The Appeal is supported by Yellow Pages, which means funds raised go straight towards placing more Marie Curie Nurses to look after people with terminal cancer in their own homes.

Would you be able to take one of our boxes of daffodils for us at your work place? Each box contains around 50 daffodil pins, each of which is 'sold' for a suggested donation of £1. And every donation made for a daffodil means more expert home nursing care is provided free of charge.

In addition to the daffodil boxes our fundraisers require help with collections and events to support the appeal. Be part of the Great Daffodil Appeal and turn a couple of hours into hours of home nursing care.

We would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who can help us as soon as possible. I apologise for the short notice, but we would love to know within a couple of weeks. If you are interested in helping, please phone Dehra Orme 0131 456 3727, or email [dehra.orme@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:dehra.orme@mariecurie.org.uk) with your name, the name of the business and an address to which to send the box.

Thank you for your help. You will really be making a valuable difference.

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**Fireworks****17.11.07**

Following Guy Fawkes night, I feel compelled to write regarding the total lack of consideration of some firework users. I, like many others, like to see a good display but only under the correct control and in a safe location. However, in a town setting fireworks are inappropriate. These things are discharged without any consideration to where or on whom they will land. After the weekend of the 5th I collected eleven spent fireworks, mostly rocket types from the area around the house. Roof – 2, garden – 2 and drive – 7. Those in the drive fell by luck between my neighbour's and my car. Had they damaged property or cars who would have been responsible? It is certainly not an act of God. And how can a responsible person take reasonable steps to prevent any damage? If I went to someone's garden and dumped a pile of spent fireworks, ie rubbish, I would be charged by the police, so what is the difference here if they are fired into the air first?

Gardens are not the only issue, as fireworks land indiscriminately on roads and pavements distracting drivers and pedestrians alike.

As fireworks are getting larger it must be time to get them banned except for organised displays in safe locations.

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**North Cemetery****11.11.07**

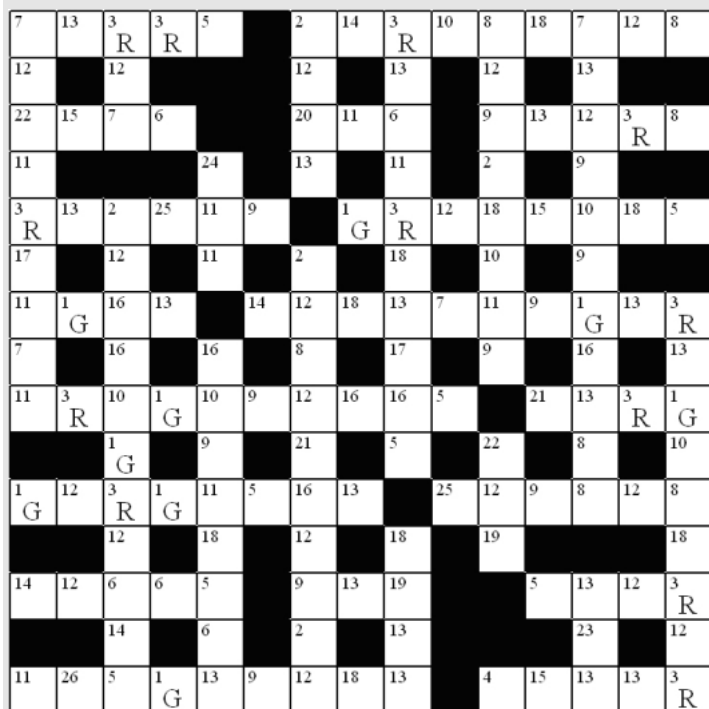
I wish to respond to a letter in last month's Newsletter regarding the condition of the North Cemetery in Kinross. The author of the letter was obviously concerned and I, as one of the local Councillors, immediately on reading the article contacted the appropriate Council officer to try and find out more about the concerns. The author had concerns about uneven lairs; the response from the Council was as follows:

Uneven lairs are an inevitable result of the gradual processes which occur below ground in all burial grounds. The lairs are only re-levelled if they sink within a short time of an interment or if they become a hazard or cause a problem for grass cutting. There are several lairs requiring re-levelling; however, sometimes family members are concerned if they find the turf has been disturbed on their family lair. In most cases the Council respond to people's requests unless the above criteria are met.

Perth & Kinross Council has 143 burial grounds and the North Cemetery is quite busy and has had considerable investment over the past two years, namely new memorial benches, Cherry trees planted, resurfaced main path, repaired and repainted gates, overgrown trees removed, below-ground drainage installed, new concrete plinths to ensure headstones are erected more securely and rabbit proofing at the far end of the cemetery.

I also contacted the grounds maintenance team and was told that they work to the agreed standard for all burial grounds in Perth & Kinross which is grass cut, not lifted, edges are not cut. I hope I have been able to answer the author's concerns. It is difficult to compare one local authority with another and therefore would be happy to discuss any specific concerns with G Martin, Arbroath.

Councillor Kathleen Baird  
Easter Clunie, Newburgh

**CHRISTMAS CODEWORD PUZZLE**

Codewords are crosswords with no clues! Instead, every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number representing the same letter throughout the puzzle.

All you have to do is decide which letter is represented by which number!

To start you off, we have revealed the codes for two letters.

When these letters have been entered throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing words and discovering other letters.

It might help to know that our codeword has a Christmas theme, to mark the festive season!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
G	R													
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26				



# News & Articles

## Christmas – a time for Giving, Receiving and Recycling

### How to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste this Christmas

Christmas is a time for sending cards, shopping, Christmas trees, decorations, parties, presents and producing more waste than usual.

Thinking about your waste at Christmas doesn't mean having to cut back on these festivities, there are many easy ways that you can reduce your waste this Christmas.

**Cards:** You can reuse old cards by making them into gift tags or use the back of them for writing shopping lists. You can recycle all your unwanted cards during January at W H Smith, Tesco, T K Maxx and Marks & Spencer in partnership with the Woodland Trust.

**Wrapping Paper:** Buying recycled wrapping paper helps create demand for recycled materials. You can also save paper for wrapping next year's gifts by using string, ribbon or wool instead of sticky tape, or use reusable gift bags. Please do not put wrapping paper in your blue-lidded paper bin or in paper recycling points.

**Shopping:** Try to avoid over packaged products and look out for those that have packaging made from recycled materials. Refuse unnecessary carrier bags or reuse carrier bags on your shopping trip.

**Parties:** Avoid using disposable plates and cups to help reduce waste. Try to buy drinks and food in bulk instead of lots of little containers – it's cheaper and creates less waste. You can recycle much of your party waste such as glass and cans at your local Recycling Centres and Points.

**Presents:** Quality, repairable gifts help reduce waste. Alternatively buy 'experience' gifts such as a day at a spa or tickets to the theatre. Look out for gifts made from recycled materials. After Christmas consider donating any unwanted presents to charity shops.

**Recycle:** Remember you can recycle a wide range of your Christmas waste at Recycling Centres and Points including: aluminium and steel food and drinks cans, biscuit and sweet tins, cardboard, glass bottles and jars and plastic bottles.

**For more information** on how you can reduce, reuse and recycle your waste this Christmas contact P&KC's Environment Service on 01738 476476, e-mail [recycle@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@pkc.gov.uk) or visit [www.pkc.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/recycling)

## Scoot to Africa

A Kinross man, Sam Wightman, is planning a 6,500 mile scooter journey to Morocco to raise funds for Cancer Research UK in tribute to his mother, Anne, who died in 1988 aged just 28.

The "Scoot to Africa" endeavour begins on 2 June next year from Sam's workplace, Café Kisa in Auchterarder. Sam and his three fellow riders hope to raise £100,000 for the charity.

Collections have been made at Dobbies garden centres across Scotland. Sam's father and his wife Kim run Le Jardin Café at Dobbies, Kinross.

Donations can be made at [www.justgiving.com/scoot-to-africa](http://www.justgiving.com/scoot-to-africa) or by calling 08701 602040.

## Remembrance Sunday

There was an excellent turnout at the annual Remembrance ceremony at the Kinross war memorial on 11 November. In bright sunshine the Kinross & District Pipe Band led a parade of representatives from various organizations, including uniformed youth groups, from Kinross Parish Church to the memorial at the County Buildings. A brief service was conducted by the Rev Dr Marion Keston and the Rev Dr John Munro.

There was a particularly fine rendition of "The Last Post" by buglers from the Boys and Girls Brigade.



*The Remembrance Sunday Service outside the Council Buildings*

## Kinross Business Park takes shape

Cameron Harris Design Build Ltd, a Fife based company, recently started construction work on the first of four buildings at the Bridgend industrial estate. The properties are being constructed for different clients ranging from a home entertainment company to suppliers of horticultural and agricultural machinery.

The first office and warehouse to be completed will be occupied by Stellar Brands, a company relocating from Perth.

Henderson Grass Machinery will occupy a 6,000 sq ft showroom, workshop and stores at the business park after out-growing their current Kinross-shire premises.



*Work on Kinross Business Park is now underway*



## Lumberjill Chris

As a former "Lumberjill", **Chris Renton** of Kinross was invited to attend the unveiling of a bronze statue near Aberfoyle on 10 October. The statue commemorates the members of the Women's Timber Corps (WTC), a section of the Land Army, who played an important role during WWII by replacing the forestry workers who had gone to fight in the war. "Lumberjills" was the affectionate nickname given to members of the Corps.

In Scotland girls and women were recruited from the age of 17, although some were as young as 14. The work they carried out was arduous: felling trees, sawing timber and loading up lorries and trains. The WTC was disbanded in 1946, when each member handed back her uniform and received a letter from Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, the WTC's patron.

For many years afterwards the WTC had no official recognition of its efforts during the war, and only in recent years has there been representation at official Armistice Day Parades. The Forestry Commission Scotland decided to create a lasting memorial to the women at the David Marshall Lodge in the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park, Aberfoyle. The statue, a life-size bronze of a WTC member, was created by Fife-based artist Malcolm Robertson and unveiled by Michael Russell MSP, Minister for the Environment.



*Members of the Women's Timber Corps*

## Wheelchair and Buggy Friendly Walks

The first part of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail is now listed on an excellent new website called

**[www.walkswithwheelchairs.com](http://www.walkswithwheelchairs.com)** and its sister site **[www.walkswithbuggies.com](http://www.walkswithbuggies.com)**

These sites allow users free information on trails suitable for wheelchairs or buggies, with reviews of routes, distance and terrain data, walk directions and detailed OS maps.

The idea is that people who are familiar with wheelchair-friendly routes upload the relevant information to the site to share with others. The site covers England, Scotland and Wales and you can search by county. The website was only created in summer 2007, so there are still lots of counties with no walks listed yet, but as more people become aware of the site, the number of suggested walks will increase. At the time of writing, there are six walks listed for Perthshire and three for Fife as well as the Kinross-shire one.

The websites are attractive and user-friendly, and well worth a look by anyone who enjoys a walk in the outdoors.

## New High School Public Meeting



At the recent Public Meeting to acquaint local residents with the developments regarding the new High School, there was a disappointingly low turnout. For those who did attend, the emphasis was very much on the provision for staff and pupils rather than for the community. The builders will take possession of the site on 11 February 2008 with a planned opening of the new facility in October 2009. The Project Leader promised to keep disruption to a minimum during the build. Alan Fraser, the School Co-ordinator, introduced six current pupils, who ably described the rooms and facilities they anticipate enjoying.

Some details were given of security arrangements and proposed opening hours for members of the public but information about booking arrangements and charges is not yet available.

Questions raised from the floor included concerns about the budget for opening hours, the philosophy regarding encouraging youngsters and members of the public to use the sports facilities, maximising their use, the capacity of use by the school, problems caused by block booking, congestion and traffic management, safer routes to school, the future of the County Building if its facilities move to the new campus, the future of the current school site, and the architectural design of the proposed building in terms of giving it a distinctive Kinross-shire appearance.

All answered and unanswered questions will be put on the website [www.pkc.gov.uk/investmentinlearning](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/investmentinlearning)

*Helen Glover*

## Kirklands Hotel Refurbishment

New owners of The Kirklands Hotel, Anthony Clifford and Shona Jack, decided it was time for a make-over, and have been over-seeing an extensive refurbishment of the hotel. They are keen to hold on to the fact that the building is a 250 year-old coaching inn, keeping exposed stone walls and old fireplaces, whilst bringing it bang up to date with comfortable couches and an impressive drinks list. The bar has been ripped out and the downstairs area taken right back to the original walls. The nine bedrooms are also undergoing refurbishment.

There have been a few surprises along the way – when taking down walls, two more original fireplaces and three hidden cupboards were found! This caused great excitement, with hopes of hidden valuables within. The cupboards were prised open only to reveal an old Harp ashtray! More 1970s than 1700s! An old hotel tariff from 1969 was also found, showing room rates at 6s 9d!

The Kirklands re-opens at 9pm on Saturday 1st December. Thereafter it will be open all day serving Italian coffees and fresh pastries as well as lunch and dinner in the Bar and in the Hazell Tree restaurant. Stop in for a meal, a drink or just for a look!

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## Loch Leven Heritage Project

Sunshine greeted the crowd who assembled on Saturday 3 November to participate in the opening of Phase 2 of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. This 3km path section runs from the RSPB Vane Farm Reserve to the northern edge of Levenmouth Wood and adds to the 7km between Kinross and the Pow Burn that was completed in the spring. There should have been a leaflet in last month's Newsletter - see Editorial for more details.

The opening ceremony took place below Findatie car park at the new footbridge installed in October across the River Leven Cut. This peaceful spot close to Findatie beach is roughly the midway point of the new section of path.

Councillor Willie Robertson, the chairman of TRACKS, welcomed everyone who had come along, saying, "If you go down to the trail any day at Burleigh Sands or Kinross House, you'll find people looking out over the loch, cycling, walking, jogging or visiting the hide and people with their children, all enjoying what is the most wonderful natural resource. I'm delighted that this is another step towards making that resource available for the public and I hope that they enjoy it for years to come."



Photo: Felicity Marlin

He handed over to Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director for the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, who thanked the many people who had made the new path possible, "Without the willing support of the landowners on whose ground we have built the trail and constructed the bridge, nothing could happen at all. Thank you to Kinross Estate Company who own the lochside, to the River Leven Trust who have kindly consented to let us put this bridge across the river, to the RSPB because it has been wonderful to start this phase of the trail at Vane Farm itself, and finally to Findatie Farm, who own the land beside the river.

"The sponsors are also very important as they produce the money. We have been very fortunate to be able to raise the best part of £2 million from quite a formidable list of sponsors. (See below)

"In addition, we have had two excellent contractors leading this part of the project: MacLarty Limited constructing the trail and Hatrick-Bruce who have done the bridge. Thanks must go also to our three project managers: Lewis MacAskill who looks after all the trail contractors, Aaron Lawton who is dealing with all the interpretation and Alistair Smith who is our engineering consultant.

"The project you are looking at is not quite finished as we've given priority to actually constructing the trail so the public can use it. Work is going on behind the scenes on the

interpretation aspects. We're going to build a viewpoint at the Kirkgate and gateways at each of the main entrances: at Findatie, Burleigh Sands and the pier at Kinross. You'll see these developing over the coming year and we'll be putting in signage and interpretation boards describing the very rich heritage around the loch.

"The River Leven Trust is an extremely interesting part of the heritage of the trail. It goes back to the 1830s when the cut was constructed by hand, using navvies, to supply much-needed water to the mills downstream. At the same time, it lowered the loch so a huge tract of new agricultural land was created. In terms of its industrial heritage, it's very important and the Trust still looks after the river and controls the water that flows downstream to the mills and distilleries."

Neil Kilpatrick invited Billy Mitchell, Chairman of the River Leven Trust, to open Phase 2 of the trail. Before cutting the tape across the bridge, he said, "I hope that you take great enjoyment from this new bridge, which I think is a superb installation. The Trust has a photographic history of the cut going back to the 1820 and this is a yet another addition to that, so we will catalogue the whole building of the bridge.

"People don't perhaps realise the importance of this water here, which serves industry downstream. I would just ask –

enjoy the track, enjoy the walk, enjoy the cycle ride, but please respect that we do have people who live up here and operate the sluice for us and maintain that water.

"We as a Trust have enjoyed working with you and I take great pleasure in officially opening the Levenmouth Bridge."

The spectators then crossed the bridge and most of them continued along the path for a walk or ride through Levenmouth Wood. Many went as far as the Scottish Natural Heritage bird hide, which overlooks a wetland beside the loch, and a few went to the far end of the wood.

For now the path stops at the north end of Levenmouth Wood and it is necessary to retrace one's steps. However, the third and final phase, which will be started next April, will complete the missing link between the Pow Burn and the edge of Levenmouth Wood. Once that is opened, it will be possible to go all the way from Kinross clockwise around the loch to Vane Farm.

TRACKS is very grateful to the sponsors of the project: the Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Natural Heritage, Perth & Kinross Council, the Forestry Commission, the Gannochy Trust, Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust, the Arthur Margaret Thomson Charitable Trust, the Community Environmental Renewal Scheme, the SITA Environmental Trust and Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust. You can see more photos on our articles online page at [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

## Kinross Library News

As 2007 draws to a close, we can report that October 2009 is the date which is scheduled for the opening of the new library within the Loch Leven Community Campus. In the meantime it is encouraging that we have ever-increasing numbers attending our regular Tuesday morning Story Telling sessions for under 5s in Kinross Library from 10.30am to 11am. The new time and venue for the Rhythm & Rhyme sessions for babies, toddlers and carers, the last Wednesday of the month at Loch Leven Leisure from 9.45am to 10.15am, has proved an outstanding success. Numbers attending have increased from single figures to over 40!

Success has also been achieved by Caroline Flory of the library staff who has gained Certification from the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, which recognises both her library experience and skills.

In Kinross Library itself there are regular deliveries of new books, fiction and non-fiction, audio books, DVDs and CDs. Any item which is stocked by Perth and Kinross can be requested free of charge in person or online for collection from Kinross. All multimedia items are issued free of charge to over 60s. There are two computers available for public use, free of charge. As well as regular users and visitors this is proving extremely useful for newcomers to the area who have not yet had their own computers connected.

Refurbishment plans are in place for the lending floor of the A K Bell Library in Perth which will reflect the changing role of the library service in the present day. The result will include a much improved layout, re-arranged shelving, eye-catching signage, wide walkways, some new furnishings and additional social areas and a learning space. To allow this work to be undertaken the A K Bell Library will be closed to the public from Monday 7 January until Saturday 12 January inclusive. A K Bell users will be allowed to take out additional items and be given a longer loan period to help minimise any inconvenience during this time. As always books can be returned to any library within Perth and Kinross.

Details of Kinross Library's opening hours over the festive season can be found on page 39.

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## Town Hall and Library Court Case

There has been some progress in the court case, but Kinross CC's representatives continue to be frustrated by lengthy delays in responses from P&KC.

Regular readers may remember that the court case was 'sisted', or suspended, for much of 2006 while the two sides jointly engaged a QC to give an opinion on certain points of law. A significant point was the QC's view that the Library was indeed part of the 'common good'. When it first petitioned the Sheriff for permission to sell the buildings, P&KC had disputed this and wanted keep any money gained from selling the library building rather than putting it into the Kinross Common Good Fund. Both sides had agreed to be bound by the QC's opinion, which was obtained in August 2006. It took P&KC until December 2006 to have its acceptance of the QC's opinion formalised by various Council committees. P&KC then needed to revise its petition to the Sheriff Court.

Frustrated with waiting for P&KC's revised pleadings, in April 2007 the CC requested that the sist be lifted, and the case was once again 'live' in the Sheriff Court system. By this time P&KC had appointed a legal team from outwith the Council to deal with the case on its behalf.

There have been more delays this year. P&KC's legal team requested that the case be postponed until financial close was reached on the Investment in Learning Project, which will provide a new community school for Kinross-shire. Financial close was reached in October. In anticipation of this, they sent a further revision of their petition to the CC's solicitor on 25 September. The revised petition relies heavily on the argument that the new community school will replace all the facilities lost by the disposal of the Town Hall and Carnegie Library.

Under the 1973 Local Government (Scotland) Act, a Sheriff has the power to allow a local authority to alienate buildings which otherwise might have been regarded as inalienable. This means a local authority can sell or otherwise dispose of common good land or buildings at the discretion of the Sheriff. If the Sheriff does allow disposal, he may impose a condition requiring the local authority to provide a substitute for the common good property. The substitute should be used for the same purpose for which the former common good property was used. Now that the new school project has been officially confirmed, it can be claimed that it will provide community facilities which will substitute for the Town Hall and Library. In order to clarify how suitable a replacement it will be, CC representatives drew up a list of questions about the new school and its management contract. This list was sent to P&KC in mid October but at the time of writing (mid November) P&KC have still not supplied the answers. The CC cannot properly respond to the latest version of P&KC's petition until this information is received.

The Sheriff has now set a date for a Hearing. This will be in February 2008.

The CC's representatives apologise to the local community for the inordinate length of time the court case is taking, and for the continued eyesore the buildings present in the meantime, but hope this article goes some way to explaining why it is taking so long.



## January programme launched at Kinross Learning Centre!

If you can't get to grips with computer jargon or your computer won't do what you want, the brand new **Effective PC Management** course starting in January could be just what you're looking for. It will help you understand how your PC works, how to use different storage media such as CDs and USB devices and also how to troubleshoot common faults. This - and many other of our other classes - qualifies for ILA funding, so anyone holding a £200 account could sign up for as little as £10. The January programme caters for all interests, with a distinct Scottish flavour to two new classes: Who are the Scots? and Art History: Scottish Painters.

To find out more or to book your place, please contact Kinross Learning Centre on 01577 863863, call into the centre at Swansacre, Kinross, or email [pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk)

### Computing

If you can't get your computer to do what you want, try one of our taught computing classes. In a relaxed and friendly environment you'll get to grips with basic word processing, tackle the internet and email or learn what to do when things go wrong!

Welcome to Computing	Monday	28/01/08	7 - 9 pm	8 weeks	£42
	Tuesday	29/01/08	2 - 4 pm	8 weeks	£42
Effective PC Management	Tuesday	15/01/08	12 - 2 pm	8 weeks	£42

### Digital Photography

Get more from your digital camera and correct common faults in photos you've taken!

These courses will introduce you to the basics of digital photography and image editing using Photoshop. (Please Note - This course involves using a computer (Windows XP) to make the most of printing and editing your images.)

Digital Photography - Beginners	Wednesday	16/01/08	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£60
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### Financial Accounting Software

Take the hard work out of finances! Learn how to use the most popular accounting software packages, used by small to medium businesses. You should have a knowledge of manual book-keeping for the Sage Accounting course and of manual payroll systems for the Payroll course.

Sage Accounting	Thursday	17/01/08	2 - 4 pm	12 weeks	£82
Sage Payroll	Thursday	tba			£53

### Languages

Use the dark winter months to prepare for your summer holidays! French, Italian, German and Spanish at various levels will provide vocabulary, grammar and the confidence to deal with everyday situations.

Spanish 2	Wednesday	14/01/08	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£52
Spanish 3	Tuesday	15/01/08	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£52
Italian 1	Tuesday	15/01/08	3.30 - 5.30 pm	10 weeks	£52
Italian 4	Tuesday	15/01/08	1.30 - 3.30 pm	10 weeks	£52
French 2	Tuesday	15/01/08	1.15 - 3.15 pm	10 weeks	£52
Advanced French Conversation	Tuesday	15/01/08	10.30 am - 12.30 pm	10 weeks	£52
German 1	Thursday	17/01/08	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£52

### General Interest

There's always something to capture your imagination at your local learning centre - learn about Scottish identity and culture from their beginnings, be introduced to some of the great philosophers or explore the history and development of art in the western world.

Art History - Scottish Painters	Friday	18/01/08	9.30 am - 11.30 am	10 weeks	£52
Introduction to Philosophy	Monday	14/01/08	2 - 4 pm	10 weeks	£52
Who are the Scots?	Monday	14/01/08	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£52

### Drawing and Painting

Develop your artistic talents, and bring that creative sparkle into your life!

Watercolours 2	Monday	14/01/08	2 - 4 pm	10 weeks	£52
Watercolours 4	Thursday	15/01/08	1.30 - 3.30 pm	10 weeks	£52
Watercolours 5	Wednesday	16/01/08	1.15 - 3.15 am	10 weeks	£52
The Art of Drawing 2	Wednesday	16/01/08	9.45 - 11.45 am	10 weeks	£52
Drawing and Painting	Monday	14/01/08	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£52

### Lifestyle and Wellbeing

Escape the winter blues with one of our refreshing lifestyle courses. In a few weeks you can gain an insight into alternative therapies and their health benefits.

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Introduction to Homeopathy	Wednesday	16/01/08	1 - 3 pm	6 weeks	£35



All of these courses qualify for the ILA £200 offer. Please ask us for more details.



## The Milnathort Town Hall

### A Progress Report

October has been a quiet month for fund raising activities, mainly due to the disappointing loss of the services of the committee member mainly responsible for Fund Raising due to family commitments. The committee have passed on their thanks and appreciation for the services of our fund raiser.

### Recruitment ...

The committee is therefore looking for additional volunteers to provide a small amount of their time to help organise and support fund raising activities as well as other general support. If you are someone who would like to contribute to our community in a small way and would like to become involved in this worthwhile cause then please get in touch.

### Support from local businesses...

There are a few small projects planned and we would therefore like to invite any local businesses with the appropriate skills to support our town hall by offering their services in return for advertising plaques highlighting their generous contribution. Examples are the renovation of the light above the front door to get it back to a good and working standard and the replacement of the notice board outside the front door with a large notice board. Again, please contact any of the Town Hall Committee members if your company would be interested in supporting this local facility.

### Santa Claus is back in Town...

This year the Santa Sleigh will be visiting Milnathort in the evening of **Friday 14 December** and all the proceeds of the collection is kindly being donated to the Milnathort Town Hall so please look out for Santa and donate generously. A very big thank you goes to the Kinross-shire Round Table for deciding to contribute the proceeds of this year's collection.



### We ask for your support...

There is still a long way to go and we ask for your continued support in helping this worthy cause. There are future fund raising events planned at the Town Hall so please look out for information on the Town Hall notice board (which you'll appreciate does need to be replaced). Various organisations are being contacted, however YOU can help by supporting this cause through at least one of the following ways:

- By direct donation - any amount is worthwhile and very much appreciated;
- 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 - there are various dance classes from Scottish Country Dancing to tap and modern. There are also Shotokan Karate classes and for all ages and other associations and clubs.

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

For further information please contact Murray Mitchell, Chairman, on 01577 862805 or 07872 318186 or email [murraymitchell@mscharacterhomes.com](mailto:murraymitchell@mscharacterhomes.com)

## Architectural Awards 2007



The Kinross-shire Civic Trust has announced the winner of its 2007 architectural award for the renovation and restoration of existing buildings.

The winner was the old steading at Cuthill Towers, Milnathort, with work designed by R Closs Wilson of Eral Architects in Edinburgh for clients Tighmor and I and H Brown of Perth. This was an exemplary conversion, with extension, of a group of 18th Century farm buildings to residential use, all carried out with commendable respect for the existing buildings, but in a manner exemplifying the best of 21st Century design, both in house layouts and architectural expression.

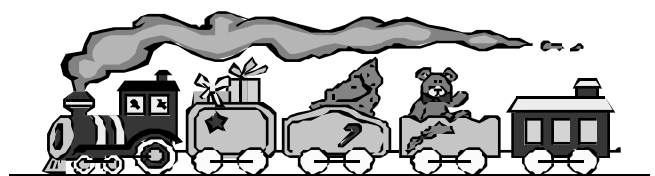
The judges were impressed by the consistency of the design standards throughout, and the great attention to detail, including choice and quality of materials. The variety and idiosyncrasies in the existing buildings had been used to advantage; the sundial where once there had been a clock was a nice touch. Every effort had been made to eliminate the visual blight of parked cars. The hard landscape treatment of the two existing courtyards showed imagination and care, and provided a high environmental quality for the whole development.



*Civic Trust Awards presented at the Windlestrae Hotel*

A Highly Commended certificate was presented to Kinross Parish Church for internal renovation designed by David Murdoch of Murdoch Architects, Methven for the Kirk Session. The intention was to make the interior arrangement and seating in the church more flexible, to accommodate both community and cultural events, in addition to worship. This has been most successfully achieved. The alterations were carried out with great sensitivity with regard to colours, furnishings and choice of light fittings, providing a lighter and more welcoming interior.

The awards presentation took place at the Windlestrae Hotel on 6 November. One of the three judges, Dr Steedman, congratulated the Civic Trust on its awards scheme. He said schemes of this kind can set a standard for others to follow, and provide inspiration to those contemplating architectural works. Given the pressure for both new development and the restoration for housing of old buildings within Kinross-shire, it was hoped these awards would encourage others to follow the example of the award winning architects and their clients.



# Police Box



As this is the last edition of Police Box for the year 2007, we would like to wish all the readers a happy, safe and trouble free festive season.

## Festive Policing

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

## Seasonal Crime Prevention Tips

In the run up to Christmas, crime figures often rise and criminals will target homes where they might expect to find expensive presents, extra cash, alcohol and other such items in abundance. They will also target cars in which property is left and visible to them either in the form of newly purchased presents or handbags etc. This Christmas we would remind you to be vigilant and hopefully the following tips might come in useful.

With regard to house security, make sure that all windows and doors are locked when premises are empty and it is a good idea to leave a light or two on as well. Timers can be obtained that ensure lights go on at the appropriate time if you are not there to do so yourself. Do not leave property lying about that can be seen by persons looking in windows and at this time of year wrapped presents round the Christmas tree are a temptation to would-be criminals. Please also ensure that garages and sheds are kept locked, especially if they contain valuable items of property.

Thefts from vehicles are also common and to limit the chances of

becoming a victim of this type of crime, ensure that property is not left in the vehicle in a manner that makes it visible to passers by. If you return to your vehicle to drop off items of Christmas shopping you may have been seen doing so and may wish to consider moving it to another location before continuing with your shopping.

When out shopping take care of wallets and handbags, particularly if they contain cash and credit cards etc, as this type of property left unattended for even a second is a prime target for sneak thieves and opportunists. Remember not to keep your PIN numbers in your wallet or handbag.

Finally, when disposing of packaging that had contained expensive Christmas presents such as electrical goods, ensure it is not left in a manner that advertises to the criminal you have new items in the house.

With a little care and presence of mind you can make it hard for the criminal and go a long way to ensuring a crime free Christmas.

## CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone Number 0800 555 111

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

Kinross - **Constable Ronnie Child**. Milnathort, Kinnesswood & Scotlandwell - **Constable Graham Stephen**. Cleish and Blairadam, Crook of Devon, Powmill, Blairingone, Cambo and Glenfarg areas - **Constable Lynne Petrie**.

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# Community Council News



All Community Council meetings are open to the general public.

## Kinross Community Council

### News from the November Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 November in the Masonic Hall were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), D Cuthbert, J Drummond, D Mackay, C Drummond, S Bathgate, M Blyth, I Jack, C Watson and M Scott. Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs K Baird and W Robertson; PC Ronnie Child and seven members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Laura Mackay.

#### Police Report

The Police were very close to identifying who was responsible for the recent broken shop windows. No problems were experienced at Halloween.

CCllr D Mackay raised a query in relation to recent phone calls received by members of the public. It was confirmed by the Police that these calls were genuine. However, on arranging a home visit, the representative failed to keep the appointment.

Neighbourhood Watch is still active and efforts are being made to revamp this. PC Child will check into the current position and revert to us on this matter.

#### Matters Arising

**Safety Barrier, Green Road Play Park** – P&KC say the play area was moved and refurbished during the 2005/2006 financial year. It was moved away from the road and the shop with the safety of children being a major consideration. There is a wall between the play area and the road. There is no boundary fence surrounding the play area itself because there did not appear to be a dog-fouling problem in the area. Cllr Robertson reported that he had received a letter from P&KC advising of a scheme to lower the boundary wall at the western boundary and install a section of pedestrian guardrail. At present, P&KC are concentrating on anti-skid surfacing and carriageway retexturing at rural accident sites and urban signalised crossings.



*Green Road Play Park - safety concerns...*

**Banners at Somerfield** – A reply was received from the Council agreeing to the point raised by the CC and advising that the Enforcement Officer will write to Somerfield to seek the removal of those unauthorised banners and would keep us advised of the position. Cllr Robertson commented that the Enforcement Officer had recently been dismissed as had failed to act on various matters. A new Officer is to be appointed.

**Blocked Pavements** – Our communication has been passed to the Roads Department and we await their response.

**Painted Buildings** – P&KC report that the painting of buildings in a different colour in the Conservation Area requires Planning Permission and would also require Listed Building Consent where the building is Listed. Neither of the examples mentioned by the CC applied for the necessary Consents. It was agreed that we should write to the Enforcement Officer to invite him to our meeting in February to discuss these issues.

**Heritage Trail** – The Chairman conveyed his apologies to Cllr Robertson. He had been invited to the opening on 3 November but was unable to attend.

**T in Park Meeting (Fossoway Minutes)** – Mr Alexander remarked that Fossoway CC have yet to amend the record to confirm that CCllr Colliar chaired the meeting held on 14 May. Mr Saunders categorically denies that this was the case. Cllr Baird advised that she was present at the meeting and can confirm that it was “chaired” by CCllr Colliar. It was agreed that we should write to Fossoway CC asking that they set the record straight at their next meeting.

**Swansacre building** – Cllr Robertson gave an update. P&KC purchased this property under a Compulsory Purchase Order in August 2004. At that time the property had been derelict for over ten years and was in a very dilapidated condition. The building is not Listed but is in a Conservation Area. An offer was received for the property but subsequently fell through. Two further offers were forthcoming but no sale achieved. One of these prospective purchasers obtained Planning Permission for the erection of four flats. The proprietor of a neighbouring property complained about dry rot spreading to his. Reports were obtained from an engineer for remedial work and it was confirmed that the property was in a dangerous state of disrepair. The structure of the building is also unsound in areas. P&KC are considering their options, whether to make extensive repairs to the property or to demolish it. CCllr D Mackay mentioned that the “Danger” signs had been removed. Cllr Robertson has previously suggested to P&KC that the building could be passed to a Housing Association. CCllr Colliar remarked that works had been carried out to the property in the past, i.e. slates replaced etc. Cllrs Robertson and Baird will follow up this matter.

#### Planning Applications to be Considered

No comments were raised on the following: Various domestic applications; 07/02103/LBC Kirklands Hotel - refurbishment of hotel; 07/02184/ADV Kirklands Garage - display of a petrol sign; 07/02379/FUL Loch Leven Leisure Centre - siting of a storage container; 07/02180/OUT Land to rear of 32 Station Road: renewal of planning consent (04/1098/OUT) for the erection of a dwellinghouse (in outline); 07/02101/PN Classloch Farm - erection of a general purpose agriculture store (this has been approved as Permitted Development); 07/02098/FUL Classloch Farm - erection of a replacement farmhouse, erection of agricultural building, formation of access road, formation of SUDS system and associated site landscaping.

**07/02097/FUL Classloch Farm, Kinross:** change of use of farm steading to provide four dwellings, erection of seven dwelling-houses, erection of garages, formation of internal

road and parking area and upgrading of existing access and associated works for Wilson Homes Ltd.

Mr Malcolm Smith, agent for the applicants of 07/02098/FUL (Mr and Mrs McLaren) was present to discuss the various applications registered with P&KC. Mr Smith explained that the application by Mr and Mrs McLaren for the replacement farmhouse etc., although separate, was linked to the application by Wilson Homes Ltd under 07/02097/FUL. Mr and Mrs McLaren wished to update and expand their business by building a new farmhouse at a different location from the existing building which would be demolished and included in the site of the proposed new housing. The second application is for the erection of eleven 3- to 4-bedroom properties. The area in question is a brownfield site and complies with the "Policy" in that there is no development outwith the farm buildings. Consultation has taken place with P&KC, SEPA, Scottish Water and SNH. It was confirmed that the farmhouse and steading would remain, the properties to be built around these. The various plans were available this evening for perusal. Cllr Colliar stated in accordance with the terms of the Housing and Countryside Policy 2005 the farm steading development should fit the footprint of the existing buildings and that this would not appear to be the case with this proposed development. Cuthill Towers and Burleigh in Milnathort were prime examples of the breach of this policy. Cllr Colliar read out the letter of objection that was lodged by Kinross-shire Civic Trust. One of their grounds of objection is that the applications stretch the interpretation of the Kinross Area Local Plan, Amended Housing in the Country Policy, far beyond the original intention and after discussion the CC agreed with this statement. Mr Alexander asked if the stonework would match the existing building. Mr Smith replied that wet wash "off white" render would be applied. Cllr Colliar confirmed that the stonework was not visible on the plans. Cllr Jack referred to the Hatchbank Development and to the fact that the CC objected to this proposal. It was agreed that the CC object to the Wilson Homes application on the grounds that it stretches Policy 64 way beyond its limit and does not comply with the Housing in the Countryside Policy.

#### **Planning Applications Determined**

The following planning applications have been approved by P&KC: 07/01295/FUL Land to the west of Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate: erection of office with storage/warehouse areas. 07/01632/FUL 9 Montgomery Street, Kinross: extension to house. 07/02003/FUL 43 Lathro Park, Kinross: demolish existing garage and erect new garage to rear of property and extend existing house. 07/01853/FUL 18 Smith Street, Kinross: erect conservatory.

#### **Other Planning Matters**

**Land at Tillyrie** (wind turbines) – There will be a **Public Local Inquiry** into the appeal to be held on **Wednesday 12 December** at the Windlestrae Hotel, Muirs, Kinross, commencing at 10am. The inquiry will continue on successive days until concluded, but is expected to last six days. Copies of the inquiry papers are available for inspection at P&KC's Area Office, 21 High Street, Kinross.

**The Park and Ride** is now included in the Car Parks Traffic Regulation Order as a free car park, so that its use can be controlled by the Council's Parking Attendants. This is to address the risk of indiscriminate parking.

**Procedures** – Cllr Bathgate enquired as to the procedures involved in considering the planning applications. It was

explained that a list is delivered to Cllr Mackay, however the plans etc can be viewed either at the Council Offices or by logging on to Public Access on the Council Website. A member of the public addressed the meeting in relation to a planning application in Milnathort. It was explained that this was outwith Kinross CC's jurisdiction.

#### **The Future of Kinross**

It was suggested that we obtain the views of the community as to how they see the future of Kinross. The CC agree that a balance should be found between housing, industrial, commercial etc; at the moment this is not adopted and the development of the town lies mainly with the construction of housing. The areas that we foresee for development are the southern and western parts of the town and the existing High School site. The reference in our last minutes to the developers being consulted with regard to proposals did not take place and it was considered by the CC that they should not be involved in the process. A number of proposals in the past have been shot down by the Council, i.e. Levenfields and the business park at the motorway. Cllr Colliar had previously suggested that one-man industrial units be erected down the side of the M90, beyond the Council yard. Again, the subject of Affordable Housing was addressed. This, together with the lack of employment for young people, is another downside for Kinross.

Cllr Baird advised that the Kinross-shire Cllrs were hoping to arrange a meeting with the Development planners to discuss various issues. Cllr Robertson reported that he is to meet with Peter Marshall. Following these meetings and the information gleaned from same, we can then plan our means of obtaining the community's views on this subject. The Local Plan may be under review soon and the data we collate can be delivered to P&KC with the request that they consider same when determining the update to the Plan.

#### **Report from Perth & Kinross Councillors**

Cllr Robertson reported on a recent meeting he attended with COSLA and explained the basis of the Community Empowerment Bill. This will delegate more power to CCs. A grant of £30,000 for every 1,000 population is also proposed. Cllr Robertson read out the letter from COSLA. This is to be circulated to Cllrs. The grant we receive at present from P&KC is nominal and Cllr Robertson confirmed that from a conversation with a colleague it would appear that P&KC is the lowest. Cllr Baird reported that a change might be effected which would adopt Ward Areas for CCs. The Federation would be the party to approach to pursue an increase in grant with the Council.

Cllr Baird referred to a meeting with the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in relation to the County Buildings. A report is due for publication in January in relation to the future of this building. It is proposed to temporary house the Tourist Information Office there.

#### **Correspondence**

**Scottish Landscape Forum** – Booklet and covering letter received from SLF setting out key messages from the report *Scotland's Living Landscapes – Places for People*.

**Myre Burn** – Copy of communication addressed to Gordon Banks, MP, from P&KCV advising that the Council are required under the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1997 to assess the condition of watercourses and where that condition is likely to cause flooding to non-agricultural land, to exercise their powers to substantially reduce the risk of flooding. The extent of any further work undertaken would be decided in conjunction with the recommendations made

by SEPA. With regard to the flooding from the Myre Burn last December, P&KC has cleared out the culverted section downstream from the park which will reduce the immediate threat to properties in the area. Also, an inspection to the remaining section of the burn to remove litter has been undertaken. P&KC has also recommended in a report to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 24 October that a flood study be carried out when resources permit. This will assess whether a flood mitigation scheme can be justified. (Note: Cllr Robertson confirmed that this has been agreed). A further letter was received from Keith Brown, MSP, who advised that the local authority must apply for a licence from SEPA at a cost of £5,000. Mr Brown has been involved in consultations regarding the flooding in Milnathort and should we wish to discuss this matter further with him he would be happy to meet with the CC. Mr Brown also asked if we could include a notice in the Newsletter advising of various surgeries in our locality.

**Kinross Park and Ride** – P&KC have confirmed that a proportion of the lights at the Park and Ride site should now be working. The remainder will most likely not become active until the installation of a new power supply to the new housing development. However, P&KC are liaising with the housing developer and have stressed the importance of getting all the lights operational as soon as possible.

**Public Toilets** (Aberfeldy CC) – It was agreed that we should register our support to Aberfeldy CC in their campaign for public toilet facilities.

**A977 Speed Limit** – Letter received from P&KC in relation to our request for a speed limit at the Balado Crossroads and also signing at the entrance to the new sand quarry. P&KC reply that “the alignment of the A977 at Balado Crossroads is to a high standard with good forward visibility and apart from a few properties at the crossroads, no adjacent building development. Contrary to popular belief speed limits are not primarily intended for use to restrict speeds, with enforcement then carried out by the police. They are intended to reflect the speed at which the majority of motorists tend to drive, as influenced by the road layout and the level of adjacent development. Experience shows that where the reason for a speed limit is not obvious to drivers they will ignore it and this tends to bring speed limits in general into disrepute. The crossroads junction of a minor road with an A class road does not in itself justify the introduction of a speed limit. In addition there is no record of accidents at this junction which would warrant the introduction of a speed limit or indeed any other measures. The most appropriate way of dealing with junctions is to provide appropriate advance signing so that motorists are aware of the approaching junction and can adjust their speed as required by traffic movements at the junction. Such signing is in place at the crossroads and, in addition, the size of all signs on the A977 was recently increased to give drivers greater warning of junctions and other hazards. Unfortunately there is always the potential for an accident to happen at any junction, no matter what initiatives are in place.” The letter goes on to describe the higher than necessary standard of junction which was provided at the quarry. The letter concludes “...alterations to the signing have already been introduced to improve general road safety at junctions on the A977 and it is not considered appropriate to introduce a speed limit at this location. Road safety issues at the entrance to the new quarry have been addressed by the introduction of a high standard junction”. We are to copy

this letter to Cllr Barnacle with the request that he follow this up. We are also to write to P&KC asking if they could substantiate their claim that no accidents have occurred on this stretch of road, which is totally contrary to our knowledge of this area.

#### Other Business

**CCTV** – Cllr Scott enquired if it would be possible to install CCTV in the High Street. Various bodies had raised this question following the broken window incident. The CC will look into the feasibility of such a measure.

**Town Hall** – Cllr Cuthbert advised that certain representatives failed to turn up to the recent meeting and a further meeting is to be convened.

**North Cemetery** – It was noted that the cemetery grounds require some attention and that some of the lairs are sinking. Work has commenced; however, the groundsmen are to be asked to trim the edges, which they appear to overlook.

**Footpaths and Kerbs** – Cllr Jack referred to an article in the Newsletter in relation to access problems for people with wheelchairs. **Park and Ride** – Cllr Colliar will check the position regarding access to the Park and Ride to confirm if the kerb has been dropped.

**Myre Car Park** – Cllr D Mackay had been provided with some photographs showing the ground in an appalling condition and the fact that Smith Street Motors were parking cars in this area. The CC first raised this matter with P&KC over 2½ years ago. We are to write to them again requesting that they urgently repair the car park.

**Committees** – Cllr Bathgate asked the Cllrs for confirmation of the various committees they are involved with and in relation to “Standards of Engagement”. She also asked if the CC could provide details of the various sub-committees. A full list would be circulated to the CC members, however these include: Friends of Kirkgate Park, the High School, Light Up Kinross, Kinross Partnership, Hayfield Trust, Kinross in Bloom, Ross 2000, Kinross Newsletter, the Website.

**Police Number** – Mr Alexander enquired if it was possible to allocate a recognisable number for calling the police. The Police would have to discuss such a proposal with BT. The local Station number is 863571.

#### Forthcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5 December** at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Kinross.

The January meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 January 2008** at 7.30pm in THE GREEN HOTEL.

**PLEASE NOTE** that the meeting in January departs from the CC’s usual arrangement, in that the meeting is on the second Wednesday in the month, rather than the first. Please also note the change from the CC’s usual venue.

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

### News from the November Meeting

CCllr Cottingham, Vice-Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Porter, Bennet, Smith, Lamont and Thomson to the meeting held on 8 November in Milnathort Primary School. Also in attendance were PC Stephen, Minute Secretary E Rougvie, P&K Cllrs Robertson and Baird, and four members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Giacomazzi.

#### Police matters

PC Stephen reported that a trailer had been stolen from Hatrick-Bruce between October 27 and 29, and that cars had been entered in Crawford Place and Church Street, possibly in an attempt to steal them, overnight on October 15 and 16. He appealed for anyone with any information about either of these incidents to contact the police.

A member of the public said that there were tyre-tracks around the football pitch in Donaldson Park that were not consistent with Council vehicles. PC Stephen asked that anyone who saw any vehicles being driven in the park to contact the police. P&K Cllr Robertson said he would ask the Council about installing a rising bollard to prevent people getting in.

CCllr Porter raised the problem of congestion in Bridgefauld Road, Marshall Place and Crawford Place when children were being dropped off or collected from school. PC Stephen said that there was little the police could do unless people were parking on pavements, and after discussion it was agreed that the solution lay in encouraging more parents to leave their cars at home and walk to school with their children. CCllr Bennet undertook to speak to parents on the parents' council to see what could be done to help promote walking to school.

CCllr Porter reported an incident involving a possible bogus caller, who claimed he was doing a survey and asked her a number of questions, one of which she thought was inappropriate. She called Tayside Police but was not satisfied with the length of time it had taken to deal with the matter and was concerned about her vulnerable elderly neighbours. PC Stephen replied that if anything happened that had caused distress or anxiety, people should dial 999 and the matter would be dealt with immediately.

#### Planning matters

The following applications were noted: replacement of garage, utility room, porch and conservatory with new extension at 24 Burleigh Road; proposed alterations and extension to dwelling-house at 98 Stirling Road; extension to house at Landriggs, East Netherton.

Formation of agricultural related businesses including retail, business, industrial and storage and distribution on land to the north of Old Perth Road (outline): this application prompted a lengthy discussion about industrial development in Milnathort and Kinross. It was felt that reports about the demands for industrial units had been inconsistent; that rates in Perth & Kinross were forcing businesses to move into Fife and that industrial sites must be protected so that the area didn't become a 'dormitory'. P&K Cllr Robertson, however, pointed out that Bridgend Industrial Estate was becoming a major growth area. It was agreed that while the concept of this application was to be encouraged, the location was not suitable because of its accessibility. CCllr Cottingham will write to P&KC to this effect.

#### Matters Arising

**Congestion:** P&K Cllr Baird said she had followed up concerns raised by CCllr Lamont about congestion in

Viewfar Road, but yellow lines had been ruled out. It was up to the residents to park sensibly. A member of the public raised concerns about similar problems in Hays Court, where one house had up to seven vehicles parked outside as a result of a business being run from domestic premises. She had written to the Council about her concerns for the safety of children in the street.

**Former warehouse:** Serious concerns were also raised by members of the public about the development currently taking place on the site of the former David Sands warehouse. The foundations had been raised significantly, resulting in a loss of privacy for nearby residents. Cllr Robertson undertook to contact an enforcement officer to check the work.

**Stirling Road:** re-surfacing work recently carried out on the lower half of the road is to be extended to the top section.

**Crossing in South Street:** this is still in the pipeline. The P&K official who was dealing with it has left and has yet to be replaced.

**Path round Burleigh Castle:** Historic Scotland have now said that it is acceptable for a path to go through the castle, as long as the moat is protected. Cllr Robertson will check the latest position. This issue divided opinion, with some saying the castle would lose its dignity with a path going through it, and others feeling it would be enhanced.



*Burleigh Castle: opinion still divided on a suitable path...*

#### Other Business

**Bridge over the Back Burn:** Cllr Robertson will check whether the work to repair the bridge over the Back Burn on the old railway track has been completed.

**Boards in Back Loan:** Cllr Robertson will follow up his letter to P&KC's enforcement officer about the 8x4 boards at Colliar's site in Back Loan, which were affecting visibility.

**Victoria Avenue:** In response to concerns raised by CCllr Thomson about the number of cars parked in Victoria Avenue, Cllr Robertson said he had asked about it being made a one-way street but had been told that this would turn it into 'a racetrack'. It was felt that parking in the street helped slow traffic down.

**Mini-roundabout:** It was agreed that CCllr Robertson would ask roads engineers to look at the mini-roundabout because of the number of near-misses that took place there.

**Core paths group:** CCllr Bennet said she had nothing to report as she had had no response from the Council to her e-mails. The consultation period had been extended but she didn't know when the new deadline was.

**Postal scam:** A member of the public warned about a postal scam that was currently circulating, whereby people were asked to call a premium rate number to make arrangements to collect a parcel. The advice is simply to ignore this.

**The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 13 December in Milnathort Primary School.**

## Cleish & Blairadam CC

### News from the October Meeting

The meeting on Monday 22 October in the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam was attended by five CCllrs, Cllr Mike Barnacle, approximately twenty members of the public, and the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter Editor. Apologies for absence were received from Sandy Morton. We were also glad to welcome the Police Sergeant from Kinross who has recently arrived.

### Community Council Elections

All six CCllrs have been re-elected, and all agreed to continue in the offices previously held.

### Crime Prevention

There was nothing new to report but it is important to be extra vigilant about security; the evenings are growing darker and with the change of the hour this will happen even earlier. When going out it is a good idea to leave a light or two on, and perhaps a radio running.

The matter of the 20mph speed limit in Cleish was raised; this is not being adhered to by everyone and although the locals are on the whole vigilant, the same cannot be said of some of those driving through the village, especially at weekends. This will be looked into.

A question was raised concerning Kirkgate Park, now so spectacularly restored, with special emphasis on acts of vandalism and underage drinking. Underage drinking can also occur outside shops with an older person being sent inside to buy the alcohol. It is important that anyone noticing either of these actions should report the matter at once to the Police.

We are most grateful to the Police for all they do and it is up to us to support them whenever we can.

### Tracks and Trails

There has been no feedback from the Cleish Group; we look forward to hearing from them in due course.

It was reported that the next section of the path around Loch Leven is about to be opened; this is a wonderful achievement and congratulations to all those concerned

### Planning

**Nivingston House, Cleish:** Erection of 5 garages within 2 detached blocks with toilet facilities; this is a full application.

**Nivingston House, Cleish:** New Courtyard development of 10 new dwellings within the garden area north of the existing house with associated access roads and communal space, and erection of 2 dwelling houses within the walled garden area; this is a full application.

The Chairman read part of a submission from the proposer taking exception to a letter circulated to previous objectors. This was noted but it was pointed out that the objections reflected the views of the community and nothing had been "drummed up". The new application did not differ substantially from the first application and the Planning Officers' points had not been adhered to. Plans of this development were available for inspection. Many views were expressed including the nature and style of the development, the density of housing, the felling of mature trees, the access roads, the infrastructure affecting the local community, the placing of such a development in an AGLV, the visibility of the lower lawn area which will inevitably result, the notional car parking for two cars per house (surely an under estimate), light pollution, and the fact that two houses are proposed for an "in fill site" - this is the site of the old walled garden. The new access road to the west would also allow opportunity for further development on the upper lawn and in the field. It was also pointed out that the policy of allowing development

of houses in gardens was being taken to extremes. The Chairman noted all the above objections which arose out of a full discussion; he asked for support for the proposal but there was none.

The CC agreed to register their objection emphasising that this is an urban development totally unsuited to a rural setting.

Cllr Barnacle mentioned the Housing in the Countryside Policy, reminding the meeting that this is supplementary to the Structure Plan.

**Flockhouse Farm** - erection of 7 new detached dwelling houses - full: These are proposed for the farmyard behind the farmhouse making a total of 12. Once again the worry of density, the inappropriateness of style and volume and the felling of mature trees is of major concern. There is also the problem of service issues and the access which is through a working farm. The CC had supported the earlier steading development, but the new application is quite beyond what is acceptable. It was agreed unanimously to object and once again the importance of individual objections was stressed.

**Windyknowe** - pending; **Meadow Farm** - one only approved; **Micro Brewery** - approved; **West Mains, Cleish** - two only approved; **Birchwood Cottage** - not determined; **Templeton Houses** - gone to appeal; **Greenacres** - both gone to appeal; **Kinnaird** - gone to appeal; **Boreland Farm, Cleish** - refused: this application was heard by the Development Control Committee and objections were supported by three neighbouring inhabitants.

**Housing in the Countryside Policy:** In future Councillors will be urged to be more rigorous in this regard.

### Roads

Some patching has been done at Middleton Park but the developers could do better. The road under the M90 has also been patched but much damage was caused by a choked gully.

**Website [www.cleish.org](http://www.cleish.org):** It was agreed that this should be as simple as possible and there should be a trial for 2-3 months.

### T in the Park

Cllr Barnacle and the Chairman had attended a meeting and there will be a further meeting in December to which all CCs will be invited. The organisers are prepared to listen but it was pointed out that this is a commercial undertaking.

### Bin Collection

There is no collection to the west of the Boreland Brae junction; as 16 houses are involved this is most unsatisfactory. The CC will write to the Environmental Services.

We are reminded if bins are overflowing they will not be emptied and bags lying on the ground will not be picked up, and a yellow sticker will be affixed to the offending bin. No cardboard is permitted in the paper bins.

### Sewerage at Kelybridge

This is a serious problem with pipes fracturing and pumps jamming. Drains back up and raw sewage then disappears into the burn. Scottish Water are always most responsive but the real cause is what is flushed down the toilets. Toilet paper and human waste - yes, but nappies and other items - no.

### Cleish to Strathardle Right of Way

The northern part of the path is completely inaccessible - the CC will contact the Access Officer.

**The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 3 December at 7.30pm in Cleish Village Hall.**



## Fossoway and District CC

### News from the November Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 6 November were: I Farquhar (Chair), F Saunders, A Morrison, T Duffy-Wigman, L Stronach, H Wallace, L Boulter, P&K Cllr M Barnacle and 17 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from I Booth. There was no representative from Tayside Police.

### Matters Arising

**Carnbo Traffic Speed Survey:** A speed survey was taken on the first week of June 2007 to incorporate a weekend when an event was on at the Knockhill circuit. It was found that traffic volumes were largely constant over each of the seven days, with approximately 3000 vehicles using the road through Carnbo, the same as in 2005. The results show 91% of vehicles consisted of motorcycles, cars / light vans (96% in 2005). Average speed was 43mph and 85 percentile was 53mph (up 9% from 2005). 63% exceed the speed limit. Tayside Police have been advised and asked to consider enforcement action. The speed limit will be included in the Scottish Government Review and P&KC will advise the CC of the outcome of this review. Cllr Barnacle has written to ask if 30mph limit is required. Local residents mention that Police do not come to monitor speeds when the road is busy at around 8am to 9.30am. It was agreed that the CC would write to Tayside Police asking for speed monitoring between 0800 and 0930 whenever possible and to ask Perth & Kinross Council Roads department for repeater 40mph signs through the village to remind vehicles arriving from side roads that may not be aware of the 40mph speed restriction through the village.

**Blairingone War Memorial:** FDCC wrote to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to establish if they have an interest in the memorial. It has advised they have no responsibility for the memorial and have suggested



*The war memorial outside the former church, Blairingone*

contacting the Imperial War Museum and The War Memorial Trust. Emails have been sent to each organisation but without response as yet. The Secretary advised CCllrs that he and Cllr Barnacle met earlier today with P&KC officials and it was agreed that the war memorial should

remain in the Church Grounds under P&KC care and maintenance. It was also agreed that the memorial will be relocated centrally in front of the rear wall of the cemetery. The developer has agreed to dismantle the memorial and provide it ready for P&KC to erect on prepared foundations. P&KC has agreed to pay for two access paths and a contemplation area in front of the Memorial. Sir Robert Stewart will arrange for overhanging pine trees to be felled or lopped as necessary around the site. The relocation will not commence until after Remembrance Sunday 2007 but will be completed by Remembrance Sunday 2008. The fencing presently in front of the war memorial will be removed to allow access for the remembrance service.

**Pitcairnie Development:** SEPA advise that the development site is within the inundation envelope of the flood plain shown on the November 2006 Flood Map issued by SEPA to the planning authority. They advise it is a matter for the planning authority to consider flood risk in the form of a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) but that they have not received the FRA for the site from P&KC. However SEPA indicates that it has had informal discussion with Susan Veitch, the P&KC Flood Risk Officer in response to FDCC correspondence with P&KC. The Secretary advised CCllrs that there has been no response to our letters of 27 July and 3 September to Susan Veitch. CCllrs asked Cllr Barnacle to help and he will ask Susan Veitch to respond. Malcolm Smith, representing Wilson Homes, and T Read, an objector to the development, both asked for a copy of the SEPA letter. It was agreed that the Secretary would provide copies of the correspondence.

### School bus stop change proposal (Crook of Devon)

**Response from P&KC:** A response to the CC's letter has been received from the Public Transport Manager, Mr Warrington. It states that he is happy to consider closing the Kinraig bus stop in Crook of Devon with students alighting at the next recognised bus stop. He is not in favour of a new "school bus only" stop. He also provides a reminder that there is a leaflet "Information for Parents and Scholars" issued by P&KC in August 2007 and advises he has had discussions with representatives of Kinross High School about the need for further guidance / messages to students.

**P&KC Bin Policy:** A presentation was made by Jim Renton, P&KC Development & Marketing Manager, to explain the reasons behind the Bin Policy and answer questions from the public. Mr Renton's talk was very informative and is summarized as follows: It has been Bin Policy since 1997 as a result of Health and Safety requirements that no side waste should be collected. Bin men are no longer required to uplift rubbish left at the side because of the danger from needles and sharp objects. The plan eventually is for every house to have 3 bins: one Blue for cardboard, cans and tins; one brown bin for garden waste; and one green bin for food waste. These will be collected on a rotational system. This will not be in place until every household has been included in the route and all the necessary bins are in place. Funding has been promised but not yet provided by the Scottish Executive for 50,000 bins to be allocated. It is recognised that some locations such as Carnbo do not have blue or brown bins. However Mr Renton undertook to review the routing of existing collections to determine if capacity exists to make additional collections in Carnbo. If this is possible then additional bins will be issued to residents. At the moment those households with blue bin collections are advised that



they are solely for paper and not cardboard, due to the contract they have with buyers of the waste. Cllr Barnacle stated that the rotational system of collection will not take place until everyone has three bin collections. The recycling centre at Kinross is to be upgraded and the Council hope to have this completed by the end of this financial year. Planning permission has been received for the recycling centre at the Institute, Crook of Devon, although it has taken a year. There is no recycling centre at Cambo as this is not on the route for industrial vehicles at the moment.

Mr Renton gave a help line number for concerned residents who require more information: 01738 476476. The CCllrs thanked Mr Renton for a knowledgeable and informative talk.

#### Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Barnacle praised Mr Renton as a highly informed and proactive manager in P&KC and stated that when he was Convener of Environment Services he was frustrated by the lack of funding from central government.

Cllr Barnacle stated that the four Kinross-shire Councillors are to meet with forward planners to discuss town issues, e.g. the High School site.

There had been a suggestion for an area committee for Kinross-shire. This was approved by the full Council but has never happened. Cllr Barnacle believes an area committee would be a good thing for Kinross-shire.

Cllr Barnacle informed us of a road closure from 21 November for two weeks. This will be the A823 Loaninghead to Yetts of Muckart road from its junction with the access road to Burnfoot for a distance of 350m in a northerly direction; access for local residents only. This is to be closed to assist with the installing of the wind farm. The CC agreed to display a copy of the road closure notice on community notice boards.

Cllr Barnacle has noted a number of pot-holes on roads in Powmill. Scottish Water are aware of this situation.

The refusal of planning permission at Glendale cottage, Drum has gone to Scottish Executive for appeal.

#### Planning Matters

07/01831/FUL - Demolition of 4 holiday chalets and construction of 4 residential dwellings and 3 detached garages, Riverside Lodges, Main Street, Crook of Devon for Mr Mitchell: FDCC recommend approval subject to satisfactory resolution of the following issues and concerns:

- (1) Concerns for site density and plot ratios,
- (2) Provision for unobstructed visibility access at the junction with A977,
- (3) The site roadway is only 3 m wide and provision should

be made for vehicles to pass, (4) Flooding - Levels on the site design are inconsistent with engineers report.

07/01990/FUL - Temporary installation of a mobile home for staff use at south Kilduff Farm, Fossoway for Lucinda Russell: FDCC recommend approval, subject to a time limit being set.

07/02145/FUL - Erection of a fence at 2 Mill Gardens, Powmill for Pridtan Ltd: FDCC recommend approval, subject to the style of the fencing being modified to preserve the present open nature of the plot.

07/02174/FUL - Erection of a dwelling house at The Brae, Rumbling Bridge for Mr S Hamilton: FDCC recommend refusal because of the conflict with Policy 81 of the Kinross Local Plan, the adverse effect of contamination of the drinking water at the nearby well and the increased hazards at the access to the public highway. Tina Richards, an objector representing four houses, stated that SEPA have visited and does not believe that the application would be viable.

07/02183/FUL - Erection of a conservatory at rear of Pineville, Station Road, Crook of Devon for Mr and Mrs D Lyall: FDCC recommend approval.

#### General Correspondence

All correspondence was available to view at the meeting and is documented.

**Incoming correspondence** not in Matters Arising above:

A Boulter – objection to 07/00555/FUL Plot 5 Upper Powmill Farm.

Cllr Barnacle – copy of letter to P&KC re a number of critical local issues.

Powmill residents – objection to 07/02046/FUL Seamab school proposed extension.

Tayside Police – Pitcairnie development: advising access is a planning matter.

H Wallace – proposed footpath to Fossoway Primary school: dealt with by Cllr Barnacle.

D Alexander – expressing concern about the Minutes of the August meeting and amendment to those minutes at the meeting on 4 September 2007. He alleges a number of failures and errors on part of the Secretary F Saunders and suggests resignation. His letter also indicates his intention to complain to P&KC. F Saunders has sent a detailed response refuting the allegations. D Alexander was present at the meeting and indicated that his letter did not mention resignation. He also indicated that CCllr Saunders in his response stated that Colin Rodgers of DF concerts chaired the T in the Park meeting in May 2007. However, D

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Alexander states that it was chaired by D Colliar of Kinross CC and that this fact had been confirmed by Kinross CC. Cllr F Saunders insisted that while he was in attendance at the meeting C Rodger of DF Concerts effectively chaired it. It was suggested by the chair that perhaps it was conducted in such a way that confused everyone and may have been unclear who chaired the meeting. Cllr Barnacle who was also present at the meeting stated that it was not clear at start of the meeting who was in the chair. Colin Rodgers of DF Concerts did all the talking and D Colliar had inputs. CCllr Morrison asked D Alexander why when he was at the meeting on 4 September he did not object then but raised issues after the event. D Alexander answered that he wanted to put matters in writing and wrote to CCllr F Saunders. The Chair stated that there has been an element of misunderstanding and feels that we have addressed the issues and suggested closing the matter. This was agreed by all present.

P&K Access Group – Seeking support to ban A-boards in P&K: FDCC agreed to support the ban.

Sus-it-Out – invitation to conference: CC declines – more appropriate for P&KC.

Scottish Landscape Forum – Leaflet.

D Mason – acknowledging and accepting P&KC decision re side road signs.

P&KC – Minutes of meetings 14 June to 12 September 2007.

**Outgoing Correspondence** not included in Matters Arising above:

D Alexander – refuting all allegation in his letter re August meeting and Sept amendments.

P&KC, Mr C Haggart – seeking change to southern Powmill Village sign to match 40mph sign.

Mrs A Morgan – advising decision of review of complaint.

D Farmer, Tayside Safety Camera Partnership – seeking more leaflets.

National Inventory of War Memorials – asking if interested in Blairingone War Memorial.

Imperial War Museum – asking if interested in Blairingone War Memorial.

#### **Other Business**

**Neighbourhood Watch:** A member of the public asked where they could get hold of Neighbourhood Watch stickers. These are issued by the Police who get them from P&KC at cost. FDCC will enquire whether we can get funding for this.

**Pitcairnie Development:** Tom Read, a Cambo resident who has been trying to get SEPA to visit this development to assess flood risk, is perturbed that another planning application featured this evening has already had a visit from SEPA when the Pitcairnie Development has not. In order for SEPA to visit, they have to be instructed to do this by the Planning Department. A representative from Wilson Homes informed us that flood risk is assessed at the time when the Planning application is submitted. The Pitcairnie Development was granted outline planning permission before SEPA flood maps were issued in November 2006. As this development is now included in the Flood Risk Area, residents are genuinely concerned. The Wilson Homes representative says that their engineers say there is no issue with flooding. Residents disagree and state that there has been a change in the levels of building exacerbating any likely flooding impact on their property. There is clear concern and FDCC have asked if the developer could show initiative and ask SEPA and P&KC for a meeting on site to reassure the public who are at risk. The developer is to get back to FDCC on this point. The Secretary was asked to continue seeking a response from P&KC Flood Risk Officer S Veitch.

**The next meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 4 December in Fossoway Church, Crook of Devon at 7.30pm.**

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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the November Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 13 November at Portmoak Primary School were: Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Sue Mitchell-Henry, Jo Morrell, Jim Shepherd, Alistair Smith, Margaret Wilson, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle, and several members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllrs Kathleen Baird and Sandy Miller.

#### Chairwoman's Report

**Stephen's Field:** The Chairwoman had received a letter from Mr Goodwin saying that the field above Whitecraigs had numerous hollows and gullies that had names, and if these were filled they would be a historic loss to the village.



*Stephen's Field, above Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood*

**Loch Leven Heritage Trail:** The Chairwoman reminded the meeting that Phase 2 of the trail had been opened from Vane Farm to the gliding field. It is a beautiful path and she encouraged people to use it.

**Verge Maintenance:** The Chairwoman had received a letter from Kinnesswood in Bloom asking that the grass verges between Woodmarch and Kinnesswood be cut on a regular basis. The Secretary will write to P&KC to see what their grass-cutting programme is for next year.

**KiB Presentation:** The Chairwoman then invited Helen Manzi of Kinnesswood in Bloom to make a presentation to the CC. KiB is proposing to make a Gateway structure to the north end of Kinnesswood on the A911. They have prepared drawings and obtained quotation for the work. KiB will be writing to P&KC Roads for their approval.

#### Stephen's Presentation - Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood

Jim Lochhead of Stephens gave a short presentation to the meeting regarding two alternative proposals that Stephens are considering for the next housing phase at Kinnesswood. The first is in accordance with the current Kinross Area Local Plan for nine high value houses. The alternative is for 18 houses, consisting of five affordable houses, four low cost houses and nine high values houses. There was considerable objection from residents in the existing houses. Mr Lochhead left the meeting to discuss the proposals and asked that the CC inform him of the conclusion of the meeting. The Secretary proposed to the meeting that they write to him expressing their opinions and the CC would pass these to Stephens together with the CC's opinions.

#### Secretary's Report

The Public Inquiry for the Wind Farm at Tillyrie will start on 12 December at Windlestrae Hotel.

The Secretary had received a letter from Gordon Banks MP acknowledging receiving a copy of the CC's letter to P&KC

Planning on various issues.

#### A911

Cllr Barnacle has still not received any response to his letter of 20 September regarding a number of road issues including the A911.

#### Planning Matters

**07/02217/FUL** Erection of three terraced houses with integral garages, Wester Bowhouse: the CC will object to this Application as it is contrary to the Kinross Area Local Plan, Housing in the Country policy. The CC is also very concerned about the access on to the A911 as it is very close to a bend and a dip in the road.

**07/02355/FUL** Formation of a new vehicular access, mid Bowhouse, Leslie for Mr and Mrs G Dunn: the CC will object to this application as it adds a new access on to the A911 at a section where it is very fast and dangerous and it is close to the existing one which is covered by the application below. The CC will suggest that if a new road has to be built, it should be close and parallel to the existing road and exit on to the A911 at the same point. The CC will also write regarding the fact that it was a Planning condition that the new road be built before developing the new houses. Work on the houses has started without the new road.

**07/02365/FUL** Alterations to vehicular access, mid Bowhouse, Leslie for Mr and Mrs G Dunn.

#### Perth & Kinross Councillor Barnacle

P&KC is reviewing its committee structure. In the past Cllr Barnacle had suggested that there be a separate area Committee for Kinross-shire. P&KC have agreed to look at it again, especially in the light of a COSLA meeting, which proposes decentralising powers to development committees. Cllr Barnacle is proposing that such a committee would fit with this and could consist of the four Councillors and six CCs. The CC is keen to support this and will write to the other three Councillors.

#### Other Matters

Mr Douglas Alexander attended the meeting on behalf of T in the Park to apologise to the CC that they had not been included in the meeting to discuss the event. He assured the CC that they would be included in the next meeting.

Mr Gray asked that the CC withdraw their objection to his retrospective application for his house at Glenvale. The CC felt they were justified in their objection and decided not to withdraw.

**The next meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 11 December at 7.30pm in the Portmoak Primary School.**

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# Club & Community Group News

## Summer's End Market

### Kinross-shire Tourism Group

Auspiciously also the night the clocks changed, a flood of folks came out to enjoy a Samhain Evening. The idea, organisation and delivery of the event was within quite a short timescale and everything pulled together with a great deal of goodwill from all parties. Thanks to the Cuthbert clan who provided the inspiration, drive and support that made it happen. Having had such a good time with Discovery Weekend, we were thrilled that so many people came out and supported our efforts again.

Derived from a desire to gradually develop a market for local produce, we decided to couple this with kids' activities, ably presented by Swansacre Playgroup and, for a twist, to introduce a bonfire (provided by Kinross Estates and Golf Courses) and some drumming (provided by Afrodisiac) as was more in the tradition of Samhain. We reckon 400-500+ people appeared to enjoy the evening and stallholders were pleased with the interest in their goods. Teammania, who have a base locally, provided a great ball play diversion.



*Hungry eyes contemplate a tempting display of handmade chocolates! Photo: Dave Cuthbert*

Thanks go to the Montgomery Hotel Group and Kinross Estates who helped with tables, chairs and bonfire as well as providing the location, Market Park. Thanks to Hattrick-Bruce for sorting electrics, Graham Sorbie for trouble-shooting during the event, and to Gavin from Adam Neilson who helped us put the electrics to bed. The marquees were provided by Kinross Brigade and Lochend Farm Shop. Jim Paterson appeared at just the right time with a fire barrier. Thanks to our fire marshals. Financial support was provided by P&KC. Thanks to the Police and Fire Service for their attention. Melvin Ryznar helped in sorting out the Market Operators' licence, which we now have for three years.

Looking to the future, we'd like to hear what you think, what you liked, what you didn't like, how you might like to be involved in future events/markets. Indeed Kinross-shire Tourism Group is undergoing a bit of a metamorphosis as realisation dawns that we need to provide good entertainment for locals, encourage them to spend time and money enjoying Kinross-shire and the visitors will follow from that. We are in the process of forming a structure to put this into action and would welcome any ideas and input. Keep your eyes on the Newsletter and [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) for further developments and maybe use the bulletin board on [kinross.cc](http://kinross.cc) to tell us what you think. Write to Susan Bathgate at 42 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN, tel 864742 or email [sa.bathgate@ntlworld.com](mailto:sa.bathgate@ntlworld.com). Your support is what keeps us going!



## Kinross High School



**School Golf Team:** The golf team won the final of the Perth and Kinross Golf Association Team Championship. Well done to Scott Barbour, Callum Graham, Jamie Arthur, Thomas White and Sam Craigon for all their efforts.

**Perth & Kinross Regional Choir:** Congratulations to **Lesley Spencer, Rebecca Nielson, Kelly-Anne Studders, Fiona Campbell, Ellie McKearnon, Duncan Brown, John Cunningham** and **Matthew Williams** who successfully auditioned for the Perth and Kinross Regional Choir.

**Equestrian Vaulting Success:** Congratulations to **Lucy Brown** in S1 who was in the winning team at the Scottish Equestrian Vaulting Competition on Saturday 20 October. Lucy competed in the Pre-novice group which bagged the first prize after their group freestyle in walk. Lucy also did her individual compulsories in canter and also managed to get a Special Award for her freestyle in walk.

**World's Biggest Coffee Morning:** Thank you to bakers and contributors who made our coffee morning a huge success. We raised £238 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

**Wear Pink Day:** Friday 26 October was a national wear pink for Breast Cancer Day. We supported this by wearing pink accessories, e.g. tie, jewellery, scarf, belts, shoes. We had donations and held a coffee morning for senior pupils and staff with over £400 raised for the Breast Cancer Campaign.

**Tesco Sports Vouchers:** The PE Department are collecting the green Tesco Sports vouchers. We already have quite a collection but we NEED more!!!! All gratefully received.

**Children in Need:** Wednesday 14 November brought Kinross High School's annual Children in Need extravaganza. Senior pupils organised the day, where all pupils were encouraged to bring in donations and to come to school wearing fancy dress with an 'under the sea' theme. From pirates to coral, everyone made an effort and a whole underwater ecosystem was created! Fun events at lunchtime also encouraged everyone to dig deep. On the whole, a very fun and wet(!) day was had by all and the overall total raised for Children in Need was £979.

**Support required:** The school is in need of assistance from local adults in providing reader/scribe support to some pupils during exams. If you are interested, please contact the school on 01577 862430 or e-mail [headteacher@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk)

You will have to pass an Enhanced Disclosure Scotland check and provide references.

## Kinross High School Council

At the October meeting, members heard about the valuable work of the Community Youth workers who are based in the school. Members discussed how they could fund raise to help defray costs of pupils' travel to various activities and visits.

Members approved the draft constitution of the new Council which replaces the former School Board and appointed office bearers for the current year.

## Probus Club

The speaker for the meeting on 7 November was Professor John McManus, and his subject "The Tay Estuary", but there was a hitch right at the start of the meeting – there was no slide projector. Luckily Bill Connolly volunteered to get his own projector from his home, so the slide show could begin. Professor McManus had been dealing with the Tay river right from 1962 when the University bought a piece of land near Newport. Professor McManus's geography department turned the former shops on this piece of land into laboratories and started to measure various aspects of the Tay river, such as saltiness and the amount of sediment. The Tay has a large catchment area. The volume of water coming down the Tay is equal to twice the volume flowing in the Thames plus all the water in the Severn. From the measurements, an analysis of the river can be made. The Tay river is unique in that its estuary is shallow, but care must be taken when walking on the sand banks in the estuary. Some of the sand banks are made up of soft mud, and an unwary traveller could sink into the mud up to his armpits. The deepest part of the channel is on the South of the river, while the North shore is now made up of reclaimed land. Riverside airport is built on the waste material from the city of Dundee. All in all a most interesting talk, and Roger Stark expressed the thanks of the members. Among the notices, the Secretary intimated that the Christmas lunch would be held on 12 December.



## Kinross Garden Group

Our November meeting, attended by 61 members and visitors, was addressed by Nicola Singleton who gave us a very informative talk entitled "A Tour of National Trust Gardens in Scotland". Our next meeting is on **Thursday 13 December** in the Millbridge Halls, Kinross at 2pm. We will be delighted to welcome Gladys Wright of the Scottish Crop Research Institute who will give a talk on "The Living Garden". Our **Festive Lunch** takes place on **Thursday 10 January** at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross, meeting there at 12.30pm. Money to be paid for this at the December meeting.



## Kinross-Shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme

### Annual Burns Supper

Our fund raising Burns Supper will be held in the Windlestrae Hotel on **Monday 21 January 2008**, 7pm for 7.30pm.

Tickets will be available from mid December - contact Ann Munro, 01577 840196 or Bill Michie, 01592 840602. This is always a great night with excellent entertainment so don't miss it. If anyone would prefer vegetarian haggis, please say when you buy your tickets.

The following notice should have been published in the November newsletter but my computer – not me! – sent the wrong file to the Editor. Yes, I have rapped my knuckles for the slip and apologise for the delay:

We would like to give thanks for several local donations received recently. Inner Wheel, Kinross gave us £250, Lodge St Serf No 327 gave £50 and a grateful client sent in £50. Donations such as these from our own local area encourage us and let us know our service is appreciated. Thank you again.



## Potager Garden

Hi, my name is Michelle Hardaker and I am the Convenor of Potager Garden in Kinross. It is a Community Garden in Bowton Road and is open daily during April - October. During the winter months it is open on fine days. The Garden is cared for by volunteers and during the year, we work with the Primary School children and run Gardening Courses and an After School Club. If gardening is your hobby and you would like to get involved, please phone me.

I would like to thank the Rotary Club members for their very energetic help in the Garden, it was a joy and they have made a wonderful difference.

At the moment the garden is going through changes and DIY is being done. We still have some needs and if you are able to donate any items, they would be very gratefully received.

We need:

- A dark brown stain for the shed and cold-frames
- 2 x galvanised shelving, floor to roof height
- storage boxes with lids
- A stand for the water butt

We are also trying to establish a soft fruit area in the Garden. If you have any soft fruit cuttings that you would like to donate, we are on the lookout for all sorts of berries! Raspberries, gooseberries, cranberries, bilberries, blueberries, cape gooseberries (Chinese lanterns), strawberries and a "fig tree".

The Garden depends on donations and funding and we are so delighted when shrubs or plants of any sort are gifted to the garden for the Garden, or for sale, as this really helps with the running costs.

If you would like any more information about present plans or how the Garden came to be, I have lots of photos and will gladly have a chat over a cuppa. Please contact me on tel 01577 862622 or e-mail [dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk)

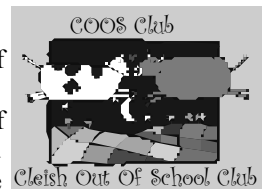
## COOS Club

The COOS Club (Cleish Out Of School Club) has had a successful term under the expert guidance of Alice, our temporary play leader and Zoë, our play worker. Sadly Alice will be leaving us at Christmas and we are still looking for someone to replace her on a permanent basis next term. So, if you know of anyone who has a qualification in childcare, education or nursing, or who is working towards one and would like an enjoyable and rewarding part time job, please point them in our direction!

The COOS Kids have enjoyed two hugely successful themed parties this term - Dr Who and Halloween being the themes. 26 children attended the former and 48 the latter. The next event is a Christmas craft night on 30 November when the children will be able to make gifts, cards and decorations and really start to get in a Christmassy mood.

For more information about the club and our activities, please visit our website at [www.coos.org.uk](http://www.coos.org.uk). To book a place at any of our club sessions, please contact the club on 07875 711827.

We would like to remind our holiday club users that the club closes for two weeks over the Christmas and New Year period to give our staff a much-earned rest. We anticipate that the club will open again on Tuesday 8 January.



## Kinross & District Rotary Club



The profile of Rotary in the UK has been raised this year due to the success of its four preferred projects involving partnerships with the Impact Foundation, Barnardo's, the Institute of Cancer research and the Wheelchair Foundation. Rotary Clubs have raised over £170,000 for Barnardo's in the last 12 months. Support for the Impact Foundation has been equally successful with new train carriages being supplied to its travelling hospital in India. Support for the Wheelchair Foundation has resulted in thousands of people being given back their mobility. If you would like to help Rotary with these and other projects why not come along to one or two of our meetings held every Monday evening in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross from 6.30 pm. Let us know you are coming by sending an email to our secretary at davidalison.reid@virgin.net so that we can look out for you. Rotarian Bob Thomson from the Leven Club gave an interesting and amusing talk on his experiences as the team leader on a Rotary group service exchange tour of northern India. Founded on an objective to develop international understanding and peace, the group service exchange programmes provide a unique opportunity for business and professional people to explore and develop their vocational experiences and leadership skills in a distant country. At the last meeting in October local Rotarian Campbell Watson and his wife Pauline gave an excellent presentation on their holiday to Indonesia which had included a visit to the school at Sulawesi which is being rebuilt with support from the Club. Present at the meeting were the President of Inner Wheel, Linda Bayne and fellow members. Mike Hughes was inducted into membership of the Club. Cornish Charlie, the carpenter played a large part in Rotarian John Hegarty's living faith and commitment to the church. John related to the mid November meeting how he had met Charlie whilst working on a civil engineering contract in Wimbledon. As a result he was inspired to go on to become an assistant at Tynecastle Church, Edinburgh followed by several years on the Isle of Barra. His first charge after as an ordained minister was in Castlemilk, Glasgow followed by Newbattle, High Carntyne and St John's, Cupar. John concluded by saying that he had considered it a privilege to be a minister and the vote of thanks was given by Ken Paterson.



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## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the November meeting Bob Neish gave a marvellous talk on "Trekking in the Arctic". Accompanied with slides which showed us stunning pictures, Bob described the adventures of his trip. He kindly answered questions from the members.

**Friday Walks:** Our first walk in November was with the biggest turn out for some time, and was a leisurely stroll from Muckhart, round Dollar and back again. So much time was taken up by lunch at the Burnside, Dollar, enjoying the new facilities, that we had to hurry back to meet our 3pm deadline at Mona's in Muckhart. There, a large party of walkers and ex-walkers were treated to afternoon tea by Dorothy and Alastair, as part of their Golden Wedding celebrations with their friends. The Friday walks for December 2007 and January 2008 are:

**14 December:** Tentsmuir Forest from Tayport - an 8 mile walk along forestry roads to the Ice House and to see the seals.

**28 December:** Gleneagles Hotel to Blackford and back - a 6 mile stroll along an old path with a leisurely stop at Baxter's.

**4 January:** "The Sair Heid Walk" - from the car park at the entrance to Falkland House to the Monument and back, and then going for soup and sandwiches in Falkland. As numbers are limited, priority will be given to regular walkers, and on this occasion we leave Millbridge car park at 10am.

**11 January:** Two walks at Culross, one round Preston Island and the other past the old West Kirk and Dunimarle Castle - about 6 miles in total.

**25 January:** Kinnoull Hill and Deuchny Hill, Perth - a return visit to old winter favourites.

**Hillwalkers:** Unfortunately inclement weather on 26 October meant the circular walk round from Portmoak via the Tetley Trail, Carlin Maggie and Bishop Hill was cancelled for the second time this year.

We had better fortune on 9 November when we had clear skies and bracing conditions for our walk from Castlehill reservoir over Boreland Glen, Green Law and Sim's Hill.

December's short days mean we will restrict our walks to slightly shorter, lower level efforts this month. On the 7th we will take the eight mile out-and-back route through the Dalmeny Estate, from South Queensferry to Cramond. Our last walk of the year will be round Moncrieffe Hill on the 21st.

**December Meeting:** The speaker on **6 December** will be Michael Bullough on "Industry of McEwens".

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## Portmoak Film Society

### Variety is the spice of life!

"Spicy" is a word that was very appropriate for November's film, "Young Adam". It was not uncontroversial with (many) scenes of a sexually explicit nature, the hallmark of Scottish director David Mackenzie, and the patient audience gave it a only a 2:1 "good" rating - and nobody walked out! But let it not be said that we don't offer something for everyone, and the next two films are completely different. On **8 December** we will show "The Rabbit Proof Fence", a beautifully-shot and life-endorsing film which charts the attempts of three little girls in Western Australia in 1931 to get back to their mothers after being taken away from them. It's a piece of fairly recent history that "White Australia" would have preferred to remain untold. On **12 January** the 2006 multilingual film "Babel" will show, starring Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett and Gael Garcia Bernal. It plays in the Moroccan desert and links the lives of an American tourist couple, two Moroccan boys involved in a crime and a nanny illegally crossing into Mexico with two American children.

We still haven't decided on our Christmas family film, so if you have any suggestions, please contact any of the following telephone numbers: 01592 840576 or 840204 or 840638. Closer to Christmas, keep your eyes open for posters and flyers advertising the date and film. This event was a great success last year and we hope that many of you will bring your grannies, mums and dads and kids with you this time too!

For more info log on to:

[www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk)

## Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade

The Company has had two public outings over the past month with the annual enrolment service taking place in Kinross Parish Church at the end of October and the Armistice Parade on 11 November where buglers Sam Dick, David Johnstone and Graham Kilby played the last post.

In Battalion competitions the Company has had mixed success over the past month. Both Junior and Company sections were successful in the annual swimming gala held at Perth Leisure Pool with five out of the six trophies being won by Kinross, with Ross Mathieson winning the best overall swimmer award.

The company's badminton team defeated the 1st Haggis Company in the first round of the National Competition. The Junior Section Mini-Volleyball Competition and the Company Section Table Tennis Competition were both held on the same night at Bell's Sports Centre and although Kinross entered two teams in each competition they just failed to win the trophies.

The first round of the **National Masterteam Quiz** takes place in Kinross Church Centre on **Saturday 1st December** commencing at 7.30 pm.

The Company's two volleyball teams are still competing in the Perth & District Volleyball Recreational League fortnightly on Sunday evenings.

The Annual **Parents' and Friends Christmas Coffee Morning** takes place at Kinross Church Centre on **Saturday 1st December** from 10 am until 12 noon, with everyone invited to attend this special annual fundraiser.



## Save NHS Dentistry

At our last meeting two representatives from the Community Health Partnership gave us an update on the current situation relating to access to NHS dentists in Tayside, including Kinross-shire. We thank them for their time and will keep in touch with them. They were keen to clarify that people who contact the Drumhar Dental Surgery in Perth will be seen and treated only **for a one-off course of treatment** in turn, until all people without a dentist in Perth & Kinross have been seen at least once. This situation is only likely to change when the 20-dentist Treat & Teach Centre is opened at Broxden in 2009. This will be relatively accessible by bus from our new Park & Ride. They also insisted that the "Linkline" allowing residents to put themselves on a waiting list for a permanent dentist will soon be operational (although we have been hearing that for over a year now...).

On the parliamentary front, we appear to be making some waves with our petition. The Public Petitions Committee has decided to get further information from various organisations which will then be sent to us for comment. Our group therefore decided to meet again on **Wednesday 9 January** to discuss our response, so please note this in your diary. The Petitions Committee was interested in the same questions which concern us, i.e.

- What is the situation now in Scotland as more dentists continue to leave the NHS and go private? Fife is specially affected, so if anyone knows anything, please let me know.
- Why are dentists deciding to go private? The Committee will write to the British Dental Association and patients' health councils to try and get an answer.
- Does the fact that dentists can earn so much more in private practice than with the NHS have any bearing on their decision?

These are questions outwith the remit of our local NHS representatives, but the lack of information and communication about the real situation - i.e. how many NHS dentists are there left and how many people do they serve - is something that has concerned our campaign right from the word go. But are we any nearer to finding the answers?!

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

## Inner Wheel

President Linda welcomed everyone to our very Special November Meeting. We are celebrating our 25th birthday a little late. With a delicious meal and wine at the Windlestrae, we even had a birthday cake without the candles, made by Elaine, one of our members. Rotary President Barry came into the meeting and wished us all a happy birthday.

The entertainment for the evening was by two members of the club. Firstly Mary gave a very interesting talk on how the Club was formed and the history with 19 members and how there are still seven of the original group in the club, which now has 21 members. May then continued with a video of a fund raising event we had some 12 years ago in the Milnathort Town Hall. The theme was "40's Evening" and we all remarked how good-looking we all were.

The present members look forward to the next 25 years.



## Common Grounds Charity No. SC031582

**Projects:** Our current project is Tools with a Mission. It takes in old hand tools, sewing machines and in fact a whole lot of different items. They also produce water tanks for families in Africa and India and other areas of the world. We invited Mr Finley Robertson, who works for the charity, to speak to us on 14 November at lunch time. Soup and bread was served to an audience of over 30 people who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Common Grounds is better off by some £100. The convener thanked Mr Robertson and the volunteers who prepared and served lunch to the large number of public who turned out. We are prepared to take in hand tools on behalf of this project.

**Fairtrade:** It has been another good month for Fairtrade and also for Swazi Jams and Shared Earth products. Thank you to all who support these.

**Book Club:** The club meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month, 7.30pm at the Guide and Scout Hall. The contact is Marlene Whyte on 1592 840371.

**Other Events:** Come along on **Saturday 8 December** to listen to **Nigel Ewing** and **Ian Thomson** play classical guitar in the afternoon from 1pm until 3pm. Other events are planned for December/January. Please check local notice boards.

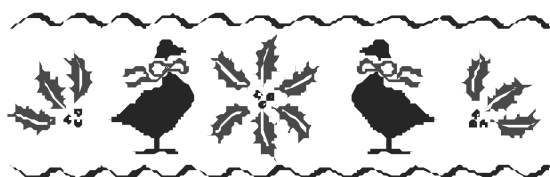
**Welcome:** You can expect a very warm welcome in the Guide and Scout Hall in Church Street, Milnathort. Now is a great time to enjoy our real log fire. Our happy band of volunteers will make you feel not only welcome but very much at home as you browse our extensive collection of second hand books over a warm cuppa of your choice. We also welcome new volunteers. You will be helping not only Africa but also our community. And beyond that, it is a great place to help out.

**Point of Contact:** Out of hours are as always Shirley Morgan (01577 864745), Pat Payne (01577 862715) or Jim Henry (01577 864452).

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### October Draw

1st	No 39	Mrs Charlotte Williamson, Scotlandwell
2nd	No 107	Clare Abbott, Scotlandwell
3rd	No 90	Mrs Janette McLennan, Kinnesswood



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## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The speaker at the November meeting was the ever-welcome Susan Payne from Perth Museum who took us on an exciting trip to South Korea, a country with a higher standard of living than members had appreciated. Refreshingly, the people celebrate their customs for themselves rather than for tourists and whether in building roads or museums, they always aim high. Such ambition results in a wonderful diversity of museums and collections with the benefit of state of the art technology. Susan's infectious enthusiasm for a beautiful country must have had several members reaching for their passport.

## Kinross-shire Round Table

### Toddle for Pudsey



On Saturday 10 November Kinross-shire Round Table organised a "Toddle for Pudsey" in Kirkgate Park to raise funds for Children in Need. Despite the early showers more than fifteen toddlers, together with their mums and dads, came along and raised over £760 in sponsorship by toddling around the new paths in the park. Organiser Mike Spain said "We were delighted with the number of children taking part in our first Kinross-shire Toddle for Pudsey. A significant sum of money was raised for Children in Need and we would like to thank all the children and their parents for their magnificent efforts. The event will be held again next year, when we look forward to seeing even more toddlers Toddling for Pudsey."

In the meantime, watch out for the Round Table sleigh carrying Santa to Light Up Kinross on 27 November. Santa will also be out and about in his sleigh in Kinross-shire during the second week of December for the annual Round Table Santa collection in support of local good causes.

Anyone interested in joining Round Table should contact Murray Mitchell on 01577 862805.

## Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in Kinross Church Centre and Jean Paterson was elected Chairperson, replacing Robin Lambie who had indicated that he was standing down at the AGM. Vice Chairperson is Bill Freeman with David Munro continuing as Secretary and Helen Coldwell as Treasurer.

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## Kinross Squash Club

Kinross squash leagues continue to go from strength to strength with many new members joining and playing.



Matches have to be completed in five weeks. Leagues consist of five players. The two players with the most points go up a division and the two players with the least points move down. You get three points just for playing! If you wish to join please contact Peter Hookham by e-mail on [petehook@compuserve.com](mailto: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.

October's club night was well attended and a great success. Andrew Marshall gave a night up from his studies and proved almost unbeatable. The club nights are held on the last Thursday of the month and are played on a handicapped basis so matches are usually closely contended. They are a great way to find out your level in squash, meet a few new members and keep yourself fit. We look forward to seeing you on court.

Winners of the November leagues were:

Premier league	Archie Melville
League 1	Fergus Dowds
League 2	Phil Seymour
League 3	Jo Crawford
League 4	Alistair Johnston
League 5	Rory MacLeod
League 6	Christopher Martin

## Kinross Hockey Club

Since the last newsletter we have won 2 and lost 1 league game. Against Falkirk 3rds we halted our run of losses with a fine 4-0 victory with goals from Bradley Harrison, Andrew Getley, David Goodenough and Daniel Marsh. Next up was Edinburgh University 6ths in an exciting match with Mike Wilson slamming in the winning goal from close range. We then lost 0-3 to a well organised and skillful side from Gala in the district cup with our stand in youth kobra goalkeeper Campell Vaughn getting the man of the match award. Last weekend we disappointingly lost 0-3 to Waverley 3rds who notched up their first win of the campaign.

We are still looking for a coach as well as new players of any age and standard as we have a small but very friendly squad of players. Training is on Tuesday nights 19.30-21.00. For further details contact Ken Chick on 01577 863 043 or visit our website [www.kgv.hockey.co.uk](http://www.kgv.hockey.co.uk) Hope to see you soon.

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## Mountain Biking

Do you Mountain Bike? Do you want to put something back into the sport? Do you want to meet like-minded people who enjoy riding forest trails? Did you know there is a local mountain biking group - "Bike Blairadam"?

Contrary to what seems to be popular belief, trails don't magically build themselves. One of the best things anyone can do to help is come along to the trail building sessions. They're usually on a Sunday morning and last between two and three hours. We tend to stop at a logical point in the day's work, which we won't know until we get to it. We also have group rides meeting in the main car park of Blairadam woods; these are also on Sunday mornings at 9am for a 9.30am start. The duration is usually 2½ to 3 hours.



The easiest way to find more about this group is to go to the website <http://www.blairadam.com/development.htm> or Google "Bike Blairadam" and we should be the first hit. There is a forum on the site where members can chat and raise issues about mountain biking in the local area. There is also a photo gallery plus a map on the website showing the graded trails. We look forward to meeting you and to seeing you riding the forest trails.

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## Kinross Volleyball Club

The Kinross Volleyball Club continues to meet at Kinross High School games hall on Monday evenings with junior training from 8pm until 9pm and adult training from 9pm until 10 pm.

This season's Premier League looks like being particularly close with only Perth's Campus Sports remaining undefeated after the first two sets of fixtures. Both Kintronics and Scot Range are competing again this season. Four Kinross teams are competing in the Recreational League with Kintronics II and Scot Range II being joined by Kinross BB and Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade teams.

Junior players are now showing considerable progress with two attending the National Young Seniors' Training Programme in Glasgow.



Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade volleyball team

## Kinross Badminton Club

The first Club Championship of the season is for the Macdonald Quaich, which takes place on Thursday 6 December at 8pm. Members are asked to be in the games hall at 8pm prompt. The competition is open to all players. The winners will be presented with the trophy (plus a bottle of whisky) on Thursday 20 December at Bill's.

The last evening for juniors and primary before the Christmas break is 13 December and for the intermediates and seniors on 20 December from 6.30pm until 9pm. Please note the change of times.

There will be a "Christmas Jolly Up Night" at Bill's immediately after play on 20 December.

Play resumes on Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10 January. The President and committee wish all members a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. New senior members will be welcome in the new year.

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## Kinross Ladies Hockey club

Kinross Ladies 1st XI remain unbeaten in the league so far with encouraging performances from the young players coming through from the 2nd XI - notably Jenny Smith scoring twice against Dundee Wanderers on her debut.

Kinross Ladies 2nds recorded a win against Grove III and have given many teams a wake up call, frequently scoring first and very much holding their own against some tough opposition.

The draw for the Scottish District Cup saw the 1sts away to Kinross and the 2nds at home to Linlithgow. In an unfriendly match Kinross 1sts won 4 - 3 in the dying seconds, after Kinross scored to equalise with only two minutes playing time remaining. Meanwhile, at home the 2nds lost 5 - 4 in the dying seconds in a very tight match played in a friendly atmosphere. The 2nd team will now play in the Plate competition where they stand a very good chance of reaching the final stages.

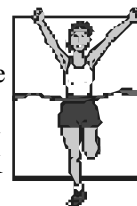
In Midlands Knock Out cup Kinross 2s played away to Blairgowrie, the only grass fixture now in Midlands. A draw at full time meant penalty strokes had to be taken and Kinross were very unlucky to be beaten when it eventually went to sudden death. Kinross 1s had a home fixture against St Andrews university which they won 7 - 1.

Training continues on a Wednesday 6.30 to 8.00pm at KGV all weather pitch - new players always welcome.

## Athletics

Kinross athlete Eilidh Child, currently in the middle of her winter training schedule, has received a boost ahead of the 2008 outdoor track season by being accepted onto the UK Athletics World Class Talent Programme, which will provide her with valuable support as she continues to prepare for major events in the future such as the 2010 Commonwealth Games, the 2012 Olympic Games and not to mention the 2014 Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow. Eilidh will also be sponsored throughout the forthcoming season by Puma, the sports clothing and footwear manufacturers, who will provide some financial assistance as well as supplying her with kit in return for her promoting their products.

At the recent Scottish Athletics Awards Dinner held on 17 November 2007, at the Marriott Hotel, Glasgow, Eilidh was rewarded for her excellent achievements in 2007 by being presented with the Under 23 Athlete of the Year Award. She has also been nominated for the Edinburgh University Sportsperson of the Year Award, which will be announced at the end of January.



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## Kinross Road Runners

A warm welcome to all the new members who have ventured out and joined us at our Wednesday night training runs or have come along at 9am on a Sunday morning for some fresh air and exercise.

If you enjoy running or want to get fit for another sport, then please do come and join your local running club. Our Wednesday night sessions start from the Health Centre car park near Loch Leven Leisure Centre at 7pm and finish around 8pm. Please introduce yourself and let someone know that it's your first session.

The Kinross Road Runners notice board has now moved to the rear of the squash courts at the leisure centre. We also have a web site, best found by searching through Google.

The main road running season is now over and as a finale Kinross Road Runners fielded five teams in the Hartley relays on a dreich Sunday 18 November. This year the event was hosted by Arbroath Footers. Kinross Road Runners mustered two ladies' teams of five runners each, two men's teams of six and a mixed team of six. Each member ran two non-consecutive laps over a fast grass course of just under one mile. Steve Crawford got the men's team off to a flying start, leading the rest of the other clubs home on the first leg. However, Kinross were unable to sustain the lead, eventually finishing in third place behind the Wee Counties team and Perth Road Runners. The ladies' team put in a superb effort to achieve second place just 29 seconds behind Forfar Road Runners ladies' team. Kinross's Hazel Porter ran the fastest ladies' lap of the day despite previous night's celebrations and was awarded more liquid refreshment for her efforts.

Other highlights over the past month:

Chris Pratt travelled to Spain and participated in the Granada half marathon. Chris's time was a personal best for the distance, capping off a superb season of intensive running. Five ladies found their way to Jedburgh to complete the half marathon, whilst prolific runner Sue Whisler completed the very tough Templeton Woods 10 miler near Dundee.

Four club members completed the very scenic Glen Clova half marathon, which for Roy Paterson was his first race over the distance. He achieved an excellent time of 1 hour 30 minutes whilst senior vet Roger Stark finished in a season's best for him of 1 hour 41 minutes.

The next club event is the **Christmas Handicap on Sunday 16 December**. It will be run over a 10 km course starting and finishing in Milnathort with refreshments available afterwards in the Town Hall.



## Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club (P7 – S2)



The Cavaliers continue to meet in the Games Hall, Kinross High School on Tuesdays, with P7s training 6-7pm and S1/2s from 6-8pm.

Not long after the start of the season, we received our fantastic new match and training balls purchased from the Awards4All Grant, along with other match equipment. On 4 November the Cavaliers Boys entered their first tournament in Dundee, competing against four other U14 teams from Tayside & Fife. For the majority of the team, this was their first experience of match play. In spite of still looking for their first win, they put up a strong performance, losing their first match by only 1 point!

Unfortunately, we were not able to enter a Cavaliers girls' team but two of the girls combined with Perth Phoenix and contributed to them winning all their games. It's hoped that further tournaments will be arranged and that the Cavaliers will soon be able to record their first win!

Anyone interested in joining, please contact Karen (862623) or Alison (861113).

## Kinross Curling School



The Masterclass course being held on **Friday 28 December** at the ice rink, from 12 noon until 5pm – YES, it is for you, the club curler! We still have spaces left and it is definitely worth the £30.00, which also includes lunch. If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with Ena Stevenson.

A reminder to the parents of the children who attend the **Monday after school club**: there is **no session** on Monday 26 November, and the last date before Christmas is Monday 10 December. The club will start back up again in the new year on Monday 14 January. The same goes for the children who attend with Kinross High School on the same dates.

We are holding a **Come and Try** curling day on **Saturday 5 January** at 10am. If you have never tried curling, and would like to have a go, then please come along and bring the family, we can guarantee you a couple of hours of fun while learning a new sport.

May I take this opportunity to wish all curlers a very happy Christmas and a good new year.

For further information please contact Ena Stevenson, telephone 01383 850257, e-mail [enastevenson@aol.com](mailto:enastevenson@aol.com)

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# News from the Rurals

**CLEISH** - Vice President Mrs Chris Pilling welcomed members to the November meeting and introduced our speaker Mr Donald Campbell, Crime Prevention Officer from Tayside Police, Perth who gave us an informative and thought-provoking talk about all the various crimes being perpetrated in our towns and rural areas these days. He gave us sound advice on the many ways we can protect ourselves and our property by being vigilant and aware of the many different types of crime being committed, credit card information theft and door to door tricksters being only two of the many crimes he advised us about. Mrs Pilling gave the vote of thanks and concluded business.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Sandra Webster
Christmas Decoration	- Sandra Webster
Chocolate Muffin	- Fiona Bamfather

**BISHOPSHIRE** - The members enjoyed a very interesting talk from Sharron Bissett, a member of the Jane Austen Society. She spoke so enthusiastically about Jane's life and writings, illustrating with slides of her family and the places where she lived. There were Jane Austen items on sale.

Competitions:

Pretty Handkerchief	- Jane Turnbull
Victoria Sponge	- Sylvia Herrington

**MILNATHORT** - Our members had an interesting historical talk and slide show from Mark Hall, Perth Museum on Romans and Caledonians in Perthshire.

Competitions:

SWRI badge (any craft)	- F. Hynds
Apple Jelly	- M. Paterson
Flower of the Month	- H. Gellatly

**BLAIRINGONE** - President Mary Ramsay gave a warm welcome to members and guest, then introduced Margaret MacGregor who gave us a very interesting narrated slide show on the former Alloa Inch Farm on the River Forth which was farmed by the MacGregors for many years before the water defences broke down and it was flooded.

Competitions:

Muffins	- Mary Croy
Water photo	- Jean Broome
Flower of the Month	- Fiona Clark

**CARNBO** - President Rosemary Hudson welcomed everyone to a well attended meeting. Mrs Frances Drysdale gave a talk on her trip to the Shetland Islands where she attended a summer school on Austrian Spice Craft. She displayed some of the items she had made. It was very interesting and tempted members to visit the islands.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Molly White.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Mrs Jessie Stirling
Flower Arrangement in a Shell	- Mrs Lizzie Ritchie

**CROOK OF DEVON** - After business was concluded, president Margaret Arbuckle welcomed Marlene White who gave us a talk on how to improve our image by selecting the right colours and style to wear. Marlene also had some lovely jewellery and bags to show us, which we could also purchase. Margaret Greig gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Pretty Scarf	- I. Mechan
Flower of the Month	- I. Mechan

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# Out & About



## Vane Farm



Another year is comin tae an end and the weather is getting a bit mair snell, well it is today as I batter away at the techno beastie that is the computing machine to try and write some sort of sane blurb?

It has been a relatively good year for some birds such as waders who were near to maximum densities on the reserve during the breeding season, others have not fared just so well which is probably due to various climatic factors causing food shortages etc, but overall things are ticking along nicely. We have a good selection of all the wintering birds at the moment as well, so worth coming along for a looky see.

We will be doing a fair bit o work on the wetland areas during the winter to cut rushes and also invert them (that's coupin them upside doon tae hide the green stuff so it rots awa) as well. We are also hoopin tae have mair coos (no tae drive the diggers, cos they hivnae mastered that art yet) to control the rough rush as they chomp the area doon n help the job along as an added bonus.

The new Tracks path has opened from Vane along to Levenmouth and has been popular with locals comin oot fur a dander.

Please be aware that other people might be using the reserve and the loch for a different purpose. Whether you are walkin yersel, the dug or whatever always respect other users.

We have a lot of kids comin along to the reserve to do teachery, educationy, stuff which is very important for their nature education. Recently we have had a few strange broon minibeasts fund in the grass shall we say, resulting in strange broon blobs on the kiddies' claithes. Ok on an Ayrshire coo, suits them, but no sae nice on a bairn ! So wi that in mind we are now advising people to walk the dug along the Tracks path only cos the teachers dinnae use that bit, and no tae go up the hill or indeed doon the wetland trail. By all means come along wi yer doggie and ask in the centre if you are unsure.

Details of the local access guidance relating to all advice on how to be responsible on the loch are available from either Vane or from SNH so please as requested "Know the Code before you GO" or visit the SNH website [www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com) The main thing is enjoy yersel and the wonderful scenery and wildlife that is in the loch area.

We have our new events programme from January to April formulated for 2008. Some new events have been added for next year and we have also made them cheaper to attend with special prices for multiple bookings etc. Please enquire when you visit about details, they are also on our website [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

The reserve will be totally closed on **25, 26 December** and also on **1, 2 January**, with early closing times in between. Remember we have some fabulous gift ideas in the shop that might jist solve that problem present. Have a great festive period and a hope ye get all ye want from Santa. Thanks fur readin ma ramblins over the last year, hope they kept you informed and gave you a wee smile at times. From everyone at Vane thanks for your support over the last year and we pass on the compliments of the season to you and yours.

Ta ta till next year

Colin

## Loch Leven NNR



As the cold weather sets in, and the migrating bird numbers continue to fluctuate, NNR staff are keeping themselves busy. With the recent opening of the Levenmouth section of the Heritage Trail, it looks like people have been showing great interest in this newly opened section of woodland. As well as providing access to the bird hide, the path also takes people into areas suitable for a range o f wildlife including red squirrels, badgers, roe deer, green woodpecker and a wide variety of seasonal fungi. As this is a sensitive area of the nature reserve, we would like to re-emphasise that we would prefer dogs to be left at home when entering this part of the reserve, but if they are with you we would ask that they are please kept on a lead.

Plans for 2008 are underway, with the proposed events programme having been extended to include several new events. So look out for "Meet the Water Voles" and "Damsels and Dragons" in the future.

As new events are being scheduled, ideas are also coming in thick and fast for more volunteer activities. Our Core Volunteers Group Meeting at the end of the month promises to be a colourful affair, with activities on the agenda ranging from water vole and red squirrel monitoring tree and reed planting, balsam bashing and other jobs that will help to get people more involved in their Nature Reserve.

The Growing Up with Loch Leven project has had an active month. A standard grade project at Kinross High School saw 60 students monitoring water quality, before chatting to Dr Bryan Spears from the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology and Craig Nisbet from Scottish Natural Heritage. Kinross Primary School also had a group down at the loch for a water project led by Mrs McLeod. Craig was on hand to provide a background to the pollution and water quality monitoring that is so important on the reserve. They also enjoyed a closer look at some of the wildlife present in the harbour.

Elmwood College also had a small group down to the loch to meet with the Reserve Manager, Paul Brooks, so it seems that folk from all stages of education have been at the NNR this month.

So, as 2008 creeps ever nearer, we look forward to new plans swinging into action. Watch this space for further news...

Craig

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Dairy products feature heavily in this list of must-haves; demand for milk, cream and cheese peak at Christmas and New Year, as the nation gives up on calorie counting instead enjoying a fortnight of indulgence.

Obviously these items cannot be stored up and packaged in advance of the Christmas frenzy. Dairy produce is fresh and goes off if kept for too long. Ensuring the steady supply of milk through the year, takes careful planning. Supplies of milk are dependent upon how many cows are milked nationally. Adjusting the price for seasonality ensures continued supply. Farmers need to make sure the cow has a calf annually in order to keep producing milk, so autumn is a busy time for calving on many dairy farms. What the cow eats also determines her yield. If the farmer has made lots of good quality juicy silage during the summer, then the cows will produce lots of milk during winter, when they eat silage instead of grass. Milk has to be taken from a cow twice daily. Optimum yield is obtained if the interval is as close to 12 hours as possible. So if a cow is milked at 4am, it is ideal to milk her again at 3 or 4pm. With an average herd size in Scotland of about 100 cows, it may take at least three hours to milk the herd, clean the milking parlour and feed the cows. This has to be done twice a day, every day of the year.

Of course there is no rest for Christmas. Dairy farmers are out tending to the cows for a good part of the day. Rising from the lunch table full of Christmas dinner to start the whole process again in the afternoon must be an effort. Let's hope they have had lashings of double cream on their trifle to give them plenty of energy for the afternoon milking.

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## Weather



### October Weather Report From Carnbo

October, like September was a mainly anticyclonic month, this leading once again to very low rainfall, with plenty of sunny days and high daytime temperatures.

Rainfall for month 64 mm (50% of normal)

Heaviest fall 21 mm (3rd)

Highest temperature 16°C (12th)

Lowest temperature -1°C (24h)

Average temperature 8.2°C

3 days with a maximum above 15°C

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**ELEANOR GORDON** celebrated her 60th Birthday on 15 November. Best wishes and lots of love from Dennis, Donna, Bryan and Conner.

The **KINROSS OTTERS** team competing in the third division of the Tayside leagues programme has won the division outright. The team will be promoted and compete in the second division in 2008.

**PAMELA BAKER**, a coach with the Kinross Otters Swimming Club, has received a coaching grant from Perth & Kinross Sports Council.

**SIMON BYFORD** of Kinross has been named Britain's construction manager of the year by the Chartered Institute of Building. Mr Byford, a project manager for Sir Robert McAlpine, won the accolade after overseeing the refurbishment of the Halifax Bank of Scotland headquarters, an A-listed building at the Mound in Edinburgh.

## Thanks



**DOROTHY** and **ALISTAIR HUTTON** would like to thank all their friends, 50 plus Walking Group, and Hockey "girls" for their good wishes, cards and flowers received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. Also for all the kindness and help Dorothy has received since her accident. Our sincere thanks to all.

**MARY SMITH**, Maryburgh, would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, presents and donations to Cancer Research UK given at, or after, her 80th birthday party held in the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam. She is delighted to report that the sum of £430 has been sent to their Edinburgh HQ.

**THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE** would like to thank all those who attended the donor sessions in October. A total of 225 people volunteered to donate blood, which was another really good response and represents a great deal of help to patients all over Scotland. The service will visit Kinross again on 25 and 26 February.

**ANN MILLAR** would like to thank all her family, friends and the many others who sponsored her on behalf of the National Association for Colitis & Crohn's Disease (NACC), for walking in the Great Scottish Walk on 17 June. A total of 21 people, from all over Scotland, walked for NACC. Amongst that amount Ann had ten members of her family also walking. A total of £2261.35 was raised for NACC; Ann raised £527.35 and her great-granddaughter Kaleigh, with her mum and nanna, raised £144. Well done everyone.

**ROTARY SHOE BOX APPEAL:** The Rotary Club of Great Britain and Northern Ireland organise deliveries of boxes containing Christmas presents to families in Eastern Europe. Again this year the Rotary Club of Kinross and District has involved itself in this project and we have despatched approximately 500 such boxes, which will be in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. They will go to families who otherwise would receive nothing. We owe a huge thank you to those in the community who have provided us with support and assistance, particularly the Primary Schools of Kinross, Milnathort, Cleish and Portmoak.

**BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOE BOX APPEAL:** Thank you to everybody who came along to Cleish Village Hall to help to fill shoe boxes for the Blythswood Appeal. It was a fantastic effort – over 800 boxes checked and filled. This was a full lorry load! Many thanks also to the many people who handed in shoe boxes. Our Cleish Hall session was most enjoyable, with excellent homemade soup and baking to round off a most worthwhile and satisfying occasion.

*Patricia Payne*

**POPPY APPEAL, MILNATHORT:** Many thanks to shopkeepers, Robertson's, Giacomazzi, Post Office, Scent from Heaven, MB Salon and Stewart & Smart and to the residents of all ages of Milnathort for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. The sum raised in Milnathort was £590.

*Helen Glover, Poppy Convenor*

**POPPY APPEAL, PORTMOAK:** The collection in the Portmoak area amounted to £406. A sincere 'thank you' to all who contributed, and to those outlets which displayed the collecting boxes.

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### December

- Sun 2** 10.30am Advent Sunday Communion Service led by John Munro.  
5.45pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols. A service for all ages.  
6.30pm Evening Communion Service.
- Sun 9** 10.30am Service led by Rev Joanne Finlay.  
3pm Community Christmas Celebration in the High School.
- Sun 16** 10.30am Service led by John Munro & Mrs Margaret Michie.
- Sun 23** 10.30am Christmas Family Service led by John Munro.
- Mon 24** 4.30pm Christmas Eve Crib Service for all ages.  
11.30 pm Watchnight Service.  
Christmas music from 11.15pm.
- Tue 25** 10.30am Christmas Day Family Service.
- Sun 30** 10.30am Service for the First Sunday after Christmas.  
2.30 pm Service of Remembrance.

### January

- Sun 6** 10.30am Service of Commitment, led by John Munro. Communion.
- Sun 13** 10.30am Service, led by John Munro.
- Sun 20** 10.30am Service for Christian Unity. Leader to be announced.

**Pram Service:** Each Tuesday at 10.00am in the Church. 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](mailto:helenacant@aol.com)

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

## Kinross Christian Fellowship

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## Church and Children's Sunday Club

Every Sunday at 10.30am

in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

During each service there will be a time for ministry and prayer for healing.

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

### Church of Scotland

Rev Robert Pickles Telephone: (01577) 863461  
E-mail: [robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com](mailto:robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com)

### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

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

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

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

**2 Dec** Formal Communion at Orwell

**15 Dec** 7pm Carol Service at Orwell

**16 Dec** 7pm Carol Service at Portmoak

**Christmas Eve** 6.30pm Family Service at Portmoak

**Watchnight Services** 11.30pm at both Churches

**6 Jan** Covenant Services at both Churches

## St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: [www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk](http://www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk)

### December Services

- Sun 2** Advent I, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am, Sung Eucharist followed by the AGM at 12 noon.
- Wed 5** 10.30am, Service of Prayers for healing with Holy Communion.
- Sun 9** Advent II, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am, Sung Eucharist
- Sun 16** Advent III, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am, Nativity Play.  
7.00pm, Service of 9 Lessons and Carols.
- Sun 23** Advent IV, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am, Christingle Service with Communion.
- Mon 24** Christmas Eve, 11.30pm, Midnight Mass.
- Tue 25** Christmas Day, 10.00am, Christmas Eucharist.
- Sun 30** Christmas I, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

Sunday School and Creche during the 11.00am Service.

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

## 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.



**Cleish Parish Church****Church of Scotland**

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

<b>Sunday Services</b>	11.15am
<b>Crèche</b>	11.15am
<b>Junior Church</b>	11.15am

**December**

<b>Sun 2</b>	11.15am	Advent Sunday worship
<b>Sun 9</b>	11.15am	Rev. John Munro
<b>Sun 16</b>	11.15am	Christmas Nativity - led by Junior Church
	6.30pm	Christmas Remembrance Service for the Bereaved.

*This is a quiet, reflective service of worship for individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one and wish a quiet space within the season of Christmas to remember them. All are welcome.*

<b>Sun 23</b>	11.15am	"The Incarnate God"
<b>Mon 24</b>	11.15am	Watchnight Christmas Service
<b>Tue 25</b>	11.15am	"Bring the Toys" family worship
<b>Sun 30</b>	11.15am	Reader: Brian Ogilvie

**Tuesday 4 December** 7.30pm - Kirk Session meeting.

**Fossoway Parish Church****Church of Scotland**

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

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am

**Crèche, Junior Church and Teenage Group** 9.45am

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

**Community Choir:** Wednesday evenings, 7pm-9pm

**December**

<b>Sun 2</b>	9.45am	Advent Sunday Worship
<b>Sun 9</b>	9.45am	Rev. John Munro
<b>Sun 16</b>	9.45am	Preacher: Steve Hamblin
<b>Sun 23</b>	9.45am	Christmas Nativity led by Junior Church
	6.30pm	Christingle Carol Service

*This is a beautiful carol service for all the family - from the youngest to the eldest members. Children will be assisting in leading this Scandinavian service with their Christingles (candle set in a decorated orange).*

*The church choir shall be singing and the music shall be led by the Celebrate Praise Band.*

<b>Mon 24</b>	11.15pm	Watchnight Christmas Service
<b>Tue 25</b>	9.45am	"Bring the Toys" family Christmas Service
<b>Sun 30</b>	9.45am	Reader: Brian Ogilvie

**Thursday 13 December** 7pm - Congregational Board.  
 7.30pm - Kirk Session meeting

**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)

**St James's R C Church**

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329  
 Website: www.stjameskinross.co.uk

<b>Mass Times</b>	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

**24 Dec** Carol Service followed by  
 Midnight Mass 11.30pm

**25 Dec** Christmas Day Mass 11.30am

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

**Kinross Gospel Hall**

Montgomery Street, Kinross

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

**Obituary**

**EDNA MAY PEDEN** (née Hope) died suddenly but peacefully at home in Causeway Court, on 1st October 2007. She was born in the Borders on 7th April 1923 and after school, she trained as a nurse in the City Hospital, Edinburgh during the Second World War.

She married Angus McKenzie Peden in 1946, and had a son, James and a daughter, Diane. They moved down to live and work in England, firstly in Lancashire and subsequently in Staffordshire. Following the death of her husband, she moved up to Kinross and lived in Seaforth Drive, where she enjoyed her garden, and then later moved to Causeway Court. After arriving in Kinross, she quickly became involved in the Day Centre. Her background in nursing was always clearly in evidence in the way she cared and supported others, particularly at the Day Centre.

Whilst latterly her health reduced her mobility, she remained actively involved in Causeway Court and was fortunate to enjoy the companionship and support of her friend Rab McArthur during the last few years.

She is survived by her son James, daughter Diane, daughter-in-law Jacqui, son-in-law Barry, and the three grandchildren, Katherine, Jonathan and Francesca.

She will be greatly missed.

**Acknowledgements**

**PEDEN** – Following the sudden death of our mother Edna Peden, we would like to express our gratitude to the many friends and other people who have supported her over the last few years of her life, since coming to stay in Kinross.

We would particularly like to thank the staff at Causeway Court for their care and support and also express our thanks to the staff of the Health Centre, who over the years have cared for her.

She was actively involved in the Day Centre for several years and that provided her with many happy memories and friends.

Over the years she attended the Kinross Parish Church and then more recently, Orwell Parish Church. Their support, visits and gifts of flowers were always appreciated.

**FERRIER** – The family of the late Alex wish to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and cards received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Margaret Michie for her comforting service, Dr Ian Campbell, Kinross Police and Gordon Stewart Funeral Directors, Kinross for their caring and professional services and to all who paid their last respects at Dunfermline Crematorium and donated to the Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland in lieu of flowers.



# 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 Carolyn Robertson 01383 831129  
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](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)



## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071

[www.swansacre.co.uk](http://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/carers

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/carers. 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

## 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*

## Orwell Dramatic Society

### “Are You Being Served” - POSTPONED

Unfortunately the production of “Are You Being Served?” (due to take place 5 – 7 December) has had to be postponed until further notice. We apologise to those who have already bought tickets and noted it in their diary.

If you have tickets we would ask you to return them to the place of purchase and a full refund will be given.

We hope you will support us next year in our productions and look forward to seeing you then.

## Tayside Fire and Rescue Service, and Local Area Housing Team Event



**Thursday 6 December**  
10.30am – 12.30pm  
Kinross Fire Station



Advice on fire service related matters and  
Community Fire Safety, as well as  
Legislative Fire Safety,  
Local housing issues -  
Estate Management, Neighbour Problems,  
Housing Advice, Homelessness

Come along or contact us to find out more:

Billy McDonald, Fire Service

Tel: 07736497427 or [billy.mcdonald@taysidefire.gov.uk](mailto:billy.mcdonald@taysidefire.gov.uk)

Kinross Office 01577 867602

## Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

featuring

3'S -A -CROWD

Come along and dance the night away

**Saturday 8 December**  
**at 8.00pm**

Entry £2.00 non-members

## Orwell Bowling Club BINGO TEA

**Monday 17 December**

**7.00pm for 7.30pm**

£1.00 including refreshments

Bring your own cup please.

## 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.

**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 Killlicrankie.** Minor skirmish or major battle? Grant Carnegie  
**Annual General Meeting.**

## Festive Shopping with CHAS

Shop at **Bazaars** for affordable festive party wear, a fantastic choice of winter reading and terrific bargains in Christmas trees and decorations.

At the **CHAS Gift Shop** you will find quality Christmas cards, gifts, novelties and stocking fillers for all the family. 2008 Scottish scenes calendars with tear off post cards are still on sale at only £3.25.

**Festive refreshments** will be available while you shop on **Sunday 9 December** from 12 until 4pm

The CHAS Shops will close at 1pm on Monday 24 December and open again on Thursday 3 January 2008.

CHAS would like to thank all their customers for their warm support throughout 2007.

CHAS Bazaars 76 and 88 High Street, Kinross tel: 01577 861380. Opening Hours 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

CHAS Gift Shop, 23 Avenue Road, Kinross tel: 01577 865557. Opening Hours 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

*Children's Hospice Association Scotland [www.chas.org.uk](http://www.chas.org.uk)  
Charity no SC 019724*

## Lochleven Chapter No 148 Order of the Eastern Star

Special Meeting

to be held in the Masonic Hall, Kinross on

**Thursday 6 December at 7pm**

All members are asked to attend

Business: Dormancy

## Kinross-shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme



## BURNS SUPPER

**Monday 21 January 2008**

in the Windlestrae Hotel

(See p21 for details)

## Smiddy Singers CAROLS, CAKES & CANDLES

Join the Smiddy Singers  
in their Annual Carol Concert  
in aid of Cancer Research  
on

**Tuesday 11 December at 7.30pm**

in the Church Centre, Kinross  
Raffle

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

## Kinross Floral Art Club

**Thursday 13 December**

at 7.15pm

in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross  
demonstration by Avril Aitkin entitled  
"Snowflakes and Fairylights"

New Members and Visitors Welcome

**Thursday 24 January**

**Members' Own Night**

at 7.15pm

in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

## Portmoak Community Woodland TRADITIONAL BURNS SUPPER

**Saturday 26 January 2008**

Portmoak Village Hall

**Immortal Memory – Lesley Riddoch**

Come along and enjoy a 'traditional' Burns Supper,  
complete with haggis, neeps, tatties and drams.

A guaranteed night of great Scottish entertainment  
with a local flavour.

Tickets £19.00 (includes three-course dinner, coffee,  
whisky miniature and entertainment not to be missed).

Contact Karen McDonnell 01592 840379 for tickets  
and/or further information.

## BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

There are two very active beekeeping associations covering  
the Fife and Kinross area and last winter I ran a course for  
beginners or anybody with bees and wishing to learn more.  
This was well attended and most of the beginners now have  
their own bees and thoroughly enjoy the experience.

There will be another course starting on **24 January  
2008** to be held from 7.30pm to 9pm in Portmoak Hall,  
Scotlandwell. Anybody wishing further information  
please contact Enid Brown, Scotlandwell, tel. 01592 840582  
or email [honeybees@onetel.com](mailto:honeybees@onetel.com)

## Blythswood Care

**Somerfield's Car Park**

**18 December between 10.30 am and 11 am**

Further details from 862258

## 'ALTERED IMAGES'

UNISEX HAIRSTYLING

in the comfort of your own home

Call LINDA on 01577 863860

## Off-road Horse Riding Routes in Perth and Kinross

VisitScotland and the British Horse Society are working on  
a project to develop a series of off-road riding routes in  
Perth and Kinross for visiting and local horse riders.

We **need your help** to identify suitable existing routes  
which could be promoted or improved, and suggestions for  
new routes or links.

If you have any information or ideas about existing or  
potential routes, accommodation and facilities for horse and  
rider, please come along to our consultation meeting:

**THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER at 7pm**

The Green Hotel, Muirs, Kinross

For further information contact:

Vyv Wood-Gee, Countryside Management Consultant

Shorttrigg, Hoddum, Lockerbie DG11 1AW

Tel: 01576 300485 Mobile: 07711 307980

E-mail: [vyv.wood-gee@virgin.net](mailto:vyv.wood-gee@virgin.net)

## Rotary Club of Kinross and District

presentation of

## Citizen of the Year Award 2007/8



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

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

Nominations can be made by individuals or organisations  
and should be received by the Rotary Club before  
**31 January 2008**. The Council of the Rotary Club will  
consider all nominations received and the presentation of  
the Citizen of the Year Award will be made in June 2008.

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

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

Barry Davies, President

Please address all nominations to:

David Reid, Secretary

Rotary Club of Kinross and District

c/o Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

## HEAVEN SCENT

is now taking outside catering bookings for

**Christmas 2007**

for Clubs, Rurals, Guilds, Offices or the work place.

All size of festive parties catered for.

**Telephone 01577 865577**

**[www.scotthospitalityservices.co.uk](http://www.scotthospitalityservices.co.uk)**

**or pop in**

## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945  
mbs@scott21.flife.co.uk  
**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Mrs M Traylor (01383) 830059,  
prvtraylor@ukonline.co.uk  
**Milnathort:** Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025  
joseph.giacomazzi@btopenworld.com  
**Fossoway & District:** Secy: Mrs C Danks (01259) 742633,  
celia@dawsholmdemon.co.uk  
**Portmoak:** Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

### Kinross Community Councillors

Susan Bathgate	42 High Street	864742
Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	862678
Dave Cuthbert (Vice Chair)	Highfield Circle	861001
Carole Drummond	Hatchbank House	850214
John Drummond	Hatchbank House	850214
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Laura Mackay	Brunthill Farm	07809232740
Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson	70 Muirs	862685

### Perth and Kinross Councillors

**Kathleen Baird**, Easter Clunie, Newburgh, Fife,  
KY14 6EJ. Tel (home): 01337 840218.  
Email: kbaird@pkc.gov.uk  
**Michael Barnacle**, Moored, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon,  
Kinross, KY13 0UZ. Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.  
Email: Michael@mabarnacle.freeserve.co.uk  
**Sandy Miller**, c/o Perth & Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth,  
PH1 5PH. Tel (business): 01577 840462.  
Email: SMiller@pkc.gov.uk  
**William Robertson**, 85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross,  
KY13 9XA. Tel (home): 01577 865178.  
Email: wrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

### Member of Parliament

#### for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanks.net  
Email: constituency@gordonbanksmp.co.uk  
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.

### Recycling of Waste Paper

P & KC Kerbside Collections  
**Kinross, Milnathort & Glenfarg**  
**Thursday 6 December & 17 January**

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.

### 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		

## MSP for Ochil Constituency

### Keith Brown MSP

will be holding regular  
surgeries throughout his constituency area.  
For information on dates, locations and to book an appointment  
time, please contact his assistant on **01259 219333**.  
Keith can also be contacted by email at  
**keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk**  
or by writing to **80 Mill Street, Alloa, FK10 1DY**

### Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:  
The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

### MSPs for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

**Claire Baker MSP** (Scot Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759  
Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk  
**Ted Brocklebank MSP** (Scot Cons) Tel: 0131 348 5610  
Email: Ted.Brocklebank.msp@scottish.parliament.uk  
**Murdo Fraser MSP** (Scot Cons) Tel: 0131 348 5293  
Email: Murdo.Fraser.msp@scottish.parliament.uk  
**Christopher Harvie MSP** (SNP) Tel: 0131 348 6765  
Email: Christopher.Harvie.msp@scottish.parliament.uk  
**John Park MSP** (Scot Lab) Tel: 0131 348 6753  
Email: John.Park.msp@scottish.parliament.uk  
**Dr Richard Simpson MSP** (Scot Lab) Tel: 0131 348 6756  
Email: Richard.Simpson.msp@scottish.parliament.uk  
**Elizabeth Smith MSP** (Scot Cons) Tel: 0131 348 6762  
Email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

### Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

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

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

### 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.

### Mobile Library, Milnathort

#### Every Second Wed - next visits 5, 19 December

Westerloan 1.45 pm - 3 pm  
Bridgefauld Road 3.05 pm - 4 pm  
Any queries: Phone (01738) 444949  
A K Bell Library, Perth

### 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. (**Not on 26 Dec**)

**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.

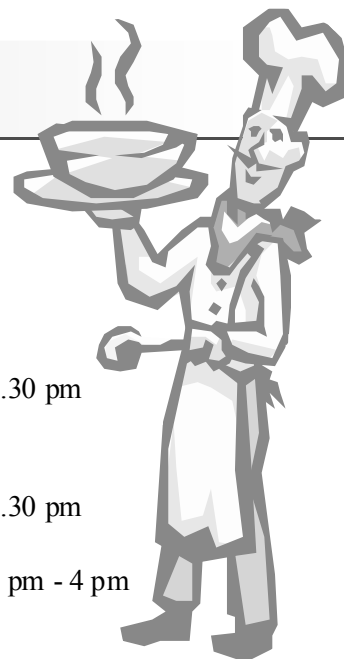
# Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

## Programme For December 2007

Elderberries	Monday	3	10	17	1.30 pm
Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	4	11	18	10.30 am
Bingo	Tuesday		11	18	1.30 pm
<b>Prize Bingo &amp; Christmas Raffle</b>	Tuesday	4			2 pm - 4 pm
Morning Service	Wednesday	5	12	19	10.45 am
Xmas Lunch & Concert	Wednesday		12		12 pm
Quiz Afternoon	Wednesday	5			1.30 pm
Carol Concert	Wednesday		19		1.30 pm
Xmas Lunch & Concert	Thursday		13		12 pm
Art Class	Thursday	6	20		1.30 pm
Film Afternoon	Thursday	6	20		1.30 pm
Scrabble	Friday	7	14		1.30 pm

**\*Elderberries 7, 14, 21, 28 Jan 2008**



## Holidays

Please note that Day Centre will be closed Mon 24, Tue 25 and Wed 26 Dec 2007, and also Mon 31 Dec, Tue 1 Jan and Wed 2 Jan 2008.

May we take this opportunity to thank all our customers and volunteers for their kind support throughout the year and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**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

**In-Service Days** Mon 5 May 2008  
Thu 15 Nov 2007 Fri 16 Nov 2007  
Tue 19 Feb 2008 Tue 6 May 2008



# Christmas & New Year Holiday Arrangements



## Recommended Last Posting Dates

### Airmail

South & Central America, Caribbean,  
Africa, Middle East, Asia,  
Far East (except Japan), Australia  
and New Zealand

USA, Canada, Japan, Eastern Europe  
Western Europe

Fri 7 Dec

Mon 10 Dec

Thu 13 Dec

### Within UK

Standard parcels

Second Class

First Class

Special Delivery with Sat guarantee

Special Delivery

Fri 14 Dec

Mon 17 Dec

Thu 20 Dec

Fri 21 Dec

Sat 22 Dec

## Kinross Post Office (David Sands)

Extended hours from 19 Nov to 22 Dec

Mon to Fri 8.30am - 6pm  
Saturdays 8.30am - 1.30pm

Mon 24 Dec 8.30am - 4pm  
Tue 25 and Wed 26 Dec closed  
Mon 31 Dec 8.30am - 4pm  
Tue 1 Jan closed  
Wed 2 Jan 9am - 1pm

## Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon 24 Dec normal hrs: 9am - 6pm  
Tue 25 & Wed 26 Dec 12 noon - 1pm  
Mon 31 Dec normal hrs: 9am - 6pm  
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jan closed

## Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Tue 25 & Wed 26 Dec closed  
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jan 12 noon - 1pm

## Loch Leven Health Centre

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

When closed, out of hours emergency cover is provided by  
NHS 24 and the Fið Out of Hours Co-operative.

NHS 24 telephone no. 08454 242424

Health Centre Emergency no. 01577 865252

## Loch Leven Leisure Centre

www.liveactive.co.uk

Mon 24 Dec 10am - 4pm  
Tue 25 & Wed 26 Dec closed  
Thu 27 & Fri 28 Dec 12 noon - 8pm  
Sat 29 - Mon 31 Dec 10am - 4pm  
Tue 1 and Wed 2 Jan closed  
Wed 3 Jan normal hrs: 7.15am - 10pm

## Registrar's, County Buildings, Kinross

Telephone 01577 867607

Mon 24 Dec normal hours 10am - 12 noon, 2 - 4pm  
Tue 25 - Thu 27 Dec closed  
Fri 28 Dec 9am - 1pm  
(last appt. 12.30pm)  
Sat 29 & Sun 30 Dec closed  
Mon 31 Dec 9am - 1pm  
(last appt. 12.30pm)  
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jan closed  
Thu 3 normal hours 10am - 12 noon, 2 - 4pm

## Registrar's, Milnathort

Registrar: Mr Sandy Smith, 21 Church Street, Milnathort.

Telephone: 01577 862536

By appointment only.

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

## Kinross Library, County Buildings

Mon 24 Dec 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm (early closing)  
Tue 25 & Wed 26 Dec closed  
Thu 27 Dec 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm, 6pm - 8pm  
Fri 28 Dec 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm  
Sat 29 Dec 10am - 1pm  
Sun 30 Dec - Wed 2 Jan closed  
Thu 3 Jan normal hours resume

## RSPB Vane Farm

Telephone: 01577 862355

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

There will be some early closing in between Christmas and  
New Year.

## Refuse Collection

Unless you have been notified by letter, the following  
arrangements apply:

<i>Collections due on</i>	<i>Will be uplifted on</i>
Tue 25 Dec	Sat 29 Dec
Wed 26 Dec	Sun 30 Dec
Tue 1 Jan	Sat 5 Jan
Wed 2 Jan	Sun 6 Jan

The kerbside recycling services in this area are unaffected  
by the holiday arrangements.

## P&KC Environment Service

For further information on refuse or recycling services,  
telephone P&KC Environment Customer Service Centre  
on 01738 476476, visit the website page  
www.pkc.gov.uk/recycling or email recycle@pkc.gov.uk.  
The Service will be closed from Mon 24 Dec and re-opens  
on Thu 3 Jan.

## Recycling Centre

Tue 25 & Wed 26 Dec closed  
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jan closed  
All other days and times remain as normal.





# Diary



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Tue	4	Fossoway & District CC meets	18
Wed	5	Kinross CC meets	13
Wed	5	Mobile library visits Milnathort	37
Thu	6	Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club meets	22
Thu	6	Advice Session - Fire Safety and Housing issues	35
Thu	6	Order of the Eastern Star special meeting	35
Thu	6	Consultation meeting - Off-road horse riding routes	36
Thu	6	kerbside paper recycling collection	37
Sat	8	Portmoak Film Society presents "The Rabbit Proof Fence"	23
Sat	8	Classical guitar at Common Grounds	24
Sat	8	Orwell Bowling Club Social Evening	35
Sun	9	Community Christmas Celebration	32
Sun	9	Festive refreshments at CHAS shopping event	35
Mon	10	Kinross-shire Historical Society: South with Shackleton	35
Tue	11	Portmoak CC meets	19
Tue	11	Smiddy Singers Carol Concert	36
Wed	12	Public Inquiry (Tillyrie Wind Farm) begins, Windlestrae Hotel	12
Thu	13	Kinross Floral Art Club: Snowflakes and Fairy Lights	36
Thu	13	Kinross Garden Group meets	21
Thu	13	Milnathort CC meets	14
Fri	14	Santa's Sleigh in the Milnathort area	9
Mon	17	Orwell Bowling Club Bingo Tea	35
Tue	18	Kinross & District Pipe Band AGM, 7pm, Masonic Hall	
Tue	18	Blythwood Care collection	36
Wed	19	Mobile library visits Milnathort	37
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Sat	5	Come and Try curling session	27
Wed	9	Kinross CC meets	13
Wed	9	Save NHS Dentistry group meets	23
Thu	10	Kinross Garden Group Festive Lunch	21
Sat	12	Portmoak Film Society presents "Babel"	23
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Thu	17	kerbside paper recycling collection	37
Mon	21	KVG-ROS Burns Supper	21
Mon	21	Kinross-shire Historical Society: Traditions, Champions and Change	35
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Mon, Tue	25, 26	Blood Transfusion Service at Millbridge Hall	