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Letters

Editorial

Kinross Community Council Election

April is the time for a Kinross CC Election. The CC is currently two members short and not all existing members will necessarily re-stand for election. Please think about contributing to your local community by joining the Community Council. There are important issues locally and the CC *can* make a difference at times by putting pressure on the relevant authorities. If you are not sure if you live in the Kinross CC area, the CC Chairman, David Colliar (tel 864037) should be able to advise. A Nomination Form and further details are on page 11. An election will only take place if more than eleven valid nominations are made.

Register of Local Organisations

This month we publish another Register of Local Organisations. If you are involved in a club or other organisation, please check to see that the details are correct. While compiling this list we have found that information given to the Newsletter and information on the www.kinross.cc website sometimes differs, so please check on the website too. Personal contact details cannot be entered on to the website without the person involved completing a Data Protection Form. Notification of alterations to the kinross.cc website administrator please, by emailing admin@kinross.cc or phoning Pauline on 01577 862685.

Milnathort Post Office

After the terrible devastation caused by the flooding in December, it is great to see the Milnathort Post Office open again!

The new Newsletter Website

Thanks to all those who got in touch to praise the new Newsletter website www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Congratulations and many thanks to Tony for designing and building such an attractive and easy-to-use site. We hope it helps you to get more out of the Newsletter. Find out more about it on page 9.

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

Abbreviations Used

P&KC = Perth & Kinross Council

CC = Community Council

Cllr. = Councillor

CCllr = Community Councillor

Favouritism in Local Community Councils? A Personal View

14.2.07

Is there favouritism or fairness in local Community Councils? After having attended the last two meetings of the Milnathort CC in regard to a potentially contentious planning application for a wind farm in the Ochil Hills, I have come to the conclusion that it is not what you know but who you know that matters. John Lawrie Ltd, Tillyrie Farm, Milnathort, the owner of which just so happens to be a local Community Councillor, made this application.

With this in mind you would think that the CC meeting would have been dealt with meticulously to ensure that there was no impression of favouritism to one of their own. Before the meeting I had approached Mr Giacomazzi at his shop to ask if it was all right to hand in letters of objections personally to him there. He asked me what it was about and I explained it was to do with the proposed wind farm at Tillyrie. He said that "he thought everything had been settled" but took notes of what I was objecting about and ended up saying "he had better phone Mrs Thomson about this". I was rather taken aback by this and left feeling betrayed. This was the first time I had heard of a CCllr contacting an applicant about an application with regard to possible objections before a meeting. I decided at this point to withhold further letters of objection that I had from others until early in the day of the meeting to try and eliminate discussion between the CCllr and Mrs Thomson.

I understand that a CCllr has the right to have their application heard fairly as would any member of the public and that it has to be seen to be fair. The meeting in January, however, did not give this impression to quite a few members of the public that were present, including myself.

Before the planning applications were heard Mrs Thomson correctly left the top table and joined the rest of the public. The Chairman asked one of the CCllrs present to give a brief outline of the planning application which was done correctly and concisely, after which the Chairman stated he had received a large number of letters regarding this application and gave a brief breakdown of the numbers involved. I was surprised when he said that there were only eight letters of objection, four of which were from area 49 (Milnathort area) as I had handed him personally earlier that day numerous letters of objection of which approximately 13 were from people who live in area 49. I must admit at this point I wondered whether I had made a mistake and confused the boundary of the local council ward, which lies between my property and Milnathort, with that of community boundaries and therefore did not challenge this at the time.

Mr Hessey then spoke to a letter he had written outlining his objections followed by myself stating further points relating to my objection. The Chairman then read out a letter of support and one letter of objection after which Mrs Thomson's agent (Mr Macken) outlined their side. Further statements of objection were made by Mr Cook and Mr Savage. After further debate by all sides and quick comments from the table, the Chairman read a prepared statement, which was carried in Mrs Thomson's favour: No objection to the application.

After the end of the meeting I left feeling rather bemused, with the impression that the outcome of this planning application had been predetermined and that the Chairman had not presented the full extent of the objections from within the community - not giving the council or public the full picture and favouring the applicant. These views were shared by other members of the public who were in attendance, some whose objections I had handed to Mr Giacopazzi that day.

After reading the draft minutes of this meeting I wrote to Mr Giacopazzi asking him to clarify the numbers of letters of objection and why the minutes of the meeting omitted to mention the facts that I had addressed the CC along with two others. I also asked why the CC did not consider the applicant's apparent disregard for P&KC's planning guidelines for wind farms in so far as the proposed application was too close to neighbouring properties, within 5km of small rural settlements, situated on a prominent skyline together with the development being totally within an area designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) in the Kinross Local Plan. All these guidelines were put in place to protect neighbouring residents, communities and our local landscape, but appear to have been totally disregarded by the CC.

At the Milnathort CC meeting in February Mr Giacopazzi tried to answer some of my points; he said that the objections I had handed him were copies and not addressed to him. I must admit that "cc Mr Giacopazzi" was not written on the objections I gave him. These were, however, legitimate letters of objection I had received from local residents that were apparently not acceptable. The letters in support of the application were also copy letters, which were accepted. These did have "cc Mr Giacopazzi" on them, I admit.

He also went on to say that the minutes of the meeting were not intended to be a transcript of the proceedings, which I agree with. However I find it unacceptable that relevant facts appear to have been glossed over as far as objections are concerned but that a more complete transcript of the applicants' (Mr Macken and Mrs Thomson) statements were recorded.

Mr Giacopazzi also declined to explain why they appeared not to have taken the applicants' apparent disregard of the planning guidelines or that it was in a designated area in the Local Kinross Plan into account.

Even the reply to P&K Planning leaves a lot to be desired. There are not many planning applications commented on by a CC that also include a copy of the draft minutes - which do not appear to be a full reflection of the views expressed at the meeting.

In conclusion I am of the opinion that Milnathort CC have not conducted themselves in a manner that the community would expect and nor have they reached a decision that reflects the views of the community they represent.

However I leave it up to yourselves to make up your own mind and make your voice count in the upcoming elections for local Community Councillors.

There is still time to let the planning department know your views regarding this contentious planning application for a wind farm in your local hills. I urge you to use it before it is too late.

Robert C Halford

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News & Articles

Work Has Started In Kirkgate Park!

The much anticipated improvements to the Kirkgate Park have begun. Alex Butter Landscaping has been awarded the contract to complete the works between 26 February and 28 May 2007.

By phasing the works it will be possible to keep the park open for most of this time. However the main access into the park between the 'double dykes' will be restricted to vehicles for some of the time and completely closed for a short period. Notices and signs will be erected to warn of this.

For your safety, please keep away from 'working areas' and ensure that children and dogs do the same. Please, take heed of contractor's signs, and don't cross barriers or break through security fences.

Liaison meetings are being held at regular intervals with P&KC, Friends of Kirkgate Park and members of the community to report on progress and to discuss any matters of concern that may arise. The minutes of these meetings are available for information on the www.kinross.cc website.

Please be patient with all the disruption to the park in the short term. By the summer it will all be worth it!



Kirkgate Park: Soon to be transformed!

Two Years until New High School Opens

The latest update from P&KC's Investment in Learning project puts the estimated opening of the new Kinross High School at Spring 2009, just after the Easter holidays in that year.

At the present time negotiations are continuing with the preferred bidder consortium, with the focus on a range of issues across the programme. Financial close is now expected to be reached around the end of March 2007.

Other aspects of work on the programme such as design and furniture and equipment are ongoing and making positive progress.

Voluntary Sector Training Opportunities

In support of the voluntary sector in Kinross-shire, a training needs analysis is being developed in partnership with PKAVS and the Community Learning Base, Kinross High School. The questionnaire will seek to help identify and prioritise training which groups will find relevant to their organisational and volunteer needs.

Commenting on this recent development, Robert Graham, Community Capacity Building Worker said "the voluntary sector is well developed in Kinross-shire and they contribute a great deal to the local community. The questionnaire aims to support organisations that are considering their future training needs or indeed encourage those who haven't thought of this important aspect to do so. The outcome of the analysis should allow us to help design a training programme which benefits everyone involved."

The questionnaire will be circulated during March using the contact details of those organisations listed on the Kinross CC website (www.kinross.cc). If you are involved in an organisation which is not listed on the Kinross CC website and would like to receive a copy of the questionnaire, please contact Lynne Kinnersley, Community Learning Base, Kinross High School, telephone 01577 863439.

Small Grants Available

The new Kinross-shire Fund is now in a position to start making small grants of up to £1,000. The fund is administered on behalf of a local committee by the Scottish Community Foundation. There are no deadlines for applications but the committee will make decisions on grants quarterly, from March 2007.

To find out more, look at the Scottish Community Foundation website, www.scottishcf.org or telephone the organisation on 0131 524 0300.

Portmoak Wedding Exhibition

Thank you to all those who have already come forward with offers of mannequins, tailor's dummies and wedding dresses. I

would still love to hear from more people with wedding photos, dresses and accessories. My poster shows an unknown bride and groom at an unknown church. Surely someone can find me a photo of a Portmoak wedding?

Just give me a ring (evenings and weekends): Lesley Botten 01592 840120 or email: lesley.botten@tiscali.co.uk



Windfarms – A Blight on our Landscape?

by Robert C Halford

I was an ardent fan of renewable energy, especially with the prospect of severe climatic change due to the burning of fossil fuels, and realised that something had to be done to reduce the greenhouse gases escaping to the atmosphere. When a local land owner in 2004/2005 said that they were contemplating an application to erect a wind farm in the hills just north of my property, I was all for it as I was assured it would be in a dip, not visible over the skyline and would not affect any of the local residents.

I was horrified to say the least when I was informed by another local resident that the construction of a wind farm in the area could and probably would affect the local private water supplies to a number of local residents. This was confirmed by the applicant's own very basic hydrology report and that obtained by other local residents. Therefore, when the application was made, I objected to the local planning authority in respect of the detrimental consequences to my private water supply. I was quite relieved when P&KC refused the application. At this time I was still generally in favour of wind power.

Unfortunately this was not the end of the problem. Towards the end of 2006 an application for a wind farm consisting of five wind turbines was resubmitted. This application differed only slightly from the original application in so far as the turbines had been moved forward to a more prominent position on the skyline and that the access track had been moved from a position that would have affected their own water supply to a point that would affect my own supply to a greater extent. Again I was horrified at the prospect of having no fresh water to my house and also this time to look out onto a very dominant feature of a wind farm on the skyline. I obtained copies of the application with supporting documents and immediately sent in a basic objection with the intention of a more detailed objection at a later date. This had to be done as the whole document was so large and would take time to analyse.

As I delved into this document I was surprised by some of the so-called facts submitted in support of the document and decided to find the relative information from independent sources using the internet to view relative documents and information. The more information I got the less I believed in the effectiveness of the wind farms to give us the energy a developed country like ours required and the facts and figures put forward by the applicant. It also showed the devastating impact that an industrial development like this would have on our wildlife, landscape and tourism.

It was put forward that this wind farm would be able to supply the whole of Kinross with its electricity

needs. This is not the case; the wind farm would only generate about 25% of its rated output as the turbines do not generate at low wind speeds or at higher wind speeds when they automatically shut down. This means that we would have to rely on other forms of generation for the other 75%. Other established wind farms in the UK show that this generation capacity of 25% is generous, as some are as low as 19% and only offshore wind farms generate in excess of 30%. In effect we would not be able to shut down any fossil fuel power stations and have to rely on these together with nuclear power for our base line generation. After all, we still require electricity when there is no wind and when it is a howling gale. Until there is an effective storage system in place to store the excess electricity generated from these wind farms and the ability to release this energy when required, wind farms will not be the answer to our energy requirements and other more reliable forms of renewable energy should be developed and considered.



Wind farms: clean energy or a blot on the landscape?

In neighbouring countries in the European Union that have a high percentage of energy generated by wind turbines they have a problem that is called a "brown out", this is when the base line generation is insufficient to meet the needs of an area and the voltage has to be reduced in order to maintain supplies, resulting in dim lights and sensitive electrical equipment running slower or not working at all.

Other countries that have numerous wind farms have also noticed a marked decline in tourism in the areas that are occupied by these wind farms. Countries like Scotland, which relies heavily on tourism to support local rural communities, would be seriously affected, putting in jeopardy countless jobs which rely on this industry. Visitors come to an area to enjoy the unspoilt countryside and diverse wildlife and not to view a landscape dominated by wind farms.

In an era that is supposed to be protecting our wildlife we are contemplating the construction of more wind farms in very sensitive areas. Locally we have the large wildlife reserve at Loch Leven which is visited by thousands of geese each year and some of the rarer birds like osprey, The flight patterns of these birds

frequently take them over the area in which the wind farms in the Ochil Hills are contemplated, especially the site at Tillyrie Farm. It has been shown in other areas and countries that the bird population in areas that have wind farms can be devastated, with drastic reductions in local bird populations, especially the birds of prey, which are particularly vulnerable. The loss of even one osprey to these turbines would be devastating to the local population. Other rare and protected species that are present at the proposed Tillyrie Wind Farm site are otter and water vole, both of which are very sensitive to disturbance. Once we lose these rare habitats by large constructions of steel, concrete and roads we lose the ability of rare animals and birds to survive in these areas, a sad loss to say the least.

Scotland itself does not require any further energy generation capacity; we currently export energy to England and Northern Ireland and also have the highest ratio of renewable energy in the UK. This trend to construct wind turbines here could be perceived as: don't spoil England but we can destroy Scotland's countryside. Any saving we make here in the UK will be eroded within weeks by the construction of old technology coal-fired power stations under construction in China, India and other developing nations.

Unfortunately, with the Westminster Government agreeing to an unattainable reductions of greenhouse gases by promoting wind farms, the only winners are the manufacturers of wind turbines (mainly European), companies selling this so-called green energy at exorbitant rates and land-owners whose greed at making vast fortunes blind them to the destruction of the countryside.

The losers in this are:

- wildlife, including rare birds and animals
- the tourism industry
- local communities
- local landscapes
- energy providers who have to buy a certain percentage of their total energy requirements by order of the government and pay high prices for this green energy
- you and I in higher energy bills, higher taxes to pay for the large subsidies and grants to the wind farm owners.

I am certainly now personally against wind farms and urge others to look at the correct facts and figures that are easily obtainable, especially over the internet and make their own minds up. I am sure that the majority of you will, once you know the true facts and not the political statements made by government, realise the futility of the heavy investment in wind farms. The large amounts invested by the government of your money would be better spent in promoting and educating the public in saving energy by quite simple

tasks like energy efficient light bulbs, not overfilling the kettle and asking 'is that journey in the car really necessary?' to name but a few. If the majority of people did this, we would cut our country's emissions of these greenhouse gases substantially more than by destroying our countryside with these wind farms, and save some money as well.

Please make your mind up based on the facts and figures that you can obtain easily and make your voice heard before our countryside is lost forever under a blanket of expensive wind farms.

Minibus Driver Checks

A number of voluntary organisations make use of the Community Learning minibus based at the High School. As part of the regulations an annual check of driver documentation is taking place during March. Individual drivers will receive information direct to their home address.

The dates for documentation checks at the Community Learning base are:

Tuesday 6 March	10 am – 12 noon
Thursday 8 March	6 pm – 8 pm
Tuesday 13 March	6 pm – 8 pm
Friday 16 March	10 am – 12 noon
Tuesday 20 March	2 pm – 4 pm

For further information of how to access community use of the minibus, contact George Cameron, Minibus Co-ordinator, CLD Base, Kinross High School, telephone 01557 863439.

T in the Park Local Resident Leaflet

Last year the T in the Park organisers produced an information leaflet for local residents. They are planning to do something similar again this year, but would like to hear first from local people. What information would you like to see in the leaflet? Send your suggestions as soon as possible to Kinross CC. You can do this by email to kcc@macthomas.org.uk or by post to the Kinross CC Secretary, 50 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU or leave a message on the Bulletin Board on the www.kinross.cc website.

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Outdoor Curling Returns to Kinross

A short period of cold weather during the first week of February has enabled the first outdoor curling to take place on a newly refurbished curling pond in Kinross.

Until the 20th century, the game of curling was played exclusively outdoors, on frozen lochs, ponds or other temporary flooded areas. Curling is almost certain to have been played on and around Loch Leven from the early part of the 15th century and it is thought that the monks living on St Serf's Island curled on Loch Leven in hard winters.

The Kinross Curling Club has written records from 1818, though its origins are undoubtedly much earlier. The Club takes its formation date of 1668 from records of curling in the Annals of Kinross-shire, making it one of the oldest curling clubs in the world. It is known that the Club has played several times on Loch Leven itself, and on various ponds and wetland areas in the vicinity. The Club first built an outdoor pond in 1840 at Bracklemoss, opposite the modern-day Windlestrae Hotel. This was eventually abandoned due to lack of water. A subsequent pond was built at the Myre using a dam to provide water from the nearby burn. In 1933 the Club secured a 100 year rotating lease on ground adjacent to the bowling green at 'The Beeches'. The present-day golf courses had not been constructed, the ground being part of a car park for the bowling club. It was surfaced at that time to form the curling pond.



The restored pond in use on 7 Feb. Photo: Rachel Forbes

With the opening of the indoor curling rink at the Green Hotel, the outdoor pond at 'The Beeches' had little maintenance and fell into a state of disrepair. This is typical of most outdoor curling ponds around Scotland.

There are now very few outdoor curling ponds left in

Scotland and so there is a danger that the particular skills and techniques of outdoor curling become lost. Given the historical role that this area has played in outdoor curling, Kinross Curling Club has successfully undertaken a project to restore the outdoor curling pond at 'The Beeches'.

Thanks to generous donations from the Thomson Charitable Trust, Awards for All Scotland, several local organisations and many of the local curling clubs, money was raised to resurface the existing curling pond, create disabled access, excavate the surrounding wasteland, and build a path around the circumference of the pond. Repairs to the clubhouse and the erection of an information board are also planned.

The Purvis construction Group completed the project in January; however due to an exceptionally mild winter it was looking unlikely that the pond would be used.

Fortunately some cold weather during the first week of February allowed 3-4 cm water to freeze and form a perfectly smooth surface. Two rinks enjoyed a game on 7th February, playing on excellent ice from 10am in the morning, with more curlers attending a flood-lit bonspiel later that same evening. The stones could be heard roaring down the ice with curlers from many neighbouring clubs enjoying the experience of the traditional outdoor game.

Many people have supported this project during the past two years, and on behalf of Kinross Curling Club I would like to thank them.

Paul Baughan

Kinross Curling Club

More information about the history of Kinross Curling Club is available at

www.royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org/areas/07/prv/loch1/club/Kinross48781/

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Loch Leven Heritage Project

February saw steady progress on the Loch Leven Heritage Project on several fronts. More of the path surface was laid around the loch. The steering group appointed contractors to deliver the interpretation and artworks. They also planned a usage survey, for which local volunteers are needed (see below).

Improved weather allowed the contractors J M Dewar to make excellent progress in building the path. The trail construction team has finished the surface from Burleigh Sands to the Pow Burn, a distance of three kilometres, and has moved to the Kinross Boathouse to Mary's Gate section. Fencing work and bridge building is now being done on the Burleigh Sands to Pow Burn stretch.

Phase One, which covers from the start at Kinross Boathouse all the way round to Pow Burn in the northeast, is on target to be completed by the end of March, and the steering group is now planning its opening in April or May.



Two contractors have been commissioned to deal with different aspects of the interpretation and artworks. The Scottish architectural firm RMJM will be managing the design of the proposed gateway and viewpoint at the entrance to the trail, near the Kirkgate Burial Ground. The firm is also undertaking a project to raise additional interpretation funding.

Aaron Lawton Associates will be managing the implementation of all other interpretative artworks, structures and signage for the heritage trail. This practice specialises in environmental interpretation and has done projects for the Cairngorms National Park, Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve and the Falkirk Wheel.

Pitlochry based Aaron Lawton explained more about what his firm will be doing:

“When people hear the word ‘interpretation’ they often think of translating languages, but in the context of natural heritage it means increasing their enjoyment, appreciation and understanding of their

surroundings. It’s about allowing people to build a connection with a place through understanding a bit more about it.

“Since it all starts with the place and people, the first thing we will do is find out more about the Loch Leven – to experience it for ourselves and talk to the people who live there and people who know about its nature, history, land use and culture.

“The job of interpretation is to take this information and present it in a way that makes sense to people who are out for a walk on the trail. The project will deliver interpretative panels and artworks that help people explore aspects of their environment and to see things from a different perspective. The interpretation will include seats, bridges, bird hides and other useful objects in the environment.”

In the future, it will be important to be able to compare visitor numbers on the completed heritage trail with its usage before the trail was built. In order to establish the current level of usage, TRACKS is planning two simple visitor surveys in March and August of this year at popular access points. The locations will be Kirkgate Park, Burleigh Sands and Findatie Car Park.

TRACKS is looking for 12 volunteers from the community to contribute one morning and one afternoon each during these periods to help with the interviewing work. If you would like to help, please ring Janet Croft on 01577 864105.

Local and visiting birdwatchers will be pleased to hear that another bird hide will be constructed, to complement the already popular Burleigh Sands hide. The new hide will be on the waterfront between Kinross House Boathouse and Mary's Gate, an area that is good for duck and other waterfowl.

In the next issue we will give you news about the Phase One opening.

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The homepage of www.kinrossnewsletter.org

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The Hedgehog Blog

And of course, it goes without saying that there are plenty of links to our sister site **www.kinross.cc**, where you can find business, community and visitor information on Kinross-shire.

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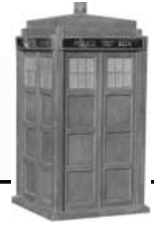
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Parking Outside Schools: Last month we reported on the problem of people parking on pavements and causing obstruction to pedestrians. We have recently received a number of complaints that this and other problems are occurring outside our primary schools and particularly outside the Bowton Road entrance to Kinross Primary School.

We understand that parents want to see their children, particularly the younger ones, safely on to school premises and on wet days ensure that the youngsters are as dry as possible when they arrive, but in doing so many people park their vehicles in a manner that compromises the safety of others. We have encountered, among other things, problems where cars are parked on the zigzag markings, obstructing the school crossing patroller, and on pavements whereby pedestrians are forced to walk on to the road to get past. Regretfully we have found the attitude of a small number of parents is that they don't care what happens to anyone else as long as their child arrives at and returns home from school safely. We all have a duty to ensure that everyone, particularly the children are safe at all times. We would urge all motorists conveying children to and from primary schools not to be so selfish and consider the safety of other road users and pedestrians. If you have to park further away from the school than you would like, then so be it. If the weather is wet, suitable waterproof clothing can be worn and umbrellas used. In any case, we intend to monitor the situation and drivers found committing offences, particularly those that compromise the safety of the public, will be reported.

We would also like to remind motorists that there are

parking restrictions outside the main entrance to Kinross High School which are in force in the morning and again at home time. During those periods the only vehicles which should park there are school buses.

Fly Tipping: This activity is continuing to be a problem in the more rural areas of the Kinross beat area. Persons are dumping all manner of items ranging from used building materials to household rubbish. You will agree that the actions of these persons are selfish and inconsiderate and Kinross Police officers urge that any persons seen committing these acts are reported. Officers are particularly keen for the public to note registration numbers of vehicles where possible.

Mobile Phones: We would like to remind motorists that it is illegal to use a hand held mobile phone when driving and the penalties are going up. From 27 February 2007, you will receive a £60 fine and three penalty points on your licence.

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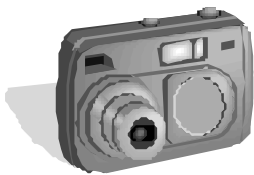
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Community Crime Officers can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 01577 863571.

Kinross: **Constable Ronnie Child.** Milnathort, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell: **Constable Marissa Hardie.** Cleish and Blairadam, Crook of Devon, Powmill, Blairingone, Carnbo and Glenfarg areas: **Constable Toni Pedersen.**

Photograph Competition

We will try to show you all the winning photographs from the Community Website photo competition over the coming months if space permits.



Here is "Burleigh Castle" by Elizabeth Graham, which won first prize in the "Ancient Landmarks" section of the competition.



KINROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL – NOTICE OF ELECTION

- 1 Notice is hereby given that the election of membership to **Kinross Community Council**, consisting of **eleven members**, falls to take place on **Thursday 19 April 2007**.
- 2 Nomination forms duly completed and signed in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils must be lodged with Mrs E Thomas, “Dundarg”, 50 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU on any day after the publication of this Notice **but not later than 4 pm on Wednesday 14 March 2007**.
- 3 A Form of Nomination is printed below. Spare forms of nomination may be obtained from Mrs E Thomas (“Dundarg”, 50 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU, telephone 01577 863714) or downloaded from the www.kinross.cc website.

Kinross Community Council

FORM OF NOMINATION

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NOTES:

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- (ii) Please ensure that the NAMES and ADDRESSES of the Candidate, Proposer and Secunder are shown clearly.

Copies of the Scheme and further information may be obtained on application to the Community Council Liaison Officer, Perth and Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth (Tel: 01738 475000).

Community Council News



Kinross Community Council

News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 February 2007 were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), D Cuthbert, E Thomas (Secy), R McConnell, M Blyth, C Drummond, D Mackay and P Zarb. Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs W Robertson, M Barnacle and G Hayton; Mrs M Scott (Minute Secy); PC Child and nine members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Ian Jack.

Photographic Competition

The Chairman introduced Pauline Watson who outlined the basis of the Photographic Competition. Mrs Watson requested that if anyone was in possession of photographs of the castles or villages in Kinross-shire it would be appreciated if these could be forwarded to her. There are a number of photographs displayed on the kinross.cc website and it is hoped that these will provide a resource for marketing and promoting Kinross-shire. The prize-winners of the competition were announced and certificates and prize presented to overall winner, Elizabeth Graham. The Chairman applauded everyone who took part in this Competition and thanked Mrs Watson for attending and for organising the event.

Police Report

PC Child advised that he had nothing to report this month. Cllr Drummond queried the position regarding the recent broken windows. It was confirmed that persons were apprehended in relation to the damage sustained to windows in the High Street and Avenue Road. The parties were juveniles and the matter has been passed to the Reporter. Two individuals were also apprehended in relation to the vandalised/damaged cars and a third is being questioned. A car was also stolen from the Market on Monday evening (5 Feb) and the perpetrator has been traced.

G S Brown Street Names

At the last meeting it was suggested that in view of the location a railway theme would be appropriate. Cllr Hayton advised that the main road in the development is to be known as Junction Road. It was agreed that the CC would put forward the names Hopefield, Levenbridge and Devonvale following suggestions by Dr David Munro. (Hopefield was the name of the main station, Leven Bridge was the name of the station at the south end of Kinross and Devon Vale was the name of the line from Kinross to Clackmannanshire).

Planning Applications Received

07/00073/FUL: Traffic Island on A922 entering Kinross. Landscaping feature on traffic island including sculpture of landing geese, dry stone walls etc. The CC raised no comment on the above application.

06/02762/OUT: Land North West of Hatchbank Farm, Kinross. Erection of 12 affordable houses and formation of 3 house plots (in outline). The CC received copies of a number of letters of objection. CCllr Thomas read out a summary of the grounds for objection as raised in these communications. CCllr Drummond and Councillor Barnacle commented that a similar application at this site had been rejected. After some discussion it was agreed that the CC would raise objections to this application on the grounds

that it is contrary to the Kinross Area Local Plan.

Planning Applications Determined

P&KC has approved the following applications: 06/01914/FUL: Kinross House, erection of changing rooms with toilets (Cricket). 06/02609/FUL: 109 Lathro Park, installation of dormer windows. 06/02567/FUL: 13 Springfield Rd, erection of conservatory. 06/02555/ADV: Display sign at Lloyds TSB.

06/02701/FUL: Land at Springfield Road, Kinross, Modification of planning consent (01/00594/REM), the removal of Condition 6 requiring a Zebra Crossing. It was noted that the construction of two footpaths has also been agreed.

Other Planning Matters

A communication was received from Perth & Kinross Council in relation to Housing Policy consultation. Comments are requested by 16 March.

Comments and suggestions are requested on the service provided by the Planning Department in dealing with enquiries. CCllr Thomas was asked to make the appropriate reply.

Report from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Hayton advised that the Council Budget was now being determined.

Cllr Hayton commented that due to a lack of "affordable" houses a number of people are unable to get on the housing ladder or are falling off. This is a major concern both for now and the foreseeable future.

P&KC has some money set aside for land development and the subject of Council House Purchase was also touched on. Cllr Barnacle mentioned that he would be attending a Development Control Meeting next week and would try to address the housing position in relation to the statistics recorded in the Structure Plan and also with regard to Affordable Housing.

Balado Sand & Gravel Quarry: Councillor Barnacle confirmed that he had now received a response from Geddes Group and that a Residents Liaison Committee has been formed to oversee this situation. A meeting is to be convened to discuss the issues in hand and Cllr Barnacle will advise the CC of the date.

At the Environment Committee Meeting on 17 January the future provision of public toilets was agreed. Cllr Barnacle read from the Report; it is recommended for Kinross that three to four Comfort Scheme Partnerships should be in place, as well as two APCs (automatic public convenience), i.e. one at Kirkgate Park and the other at the Park and Ride. New signage and education are also to be addressed.

Cllr Barnacle informed those present of his recent attendance at a Scottish Parliamentary Committee discussion which he found to be of great interest.

Cllr Robertson advised that good progress was being made with regard to the paths around the Loch.

The subject of the condition of the banking around Davies Park was also raised. The Council are not responsible for the upkeep of this area and BEAR have refused to carry out the work. Cllr Robertson approached the Criminal Justice Department who are happy to accept the challenge and plan to carry out the work by the end of March. CCllr Blyth

asked if the baby swings could be put back in place; Cllr Barnacle offered to follow this up.

The problem of litter in the town was also discussed. The Station Road is one area targeted and Cllr Hayton offered to follow this up. It was noted that Litter Wardens hand out fines to anyone caught dropping litter; however this does not include juveniles. Various methods of controlling this problem were mentioned, one suggestion was rewarding the children if seen putting their litter in the bin and another was to have "youth patrols" clean up after lunch. At the moment, adult workers are paid to lift the rubbish once the children return to School for the afternoon session. It was suggested that a combined approach by various bodies, i.e. School, Police, Council, might alleviate this problem.

Correspondence

Draft Regional Transport Strategy: consultation is invited with comments required by 16 March. Cllr Barnacle suggested the CC read the whole draft paper, not just the summary. He mentioned that the A997 is not mentioned in the Summary but is referred to in the main document. Cllr Barnacle is to write a letter suggesting that there should be appropriate signage. The Chairman queried if the various bodies co-operate with each other in a combined policy regarding transport matters.

Invitation to AGM of Kinross Partnership on 6 March: The Chairman will attend this meeting.

Communication on Post Office Network: The Chairman mentioned that there are four post offices in Kinross-shire and it would be a great loss if any of these branches were to close.

The CC received an Invitation to a Planning Seminar.

Elections: A letter from P&KC requests CCs not to hold their own elections around 3 May when the Local Elections and Scottish Parliamentary elections are taking place.

Other Business

Kinross Newsletter: CCllr Mackay mentioned that she had received three complaints from members of the public in relation to the new format of the Newsletter and in particular to the location of the Minutes. CCllr Thomas explained that the changes made were experimental and would run for another month to gauge the feedback from the community. It was noted that the Newsletter team received one complaint, however a number of compliments were also received. The circulation figures have increased from 1800 to 2000 in the last two months.

Kirkgate Park: CCllr Cuthbert advised that a contractor has been engaged and work is to commence on 26 February.

Town Hall: CCllr Cuthbert advised that the solicitor helping the CC has been instructed to recall the sist. The Petition is to be amended and resubmitted.

T in the Park: The Chairman advised that representatives from T in the Park have requested a meeting with the CC on 16 February.

P&KC and Town Hall: A member of the public questioned the legalities and morality of P&KC acting both as Enforcement Agents and in the administration of the Trust of the Town Hall and the "conflict of interest" which has arisen as a result of their involvement. He mentioned that two properties are currently being sold in the High Street at prices of £235,000 and £255,000, whereas the Town Hall was sold at a price of £185,000 which is greatly under the market value. In his opinion the Council should not be involved in the process in the future. He advised those present that he intended to approach the Sheriff and



Kinross Library and Town Hall

raise objections to the Council's stance in this matter.

Drainage: Cllr Barnacle was asked if any change had been made in relation to the levels of the countryside water discharge which were to be reduced (drainage constraints/ Loch Leven catchment area). Cllr Barnacle replied that the Policy had not yet been changed; however he would look into this.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 7 March at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall.

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

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

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 8 February were: CCllrs J Giapozzi (Chair), D Thomson, A Ross, J Porter, D Cottingham and S Smith. Also in attendance were Minute Secretary E Rougve, P&K Cllr W Robertson, PC Graham Stephen and twelve members of the public.

Police matters: PC Stephen indicated that he had taken over from PC Hardie as community policeman. He said there was little to report, but warned motorists to take care during the bad weather. In reply to a question by Mrs Cathy Watt, he assured residents that the police were keeping an eye on the houses uninhabited following the floods, without drawing undue attention to their presence.

Matters Arising from the January Meeting

Milnathort Post Office: CCllr Thomson reported that the Post Office was due to re-open the following Monday.



Milnathort Post Office - Now Re-opened

Conduct of the January meeting: CCllr Giapozzi said that he had received a letter from Mr Robert Halford regarding the conduct of the January CC meeting. Mr Halford said he was surprised that CCllr Giapozzi had said there were only four letters of objection to the Tillyrie wind cluster application from within Area 49 and four from outwith, since he had personally handed him numerous letters of objection. He also questioned why the minutes had only mentioned that Mr Peter Hessey had addressed the meeting. Mr Halford said that the points he had made about the application contravening P&KC guidelines had been totally ignored by the CC, and the application had been presented unfairly. In reply, CCllr Giapozzi said that the letters he had enumerated were the ones that had been addressed to him or the CC personally. Some letters that Mr Halford had handed to him were photocopies of letters addressed to other people. Mr Halford said that he had had the authority from the writers to forward the letters to the CC, but CCllr Giapozzi gave an example of a letter of an objection that had been sent to P&KC, but copied to the CC, which he felt was valid. On the subject of the minutes, CCllr Giapozzi said that the CC was not a court of law; that the minutes were not a transcript of proceedings and that they were of a high standard. Mr Douglas Alexander said that he felt the January CC meeting was one of the best he had attended in terms of appropriateness and fairness. It had been extremely balanced and had reflected the views of the village; the CC could be proud of the way it had been conducted. Mr Peter Hessey questioned why the other

letters of objection had not been taken into account when on other occasions planning applications had been downloaded from the internet. CCllr Giapozzi replied that it was acceptable to do this for information purposes, and was quite different from downloading letters. After further discussion, CCllr Ross said that the CC had been aware of all the objections when they had made their decision in support of the application, but for the purposes of the meeting, they had considered those that were actually directed to the CC. There was nothing sinister in that. CCllr Giapozzi then referred to a letter that he had received from Mr Ian Hall, P&KC Administrative Services Manager, who was investigating a complaint that some people had been excluded from the January meeting because they had turned up after 7.30pm. He had written back to say that the door of the school was self-locking, but his mobile number was on the door should anyone find themselves locked out. CCllr Thomson said that she was downstairs at 7.45pm that night and there was no-one outside waiting to get in. Mr Hall also raised a further complaint that the meeting was not adequately advertised, a point CCllr Giapozzi described as 'disingenuous'. It was a matter of record that CC meetings were held on the second Thursday of the month. He added that the pre-meeting that had taken place was in accordance with the constitution; no business had been settled and no decisions taken.

Flooding issues

CCllr Giapozzi invited Mrs Dawn Ramage of the Flood Action Group to address the meeting about issues raised by the floods. She said that P&KC were uncommunicative; that they were trying to fudge the issue and that affected residents were being left 'in limbo'. The report from Arup, who had designed the flood prevention scheme, should have been available two days previously; items such as sandbags and signs had not been cleared up; people were suffering from ill-health physically and mentally, and one family of four was officially homeless, having been offered a one-bedroomed house that was totally unsuitable. She said that the action group was working closely with George Reid MSP, but she felt that P&KC were using delaying tactics because he retires at the end of March. They also had the backing of a hydrologist and a flood expert recognised throughout Europe, who had said that everything that had been done by P&KC in terms of flood prevention was contrary to recommendations. After lengthy discussion, Cllr Robertson said he would try to locate the report and that he would ask who had signed off the flood prevention work after completion. CCllr Giapozzi commented that it was imperative that the flooding issue was addressed, since Milnathort had become a community that had lost its self-confidence, and could become a 'wasteland' because of the loss of local businesses. CCllr Smith congratulated the Flood Action group on their achievements, and felt it was important to keep up the pressure on P&KC. It was agreed that CCllr Giapozzi would e-mail Jim Irons, Executive Director of P&KC's Environment Service, the following day to invite him to attend a joint meeting of the CC and Flood Action Group.

Planning matters

Erection of five houses on land at Old Perth Road by A & L King (Builders) Ltd – after discussion about the size and style of the proposed houses and their proximity to the motorway, the application was noted. The site has been earmarked for development in the Local Plan.

The following applications were also noted: extension to house at 14 Linden Park Terrace; outline permission for three residential plots on land to the north of East Netherton Farm.

Correspondence

An invitation was received from the Scottish Executive to attend a National Planning Framework **Seminar** in Stirling. CCllrs Porter and Thomson agreed to attend.

A circular about the **single transferable vote** was explained by Cllr Robertson.

Other Business

CCllr Giacopazzi reported that the quality of the **drinking water** in Milnathort had improved greatly.

Cllr Robertson said he had **complaints about horses** using the Community Woodland on the east side of Burleigh Castle, since it was churned up so much that it was difficult for people to walk. He had asked the Council if it was possible for maintenance on this and other areas to be carried out by volunteers or people doing Community Service.

In reply to a question from Mr Peter Hessey about **CC elections**, CCllr Giacopazzi said that it would be re-arranged if it clashed with the Council elections.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held in Milnathort Primary School on Thursday 8 March 2007 at 7.30pm.

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 February were: CCllrs I Booth (Chair), R Dalton, F Watt and G Pease. Also in attendance were two Tayside Police representatives and seventeen members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from C Danks and A Chappell (resigned).

Matters Arising from the January Meeting

CC Meeting Places: Further to the problem last month with access to Blairingone school, the CC agreed it would be a good idea to restrict the CC circuit to Crook of Devon, Powmill and Cambo, where the halls are easily booked via one contact within the community. The only foreseeable problem is Cambo hall during the winter months, when the first Monday evening of the month is reserved for various talks.

Devonshaw Quarry: Enquiries with the Land registry have drawn a blank regarding the present owners. However, as Tulliallan Police College use the facility for dive training, it is hoped they may be able to advise with whom they obtained consent for this activity. At least two further diving clubs advertise use of this quarry for training so they might also be able to assist in the ownership identity problem. Our note of concern has been sent to Ian Sleith, Head of Development Standards.

Footways for Lendrickmuir/Naemoor Road: The CC's request for consideration has been passed to Mr D'All, the Area Roads Engineer, for his response.

Community Policing

The police officers present reported the theft of a trailer plus contents from the Crook of Devon area on 10 January. They do have a line of enquiry, but want to remind the community of the need to secure property, and to take note of anything untoward (unusual vehicles, registration numbers etc). Members of the public present asked for clarity regarding recent problems within the area created by Red Deer escaping their enclosures. Are the owners subject to the same responsibilities as farmers with livestock, and for the provision of adequately maintained fencing and the timeous collection strays? The police present gave response and will follow up for fuller clarity with those concerned.

Perth & Kinross Council Business – P&K Cllr Barnacle

Various **footpaths** within the area have been approved. A survey regarding **safety camera** utilisation is due out end of February. Discussion on this subject and various transport issues is scheduled for 15 February.

The **Kerbside Recycling Calendar** is now out detailing the collection dates for 2007-2008. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have such a facility will receive the calendar in due course.

Lobbying TACTRAN re further funding for **A977**. Also note the requirement for a diversion route for HGV vehicles which should be the A985 and not the A977, signage will be required.

Forthcoming long-term **local discussion forums**: 15 Feb, Blairingone; 22 Feb, Crook of Devon; 1 March, Powmill; 14 March, Rumbling Bridge. These are very important meetings, allowing wider discussion of the Tilsley report with local people and various local groups e.g. core path group etc.

Planning Matters

06/01995/FUL Bridleway: Site meeting required; CC to visit. 06/027748/FUL Change bothy to residential dwelling and erection of 2 agricultural units at Sunnyside Drum: no

objections.

The CC has already received several objections for the as yet unvalidated applications 07/00084 and 07/00085 relating to a proposed Conference Centre and various buildings at Craigton, Powmill. CCllr Pease will send a holding letter to allow further discussion at the next meeting when full plans etc should be on hand.

A negative decision has been received regarding 02/02120/FUL, the 13 chalets at Birkfield.

General Correspondence

A letter which appeared on Blairingone noticeboard regarding the outcome of the Tilsley report has caused considerable problems within the community.

Other Business

Letter on the Blairingone noticeboard: how this information was collated and compiled was queried. If told not to identify specifics in returns, how can specifics be identified within the results? And is the CC aware of the distress it has caused to some community members?

Is it correct that the new sewage facility in the Crook of Devon area is still non-functional? Yes, as it is still without electricity. When will this be resolved?

An appeal is being made for new Community Council members; several members are due to step down, some have resigned already, and some were only co-opted on till March 2007 to fill gaps created by the aforementioned. It is in everybody's interests to be Community Aware and one of the easiest pro-active ways is to become a Community Councillor. Interested individuals should in the first instance contact Isabel Booth (Chair) on 01259 742 524.

The next meeting of Fossway & District CC will take place in Powmill Village Hall on Monday 5 March 2007 at 7.30pm.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the January Meeting

In attendance at the January meeting were Sue Mitchell-Henry, Bob Drysdale, Jim Shepherd, Alistair Smith (Chair), PC Child and several members of the public. Apologies were received from Wendy MacPhedran and Cllr Barnacle.

Police Report: PC Child reported that there had been a break-in to Portmoak Primary School.

Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman had received a complaint about the lack of gritting on the Lethangie Road into Kinross in the icy spell before Christmas. There had been two accidents on the road. The Secretary has written to P&KC Roads suggesting that signs be erected at the dangerous bends warning of the danger of skidding.

Stephens Field

The Chairwoman had a meeting before Christmas with Wendy Reid of the Development Trust Association of Scotland with regard to setting up a Trust for Portmoak, principally for taking ownership of the land being offered by Stephens above Kinnesswood. The Trust would have broader benefits to the community as a whole. It was agreed to set up a Public Meeting in Portmoak Primary School on 30 January at which Wendy Reid will make a presentation to the public about setting up a trust.

Paths Group

CCllr Bob Drysdale read extracts from the recent minutes of the last Paths group meeting.

Kinnesswood to Scotlandwell path: the P&KC Valuer has contacted the landowner.

Michael Bruce Trail: the Tetley Trail will be renamed the Michael Bruce Trail.

Signage: new signs will need to be erected and some existing signs replaced.

Dryside Road

Cllr Barnacle convened a meeting on site which was attended by CCllrs Morell and Smith and P&KC Roads and Rangers to discuss the problem of continued 'rat-running' along the Dryside Road consequent on the application of a hard surface to the road. It was agreed to investigate the installation of two gates between Glenlmond and the Council boundary.

A911: No reply has been received to the CC's letter of August. The Secretary will write to P&KC Roads.

Planning Matters: 06/02597/FUL Demolition of existing farm buildings, conversion of existing steading into 3 dwellinghouses and erection of a dwellinghouse, Mid Bowhouse, Leslie. The CC agreed to object to this application on a number of grounds. They would be prepared to only accept the development of the steadings into two houses including the incorporation of garages within the existing building.

News from the February Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 13 February in Portmoak Primary School were Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Sue Mitchell-Henry, Bob Drysdale, Jo Morrell, Jim Shepherd, Alistair Smith, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle, WPC Hardie, PC Stephen and several members of the public.

Police Report: WPC Hardie introduced PC Stephen who has taken over from her as the Community Policeman for this area. The Police had no report to make on any incidents in the community.

Chairwoman's Report

There was a long discussion on the need for a Development Trust to be set up, following a public meeting at which there had been a presentation by the Development Trust Association of Scotland. This had arisen out of a consideration of the community acquiring land above Kinnesswood from Stephens. It was agreed to circulate every household in the community and hold a public meeting in 2 or 3 months time to discuss this proposal.

Secretary's Report

FWAG Report on Kinnesswood: The Secretary had received a report from FWAG regarding recommendations for the maintenance and management of the land above Whitecraigs, which has been offered to the community.

Consultation on Affordable Housing Guide: P&KC had written advising that they have produced a consultation document on Affordable Housing which is available on the P&KC website. The CC will examine this and respond.

Reply on Structure Plan and Housing in the Countryside: The Secy had received a letter in reply to the CC's concerns about both these matters. P&KC had advised that nothing would proceed until after the May elections. Cllr Barnacle, however, advised that subsequent to that letter, there had been a meeting of the Development Control Committee to discuss the Housing in the Countryside Policy. Cllr Barnacle intimated that Ian Sleith recognised that, in the light of some recent planning consents, the policy needed to be re-examined, particularly with the liberal interpretation of the sites for farm steadings and brownfield sites.

Review of Polling Districts: The Secretary had received a letter and a plan of the new electoral boundaries. None of these affected the Portmoak Parish.

Kinross Partnership AGM: The Secretary had received a letter advising of the AGM of the Kinross Partnership. CCllr Bob Drysdale will attend on behalf of the CC.

Paths Group

CCllr Bob Drysdale informed the meeting of progress from the Paths Group. Discussions had re-opened with the landowner on the route for the path from Woodmarch to Scotlandwell.

There will be a meeting in the future with TRACKS, Stephens Builders, FWAG, the Golf Club and CCllr Drysdale on the path up past the Gold Course.

A911

The Secretary had received a letter from P&KC in which they claimed that they had not received the CC letter of 5 August. Cllr Barnacle stated that he had received his copy, as had everyone else. The P&KC letter contained some responses which the CC found extremely disappointing, as there seemed no investigation had taken place on the matters in discussion. The Secy will draft a reply.

Planning Matters

Erection of a conservatory, 8 Buchan Avenue Kinnesswood: no comment.

Construction of two-storey dwellinghouse with garage (in outline), Balakeil, Glenlmond: The CC will object on the type of house and on the grounds of the continuing increase in traffic that more development is bringing on the lane that passes through Wester Balgedie.

Extension to dwellinghouse, Strathview, Leslie Road Scotlandwell: no comment.

P&K Councillor Barnacle

Cllr Barnacle informed the meeting that new calendars for

the bins are being issued for the new season.

A Planning Application has been submitted for a new Recycling centre for Kinross-shire.

CCllr Drysdale asked about the lack of collection of wheelie bins up the Cobbles and Back Dykes in Kinnesswood. Cllr Barnacle will look into the matter.

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

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Club & Community Group News

Probus Club



"A King's Treasure Lost" is an exciting title, enough to kindle the imagination of anybody. What is it all about? Ian Archibald of the Burntisland Heritage Trust spoke on this intriguing subject at the Probus meeting on 7 February. The King in question was King Charles I who came to Scotland to be crowned in 1633 and after the coronation went on a tour of all the royal palaces finishing with Falkland Palace. He wanted to get back quickly to Edinburgh so the King and all his retainers sailed from Burntisland to Leith on the King's Ship, "Dreadnought", while the baggage came on in the ferry ship which was called the "Blessing". Unfortunately a sudden storm blew up and the "Blessing" sank at her moorings, with the loss of all her crew and, much more important in those days, King Charles' personal belongings, including his silver plate. From that day to this people have dreamed about the treasure lying somewhere at the bottom of the sea. With the advance in modern technology, this dream becomes a possibility. In 1990 a group was set up with the aim of recovering the wreck. Over three summer periods, from 1993 to 1995, an American team came over and looked for any evidence of the boat on the sea bed. They spent about \$500,000 but were unsuccessful. In 1994 the Burntisland Heritage Trust was established. In 1997 they started on a determined exploration of the harbour area around Burntisland. As much historical information about the wreck as possible was gathered, which pointed to a possible place for the wreck to the south west of Burntisland harbour. The wreck by now must be buried underneath the mud and sand on the sea bed of the Firth of Forth, but modern technology could recover the wreck once it has definitely been located. The trouble is that recovering the wreck and the treasure would be very costly and nobody will even suggest advancing the money until the exact location of the wreck is definitely established. A possible site has been found, a grid has been made of the area and a series of probes driven into the sea bed, but so far no hard evidence has been recovered although the exploration continues.

Jack Jackson gave the vote of thanks for a most informative and interesting talk.

Swansacre Playgroup



We will be running a **Spring Fayre** on **Saturday 10 March** from 10am - 12 noon in The Playgroup (21 - 23 Swansacre).

Tickets for children will be available in advance from Playgroup or any committee member. Tickets will also be available on the day. Each ticket will cover use of the bouncy castle, a stick-on tattoo, making a 'Spring craft' and a snack. Other children's activities will be available for an additional charge. Teas, coffee and homebaking will also be available.

Thanks to all those who supported our 'Nearly New Sale', which we hope to repeat in the autumn. Spaces are available at all our playgroup sessions. Please contact Angela (865480) or Playgroup (862071) for more information.

Swansacre Playgroup is now interviewing for RELIEF PLAYLEADERS. If you would be interested in applying for this role, please contact Gillian (865069) or Playgroup (862071) to obtain an application form.

Kinross & District Rotary Club



The Rotary Month

The Volunteer Group Burns Supper turned out to be another excellent night of entertainment and fellowship. The event was held in Windlestrae Hotel on 22 January and was presided over by Rotarian David Reid with the Address to the Haggis being given by Rotarian David Birrell.

Tales from down under were the theme of the meeting held on 29 January when Rotarian Bill Harley told of his recent visit with his wife Elizabeth to New Zealand. His talk was illustrated with photographs taken of all the major tourist spots they visited during their visit.

The ready availability of today's satellite navigation systems was the result of much research carried out by the Americans and British after World War 2. So said guest speaker Mike Travers at the mid February meeting of the Club. Mike managed to talk on the theory behind the early navigation systems of inter continental missiles in a way that was understood by the less technical members. His talk was illustrated by some slides taken during his time with the Royal Engineers based in Hawaiian Islands. The vote of thanks was given by Rotarian Barry Davies.

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Portmoak Film Society

Movie teasers as 06/07 season draws to an end...

Once again locals (and some from further afield) packed in to the Portmoak Picture Palace to see the February film "A Very Long Engagement". A bittersweet tale of wartime fidelity, it tells the story of a young woman played by Audrey Tatou who refuses to believe that her fiancé has perished in the First World War. Alternating between the horror and sometimes grisly humour of the trenches and the rural idyll of the Dordogne where she lives, the film made compelling viewing - an opinion clearly shared by the audience who gave it an "excellent" (24) and "good" (4) on the marble count. And of course nobody does love scenes quite like the French!

There has been a last-minute change of the next film to be shown on **Saturday 10th March**. Apologies to Johnny Depp fans, because we will now be showing "Capote" instead of "Finding Neverland" as advertised! "Capote", starring Philip Seymour Hoffman in the title role, tells the story of the arbitrary murder of the Clutter family in a remote Kansas farmhouse in 1959 which the New Yorker magazine writer of the title decides to investigate and write about. Two things were striking about this: firstly, he was given unprecedented access to the killer to try to get into his mind; and secondly he pioneered a new type of writing, the "non-fiction novel".

If you want to see this film, please come to Portmoak Hall for 7.30 p.m. with your membership card, or pay £4 at the door accompanied by a PFS member.

The 2nd PFS season will end with a **Surprise Movie** and **Annual General Meeting** on **14th April**, so if you are a member, please put this date in your diary. There will be cheese and wine to help us through the serious business of electing a new Committee and selecting the films for the next season, starting Autumn 2007.

For more info log onto:

www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Kinross Garden Group

Kinross Garden Group are going to Holland and Germany visiting Arnhem, Koln, Het Loo Palace along with other gardens and towns. Depart Kinross, sail from Hull to Rotterdam with outside cabins. Dinner, B&B on both boat and hotel. The dates are **2-8 September**. Seats available. For more details contact Mrs Rodger 863785.

Our March meeting, attended by 43 members and visitors, was addressed by Steve McNamara, Manager of Branklyn Garden, who gave us a very interesting talk and slide show of Branklyn Garden, its many plants, ongoing developments and behind the scenes.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8 March** in Millbridge Halls, Kinross at 2pm. We will be delighted to welcome Nikki Jennings to give her talk "New Raspberry Plant Introductions".



Save NHS Dentistry Campaign

After a year of campaigning, the Kinross group heard at its February meeting that we are starting to have some success. In a recent letter to the group, Perth & Kinross' Community Health Partnership (CHP) director has invited a spokesperson from the group to take part in 8-weekly meetings to ensure we are updated regularly on progress towards improving access to NHS dental services for Kinross people.

In addition, CHP have indicated that a mobile dental service, starting after May 2007, could be routed to the Kinross area. If you have any views on this, please contact Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825 so that she can pass them on to the CHP.

The reason for this is that apparently the new surgery to be built in Kinross will not have any dental space after all. We think this is a pity as a mobile dentist, whilst better than nothing, can really only act as a temporary stop-gap and we know that there are enough people needing an NHS dentist in the area to warrant a permanent facility here. We will be raising that with the CHP too.

A continuing problem is the assessment of how many people in the Kinross area still need/want an NHS dentist. Councillor Robertson, who was present at the meeting, has collected almost 100 names and passed them on to the CHP, but we suspect there are many more as 1200 people signed our petition a year ago when one of the Kinross dentists deregistered many patients. Please contact Cllr Robertson on 865178 or email him at willie.robertson@virgin.net

An advice line for patients seeking a dentist is likely to be operational very soon. More details in next report. Families who need to register children with a dentist should contact this line for help when it is up and running, or phone Drumhar Health Centre in Perth to get an appointment.

The group's petition will be reviewed in the Scottish Parliament on 20th March. The petitioner Keith Green will attend with a small delegation from Kinross.

Finally, the group is keen to make all prospective parliamentary candidates at the forthcoming elections on 3 May aware of our concerns regarding the general crisis of NHS dentistry and ask for their solutions! To this end we will be helping to arrange a local political hustings sometime in April. Further details will be discussed at the next meeting on **Wednesday, 14 March** at 7 p.m. in Kinross Church Centre. If you're interested, please come along - we're always happy to see new faces!

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Kinross & District Town Twinning Association

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association is preparing for the summer visit of our friends from Gacé in Normandy. This visit will take place in the first week of August and host families are encouraged to participate in this special occasion. The committee is currently planning a programme of events and visits for the Gacé visit in August. Anyone interested in joining the Association should contact secretary David Munro (01577 862126) for further details.



Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade

The Company has been successful in recent Battalion competitions with victories in both the badminton and volleyball competitions and finishing as runners-up in the 5-a-side football competition.

Preparations are underway for the Battalion Drill and PT competitions which will take place at Kinross High School on Friday 2 March. The Company is also preparing for the national band competition with its novice bugle band.

A number of bookings have already been made for the hire of the Company's marquee tent over the coming months. The 40 X 20 white tent is available for hire at £170 per occasion. The Company attended Dunfermline 10 pin bowling complex at the mid-term Friday with Andrew Hutchison finishing with the highest score of the evening.



The Boys Brigade Volleyball Team

The Company has two teams competing in the Perth & District Volleyball League and the first team has just missed out in the championship and should finish in second place at best and third place at worst. The second team have also performed well beating the first team in one game and drawing with them in their second meeting. The second team should finish in fourth or fifth position.

Junior section members are preparing for an outside visit to Dundee's observatory.

Junior section camp is scheduled for the May weekend holiday. Company section summer camp is scheduled for the last full week in July based at Lebhall near Ballater with hillwalking, mountain biking, canoeing, rock climbing and abseiling on the agenda.

Fair Break Café

Project News

We're delighted to hand over £500 to the Youth Livestock Project in Ghana.

A special thank you to Rexroth in Glenrothes for generously donating £250 to Fair Break which was raised in their annual fundraising event.

Our new project is the Children's Fund of Malawi, which provides medical assistance for orphan children.

Activities

Milnathort Ceilidh Weekend

Fair Break is pleased to be the ticket outlet for the **Milnathort Crackin' Ceilidh Weekend (9 to 11 March)**. In support of this popular annual event we'll be welcoming musicians and visitors to play, sing and enjoy stovies both Saturday and Sunday.

Fairtrade Fortnight

At the time of going to print we're looking forward to a busy **Fairtrade Fortnight** (26 February until 11 March). We'll be introducing new Fairtrade products (free sampling!), baking and preparing sweets and savouries (made with Fairtrade ingredients) from different countries. We'll also be taking part in the **Fairtrade Morning Fayre** in Kinross Church Centre on **Saturday 3 March**.

Special thanks to Malcolm Cowie and Gordon, who played and sang for us (thanks for the special song about our very own coffee shop!).

A warm thank you to Lyn Hayworth, who held a very enjoyable Crystal Workshop which raised £36 for this project.

Regular activities include:

Story telling for children on Saturday mornings (10.30am until 12.00).

The Heaven and Earth Club had their first meeting at the Café on Sunday 25 February. You are warmly invited to join this discussion group to chat about issues raised in the Sunday morning programme. It's likely to take place monthly (dates to be discussed). For more information please contact John or Pat Munro on 015778 62952.

Our regular monthly **Amnesty Letter Writing** sessions continue, with the next meeting on **Sunday 25 March** 7.30pm until 9pm. Non members welcome.

Volunteers Welcome!

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

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

January Draw

1st	No 79	Sue Wilson, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 93	Gwen Poole, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 85	Jim Corrie, Scotlandwell

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the February meeting, Gordon Small, a former journalist, gave an interesting talk on "The History of the Courier & Advertiser".

He gave us a splendid insight into the lives of the Thomson family, who were ship owners and who in time became interested and successful in the running of the newspaper business.

Lochgelly Musical Society: The outing to "Thoroughly Modern Millie" will be on Wednesday evening **11 April**. Tickets £7.20 and will be collected at March meeting. Details and price of coach will be given later.

Friday Walks: Although snow was lying in Kinross on the day of our first walk in February, the roads were completely clear for our walk from Alva to Muckhart. There was a big turn out, and the main event of the day took place while we were having lunch in Dollar Glen - a lively young dog helped itself to a sandwich from George Kirk's pie box. Some of us were glad to reach Muckhart, for tea and scones at Mona's.

9 March: Aberdour to Inverkeithing along the Fife Coast Path, stopping as usual for a leisurely lunch at St Bride's Church. This is a one way walk of no more than 6 miles, and daffodils along most of the way.

23 March: Starting at Dunblane Cathedral, a circular walk to the model village of Ashfield, on to Kinbuck and back to the Cathedral. This too is about 6 miles, and **in order to have a hot pie for lunch, we will be leaving at 9am on this occasion.**

Hillwalkers: The Hillwalkers will resume in April 2007. Details will be given in the April Newsletter. Contact Bill Blair 01577 864450 for further information.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



At the January meeting Russell Young gave a wonderfully interesting talk on The Source and Course of the River Devon. He told us that the river rises 600 feet in the Ochil Hills, and winds some 33 miles down to sea level to join the River Forth at Cambus, just east of Stirling. For a bird to fly this distance is about 5 miles!

Russell has spent a lifetime observing the flora and fauna of the area. When teaching at Strathdevon Primary School in Dollar he would go fishing at 6 o'clock in the morning before school. His slides were a testimony to his close observation of nature, weather and the landscape, as he traced the course of the river from Cambus back up into the Ochil Hills. The places shown were known to many of the large audience, who had braved yet another evening of horrible weather to come to this meeting.

Russell Young gave us a journey through history as well as nature mentioning places including Blairingone, Vicar's Bridge, Muckhart Mill, Dunning, Glendevon, Blackford, and an enthusiastic and appreciative vote of thanks was given by Mrs Sheila Hay.

Common Grounds Charity No. SC031582

Projects: We continue to prosper in the Church Street Hall, Milnathort and raise money to assist African projects. We are currently supporting 'Mary Meals' which provides regular meals to Liberian schoolchildren under the auspices of Scottish International Relief. While our fine band of volunteers assist with and make the final selection of our projects, we are always pleased to hear from anyone who knows of African projects to which we might give monetary support.

Fairtrade: As the original outlet for Fairtrade goods in Milnathort, we are pleased to be helping in the local promotion of the Fairtrade Fortnight (26 February to 11 March), in particular with **the Fairtrade Fair and Coffee Morning on 3 March** in the Church Centre, Kinross from 10am to 2pm.

At a Dunfermline Inner Wheel coffee morning in February, Pat Payne (our Project Coordinator) assisted Volunteer Jacky Chalmers in giving a presentation on Fairtrading.

Folk Festival: If everything goes to plan, Common Grounds could be hosts to informal music sessions over the Milnathort Folk Festival weekend. So, look out for posters for further details, times etc and come along; this will be a venue not to be missed.

Join In: There are many ways in which you can help our charity maintain its objectives - by giving time as a volunteer, by the donation of baking, books for our shop, or fuel for the fire. All will be very much appreciated.

To contact Common Grounds, either call in for some refreshment and a chat between 10am and 3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and speak to the Volunteers on duty, or phone Pat Payne on 862715, Jim Henry on 864452 or Shirley Morgan on 864745.

Kinross in Bloom



It is still quite a quiet time for us although we have been planning and ordering ahead for lots of colour in the summer. We are enjoying watching the spring bulbs coming up and hope you are, too.

If you want to support us by joining our 200 Club (£1 a month and half the proceeds paid out as prizes) contact Diane McDiarmid on 865943. February's winners will be next month's newsletter.

You may have seen the plans that are being displayed for the 'Gateway' or entrance marker to Kinross - we want to make an attractive 'Welcome to Kinross' as you come in from the motorway/A977 roundabout. We have some feedback already, but do let us have your views. To find out more about us, see:

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Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Members and guests were taken back in time to a very different Kinross – war-time Kinross and the years following the Second World War – thanks to a wonderful evening in the company of local farmer, Jim Paterson.

Jim took us on a walk from his family farm at Gallowhill, the length and breadth of Kinross, passing the Fever Hospital, with its horse drawn ambulance until 1948, the railway bridge and the Mavis Bank nursery, growing flowers and vegetables for its shop in town. We passed the Sunnypark haulage business, the Marchfield Laundry, the telephone exchange and the gas works, where 30 local people worked, some in its showroom before the advent of electricity brought about its demise. A hundred acre farm stood at Springfield instead of the hundreds of houses we now know. As we passed the Muirs Hotel, we could see the window where horsemen could be served without leaving their horses. Next came the Masonic Hall, lent to the Education Authority during the war, then the engineering factory which manufactured electric motors, before moving on to ammunition. The Julie Fair came to the Market Park and much of the main street during the last week of July. Instead of the famous golf course there was the cricket club, an open air curling pond and half a dozen small crofts which welcomed locals with jugs, intent on buying fresh milk. To play golf, you had to make your way to the County Yard opposite Granada.

The Green Hotel was much smaller, and famed for its large function room, which could seat 300. Green Road had a few Council houses and two tennis courts. What we now know as the Bank of Scotland was then the British Linen Bank. And so we reached the school, attended by both primary and secondary pupils. Comprising two buildings, an eighteenth century building, complete with the bell which now stands in the car park, and a more modern one, the school had twenty-one classrooms but no dining hall until after the war.

Across the road from the school was a block of flats and the dentist's house and surgery, then the Police Station where we now see the County Building. Station Road, alias Graham Street, alias Junction Street, was where we found the cinema, with seating for four to five hundred and a change of programme three times a week. Here we also found one of the three Kinross doctors before reaching the Railway goods yard with its turntable. The attractive station often won the Best in Scotland Award.

The area occupied by Granada and the Garden Centre was a huge army camp, handy for the station. Used first as a training camp, it later became a POW camp. Many a German POW found work on a local farm.

On to Balado Aerodrome, which was built in 1941 as a training camp. After the war, planes were brought here to be broken up for much needed scrap. On the site of the Grouse and Claret, we found vast glasshouses growing tomatoes destined to go, by train, to London.

Back in the centre of town, the current Day Centre was the East Church, and soon we reached the hub of the town, namely the Town Hall, famed for regular dances, including the County Ball, where the music was provided by the likes of Jimmy Shand. Popular entertainers who appeared in the hall included Robert Wilson, Harry Lauder and Will Fyfe.

Making a detour into Mill Street we came to the water-driven meal mill and the small golf course at the Kirkgate, then back to the Victoria Hotel, passing the YMCA en route to the Coronation Park and the Sandport Farm. The mushroom factory also made use of the railway to dispatch its goods to London markets. Giving employment to many was the Linen Mill, where among other things, they produced shrouds which were exported all over the world.

The town boasted two slaughterhouses, although the marts were in Milnathort, and talented knife makers, who eventually left the area to work in Sheffield.

Every street in the bustling town contained shops, some bigger than others, and the choice would astound modern shoppers. Every baker had his own bake-house from which delicious smells would emanate.

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Kinross Camera Club

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



It's been a busy time for the club as the AGM and election of the committee took place. The committee looks forward to working on behalf of the members to deliver another great year. The club has also enjoyed great talks from Martin Pettinger on flash photography, and Brian Clarke on landscapes, as well as a practical evening and the digital group meeting.

Members have submitted their entries for the third and final round of the League Competition. The overall competition is very close, with only a few points between the leaders in all sections. The club also competed in a competition with Dunfermline and Glenrothes Camera Clubs, coming second.

The syllabus for the current season is on the club's website. The website is updated extremely frequently, and it's the best way to find out what's happening in the club. It's a busy time of year for the committee and plans are well underway for the 2007-2008 season too!

Forthcoming events include the following:

- **8 March:** League 3 judging – Stephen Lipton from East Kilbride
- **15 March:** 'Images of Nature' – Karen Berry, Livingston – joint talk with the SWT.
- **22 March:** 'A Portmoak Evening' – Dick Crighton and Doug Carrie

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

Click Tips for March

The days are getting longer and it's a little warmer, so why not get out and about with your camera!

Why not try some close up shots of spring flowers in the garden? Try getting close and opening the camera lens very wide (by setting the aperture to a small f-number). This throws the background out of focus and draws attention to the subject. Get creative – focus on a single part of the flower, or include just a few petals in the frame.

When composing a picture, try not to keep your focal point in the centre of the frame, as this often weakens the impact of the shot. Instead, focus (on many camera this is done by holding the shutter halfway down), then simply move the camera to place the

subject off-centre both horizontally and vertically. This is known as the rule of thirds – imagine your picture is split into three sections both side-to-side and top-to-bottom. Powerful composition can be achieved by placing the subject of your focus on the intersection of these imaginary lines.

If you want a new challenge, why not go out at night (or dusk) and try shooting light trails? Get a good vantage point, ideally on a bridge crossing a motorway, and set your camera with a very long shutter speed. Depending on conditions, anything from 30 seconds to several minutes may be required to get a great shot. On a clear evening, you'll also get the movement of the stars in your shot. Composition is still important – an S-bend will give a better result than a straight road, and if shooting at dusk, remember to look for silhouettes of natural features or buildings to can include in your shot. Above all, have fun!

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

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

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Sports News



Loch Leven Leapers Basketball Club

Club leaps with joy at £2000 funding

The members and Committee were recently delighted to learn that their application for £2000 to Awards for All, had been successful.



This means that we are now able to purchase further equipment, strips and also provide more development for our enthusiastic, young Coaches.

The Club has recently increased its training hours, and we are now training from 6.00 – 7.55pm on Tuesdays in the High School Sports Hall.

Coach, Jaimie Harvey, former Kinross High School pupil, is delighted at the funding injection. "The kids all have great fun every week. It's great news that Awards for All have funded us this money, and we can continue to have a basketball club for children in the Kinross area."

The Club is continuing to thrive and we are now operating a waiting list.

Anyone wishing to come along, please contact Alison Brown on 01577 861113 or Karen Nicholson on 01577 862623, in the first instance.

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Squash News

News of Juniors

At the recent Midlands Junior Open competition held at Bells Sports Centre in Perth in January, notable successes were achieved by Kinross junior players. In the under 13 boys, Calum Johnston was runner up in the event and David Beaumont finished 10th. Calum is now ranked No. 2 in this age group in Scotland. An excellent achievement and no doubt a squash star of the future. In the under 17 boys event, Andrew Marshall competed well to finish 5th in an age group where the standard is particularly high. Andrew is now ranked 6th in Scotland.

The Scottish Junior National Championships also took place in January at Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh. Both Calum and Andrew finished as they did in Perth i.e. Calum was runner up in the under 13 boys and Andrew was 5th in the under 17 - well done to both of them. As Kinross Squash club is relatively small, these achievements are even more noteworthy.

The junior section at Kinross Squash Club is going through a 'transition' period at present but Mark Beaumont regularly runs coaching sessions at Loch Leven Leisure Centre for youngsters of all abilities and will be happy to add more sessions if the demand is there - we must thank him for that. For more details on squash coaching for juniors please see the reception staff at the Loch Leven Leisure Centre.

Team News

Since Christmas the team has won 3 out of 4 matches and lies 5th in the Fife League which comprises of 9 teams. Mid-table is very close, and a top 3 finish for the 3rd year in succession is certainly within Kinross's sights, although we have a tough end to the season - out of 3 matches left, 2 are away to Kirkcaldy and Dalgety Bay, currently the top 2 teams in the league.

In the first round of the League Cup our A team (Andrew Marshall, David Gordon & Mike Cheshire) did extremely well to see off strong teams from Carnegie and Woodmill to reach the finals. Unfortunately our B team was not quite so successful.....

Leisure Centre Leagues

By the time you read this the February Leagues will have ended and new leagues will have commenced. Players go up and down each month so they are constantly playing against new opponents. Currently players looking good to get the top spot in the February Leagues are: - Premier- Jim Marshall 15pts, 1- Peter Hookhan 26pts, 2- Libby Wallace 20pts, 3- Scott Finnie 14pts, 4- Fergus Dowds 21pts, 5- Rory MacLeod 12pts.



Kinross Road Runners

Kinross Road Runners ventured into the hills on 27 January when they entered two teams in the popular Devils Burdens Hill race. It was a beautiful sunny day for the race which starts at Falkland and progresses via East Lomond, Bishop Hill and West Lomond back to Falkland. Kinross Road Runners were out of their league in a field of 101 teams comprising mainly hill runners so settled for some internal rivalry between the men's and ladies' teams. The ladies established an early lead which they consolidated to finish ahead of the men in 3hrs 42mins 17secs whilst the men completed the course in 4hrs 8mins 50secs. Both teams enjoyed the race.

The wet and windy weather didn't deter Isabella Carmichael and Tricia Milne at the Great Winter Run on 13 January. This 5k race around Holyrood Park was organised in conjunction with the televised European Cross Country Championships although the professionals ran on a different course. Trish Milne was 2nd FV40 in 24:29 closely followed by Isabella Carmichael in 27:10.

Forfar multi terrain Half Marathon on 4 February was the next race on the calendar. This race is a mixture of orienteering on tracks and roads around Forfar so requires some navigational skills. Steve Crawford finished 16th overall in 1hr 30 mins and Chris Pratt finished in 1 hr 38 mins.

Judith Dobson, Anne MacDonald and Sandy MacCalman enjoyed the unseasonably warm and sunny weather at the Carnethy 5 Hill Race on 17th February. Judith was first back to the tea tent in 81:08, followed by Anne in 85:24 and Sandy in 101:13.

Kinross Road Runners continue to meet on a Wednesday night at 7pm in Loch Leven Health Centre car park. Runners of all abilities are welcome to join us. The club organises the **Loch Leven Half Marathon** which is on **19 May**. Entry forms for the Loch Leven Half Marathon and other races are available on the club notice board in Loch Leven Leisure Centre.



Kinross Curling Club



The season is fast drawing to a close and all trophies should be returned either to the Match Secretary or Stuart Skinner for engraving prior to the prize-giving. The **closing bonspiel and prize-giving** will take place on **Friday 23 March**. The two captains for the Town vs Country are Lee McCleary and David Clydesdale, respectively and they will be contacting the rinks.

Rankine Cup. The final results after a tense final game are as follows:

Rankine Cup: L McCleary, G Baird, D Sweeney and A Smith

Macintosh Trophy: A Wood, D Gordon, I Cormack and I Muirhead

Hogg Trophy: A Nelson, A Bogie, S McLachlan and G Douglas

Jubilee Salver. Congratulations to the rink of B Melville, I Cormack, S Wilcox and J Montgomery who ran out easy winners. Commiserations to G Hutcheson, I Muirhead, G Douglas and R Mitchell who fought hard but it wasn't to be.

Gallowhill Ploughshare. The winning rink was L McCleary, R McCleary, D Rodger and G Baird.

Poole Trophy. Section A have completed their games and progressing to the semi final will be the rinks of D Clydesdale and J Taylor. Section B has one game left and is still wide open.

Pairs. The pairs finals on 8 March will be as follows:

Gartwhinzean Cup: J Taylor and R Mitchell vs A Wood and B Melville

Skinner Trophy: R McCleary and S Wilcox vs P Baughan and A Smith

Lomond League. With three games left it looks like the cup is slipping away this year. Lying third but 2 points behind and the other two rinks have a game in hand. We are relying on others from now on in.

Bank of Scotland Double Header Despite two games in one night and some over exuberance by some players, the Club ran out winners and will play the semi final on 29 March.

Martin Sutherland and Simon Dunn, both members of the Club will represent Kinross Ice rink in the Scottish Pairs Finals in Stranraer on 23 March. Good luck guys.

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

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www.kinross.cc

Kinross Cricket Club

New Coach

Congratulations to Anthony Drew for passing the level one UKCC cricket coaching course exams, thus further enhancing the club's dedicated and successful coaching team.

Sportscotland Supports Kinross Cricket Club

Kinross Cricket Club is set to benefit from a £12,000 award to assist with the construction of a new wooden pavilion with changing rooms to be built within the grounds of Kinross House. This is part of sportscotland's mission to enhance community sports facilities across the country through the Building for Sport programme. Work is scheduled to commence on the project this month.

Easter Fayre and Coffee Morning

We are holding an early Easter Fayre on **31 March** at the Church Centre, 10am to 12 noon. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and home baking will be served. Stalls include home baking, tombola, arts and crafts, egg painting etc. If you would like a stall, please contact Andrea Jackson on 07986 403840.

Kinross Cricket Club Community Sixes Challenge

KCC are hosting a cricket 6s competition in June. This is open to any club, business or community organisation in Kinross-shire (suitable for age 16+). The Cricket Club 1st XI will be hosting the event and will therefore NOT be playing. Teams should be 6-side. They can consist of men or women or be mixed. No knowledge or previous experience of cricket is necessary. All equipment and instruction will be given by the cricket club. If you are interested and would like to enter a team or get more information, please contact club captain, John Ross on 07740 785 097 or email secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk

Outdoor Season – from Monday 16 April

The new cricket season begins outdoors at the club's new ground at Kinross House on **Monday 16 April**.

Junior training is on Monday nights from 6.15pm to 8pm. **Men's coaching** will be on Thursday nights commencing **Thursday 19 April** at 6.30pm until 8.30pm. New members will be very welcome. No experience necessary. The club will provide all equipment. Come along and give cricket a try.

New – Girls' and Women's Cricket

Kinross Cricket Club is setting up a new girls and ladies cricket team. No knowledge or experience of the game is required. No equipment necessary – just come along to coaching on Thursday nights at 6.30pm. Coaching will be for girls/ladies only and is separate from the men's team. Coaching will be with a qualified female coach. Come on girls ... get fit – try something new and have some fun along the way.

Deadline for all Articles

5.00 pm, MONDAY 19 March
for Publication on Saturday 31 March

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

Unfortunately the league and District cup schedule has been interrupted due to frozen or snow covered 'all weather pitches'! However, the matches that have been played have seen the second team record two good wins against Grove and a very creditable 0-2 defeat to Madras at St. Andrews. The firsts were beaten once more by Perthshire and drew 2-2 with Madras, leaving them second in the league table to Madras - winning the league, although still possible, is now dependent on others results.

KLHC are now sporting new team strips thanks to the very generous sponsorship of Kettle Produce and Loch Leven's Larder. The club are extremely grateful for this support which ensures that we continue to be the best looking teams in Midlands!

Plans are well ahead for our tour - this year to Milan - in June. Flights and accommodation booked thanks to our only Italian speaker, Gail! (with a little help from husband Mauro!). Hockey matches still to be arranged!

Training continues on a Wednesday at KGV 6.30pm to 8.00pm - all welcome.

Milnathort Golf Club

As Spring approaches why not consider a visit to Milnathort Golf Club?

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To give Milnathort Golf Club a try why not book a FREE 9-hole trial round of golf this spring? Just pre-book your trial round and produce this article on arrival. Obviously this offer is subject to availability and the round must be taken before 1st June 2007. Milnathort Golf Club is at South Street, Milnathort.

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Kinross Volleyball Club

The Kinross Volleyball Club continues to meet at Kinross High School games hall on Monday evenings with junior training from 8 till 9 p.m. and adult training from 9 till 10 p.m. Juniors have been training for the Cardinal Sports Youth Cup being held in Edinburgh over the last weekend in February.

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

Kinross Scotrange is poised to win the Premier League competition provided they win both of their fixtures on 4 March at Bell's Sports Centre. Losing one of these games will see the team finish in second place. Kinross Kintronics have had a difficult season with player unavailability causing them major problems this season in both the Premier and Recreational Leagues.

The Club is preparing to enter teams in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament at Perth over the last weekend in May and then to enter possibly three teams in the De Haan International Tournament in Belgium over the middle weekend in August.

The Club continues to meet on Monday evenings at Kinross High School games hall from 8 – 10 p.m. with 8 – 9 p.m. being designated for junior training. New members always welcome.

Kinross Bowling Club

The outdoor bowling season is almost here again, our club opens on **Saturday 14 April at 2.30pm**, when we hope to have a few ends of bowls (weather permitting) and tea and sandwiches with all fellow bowlers.

We also welcome anyone interested in playing bowls or already are bowlers to come along and join the club. Anyone interested in the sport can contact The Secretary - G. M. Rennie on 01577 864727.

We have 2 qualified coaches in our club who would be willing to coach anyone.

President is: Jim Cousar 01577 840890

Treasurer is: K. Reay 01577 864147

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Look forward to seeing all existing members on 14 April at 2.30pm and any potential bowlers.

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News from the Rurals

POWMILL - Powmill held an informal Burns supper on 17 January. President Mrs M Wilson welcomed members and guests, Mr & Mrs Brian Ogilvie. Mrs J Buchanan carried in the haggis to which Mrs M Wilson gave the address. Mr Ogilvie said grace and the committee served the meal which included haggis, mince, neeps and tatties finished with cheese, oatcakes and shortbread. Mrs & Mrs Ogilvie produced humorous sketches including a reading about Jean Armour. We were well entertained. Our guests judged the competitions.

Results were as follows:

Individual Trifle	- Mrs J Buchanan
Scottish Memento	- Mrs E Johnston
Garden Gem	- Mrs M Wilson

CLEISH - Vice President Chris Pilling welcomed 19 members to our February meeting. Business was attended to, then our demonstrator Rosemary Storm showed us Feather Finesse while her husband Jim Storm gave us a short talk on the variety of feathers that his wife uses in her painting. Chris Pilling gave the vote of thanks, a raffle and supper was then enjoyed.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Chris Pilling
Filled Victoria Sponge	- Marion Bisset
Bird Ornament	- Sandra Webster

CARNBO - Our speaker was Mrs Pat Shanks, who helps to procure aid on behalf of SIR, Scottish International Relief. Pat's special area of interest is Liberia and she showed us some slides of the people, mainly children, who have benefited from the involvement of SIR. This well-respected aid charity was set up in 1992 by Fergus MacFarlane-Barrow in his home town of Dalmally to deliver aid to Bosnia and since then has delivered £10 million worth of aid to E. Europe and Africa. It set up "Mary's Meals" which is a ground-breaking project feeding more than 100,000 children a day at school in Africa, Asia, E. Europe and Latin America. Education is the key for escape from poverty and by giving a child a meal that child is encouraged to attend school. Liberia, which declared independence in 1847, is rich in resources but has always been badly governed and was in the grip of a brutal civil war for 14 years until 2003; this war brought about a steep decline in living standards and infrastructure. Liberia now has Africa's first democratically elected woman president and, with the help of SIR, the people are rebuilding their lives and their country. Young people, forced to fight in the war, are now going back to school to learn the skills needed to rebuild the country.

CROOK OF DEVON - Mrs Margaret Arbuckle presided over the February meeting. After business she welcomed Margaret Kilpatrick who gave us a talk and slide show on her beautiful garden through the year.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Betty Paterson.

Competitions:

Winter Photograph	- I. White
Flower of the Month	- M. McGee

BISHOPSHIRE - Harry and Jeanette McLennan gave an illustrated talk about their visit to Hiroshima and Kyoto, with excerpts from people who had survived the A-bomb devastation.

Competitions

Interesting fact about Japan	- Sylvia Herrington
Article in origami	- Gwen Poole

GLENFARG - President Margaret Scott welcomed members on a cold and snowy evening. She introduced Mark Birrell of Tower Bakeries whose excellent demonstration, together with tips and hints, were warmly received. Liz Yull gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions

Tartan Novelty	- Sheila Harley
Plate Apple Tart	- Allison Messenger
Flower of the Month	- Margot Moran

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Nature



Vane Farm



Michty me, disnae seem that long since the last time I wrote this and it's time tae dae anither wan. The pressures o bein a news correspondent!! Jist too much fur a sowl.

Ok then off we go. February so far has been relatively mild, wet n windy – aye, OK, we have had the odd cauld bits but it's jist no like the winters we used tae get is it. We have had reports of blackbirds breeding already. Duck numbers are starting to build up for spring nuptials with spring and summer species on the reserve starting to increase: shoveler, pintail etc. In fact it seems like some birds are feelin fruity already wi the odd stooshie breckin oot here n there, mainly amongst the mallards which are amorous wee devils at the best o times.

Others like teal, wigeon and gadwall have been around all winter.

Egbert is still dodging around lookin fitter than ever so Vane must suit the wee fella as a winter holiday destination. Pinkies have started to appear on the reserve again during the day after a rather erratic month or two when we didnae see an awfa lot at times.

B.O.G.O.F. naw, no you nice people, it's "buy one get one free." The shop has a few special offers on birdfood at the moment on our pre-pack seeds. Husk free Sunflower Mix and Sunflower Hearts in the 1.2kg size are on offer. Jees we get mair like the supermarkets everyday.

FREE! Nae fancy stuff this time, it diz whit it says on the tin. If you would like some free calendars fur the photies fur projects at the school for the kids. Or even if ye hidnae realised that this year is this year cos yer aye oan the wrang day n date and wid like to arrive in 2007 instead o 2006 or whatever enquire wi the shop ladeez as to their availability. Easter is not that far away either and we will also have Fairtrade eggs and choccy on sale in the shop, now we know how some of you folk love chocolate so why not buy yersel a wee bit o indulgence.

Events this month are an **Optics Weekend on Saturday and Sunday 3 and 4 March** from 10am – 4.30pm both days. On **Sunday 18 March** we are holding a children's event called "**Step into Spring**" with lots of activities to keep little people amused. Two sessions will be held during the day from 11am – 1pm and 2 – 4pm. **Advance booking is essential** for this event so please contact Vane to book places. Now then has Mr Brooks redeemed himself this month? Eh..... aye so here he is.

Loch Leven NNR



Well after a month or so of disruption caused by rain and floods it finally feels like we are starting to see some light at the end of the winter tunnel.

Reserve work is a hugely varied job but every now and then we are able to concentrate on that part of the job that most people think of when we talk of reserves - that of management of habitats and plants.

We were very lucky to have the much-valued help of a fine group of volunteers this month. Members of the P&KC Ranger Service volunteer group came along to help us with some tree planting at Burleigh. All in all over 400 trees were planted! The tree planting is all part of the continued management work at Burleigh to make the site more interesting for people and for wildlife too.

Alder, Blackthorn and Hawthorn were all planted out along shoreline areas and around the hide, with willows to follow suit soon. All this planting will allow us to gradually remove the wooden screening at the hide approach and will gradually increase the cover available for breeding ducks. Sheltered shoreline vegetation will allow ducks to establish territories for raising their ducklings. We are also investigating the best way to establish reedbeds around the hide.

I can picture a scene in the future where visitors to the hide will be able to watch broods of ducklings along the shore, water rails and sedge warblers in the reeds and flocks of water birds on the gravel spits and open water. With a little patience and with the help of volunteers such as the Ranger Service group we'll make Burleigh a better and better place to visit. If you are interested in helping out on the reserve, please feel free to get in touch as there is plenty of work still to do!

If you'd like to see some photos of the work so far or to hear about other work going on around the reserve why not have a look at the NNR pages of our website. Just go to www.snh.org.uk and browse to the Loch Leven pages from the Tayside & Clackmannanshire sections and I'll see you there!

See you all next month, Colin and Paul

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Farming



A Straight Furrow

Spring signals the start of the growing season on farms. The rise in temperature combined with more hours of daylight means plants start to grow again after winter. Spring is the time to sow or plant new crops that will be harvested this year.

The process begins with ploughing. Ploughing is still the prime job in cultivating the earth and, despite this high technological and computerised age, the basic design of the plough remains largely unchanged since medieval times. There are several types of plough but all are based on the same principle, with share, coulter and mouldboard. The ploughshare makes a horizontal cut at the bottom of the furrow and a vertical blade, called a 'coulter,' makes the 'furrow slice' into a long continuous rectangle of soil, which the mouldboard almost completely inverts. Nowadays the plough turns over the soil normally to a depth of about 8 –10 inches. It is important that the plough turns over the soil completely in order to bury all the 'rubbish' on the surface. Last year's stubble and plant roots and any



dung that has been spread needs to be turned over and buried in the bottom of the furrow in order to rot properly. Many ploughmen take great care to plough a straight furrow that is evenly spaced and level. A straight furrow is a sign of attention to detail and the start of an efficient growing cycle. As many farmers like to observe and comment upon their neighbours ploughing, if you want to avoid getting teased for a crooked furrow it is best to try and get your ploughing as straight as possible! On a more practical note if the ploughing is straight: it ensures that the equipment that follows the plough, a seed drill for example, will run true. Once the field is black, overnight frosts help to breakdown the soil but most of the breaking down of the soil occurs when the tractor and harrow drives over the field. The land will then lie and wait until the weather dictates the best time to sow the crop.

As you may expect, ploughing a field removes many natural habitats for several species of wildlife. Once a field is ploughed they are forced to find an alternative home. However as long as we require food from the

land such as oats, barley and wheat we need to continue this production cycle. Many farmers recognise the need to enhance biodiversity on their farms and have adopted some sustainable practices. Establishing a 3 to 6 metre wide buffer area around arable fields that is not ploughed or cultivated is an option that can be seen on farms around Kinross-shire. Establishing a network of wildlife corridors reduces the risk of pollutants entering watercourses and enhances the habitats for many mini-beasts, hares, small birds and wild plants. Other farms aim to retain winter stubbles until the end of February. This increases the number of birds that survive the winter and also reduces soil erosion. This is another reason why March will see many tractors ploughing from dawn till dusk!

Weather



January Weather Report From Carnbo

January this year turned out to be a month of two halves, the stormy, wet weather that returned late December continued without a break until the 17th, from then to the end of the month the weather became much drier and settled, also a little colder, with frost most nights. During the changeover, the first snowfalls of the Winter were recorded.

Rainfall for month 196 mm (142% of average)

Heaviest fall 27 mm (8th)

Highest temperature 11°C

Lowest temperature -3°C

Average temperature 3.9°C

3 days with maximum above 10°C

No ice days (maximum temperature below 0°C)

3 snow days, 3 days with lying snow, total depth 8cms

Ground Frost 19 nights

Air Frost 7 nights (lowest -7°C 23rd)

Cloud cover 63%

Thunder not recorded

Rainfall for December 2006 in Britain - some totals:

Lowest total: Fraserburgh, Scotland 31mm

Carnbo, Kinross-shire 249mm

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Hedgehog Blog



Hattie the Hedgehog's Winter Diary

February

I'm pleased to tell you my cough and lungworm has cleared up and I'm feeling a lot better now! I got a bit confused with the really cold weather we had a bit back; I thought it was time for me to hibernate! Mum H said my body temperature had dropped and she was worried, as I wasn't eating as much as I usually do. If only I could have told her! Anyway, she's got some new biscuits (which I prefer to cat meat) and I've been munching plenty of them. My weight has stabilised at 650gms now, so I'm quite healthy really! Mum H is still warming up my jumpers every morning so that, when I've had my run, I can get cosy very quickly! I still love going outside and think the birds have got used to me running about now! The weather has been lovely and I really like the feel of the moss under my feet; somehow I just know that I'm going to be using that to make my nest in the Spring!



P.S. Don't tell her that I told you but Mum H has just turned 50, and guess what...she got lots of cards with hedgehogs on....wonder why?!!!!

See more pictures of Hattie on our website, www.kinrossnewsletter.org

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HEATHER JOHNSTON and **STEWART BAILLIE** are delighted to announce their engagement on New Year's Day. The couple would also like to announce the safe arrival of their daughter **ZOE JANE** on 10 December 2006 - 127 Lathro Park, Kinross. Both Jim and Sheena Johnston and Robert and Irene Baillie wish them all the best for their future.

Helen and Sandy **HAXTON** are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughters, **KAREN** to **EWAN ROSS** and **SARAH** to **JOHN SINCLAIR**.

ELEANOR GARDEN, Crook of Devon, and **MICHAEL OSBORNE**, Newcastle upon Tyne, were married on the beach in sunny Cuba on 5 January 2007.

Fiona and Bruce **REID** of Green Road, Kinross are delighted to announce the birth of their son, **CALLUM BLAIR** on 21 January 2007. First grandchild for Phyllis and Drew Simpson, Montgomery Court and first great-grandson for Margaret Gibson, Causeway Court, Kinross.

Stuart & Donna **FORD**, formerly Milnathort now Wiltshire, are delighted to announce the birth of their son **HUGO** on 2 January 2007. First grandchild to Doris & Alastair Ford and Chris & Geoff Bumpass, Derby.

Alma and Robert **BIRRELL** would like to congratulate their daughter **SARAH** who graduated from Perth College in October with an HND in Graphic Design and Illustration. They would also like to congratulate their youngest daughter **VALERIE** who recently won the 2006 Sunday Telegraph 'Spirit of the Community' award. Well done to you both; we are very proud of you.

The Kinross Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme is celebrating its 25th anniversary next month. To mark the occasion, P&KC is hosting a Civic Reception on 27 February. Congratulations to all those involved throughout the 25 years, and we wish the organisation every success in the future.

CLEISH PRIMARY SCHOOL pupils' dedication to improving their environment, both in and out of school, has been recognised with a prestigious Green Flag Eco Schools award. Among their many initiatives were the establishment of a recycling station and compost bin, as well as involvement in water and energy conservation and promotion of a healthy tuck shop.

The annual Kinross High School Burns speaking competition drew a record number of competitors from S1 who recited a variety of Scottish poetry, not all Burns, competing for the Gordon George Memorial Trophy which is dedicated to the late Deputy Rector. The trophy was won by **CAITLIN BARNES**, with runners-up **HELEN McKENNA** and **AILSA MORRIS**. In attendance was the school's resident piper, **CALUMBROWN**.

Thanks



VALERIE BIRRELL would like to pass her most sincere thanks to Janice Webster who put her forward for the 2006 UK 'Spirit of the Community' Award. Thanks also to the many other individuals who submitted correspondence to help her win this award - I couldn't have done it without you.

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Kinross Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Station Road, Kinross Telephone: (01577) 862570
 Rev Dr John Munro Telephone: (01577) 862952
 Website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org
 E-mail: kinrossparishchurch@btinternet.com

March Services

Fri 2 World Day of Prayer, Church Centre,
 2.30pm, Portmoak 7.30pm
Sun 4 10.30am Communion, 6.30pm Communion
Tue 6 Whyte Court Service, 2.30pm
Sun 11 10.30am Morning Worship
Sun 18 10.30am Morning Worship
Sun 25 10.30am Family Service marking 200th
 Anniversary of the ending of the slave trade.
Tue 27 Causeway Court Service, 2.30pm

Pram Service: Each Tuesday at 10am in the Church
 Centre. All under 3's and carers welcome.

Mid-week Service: Each Wednesday at 10.45pm in the
 Church Centre.

Other events

Church Coffee Morning on Saturday 17 March in
 the Church Centre, 10am – 12 noon. Teas, Coffees,
 Baking, Children's Corner, Mothers' Day gifts and
 Book stall.

Advance Notice: East Fife Ladies Choir will hold a
 concert in the Parish Church, Friday 20 April, 7.30pm.

All are welcome to these services.

Kinross Church Centre: This suite of halls is the
 property of Kinross Parish Church. For enquiries
 and bookings, please contact Helena Cant
 (862923) or e mail: helenacant@aol.com

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

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

Kinross-shire Churches Together Lent Studies.

Theme: Can we build a better world?

Tuesdays at 7.30pm 27th February to 20th March.

Venue: St James' Church Hall, Kinross

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Ken McCaffrey Telephone: (01577) 863329

Website: www.stjameskinross.co.uk

Email: kenmccaffrey@btopenworld.com

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
 Sunday 9.30am

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

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

March Services

Sun 4 Lent II. 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11am, Sung Eucharist.
Wed 7 10.30am, Service of Prayer for Healing.
Sun 11 Lent III. 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 18 Mothering Sunday. 8.30am, Holy
 Communion. 11am, Family Worship.
Sun 25 Lent V. 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11am, Sung Eucharist.
Wed 28 7.30pm, Service of Worship and
 Exploration of our faith today.

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

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Locum – Rev D Stenhouse 01577 866992

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

@spire: Orwell Hall on the second and last Friday of
 the month

Communion at Orwell Church – Sunday 4 March

Men's Breakfast – 24 March 8.30am Lomond Hotel,
 Kinnesswood

Annual Meeting – 29 March 7.30pm at Lochend
 Farm Shop

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

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

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.

LOOKING FOR CONTACT DETAILS?

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

www.kinross.cc

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
Session Clerk: Mr David Adams Tel: (01577) 850292
Sunday Services 11.15am
Crèche 11.15am
Junior Church 11.15am

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
Evergreens: every second Thursday in the month,
10.30am
Tots Music: Friday mornings in hall,
9.30am-10.30am; 11am-12pm
Community Choir: Wednesday evenings, 7pm-9pm

Kinross Gospel Hall Montgomery Street, Kinross

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



Cleish Parish Church

Obituaries

FERNIE - MRS JUNE (Jeannie Robertson Sneddon McDade Ford) of 32 Ochil View, Kinross passed away peacefully at home on 15 November 2006 aged 64 years. June was born in Keltie and after school worked at the plastic factory in Cowdenbeath and later as a machinist at Wilson & Wightman in Dunfermline. After meeting and marrying Brian in 1962 and moving to Kinross, they raised two sons, Brian Jnr and Kevin.

June worked for 14 years as a cleaner at the Muirs Hotel and nearly 20 years at Kinross High School, retiring early due to ill health. June was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many.

BASKA - Peacefully, on Wednesday 31 January 2007, Peggy Baska, aged 80 years of Kinross, beloved wife of the late Eddie Baska and loving mother of Margaret, Irene, Eddie and David. Much loved granny and great granny. Peggy will be sadly missed by all.

Acknowledgements

FERNIE - The Fernie family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their condolences, cards and flowers, with much appreciation to Sir David, Lady Delia, Mr Jamie and Mrs Lizzie Montgomery and everyone who attended Perth Crematorium. The generous sum donated amounted to £552.86 being divided equally between Kinross District Nurses and The Macmillan Nurses.

BASKA - The family of the late Peggy Baska would like to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers received following Peggy's death; special thanks to staff at Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline, for their care and attention; special thanks to the Rev. Joanne Finlay for her kind words and comforting service, and to all who paid their last respects to Peggy at the church and graveside.

PUNTON - Mary Punton and family, Kinross wish to thank all Walter's friends and organisations who sent bereavement cards and letters. These are greatly appreciated and make his passing away easier. Thank you all again.

Remembrance

In loving memory of our dear father, **Alexander NICOL** who died on 9 March 1957, aged 53 years and our brother **David Arnold John** who died on 20 March 1966, aged 20 and our mother **Agnes** who died July 1987 aged 82.

Jean, Billy, Alex, Lottie, Jimmy, Nancy, John and Keith.



KINROSS-SHIRE DAY CENTRE

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Daily Papers Chiropody Trips Exercises

PROGRAMME FOR MARCH 2007

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



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SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHESES DAILY



LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



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



ROWLANDS PHARMACY

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 Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
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SUNDAY OPENING

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 Rowlands Pharmacy
 (opp. David Sands)

Playgroups & Nurseries

PORTMOAK UNDER 5's

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

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

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

Contact Gillian McCloskey 01577 861525
Venue - Portmoak village hall

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact - Shelagh 01577 865456

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

LOCHLEVEN TWO'S CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 9.30 to 11.15am

Parents/Carers can bring their children aged 2 yrs to pre school age for a morning of fun in our stimulating, child centred environment. We have lots on offer including sand and water play, dressing up, crafts, story and song time! A healthy snack is available. We invite you to come along and make some new friends!

Contact Alison Smith 01577 862310 or Jennifer Roy on 01577 862296 for further details"

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - Alison Smith 01577 862310

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Moubray Hall, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

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



SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacre.co.uk



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

Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.00-11.30am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

Storycraft Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Storytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

MusicMakers Tue 1.00-1.45pm and 2.00-2.45pm

Music classes for all ages

Rising Fives Wed 1.00-3.15pm

This is complementary to Nursery

Wee Swans Fri 1.15-2.45pm

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

For more information please contact Angela 865480 or Playgroup 862071.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1pm-3pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children, coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information contact Bouwein 863107.

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. We now have an Entertainments License For more information contact Sue 862255.



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contacts: Mary 865932, Rachel 866977

Jen 863200

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday,

9.30 am - 12 noon



We strive to create a warm, caring and inviting environment, which is stimulating and safe for all children in our care. We are a Partner-provider with P & K Education services and offer three sessions a week for grant funded children. We deliver pre-school education within the criteria set by 'Curriculum Framework for children 3 to 5'. Children aged between 2 and 5 are welcome (those aged 2-2½ if accompanied by an adult). We have two playleaders and an outside play area. For information pop in or call Catherine Todd on 01577 830728.



Notices

Gardening at the Potager



Perth College is offering a ten-week gardening course at the Potager Garden, Bowton Road, Kinross. The course will include:

- Sowing seeds (vegetables and perennials)
- Propagating by cuttings
- Soil preparation
- Pruning and tying

Micro-propagation and grafting

Course duration: **17 April to 19 June**
 Time: Tuesdays, 6.30pm to 9pm
 Cost: £52 per person
 Location: Potager Garden

NB: This course is supported by comprehensive support notes and a course website.

Contact: Kinross Learning Centre, Swansacre, Kinross, KY13 8TE. Telephone: 01577 863863.

Young Enterprise Business Fair

Drop in to witness and purchase the creativity of Kinross-shire youths

Stalls - Music - Refreshments - Opportunities

24 March

10am - 1pm

Kinross Church Centre

In association with Eyesopen Kinross
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MILNATHORT FOLK FESTIVAL

Crackin' Ceilidh Weekend

This year's Festival takes place on

9, 10 and 11 March

This year's special guests are:

Alastair MacDonald **Mike Whellans**
Iain Anderson (fiddle) **Andy Ramage**
 with festival artistes
Gaberlunzie, Tich Frier, David Holt,
The Orwell Ceilidh Band, Neil Paterson,
Colin Ramage, David Vernon, John Watt
 and **Wildfire**.

Tickets available from
 Fair Break, 28 South Street, Milnathort

For further information

Tel 01577 863000

Email crackinceilidh@aol.com

Web www.milnathort.info

Macmillan Cancer Support

COFFEE MORNING AND WOOD CRAFT SALES

The Church Centre, Kinross

Saturday 28 April

10.00am to 12 noon

Bob Stewart will be present with hand crafted, planters, trellis, bird tables, nesting boxes, feeders and other wooden items.

Come to the Fayre

To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight, Kinross-shire is having a Fayre held in the Church Centre. There will be stalls selling Fairtrade goods, local produce and crafts with Fairtrade baking, teas & coffees. Display of local children's art work on the topic of Fairtrade.

Date: **Saturday 3 March**
 Place: Kinross Church Centre
 High Street
 Time: 10 - 2

For further information contact
 Pat Payne 01577 862715.

Kinross Parish Church COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 17 March

Church Centre

from 10am until 12 noon

Teas, Coffee, Baking, Mothers' Day Gifts, Children's Corner Activities, Books.

Take time out from a busy week and meet up with friends for a chat and help us raise funds for the Church. Look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Kinross Primary School PTA SPRING FLING

in aid of school funds
 at the Masonic Hall, Kinross on

Saturday 24 March

8pm to Midnight.

Featuring local band Spur of the Moment
 Raffle and Prizes.

Tickets cost £5 and will be available via a letter home with the children at the beginning of March.

Alternatively contact Sharon on 862170.

Also watch out for **Bags to School**
 coming home with the children soon;
 time to start that spring clean!

Loch Leven National Nature Reserve

Events in March

Meet the 'Bill Oddie's' of Loch Leven National Nature Reserve! Paul and Jeremy will be at **Burleigh Hide**, on the north shore of Loch Leven on **Friday 16 March** from 2pm to 5pm for a Meet the Wardens afternoon, to chat to you about magical Loch Leven and its amazing wildlife. They will help you with identifying any birds you see and give you an insight into their habits and why they find Loch Leven such a great place. This is a free, drop-in event – so no need to book, just come along and see what is happening down on the Loch in the early spring.

Nature Tracking at Levenmouth

A chance to discover one of the less visited parts of Loch Leven NNR. On **Friday 23 March** 10am – 12 noon and **Sunday 1 April** 10am – 12 noon meet Jeremy for a guided exploration of the Levenmouth pools and plantation areas. Search for breeding birds as well as tracks and signs of Otters and Red Squirrels. This is a free event but **please phone 01577 864439 to book a place and for directions to meeting place.**

If you cannot make these dates, do not worry, there are a series of 'Meet the Wardens' days and other events throughout the year. Check out the SNH Loch Leven website at

<http://www.snh.org.uk/scottish/tayselack/nnr.asp>

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community

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Tuesdays	7-9 pm
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Out of hours there is an answering machine

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Perth Association for Mental Health

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

Lodge St Serf 327

March 6th Regular meeting at 7.15pm. 
Fellow Craft Degree
(substitute candidate). Annual Visitation of Provincial Grand Lodge headed by Rev A Paterson. A good attendance is requested.

20th Regular meeting at 7.15pm.

The visit to Lodge St John 788 Corstorphine on Thursday 22 February was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



19 Mar "Remembering Cameron"

A Black Watch soldier hidden by a French family for 4 ½ years in World War 2. Ted Dorsett, member of the Dunning Historical Society.

Annual General Meeting

The Society meets in the Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month and the second Monday in December. New members will be made very welcome. Subscriptions: Adult £6.00; Senior Citizen £5.00; Visitor £2.00; under 18 - no charge.

Swansacre Playgroup SPRING FAYRE

at Playgroup, 21-23 Swansacre

Saturday 10 March
10am – 12 noon

Bouncy Castle Spring Craft Stick on Tattoos
(see News of Clubs for more information)

Swansacre Playgroup RELIEF PLAYLEADERS REQUIRED

Contact Gillian (865069) or Playgroup (862071)
for an application form.

Recycling of Waste Paper P & KC Kerbside Collections

Kinross, Milnathort & Glenfarg

Thursday 29 March

Only paper presented in blue lidded wheelie bins will be uplifted. No envelopes, plastic wrapping or cardboard. There will no longer be a collection for aluminium cans.

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

Shopping with CHAS

Birthday Bargains: To celebrate its recent first birthday, the **Bazaar Charity Shop** at 76 High Street Kinross is offering great bargains in books, bric a brac and small items of furniture.

Looking for a Mothers' Day or Easter gift? Our new spring stock has just arrived with many gifts for under £10. You will always find something different at the **CHAS Gift Shop**.

Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering in the Bazaar shops or the Gift Shop please contact: Louise Oliver, Charity Shop Manager on 01577 861380 or 865190 or Anne Buchan, Gift Shop Manager on 01577 865557.

CHAS Bazaars, 76 and 88 High Street, Kinross
Opening hours 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

CHAS Gift Shop, 23 Avenue Road, Kinross

Opening hours 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

Children's Hospice Association Scotland

www.chas.org.uk

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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.

Blythswood Care

Somerfield's Car Park

20 March between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Community Councils

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742633, celia@dawsholm.demon.co.uk

Portmoak: Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

Kinross Temporary Library

County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

OPENING HOURS (as from 3 April 2006)

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

Mobile Library, Milnathort

Every Second Wed - next visits 14 & 28 March

Westerloan 1.45 pm - 3 pm

Bridgefauld Road 3.05 pm - 4 pm

Any queries: Phone (01738) 444949

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Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

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

OPENING TIMES

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

Perth & Kinross Councillors

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