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Letters

Good Citizens

Good citizenship is a particularly strong theme in this month's Newsletter. We have the result of the Rotary Club's "Citizen of the Year" award for 2007 (p 4), a letter about our young local winner of the Sunday Telegraph's "Spirit of the Community" award on p 3 and more reference to good citizenship in the Congratulations and Thanks section on p 34. The Kinross High School Board could not have chosen a more appropriate issue in which to announce the inauguration of its Citizenship Cup, to encourage young people to be committed, caring and responsible members of their local, national and even international communities. Read more about it on p 9.

Elections

Speaking of being responsible citizens, don't forget to vote on 3 May! Candidates for the local and Scottish elections are listed on p 5, along with a brief description of the voting systems.

Spring

It's that time of year again! There's another crop of Spring Fayres, Fetes and such like in our Notices section along with details of other outdoor events and some historic places to visit. And our Gardens Open page is now bursting forth with suggestions of places to see floral displays, woodland walks and more.

Technical hitch

Apologies to anyone who had trouble e-mailing their contribution for the May issue: we had technical problems with our server and hope that nothing has been missed. Everything is all right now.

On a more positive note....

The Newsletter website has now had over 1,000 hits just over ten weeks after going live. If you haven't already visited www.kinrossnewsletter.org, why not have a look? We have hints and tips on submitting items, future deadlines, advertising rates and selected articles with plenty of exciting photographs!

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

Campervanners - a business opportunity

16.04.07

My wife and I have recently returned from a European tour in our motor caravan during which we visited Kinross's twin town, Gacé, twice.

We were pleased to find that Gacé, in common with most French, Spanish and Portuguese communities, has extended a welcome to the increasing numbers of campervan and motorhome users by providing free **town centre** overnight parking for them - the car park to the Mairie in fact where 10 vans can park from 5pm to 10am with a "bome" or service bollard at which one can empty both toilet and soiled water, refill with fresh water and access power for one hour - very useful when madam wishes to wash and dry her hair for instance.

We used the facilities in Gacé twice and used many other similar facilities during the trip. In Gacé one pays a small fee for fresh water and electricity, which is by no means usual; frequently they are provided free of charge.

The campervanners, of course, bring much revenue to the town. They are usually mature people who cause no trouble, with money to spend, but often they have health issues so a campsite half a mile or more outside the town is useless for them. In many towns abroad, town centre supermarkets provide facilities for vans to overnight, often with service bollards, and reap the business benefit which I believe is considerable.

It occurred to us that Kinross is seriously missing out here. We have several potential areas for overnighing, for example, Clashburn Road, Millbridge Hall car park, Sands car park, Somerfield car park, the new park and ride area etc.

A 'bome' would be easy to provide and I am sure our restaurants and retail businesses would derive great benefit. Presently we allow HGVs overnight parking opposite the Green Hotel. They contribute nothing to the community. Why don't we cater instead for campervans which do contribute handsomely to the local economy?

An elderly lady in Gacé told us that the "Aire de Camping-cars" is well used and is often full, and that the owners shop in the town and often eat in the restaurants. She thought it was a great idea and so did the business people we spoke to about the matter.

In Southern Portugal, the mayor of Tavira has always encouraged campervans - there are frequently 70-100 vans on the two areas allowed. The mayor of nearby Monta Rota discouraged vans but the local trades people have forced him to re-think!

Come on Kinross! Live in today's world - be the first and grab the opportunity.

Jim Alcock
Bowood House, Cleish

The Loch Leven Heritage Project:**An alternative perspective****05.04.07**

Loch Leven was world famous as a trout fishery and is still recognised as a Nature Reserve of international importance. It is much favoured as a breeding site for numerous species of waterfowl and plays host to huge numbers of wintering wildfowl. The shallow eutrophic (fertile) waters of our loch are quite rarely found in Scotland as the great majority of lochs are deep, oligotrophic (acidic) and pretty infertile. Loch Leven is so important that it is afforded legal protection as a Ramsar site and Special Protection Area (SPA). It is also a site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and has been managed as a National Nature reserve since 1964.

With so much protection one could be forgiven for thinking that building a track around the Loch would have had Ross Finnie and his Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SERAD) apoplectic. Mysteriously, this is not the case so must we await a diktat from Brussels along with a substantial fine?

The TRACKS sign at Burleigh acknowledges the funding of this project by some ten trusts and organisations. I note that eight of these organisations are funded by you and me - the taxpayer! Peculiarly it doesn't name the biggest benefactor, namely Kinross Estate, who gifted most of the land. The annual maintenance of this track may prove costly and will no doubt be funded out of our Council Tax.



Loch Leven - A haven for wildlife

A sensible start to this project might have been a car park in Kinross at possibly the July Fair field with the path running down the woods to Mary's Gate past Burleigh Sands and ending at Channel Farm's 'Loch Leven Larder'. If this phase proved popular, cost-effective and eco-friendly then another phase could commence. I cannot think that the RSPB would approve of a path through their Vane Farm wetlands and the associated disturbance to breeding and resting waterfowl. I could sympathise with them displaying a degree of 'nimbyism' on this issue. The most recent bird hide has been constructed in one of only two decent reed beds on the western shore of Loch Leven, right in the middle of a sanctuary for great crested

grebes - how stupid is that? The original hide at the North Quiech still hasn't been painted with camouflage preservative and is an eyesore that can be seen for miles.

Without wishing to dampen the naïve euphoria that accompanies this project, may I conclude that it is ill thought out, is potentially extremely damaging to Loch Leven's wildlife and may prove extremely costly to maintain.

Michael C Smith
Threapmuir Farm, Cleish

Spirit of the Community**April 2007**

Valerie Birrell was the overall winner of the Sunday Telegraph's Spirit of the Community Award, open to entries from all over the UK to recognise youths aged 10-18 for outstanding voluntary work. Valerie won the award for all her hard unpaid work with 3rd Kinross Brownies, Rachel House and Kinross Parish Church. On top of all her voluntary work she also took part in numerous fundraising events. Well done, Valerie, you deserved to win.

Valerie was sitting at homethinking, "I could be doing something worthwhile instead of sitting watching TV" so she did - she got out there and helped other people. There are lots of groups right here on our doorstep in Kinross that need volunteers of all ages - can you help? No experience is necessary, training is given where needed. Maybe you're thinking of going back to work or a change of career? Volunteering can help you get that job. There are all sorts of groups from young to old that need helpers, from group leaders to administration. You'll find a list of groups on the www.kinross.cc website. Go on, have a look; charity groups need people like Valerie, like you, to survive. Thank you Valerie, you are a star, congratulations. I wish you the best of luck in all you do.

Janice Webster (3rd Kinross Brownies)
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News & Articles

Kinross Town Hall

The case involving Kinross Town Hall and Library returned to the Sheriff Court briefly on 18 April.

Last year the case was suspended while P&KC and the Community Council, which is objecting to P&KC's attempted disposal of the Town Hall and Library, agreed to obtain the opinion of a QC on whether both buildings were part of the "common good". P&KC had claimed that only the Town Hall was common good, but following receipt of the QC's opinion the Council is now conceding that the Library falls into this category as well.



Kinross Town Hall

At the Sheriff Court on 18 April the case was "continued" until 25 April. Unfortunately the Newsletter is in press at that time, but it is expected that an agreement will be made to appoint a Reporter to examine all the arguments. Updates on progress of the case can be found at www.kinross.cc

Because the Library and Town Hall are part of the common good of Kinross, the buildings cannot be sold without special permission being granted by the Sheriff Court. Kinross CC is objecting to P&KC's attempted sale of the buildings because both the Library and Town Hall were gifted to the Burgh Council for the benefit of local people in perpetuity. By accepting the Town Hall from the Kinross Market Company in 1945 in memory of those who served in World War II, the Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the burgh undertook to "bind themselves and their successors in office to hold the said buildings ... in perpetuity for behoof of the

inhabitants of the Burgh of Kinross".

The lengthy delays in settling the matter have been very frustrating for the Town Hall sub-committee of the Community Council. Unfortunately it is a consequence of the way the local authority operates that when a development in the case takes place, such as obtaining the QC's opinion, the decision regarding the next stage has to be passed by various committees. Thus the QC's opinion was received in August 2006, but P&KC did not notify the CC of its revised position, i.e. agreeing that both buildings are common good, until early December.

"Common good" is property or goods which belonged to a former burgh of Scotland as at 15 May 1975, when the burghs were dissolved under the Local Government Scotland Act 1973. Although the titles to common good buildings passed from the old burgh councils to the new local authorities (now, in this case, Perth & Kinross Council), the local authority is supposed to act as a steward of the common good property, and "have regard to the interests of the inhabitants of the area to which the common good formerly related".

If the Sheriff's permission to sell the buildings is obtained, P&KC intends to sell them to a developer for £180,000. The developer will then convert the Library and Town Hall into flats.

Citizen of the Year 2007

Mr Alexander Murphy

Kinross & District Rotary Club's annual award of the title of "Citizen of the Year" is being made to Mr Alex Murphy, Milnathort, in recognition of his dedicated commitment, extending over sixty years, to Kinross and District Pipe Band until his recent retirement from piping for health reasons. Pipe Major for many years, Mr Murphy has been an inspirational figure who has also encouraged and fostered the talents of many young people. He has made a unique personal contribution to local community life.

The Rotary Club received a number of very meritorious nominations for the award, all of whom commanded very serious consideration before the final decision was made, and the club wishes to thank all those who submitted recommendations.

Mr Murphy and all the others whose names were put forward are a reminder of how fortunate the community of Kinross and District is in the number and quality of the people we have among us who day by day and year by year give their time, energy and talents unselfishly for the benefit of others.

Mr and Mrs Murphy will be guests of the Rotary Club on Monday 28 May, when the Award certificate will be presented.



Half Marathon and Fun Run

The **24th Loch Leven Half Marathon** will take place on **Saturday 19 May**. Entries have been at record levels in the last two years, so anyone wishing to take part is urged to enter as soon as possible. This can be done online at www.born2run.co.uk. **Entries close on 12 May** or when the entry limit of 600 is reached. Up to date information is available from the born2run call centre at 09067 535 200 (open 0800 to 2100 daily and charged at 75p per minute).



Loch Leven Half Marathon - why not have a go?

The Half Marathon starts at 1pm from the Bridgend Industrial Estate and finishes at the King George V playing field, where a race café will serve tea and baking, with proceeds being donated to CHAS.

There will also be a **Fun Run** for children, starting at 1.30pm at the King George V playing field. Fun runners go round the playing fields a couple of times and all entrants get a medal and a goody bag on the day. Entry is £2 and proceeds go to charity. Last year there were 200 fun runners.

The Loch Leven Half Marathon and Fun Run are organised by Kinross Road Runners. For more information see www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk

Kinross-shire Civic Trust Best Kept Village Competition

HELP NEEDED! Crook of Devon and Powmill need enthusiasts for their entries for the Best Kept Village Competition. Could this be you?

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Local and Scottish Parliament Elections

Elections of Councillors to Perth & Kinross Council and of Members to the Scottish Parliament take place on **Thursday 3 May**.

Local Council Election

There is now one large ward called **Kinross-shire** which will be served by four Councillors. There are six candidates for the four seats. The candidates are:
Kathleen BAIRD – Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Michael BARNACLE – Scottish Liberal Democrats
Sandy MILLER – Scottish National Party (SNP)
Kate MILLIKEN – Scottish Labour Party
Willie ROBERTSON – Scottish Liberal Democrats
Andrew THOMPSON – Scottish Green Party
Voting in the local council election will be by the new Single Transferable Vote. Mark a '1' by the candidate you like best, then a '2' by your second choice and so on. You can vote for as many or as few as you choose.

Scottish Parliament Election

Each voter has two votes in the Scottish Parliament election: a regional vote and a constituency vote. The regional vote (on the brown part of the ballot paper) is cast by marking an X next to the party or individual candidate of your choice standing in the regional list. The constituency vote (on the lilac part of the ballot paper) is cast by marking an X next to the candidate of your choice.

Candidates for the **Ochil Constituency** are:

Keith BROWN – Scottish National Party (SNP)
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Loch Leven Heritage Project

April was a month of high activity for the project with the dry, sunny weather proving ideal for construction work. The TRACKS team expect Phase 1 of the trail to be completed by early May and are organising a short opening ceremony for the new 6.5km section at 6.30pm on Thursday 17 May.

The opening will be at the Watchtower gateway in the Kirkgate Park and TRACKS hope that as many people as possible will come along and enjoy the new facilities. Sir David Montgomery, whose family – through the Kinross Estate Company – have so generously provided the land for most of this trail, will perform the ceremony.

Sir David's son, Jamie Montgomery, commented, "I believe that the Loch Leven Heritage Trail is probably one of the most important developments ever for Kinross-shire. The county's most important physical asset is Loch Leven and yet access to the loch has always been strictly limited, but that is now about to change. TRACKS deserves enormous credit for turning the dream of a pathway around the loch into reality to the benefit of the local community and visitors from further afield."

Phase 1 of the trail stretches from the Kirkgate clockwise around Loch Leven to the Pow Burn. By mid April, this section was complete except for five bridges, some fencing and two short connecting sections, all of which should be finished by early May. In addition, a grass path across Channel Farm will give access from the Pow Burn end to Loch Leven's Larder and the A911.

Work is currently taking place on upgrading the path from Mary's Gate up to Kinross alongside the golf course. The path leading down to the golf course from Sunny Park will also be upgraded. This is a much used access route and will eventually provide a connection to the new High School, via a new bridge from the Milne housing estate currently under construction.

Although Phase 1 of the trail is opening in May, the interpretation signage and artwork will take longer to complete. As an interim measure, a leaflet describing the route is being produced and similar information will appear in the Kinross Newsletter next month. Don't miss the June issue, as we are hoping to include a coloured map of the Phase 1 trail in the centre pages. The TRACKS team has been strengthened by the addition of Aaron Lawton Associates, who have responsibility for the development of the signage and interpretation artwork for the whole project. An early initiative from them has been the decision to involve a landscape architect in the design of the new gateways at the Watchtower, Burleigh Sands and Findatie gateways.

"One of the first things needed – before artworks are



installed – is to improve the environments at those three gateways," says Aaron Lawton. "We will get the landscape architect to look at the boundaries, walls and surfaces. Places like Findatie would look better with trees and shrubs planted, and the drainage upgraded. It could well be that artwork is introduced as part of the landscaping rather than a separate element."

"The boundary between the Kirkgate Park and the entrance to the heritage trail at the Watchtower gateway is considered to be a particularly important landscaping opportunity. We are talking to the Friends of Kirkgate Park to make sure that our work complements the improvements they are making."

Meanwhile, plans are well under way to start Phase 2 of the project in late May. This will keep up the momentum on the project and give the contractors the opportunity to take advantage of the summer weather conditions for trail construction. The second section will run from Vane Farm via Findatie to the west end of Levenmouth Wood, and will involve a new pedestrian bridge over the River Leven Cut. The final phase of the project will be completed in 2008.

Please put the Phase 1 opening in your diary for 6.30pm on **Thursday 17 May** at the Watchtower gateway in the Kirkgate Park. The TRACKS team hope to see you there!



*A section of the new path between Burleigh Sands and Pow Burn.
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Spring Fair and Logo Launch

What amazing weather we had! The collaborative effort involving Kinross-shire Tourism Group (KTG), Friends of Kirkgate Park (FoKP), local traders, Kinross Pipe Band, The Boys Brigade and The Inner Wheel (supported by Rotary for muscle!) was blessed by summer heat rather than spring breezes. Everyone seemed to have a good day, with equipment and supplies contributed by David Sands, Somerfield, Loch Leven Babies & Toddlers, Portmoak Village Hall and Festival Committee, Paterson's Farm, Kinross Primary School and the Boys Brigade. There are probably more! Many thanks to the Kinross Estate Company for supplying the venue.



Lovely weather at the Kinross Spring Fair

Many thanks to those who volunteered to help keep the kids occupied, especially the Marathon face painters, who sat for four hours non-stop, and still said they'd loved doing it!



Thanks for those who generously supported the Logo Launch Draw, both in donating prizes and buying tickets. Funds raised by KTG and FoKP on the day will be ploughed back into further local events.

We have a couple of lost property items, so get in touch if they might be yours at susan@friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk

There are loads of good photos from the day on www.kinross.cc Enjoy!

New School

For those of you wondering whether work has started on the new school site, I'm afraid to report it hasn't. Current works on site relate to an archaeological survey, of which I hope to report more next month. The Investment in Learning core team continue to work towards financial close; hopefully there will be more news in the near future.

A Fraser, In School Coordinator

**Contributors - Please write or type clearly
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The Royal Air Force Returns to Balado

After an absence of some 60 years, the Royal Air Force will return to Balado Activity Centre on 25 and 26 August 2007 to present an air spectacular. This event has been named *Spirit of Adventure*.

Only two of these innovative air shows will be held in the UK this year, the other being at Abingdon in Oxfordshire at the end of May.



Coming to Kinross! The RAF Red Arrows Display Team

Unlike any other air show you will see this summer, *Spirit of Adventure* will give the public an engaging and immersive view of what the modern Royal Air Force is capable. This is an event that will appeal to the traditional audience, as well as a whole new youth generation and family sector that are used to Hollywood blockbusters, visiting Universal Studios and impressive special effects. The purpose of the show is to entertain, educate and inform the wider public.

Kinross-shire is no stranger to low flying military jets and military and civilian helicopters. However, it is with these activities in mind that the organisers are aware that certain residents may have concerns regarding livestock welfare issues over the weekend of 25/26 August.

Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if anyone concerned could forward their details (name, address, contact tel. no.) in order that this information can be gathered to permit the organisers to keep these residents informed of the timings of the various aerial activities, etc over the August weekend.

This can be done either by visiting www.kinross.cc and filling out the basic form under the *Spirit of Adventure* heading or by sending the requested information to Balado Activity Centre, Kinross, KY13 0RH.

Full details of the event can be discovered at www.spiritofadventure.info

Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit
www.kinross.cc

Reiki Awareness Week, 3 – 9 June

Ever wondered about Reiki and what it is? Well, this could be the week to satisfy your curiosity!

Lyn Haworth is a Reiki Master/Teacher living in Milnathort; she is also the Perth & Kinross area representative for the UK Reiki Federation. To promote Reiki, and as part of Reiki Awareness Week, Lyn is offering half price Reiki sessions (£12.50), the proceeds of which will go to the **Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre**. This is a wonderful centre run by Mr Sandy Boyd, on a charitable basis, for the care and rehabilitation of hedgehogs; his service covers a wide area, including Kinross-shire. Lyn looks after late litter baby hedgehogs through the winter, and Mr Boyd has been an invaluable source of knowledge and support to her over the last three years.

So, what is Reiki?! It is a safe, gentle and effective complementary therapy, which can benefit almost any condition, from emotional stress to chronic pain by complementing the body's own innate healing ability. The practitioner gives Reiki (the literal translation is 'universal life force energy') to the client, either resting their hands lightly on the body or a little above it. There is no need to remove any clothing and a session can be carried out with the client sitting or lying down, as preferred. The therapy works by supporting the body's natural healing ability which can become depleted or blocked by illness, the stresses and strains of day-to-day living and working, as well as other (e.g. emotional, environmental) factors. People's experiences vary, but most feel a great sense of peace and deep relaxation as they absorb the energy. Sensations such as heat, coolness and/or gentle tingling are also common. There are no real contraindications for Reiki, so it can be used for any condition, and in conjunction with other types of traditional or complementary medicine and therapies. Its effects are felt not only in cases of illness or obvious emotional/mental stress, but also as a general relaxation treatment for maintaining good health.

Give Lyn a call on 01577 864666 to find out more and know that (if you choose to book a session), as well as helping yourself, you will be helping a very worthwhile voluntary organisation that supports these fantastic little creatures!

(For more about hedgehogs, read Hattie's Winter Diary on page 32).

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Portmoak Festival

'9 Hole Festival Open'

The Portmoak Festival '9 Hole Festival Golf Open' will take place on **Friday 29 June** at Bishopshire Golf Club.

Tee-off times are from 2.00pm - 6.30pm. Entries, please, by 6pm on Wednesday 27 June. Entry Fee is £5.00 per head. There is a handicap and non-handicap (honest declarations please!) section. A sheet with Tee-off times will be placed on the noticeboard at Bishopshire Golf Club, Kinnesswood, nearer the time.

1. Normal golf rules apply
2. Play from white medal tees, holes 1 to 9
3. Maximum 24 handicap
4. Half handicaps apply for this competition to nearest 0.5 (ie 15 plays off 7.5 etc)
5. In the event of a tie, net scores on holes 7,8,9, will be used.

For further information please contact Peter Cappon (01592 840517) or Dave Carruthers 01592 840652.



Bishopshire Golf Club

Last Call for Photies

If you live in Portmoak or you were married in Portmoak would you like to lend us your wedding photos for this year's Portmoak Festival Wedding Exhibition? We will make copies and display the copies in Portmoak Church. The more photos the better – it's fascinating to look back at people we know and the changing fashions! All contributions welcome. Please give Lesley Botten a ring on 01592 840120 (evenings or weekends) or e-mail lesley.botten@tiscali.co.uk.

Many thanks to all those people who have already been in touch. Looking forward to seeing the show!

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Kinross High School Citizenship Cup

Kinross High School Board is pleased to announce the inauguration of the Kinross High School Citizenship Cup, which will be awarded annually.

Ethos of the Award

Good citizenship and education for citizenship should motivate young people to be active and responsible members of their local, national and global communities. Citizenship involves building bridges between schools and their communities to help young people develop knowledge and understanding of, and respect and care for, their community and the wider world.

Therefore the awards will recognise outstanding commitment and achievement in the community by a Kinross High School Pupils or a group of Kinross High Pupils in their respective year groups.

There are three Citizenship Cups to be awarded each year covering the following year groups:

1st & 2nd years

3rd & 4th years

5th & 6th years

In this inaugural year the Kinross High School Board will award the Citizenship Cups. In subsequent years they will be awarded by Kinross High School Community Board.

In making your nomination(s) you may wish to consider young people who have or are developing as responsible citizens i.e.:

- Respect for others
- Commitment to participate responsibly in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the local and wider community
- Wanting to make a positive difference in the quality of life of individuals or groups of people in the local and wider community

Which might enable them to improve their:

- Knowledge and understanding of the World, Scotland and Kinross and its place in it
- understanding of different beliefs and cultures
- decision making process
- understanding of environmental, scientific and technical issues
- development of their views on moral and ethical issues.

These awards are to be presented on the evening of the High School Prize Giving on 18 June 2007 for each of the year groups.

What the Board needs from you are:

Written nominations with supporting evidence from all members of the community.

This would include all external clubs, societies and organisations as well as from Kinross High School pupils and staff.

Nominations should be forwarded to the address noted below and should arrive no later than 1pm on Friday 1 June 2007.

Kinross High School Citizenship Cup, The Kinross High School Board
%The School Secretary, Kinross High School
8 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Nominations should be brief and limited to no more than one side of A4. Alternatively you may use the tear off nomination form provided below.

Kinross High School Citizenship Cup - 2007 Nomination Form

Name of person, persons or organisation
making the nomination:

Contact postal address and telephone number
of person, persons or organisation making the
nomination:

I/We wish to nominate the following Kinross High School pupil (or pupils) for the award of the 2007 Kinross High School
Citizenship Cup:

Pupil/ Groups of pupils full name:

School year category
(Circle as appropriate):

1st & 2nd

3rd & 4th

5th & 6th

Reason for nomination:



Chairman: Ewan Cathcart

Treasurer: David Graham

Committee: Jamie Montgomery * Euan Ferguson
Willie Robertson * Martin Rowlands
Martin Pettinger

Sincere thanks to the editorial team at Kinross Community Council Newsletter for allowing us this space.

Spring has certainly sprung in Kinross-shire, and in March it was once again time for The Kinross-shire Partnership's AGM, providing Chairman Ewan Cathcart (Burnbank B&B; Chairman of the Kinross Tourism Sub-committee) and his fellow Directors with a welcome opportunity to review twelve jam-packed months. Reports presented on the night covered tourism-related matters, Kinross-shire's highly successful website, the Area Based Initiative and the Kinross-shire Fund – all reflecting KP's diverse role in supporting and promoting economic growth throughout the county by initiating and mentoring a variety of projects. At this year's AGM, Treasurer David Sands intimated his intention to retire from the Board on which he has served since KP was first established in 1998. David has contributed immensely to the Partnership's many successes, and the Directors wish to thank him wholeheartedly for his unstinting support over the past eight and a half years. As an experienced accountant, new Treasurer David Graham (DMAS Ltd) has donned his finance mantle with consummate ease. He and the other KP directors - Jamie Montgomery (Kinross Estate Company), Willie Robertson (Robertsons of Milnathort, Local Councillor), Euan Ferguson (Hatricks-Bruce), Martin Rowlands (Tyrefair Ltd.) and Martin Pettinger (Project Manager MWH) - look forward to identifying further opportunities to develop the Kinross-shire economy, building on previous achievements and working closely both with Perth and Kinross Council and with numerous pro-active local organisations.

Objectives

Firstly, for anyone new to the area who is not familiar with the local partnership concept, a quick introduction! The Kinross-shire Partnership is one of four such groups set up within the Perth and Kinross district with the intention of ensuring that initiatives deemed of benefit to the local economy receive the necessary support. With this in mind, KP's aims are threefold:

Objective 1

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

Better Place to Live Fair

The next 'Better Place to Live Fair' is scheduled to take place at Kinross High School in March 2008. All 54 stalls available at the 2006 Fair went like hot cakes, leaving a waiting list of would-be exhibitors - so if your club, organisation or society is keen to have a presence at next year's BPTL Fair, make sure you act fast once bookings open. Details will appear in the Kinross Community Council Newsletter and on www.kinross.cc later in the year.

Tourism

Wearing his other official hat, busy Partnership Chairman Ewan Cathcart also heads up KP's tourism sub-committee, whose mission is to raise Kinross-shire's profile as a 'not-to-be-missed' destination for visitors from far and near.

The sub-committee's recently appointed administrator Susan Bathgate was the driving force behind a highly enjoyable Spring Fair, held on Saturday 14th April in the idyllic setting of Market Park, Kinross. Backed by a number of local organisations, the Fair was a resounding success, with Market Park basking in glorious spring sunshine all day long. One of the highlights (in addition to the ever-popular bouncy castle!) was the much-anticipated launch of Kinross-shire's very own logo and strapline (The Friendly County). The cheerful, welcoming logo was much in evidence at the event - on balloons, badges, car stickers and even the odd T-shirt. Whilst KP will retain ownership of the logo, it will be freely available for local use and will hopefully be displayed by Kinross-shire folk whenever and wherever they can, in order to promote "The Friendly County" at local, national and even international level (watch out for a logo-related competition later this year!).

Following the success of last year's Berryfest, a repeat performance is planned for July 2007. Meanwhile groundwork for a jazz weekend in 2008 is also underway, with the special sub-committee set up to plan this exciting musical extravaganza already discussing how to ensure it hits the right note! With all this and more in the pipeline, residents of "The Friendly County" would be well advised to keep an eye on the local website (or "online fount of Kinross-shire knowledge") for details of what's hip, hop and happening in Kinross-shire. For example, have you



seen news on the website about the thrilling air event which is coming to Balado in August - not to mention the forthcoming 'Just Add Wind' kite-flying demonstration and the Steam Rally, both of which take place in May? Next time you're online, why not drop in at www.kinross.cc to make sure you're kept bang up to date with what's on locally.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities, the tourism sub-committee has organised the publication of a fold-out leaflet featuring illustrations and detailed commentaries for "Play Park Walks", "Historical Walk", "Seasonal Garden Walk", the "Milnathort Walk" and the "Loch Leven National Nature Reserve Walk". These leaflets will be available from our Visitor Information Points at Robertsons of Milnathort, Kinnesswood Village Store & Post Office, St Serf's Crafts, the Fishing Pier at Loch Leven and Fossoway Stores in Crook of Devon. And still on the subject of VIPs...Helen Martin of Lochend Farm has kindly undertaken to keep these much-lauded local facilities well stocked with suitable brochures during the forthcoming tourist season. Many thanks to Helen and to the patient folk at the VIPs who give of their time so generously, helping to make visitors to Kinross-shire feel most welcome and ensuring that they derive maximum enjoyment from their time here.

www.kinross.cc – 'virtual' success is a reality in Kinross-shire!

In the previous KP report, we mentioned that the number of visits to the website had risen to 260 a day, and it hasn't stopped there... Indeed at the time of writing, up to 425 Internet users are visiting the site every day, keen to tap into the veritable treasure trove of local information to be found there. Site administrator Pauline Watson (email: admin@kinross.cc or tel: 01577 862685) is quick to point out, however, that the site is by no means resting on its laurels, and indeed her AGM report outlined various plans for the coming year. These include improved events and attractions sections (thanks to a much-appreciated grant of £4,500 from the Area Based Initiative fund), enhanced business development pages and the introduction of a "jobs wanted" section. As ever, local businesses and groups are invited to contact Pauline with any changes of contact details, telephone numbers, etc. Naturally the more up-to-date the information on the website is, the more useful the directories and lists will be to the community as a whole. Many thanks if you have already been in touch with fresh information or have offered support in any way – your help is greatly appreciated.

Objective 2

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

Kinross Show 2007

KP and TRACKS are hoping once again to share a stand at Kinross Show this coming August, and the directors look forward to welcoming visitors from all over the county (and further afield – so they can carry news of Kinross-shire back home with them!).

TRACKS

The Kinross-shire Partnership recently contributed £500 towards the production costs of a TRACKS pamphlet featuring details of the Mary's Gate Walk. Anyone interested in reading the brochure text online can do so at www.tracks-kinross.co.uk

Objective 3

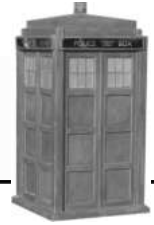
To identify, promote and encourage environmental improvements within the County and do all things which are appropriate to promoting and encouraging the well-being of the County.

The Kinross-shire Fund

Plans are still afoot to purchase mobile street football equipment which - as soon as an appropriate administration system has been put in place - will provide a first-class community facility available for use by schools, churches and public bodies. The Kinross-shire Fund has also provided financial support to assist with the setting up of an online community calendar and notice board at www.kinross.cc. Moreover, local organisations demonstrating a genuine requirement for financial support for a particular project or event can now apply for grants of up to £1,000. To help you gauge whether your group might qualify, here's an excerpt from the Fund's mission statement: "The broad aim of the foundation is to assist charities and community groups (with charitable aims), working to improve the quality of life and life chances in Scotland." So if you think your group might fit the bill, ring 0141 225 6670 or 0131 524 0300, or visit the website www.scottishcf.org for further information.

If you would like to know more about The Kinross-shire Partnership, please telephone 01577 862685 or send an e-mail to admin@kinross.cc

Police Box



Shed Security

With the gardening season now with us we would just like to take this opportunity to remind you about shed security. In recent years, gardening machinery such as lawnmowers and strimmers have been targeted and those stored in garden sheds have been the most vulnerable. A few simple modifications may be all that's required to prevent such thefts, for example a more secure lock or a simple to use shed alarm. If anyone requires further information or advice in relation to any matters of security they should contact us at Kinross.

Bogus Workmen/Fly Tipping

Continuing on the gardening theme, we would like to remind you to be diligent in relation to bogus workmen who will call, often on our elderly more vulnerable neighbours, offering to do gardening and other work. These particularly unscrupulous characters will more than likely carry out sub-standard work for vastly inflated costs. We would ask you contact us immediately you suspect such individuals may be operating in your area. Another problem we have experienced in recent years, particularly in the more rural areas, is caused by people fly-tipping large quantities of garden refuse and other rubbish at the roadside. We would ask you to report any such behaviour and where possible obtain the makes and registration numbers of the vehicles involved.

Thefts of Broken Down Vehicles

In the past six months, a total of nine vehicles have been reported stolen, having been previously left by their owners at the roadside, as a result of mechanical failure or accident damage. The locations of the thefts

(all in the Perth and Kinross area) vary, but are primarily concentrated on trunk routes. We would urge drivers of such vehicles to, if possible, remain with your vehicle or at the very least ensure it is recovered as soon as possible.

Best Wishes

We would like to take this opportunity to pass on our best wishes to Constable Toni Pedersen who for the last few years has been the Community Crime Officer with responsibility for Cleish and Blairadam, Crook of Devon, Powmill, Blairingone, Carnbo and Glenfarg areas. Toni has resigned from the force after almost 20 years exemplary service to pursue a new career in business with her husband. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for all the hard work she has put in since moving to Kinross from Perth. Toni has been succeeded in her post by Constable Lynne Petrie who has been stationed in Kinross for several years.

Crime Stoppers - Telephone Number 0800555111

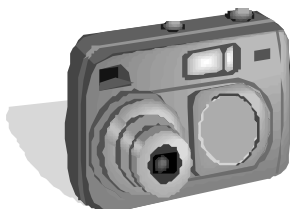
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Community Crime Officers can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 01577 863571.

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

Photograph Competition

Here is the last of the winning photographs from the Community Website photo competition.



This is "Reflected Glow" by Lyn Haworth, which won second prize in the "Dramatic Kinross-shire" section of the competition.





Community Council News

Milnathort Community Council

News from the April Meeting

CCLlr A Ross welcomed CCLlrs Porter, Smith, Cottingham and Thomson to the meeting. Also in attendance were minute secretary E. Rougvie, P&KCllr Robertson, PC Stephen and eight members of the public. Apologies were received from CCLlr Giacopazzi (chair) and CCLlr Bennet.

Police matters: PC Stephen reported the following issues:

An act of vandalism had occurred on March 31, when a stone was thrown through a window at Castle Buildings. The police were following a line of inquiry, but would like to hear from anyone who saw anything. Overnight on the same day, some poultry eggs had been stolen from a house in Back Loan.

Following a break-in at a house in Kinross two days previously and an incident in which a woman had returned home to find someone in her house, PC Stephen reminded people to be vigilant, even in the daytime.

The value of scrap metal has rocketed recently, and there have been several reports of cars being stolen having been left at the side of the road following accidents.

Following concerns raised at the previous CC meeting, the police have been carrying out speed checks in New Road and Burleigh Road, and several people have been caught. In response to a concern by CCLlr Porter, he said that checks would also be carried out in Stirling Road.

CCLlr Porter raised the issue of abandoned bicycles in the village, but PC Stephen said the police were unable to lift them if they hadn't been reported stolen.

Matters arising: The minutes of the March meeting were proposed by CCLlr Thomson and seconded by CCLlr Smith.

It was agreed to renew Milnathort CC's membership to the Convention of Community Councils.

Flooding issues: P&KCllr Robertson told the meeting that the report into the causes of the flooding on December 13 2006 would be presented to a special committee of P&KC on April 23, 2007. As soon as the report was made public, it would be sent to everyone who had been affected. After discussion, it was agreed that a special CC meeting would be arranged for mid-May, to allow time for the report to be digested. Leaflets will be distributed and notices put up in the Post Office and the CC notice board in South Street.

Planning matters: Erection of 21 houses on land north of Auld Mart Road:- after lengthy discussion, it was agreed to lodge an objection to this application on the grounds that the land should be kept for industrial use. The area is earmarked for business use in the

Local Plan, and it was felt that Milnathort could become a dormitory town if further residential development were to take place. The fact that there was little demand for business premises at present did not mean that this would be the case in the future, and once the land had gone it would be lost forever.

Demolition of existing building; re-alignment of access drive and erection of four houses at Shire-End, House, Forgandenny:- After discussion, it was agreed to continue consideration of this matter so that CCLlr Cottingham could establish whether it lay within the Milnathort CC area. If it did, the CC would lodge a holding objection and view the plans at the next meeting.

CC elections: CCLlr Ross read out a report from CCLlr Giacopazzi about the arrangements for the CC election. Retired sheriff Stuart Forbes will act as returning officer for the election, which will be held on April 26 in the Scout Hall, Church Street. The polls will be open between 11am and 6pm. There are 12 nominations and eight places to fill. It will be publicised by way of an advertisement in the Dundee Courier and posters in the village. The minute secretary also agreed to contact other relevant local newspapers to seek publicity, since this is the first Milnathort CC election for many years. CCLlr Cottingham agreed to arrange flyers.

Correspondence: Minutes from P&KC were noted.

CCLlr Ross reported that he had received a letter from Ian Hall, P&KC's democratic manager, who said he was satisfied that the issues raised about the conduct of the CC meeting of January 11 had been fully explained and that he would write accordingly to the various correspondents who had contacted him.

AOB: Mr Douglas Alexander reported that there is to be an air show at Balado on August 25 & 26, when the RAF would be returning to the airfield for the first time in 60 years. It was to be one of only two air shows in the country, the other being in Oxford. Attractions will include a full Red Arrows display on both days and a Battle of Britain memorial flight. Promoters are aware that there is livestock in the area and anyone concerned about livestock issues can register an interest and be made aware of flight times. It was hoped that the event would be repeated if it was successful. The CC wished Mr Alexander success with the venture.

In reply to a question by Mr Peter Hessey, it was reported that the group hoping to turn the Kinross 'golf ball' into a museum had been unsuccessful in their bid.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on **Thursday, 10 May** in Milnathort Primary School.

Kinross Community Council

A full report from the AGM will appear in the June Newsletter. Points from the April meeting in brief:

Vandalism: Some of the equipment used in the reconstruction work at Kirkgate Park has been vandalised. Members of the public are urged to be vigilant and contact the Police on 01577 863571 as soon as they see anything.

Gritting and Snow Clearing: If any member of the public has a comment to make about P&KC's performance last winter, contact the CC as soon as possible (see p 42 for contact details).

Extra dog patrols will take place soon. Owners who allow their dogs to foul may be fined.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 2 May at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

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

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

Portmoak CC

News from the April Meeting

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 10 April at Portmoak Village Hall. In attendance were: Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Jo Morrell, Jim Shepherd, Alistair Smith, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle, PC Stephen and several members of the public.

Police Report

The Police had been called to Scotlandwell following youths hanging about the Well Green. The Police reiterated that if people were concerned they should phone the Police and they will investigate.



The Well at Scotlandwell, in front of the Well Green

A car had been stolen from Westfield following it being abandoned after an accident.

There were still reports of bogus workmen in the area and old people should be aware of this.

Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman reminded the meeting of the public meeting on 18 April to discuss the Stephen's field.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had received a letter from PKC asking

for comments following the winter seasons gritting and treatment of the roads. There were no adverse comments from the CC.

The Secretary had received a letter from Friends of the Earth offering free training to Cllrs on the new Planning Bill. This is being financed by the Scottish Executive Improvement Service. The CC will respond.

Paths Group

There has been no meeting since the last meeting. The Paths group needs to appoint a new chairman since Bob Drysdale has retired. This will need to be a Cllr.

Kinross-shire Fund

The Paths Group has applied to the Fund for £1000 for funding the new signs for the re-naming of the Michael Bruce Trail.

Planning Matters

07/00595/FUL: Demolition of existing redundant agricultural sheds/stables, conversion of existing barn, redevelopment of existing farmhouse and erection of ten new dwellinghouses, Levenmouth Farm. This is a re-application from a previous application to which the CC had objected. The CC continues to object and supports the SGU in its objection.

07/00635/FUL: Erection of a dwellinghouse and triple garage with living area and associated works, Wellside Motors, Main Street, Scotlandwell. Although the CC does not object to a new house being built on this site, it objects to this application as it considers it to be too large and out of scale with the surrounding houses and it does not fit against the Conservation Area.

P&K Cllr Barnacle

Cllr Barnacle reported that P&KC are going to reconsider the growth rate figures that they were considering for amending the Structure Plan and also the relaxation of the Housing in the Countryside Policy. This will not happen until after the elections.

There has been a reappraisal of the capacity of the schools in Kinross-shire. The capacity of Portmoak Primary School has been increased from 108 to 150 for 2007-08.

Due to pressure of work on the Development Control Department, the delegated powers rules are being changed in which there will need to be 5 objections to an application before it can be passed to the Committee. This will include CCs. This will reduce the authority of the CCs.

Cllr Barnacle feels the P&KC Roads response to the A911 issues is very disappointing and supports the CCs view on this.

With regard to the access for the rubbish vehicle and the Library van around Buchan Avenue, the Council is reluctant to place Prohibition Orders at this stage, but would rather appeal to motorists in the area to park their cars in the spaces provided.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 8 May at 7.30pm in Portmoak Primary School.

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

Fossoway & District CC

News from the April Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 3 April were: I Booth (Chair), F Saunders, L Stronach, I Farquhar, A Morrison, Trudy Duffy-Wigman, L Boulter, P&K Cllr M Barnacle, two representatives from Tayside Police and 32 members of the public. Apologies were received from H Wallace. There were no declarations of interest. Cllr Morrison indicated that he was a neighbour to one of the planning applications.

Community Policing: Constable Stevens requests that we be aware at all times and that we note anything unusual.

There are Bogus Workmen on the prowl in the Crook of Devon and we are asked to look out for a white transit van and to report anything unusual to the police.

There has been a theft of horse jumping equipment in Cleish around 17-18 March, please watch valuables.

There are reports of vehicles speeding through Blairingone at night. There are ongoing speed checks.

A councillor reported that a laurel bush at Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home is causing obstruction. The Council Roads Engineer is looking into it.

Public members expressed concern at speeding through Carnbo. Warm weather exacerbates the problem. Police indicated they carried out regular speed checks in the village and suggested traffic calming measures. Carnbo residents were advised to send requests for action to their local MSP and Roads Dept.

Community Council Business

Elected members of the Community Council are appointed to the following positions: Chairperson – Isobel Booth, Deputy Chairperson and Planning Secretary – Ian Farquhar, Secretary – Fred Saunders, Treasurer – Trudy Duffy-Wigman, Clerk to the Council (Minute Secretary) – Lynn Boulter and Alexander Morrison, Planning Aide – Hugh Wallace, Deputy Secretary – Loma Stronach.

A draft schedule of meetings and venues is agreed and copies of the schedule will be posted on Notice Boards when confirmed.

The constitution requires that at least one meeting per year be held at Blairingone. However the school is no longer suitable as a venue. So in future The Moubray Hall in Powmill will be taken as the Blairingone venue.

Fossoway Settlements Development Strategy Group: Community Council representatives on the Strategy group are Isobel Booth, Ian Farquhar and Fred Saunders.

Perth & Kinross Council Business – Cllr Barnacle

The chair asked Cllr Barnacle to summarise proceedings at the public meeting re traffic problems in Blairingone. Cllr Barnacle reported that with the opening of the second Kincardine Bridge, traffic on the A977 and through the villages are set to increase

with the main concerns being HGVs, speed and volume. The public consensus at the public meeting was for a roundabout at western edge of Blairingone and a pedestrian crossing on the village main street. The Strategy group is recommending a by-pass of the village.

Four public meetings were held regarding the Long Term Strategy and 20 year development of the area. These meetings were well attended. On 17 April the Civic Trust, FORK and Cllr Barnacle will meet to discuss the outcome of the former meetings. This process will continue after the elections.

Road improvements from Institute to Broomhill kennels and speed limits to 20 mph during school times in Crook of Devon have been agreed - awaiting signage to be designed. Permanent sign on Back Crook Road and a flashing sign at eastern end of A977. Also the speed limit from West Powmill to Devonshaw has been agreed to change to 40 mph – awaiting signage.

T in the Park meeting rearranged to 14 May, Green Hotel at 7.30pm.

After FORK AGM a letter was sent to Environment Services asking for verge clear ups to Crook of Devon, Cleish road and Powmill to Fife boundary.

Drum Sewage scheme is still not connected up. Power companies now assure that completion will be between April and Midsummer.

Planning Matters – CCllr Farquhar

07/00294/FUL - Halhill Farm Carnbo - CC recommends resubmission with competent drawings and full information to enable assessment of the proposal.

07/00312/OUT - Construction of four new build houses Muirfield, Drum - CC will defer any decision until completion of LTS and revised KLP as this proposal is on land marked in white in current KLP and development should be discouraged unless there would be “improvement to the character and environment of the village”. Also this is low lying ground with drainage concerns and the reporters findings state that this land should not be used for housing.

07/00427/FUL - Dwelling house Eastfield Fossoway - CC recommends refusal on grounds of poor design quality, an unsuitable style of building within the local environment and inadequate supporting information.

07/00365/FUL - Dwelling house at Cleddans - CC recommend refusal on grounds of the diminished amenity at the affected site.

07/00318/FUL - Seven New Dwellings and Extensions Clayskye Fossoway - CC recommends refusal as it is outwith KLP policies.

The CC Planning Officer will request an urgent review of the current practice of setting aside policies clearly stated in the current local plan, and the reinstatement of measures whereby the consideration of planning applications will be demonstrably be understood by all

persons and seen to be above criticism of calling the planning system into disrepute.

General Correspondence

P&KC ASBO Anti social noise team offer of visit – to be invited to CC meeting.

P&KC Planning – Structure plan projections.

Scottish Executive – National Planning Framework Consultation – Secretary to respond for CC.

P&KC – Convention of P&K CCs – received too late – secretary to seek minutes.

P&KC Community Planning Partnership – P&KC Community Plan.

P&KC Community Planning Partnership – P&KC Health Improvement Plan.

P&KC – Minutes of Meetings Dec 06 to Feb 07.

Keith Brown, SNP Candidate for Ochil – Offer to link on joint issues.

All the correspondence above was made available to the public for review.

Other Business

Pitcairnie Development Cambo Planning Application 05/02389/REM – The public expressed extreme concern on a number of issues:

- The community believe the failure to issue Neighbour Notices was a deliberate attempt to prevent objections and that consequently the Planning Permission should be revoked.
- The residents described flooding incidents they believe are a direct result of the development in a flood plain and their concern that ultimately their properties will be flood damaged. They stated that the P&KC Flood Prevention Officer was very concerned having viewed the site and saw an urgent need for P&KC Planning, Building Control, the Roads Department, and SEPA to meet on site as soon as possible. The residents believe the Planning Department has refused to attend any such meeting.
- The use of the adjacent 3-acre field (cited as a Permitted Development relating to 05/02389/REM) as a storage and supply depot contrary to Permitted Development rights and the failure to comply with the issued Enforcement Notice served on 22 February 2007. Residents have stated they have video and photographic evidence to support their own observed breaches of the Enforcement Notice.
- Intimidation and threats to neighbours by the developer's staff against individuals, against property, failure to provide reasonable access, threats to demolish and build more houses, unreasonable working times, etc.

FCC will forward concerns to P&KC in support of the residents of Cambo and request a site meeting with Cllr Barnacle and residents of Cambo.

Anyone with any comments should contact Cambo resident Tom Read, The Haugh, Cambo, KY13 0NX

T.Read2@btinternet.com who is compiling a case on this development.

Councillor Mike Barnacle also adds that should anyone wish to comment on any planning proposals should write letters of Support or Objection to the Planning Department, Local Councillor and Fossoway CC.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 1 May at 7.30pm in Fossoway Church Hall, Crook of Devon.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the AGM and March Meeting

The CC met in the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam on Monday 19 March and was attended by five CCllrs, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle, PC Child, and ten members of the public. In attendance was the C&B newsletter editor. Apologies for absence were received from Richard Jeffries.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman gave a very comprehensive summary of the activities of the Community Council over the past year. There had, fortunately, been little crime in the area, although the activities of the "hill travellers" continued; here he gave special thanks to the Police for their cooperation over this ongoing problem and for their continuing attention to the community. Other concerns were the proposed Wind Farms which, whilst not in our area, would have visual impact on our landscape. Tracks and Trails were progressing, Planning matters occupied much time, and the Chairman emphasised the fact that a consensus view was always put to the Planning Department on behalf of the community. Of ongoing concern was Greenacres, a site which continued to expand despite the recent enforcement order and where four units had been installed without planning permission. Applications for housing developments at Flockhouse, Sunnyside and Nivingston, with a possible total of 41 houses, had been submitted. The Council continued to monitor the state of the Roads throughout the area and for the most part received responses from the Roads Department, in due course.

The Chairman concluded his report with thanks to all the members of the Community Council who were extremely hardworking and committed; Trish Kitchin has now brought us up to full strength and was a welcome addition. Councillor Mike Barnacle's regular attendance was greatly appreciated. Thanks were also expressed to those involved in the production of the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter, Catharine Erskine and Freda Whalley. He also acknowledged the importance of the attendance of the members of the public whose input was very valuable.

Treasurer's Report: This was given by the Chairman who was able to say that funds were in a healthy state; it was noted that the Secretary's expenses showed a considerable increase over the past year but it was important that all expenses were claimed in full. There being no questions from the Hall the Chairman proceeded to the Agenda of the Regular Meeting.

Crime Prevention: There had been an attempted break-in at the Coach House, Blairadam. Thanks to the vigilance of the householder the culprit had been caught and a warrant was now being sought.

There was a request for Neighbourhood Watch signs for Middleton Park and also for Maryburgh. It was hoped to form a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at

Middleton Park.

Wind Farms: We now await the proceedings and outcomes of the conjoined Planning Appeal which is due to begin on 27 February.

Tracks and Trails: The Chairman reported that a Draft Plan was now being formulated and it was hoped to have it for consideration by the CC sometime during the summer.

Planning

New application: House and Garage on site of former Birchwood Cottage Blairadam. This is on the old Cleish road, with access from the Sunnyside road. It was not clear if this was on the site of the former Birchwood cottage and whether there were remains. It was agreed that if there is evidence of the old building and the plans were in keeping with the environment, there would be no objection. The CC would look at the site and the plan.

Pending

Greenacres: The applicants have appealed against the enforcement order, and resolution can take up to six months. No work should be undertaken until the appeal has been heard. However it is very clear that the inhabitants pay no attention to anything P&KC say or do and they are acting in flagrant breach of planning control. After discussion it was agreed that members of the CC should ask Ian Sleith to arrange a meeting with Alastair Beveridge and Callum Petrie as soon as possible as none of the CC's letters are even acknowledged. It was agreed that one of the problems is the lack of designated sites for travellers, and it must be established if Greenacres is a properly designated site.

Flockhouse Farm: Change of use at steading approved subject to conditions.

Shepherd's Neuk: Approved

Flockhouse House: Application has been submitted.

Kinnaird: Resubmission in full for dwelling house.

Nivingston: Due to go to Committee.

Tillyrie Farm - 5 Wind Turbines: Nothing further to report.

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Cllr Barnacle reported that a survey of schools had been carried out; Cleish at present had capacity for 64 but could well be under pressure being in Category B. A question was raised as to the length of time taken for smaller applications; Cllr Barnacle replied that there was a real log jam in Development Control.

Review of Development Standards Service: The Secretary had received information that among other proposals it was hoped to reply to letters within 15 days and that CCs would be given 21 days to respond to applications instead of the former 15. There were also apologies for the delay in replying - surely a hoped for improvement.

Housing in the Countryside/Review of Structure Plan/Population Projections: It had been agreed that there would be full and further consultations with elected representatives and all CCs.

Modernisation of the Planning System: Peter Marshall would come to make a presentation at the May meeting.

Roads:

Lights at Middleton Park: Still unchanged. Cllr Barnacle to contact developer, and will try to ascertain completion date of this development in order that the roads might be restored.

Cleish Mill Bends: New field gates had been installed and suggested that a chevron should be put in place on the gates; agreed to recommend this request.

Drainage covers on road east of Dowhill: The tarmac surrounding these covers has broken; agreed to report this.

New surfacing at Cleish Mill Bends and Carsegour Bends: This had been proposed but not yet in place.

20mph signs for Cleish: Soon.

Other Business:

A Flockhouse group has been formed; agreed the members should be encouraged to come to CC meetings if they had any concerns.

T in the Park: This will now last for three days; Cllr Barnacle said there would be more input to rural CCs and it was hoped to have a Seminar Presentation before the next CC meeting so that local residents could receive enough information as regards access and traffic plans.

Community Pub: This matter was raised from the floor regarding a meeting place for the local community at Keltybridge; agreed that the proposers should make a formal approach to the Tabernacle Hall Committee.

Dates of future meetings - amended list: 21 May - Cleish; 18 June - Tabernacle Hall; 20 August - Cleish; 22 October - Tabernacle Hall; 3 December - Cleish.

The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks to the Chairman who had undertaken a huge amount of work over the previous year, always handled with wisdom, humour and courtesy.

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Club & Community Group News

Save NHS Dentistry Campaign

Campaigners met again in April for an update on the progress of our petition at the Scottish Parliament, a report from our last meeting with the Community Health Partnership (CHP) in Perth and to prepare for the Kinross Churches Together hustings on 25 April.

The Public Petitions Committee agreed to ask the Scottish Executive whether it would consider making it a statutory obligation to provide NHS dental services which would mean that a long term strategy would have to be developed with proper funding, resources and training being earmarked. It is to be expected that the Executive will not agree to this but the group regards it as a fundamental issue if the crisis in NHS dentistry is to be resolved.

At the same meeting, Fife MSP Helen Eadie claimed that 5 new dental centres with 6 - 8 dentists each were being built in Fife. This seemed like an awful lot to us and we have asked her in writing for confirmation of these figures. We have been told that Tayside NHS has been given slightly more funding for dental services than Fife, but plans are nowhere near as ambitious as they appear to be in Fife, with less investment. However, if it means some of us can go across the "border" and get registered a few miles away in Fife, then that would be a good thing.

One parent who has been trying to get her children registered has finally been accepted in Kinross which we believe may not be entirely coincidental, given the waves our local campaign has created! So the message is, keep trying! Nationally one in ten children does not have access to a dentist.

Not such good news was the report from a recent meeting with Perth CHP who appear to have backtracked on their commitment (see last Newsletter) to send a mobile dental unit to Kinross. We will try to clarify this before the group next meets, but if it is the case, then it is disappointing. Likewise, it appears that the Helpline (called Linkline) is still not operational, although it was envisaged to be ready at the end of last year. Given the contradictory claims about the new surgery having space for dental facilities (or not), we are concerned that the authorities are telling us one thing and doing quite another.

We hope to have more news on these issues at our next meeting on **Wednesday 16 May** at 7 pm in the Church Centre.

If you can't make it, but would like to make contact with the group, please phone Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825.

Kinross and District Art Club



Club members will continue to meet each Tuesday at 2 pm in the Millbridge Hall. The final meeting for the Spring Term will be Tuesday 29 May. We then break for the Summer and will commence the Autumn Term on Tuesday 29 August 2007.

New members interested in the hobby would be most welcome to come along and join us.

During the Summer two outdoor painting days have been arranged and thoughts are turning to participation in the festivities when Kirkgate Park reopen after all the changes have been completed.

Plans for our annual exhibition are already in hand, and, for various reasons this year, there will be changes to our usual format. Firstly the venue will be in the Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross, and not the Millbridge Hall, and we thank the Rev Dr John Munro for accommodating us. Secondly, the exhibition dates have been brought forward to the second week in September. We also hope to encompass other craft input as this proved popular last year. More, and in-depth details will be published nearer the date.

Swansacre Playgroup



We would like to thank all those who attended our Spring Fayre in March. It was a very successful fundraising event, all the children enjoyed the bouncy castle, 'Spring' craft-making and tattoos. We raised £294.60 for our funds.

We are repeating our **'Summer Family BBQ'** on the afternoon of **Saturday 9 June** at Swansacre. There will be a bouncy castle and some fun games organised by our staff for the children and good food and music for the adults to relax to. We will offer juice and crisps but ask you to bring your own drinks. We have an entertainment licence therefore alcohol is permitted on the premises. Please buy tickets from Swansacre Playgroup or committee members.

Beth Paterson is retiring at the end of the summer term. A bank account has been opened with Bank of Scotland, Kinross branch for donations towards her retirement gift and anyone wishing to contribute should do so by handing in donations at the bank itself or with a committee member. In celebration of Beth's retirement we propose holding a party for her on **Friday 22 June** and are in the process of booking a venue. Again, tickets will be available at Swansacre Playgroup or through committee members. All are welcome, those who have worked with Beth, have served on the committee in the past and those who attended playgroup as a toddler with Beth as their playleader and of course any of Beth's friends and family.

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Kinross Pipe Band

Kinross Pipe Band Return to T In The Park

The Pipe Band is delighted to have been asked for the second year running to play for the opening of T in the Park in July. Not only is it a prestigious event for the Band to support, but the members also get their coveted "Performer's Passes" allowing them into the arena to see the various acts. Always a great day out for all concerned!

March saw a few of the younger band members competing at the "Perform in Perth" music competitions, with Magnus Pickering (10) winning first place in the Chanter. Congratulations to Magnus! Towards the end of the month there was the Pipe Band Ceilidh, held at the Rugby Club. This was a very enjoyable and lively night, and allowed the Band to present ex-member, Winnie Crawford, with a watch and a bouquet of flowers in recognition of all the years she put into the Band as Leading Drummer. Winnie in turn presented Alex Murphy with an engraved tankard and a plaque in commemoration of his outstanding achievement of 60 years continuous service with the Kinross Pipe Band. Alex, of Marshall Place, Milnathort, actually joined the Band in 1946 - the year it was formed, and has been there ever since! He served the last 25 years or so as Pipe Major, handing the post over just recently to his grandson, Leon. Alex continues to mentor the Band, tutor the young learners, and still plays himself whenever he can. Alex's wife, Betty, was also presented with a bouquet of flowers - for putting up with his single-minded devotion to piping for so many years!



Kinross Pipe Band

Photo: Pauline Watson, Kinross.cc photo library

On 14 April the Band played to open the Spring Fair held in the Market Park. This event was also supported by the Friends of Kirkgate Park. It was a glorious, and surprisingly warm spring day, and particularly pleasing to be out and about in Kinross again as this always helps to remind the residents that we do actually have a Pipe Band! It was a busy day too, with a brief appearance later that same evening at a local wedding in Kinsgseat.

By the time the Newsletter goes to print the Band (and some of the junior members individually) will also have competed in the Lothian and Borders solos and mini-bands competition, being held this year in Peebles on Sunday 21 April. Watch this space for news of how we all got on.

Although the Band is still competing and playing regularly through the summer at events, competitions and galas, we are still very thin on the ground for playing members, both pipers and drummers - particularly pipers. If you can play the pipes or drums, or know someone who does please let us know. You (or they) would be very welcome at any time, even if not able to commit to turning up every week.

For any queries or details, contact Nigel Kellett 01577 863738, Alex Murphy 01577 862803, or visit the website www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk

Kinross & District Rotary Club



The Rotary Month

Mid month, fellow Rotarian Cath Chorley, from the Dunfermline Carnegie Club and Chair of the District Community Committee, talked to the Club on the work of Barnardos, one of this year's Rotary preferred charities. Cath explained that there were currently 60 frontline services working directly with young people and their carers in Scotland and that about 10,000 children were helped each year. The main problems experienced were homelessness, family breakdown and disability difficulties.

At the following meeting, the Club was entertained by Jennifer Spalton, a sixth former from Dollar Academy. A Rotary Euroscola, Jennifer talked about her five days in Strasbourg visiting the EU.

The annual Primary School Quiz was held in Kinross High School and won by Kinross Primary School. The team will now go on to the zone finals. A group of Rotarians attended the Kinross High School's annual Careers Convention.

The guest speaker at the Club's meeting on 9 April was Richard Hynd, fellow Rotarian from the North Fife Club. His talk centered on his hobby of restoring vintage cars with particular reference to his work on a bull nose Morris Oxford and a Hillman Wizard. Richard also told the meeting that obtaining spare parts had been the biggest difficulty in the past but with the growth of replica manufacturers, specialist fairs and the internet, this was now much less of a problem.

The Club has decided to hold its second Charity Golf Day in September.

A party from the Club will be visiting the Rotary Club of Rothesay on 3 May with a view to renewing old friendships with Douglas Lindsay, a former member at Kinross now residing there.

Probus Club

Bill Paul, the speaker at the meeting on 4 February, entertained and informed members with his talk on Lochgelly Musical Society. His parents had been founding members of the club in 1936, and his own connection with the club stretched back 51 years. During the 71 years of its existence the club has operated from four premises. For the first three years the society produced their annual musicals in Lochgelly Town Hall. In 1939 and for nine years after the Second World War the shows were staged in the Lochgelly Cinema. This entailed an immense amount of work; the show started on a Monday night and on the Sunday and for most of the Monday the stage had to be constructed in the cinema. From 1955 to 1974, the venue for the productions was the Carnegie Hall in Dunfermline, but in the early 1970s Fife County Council built a Community Centre with a stage in Lochgelly and so the Society for the past thirty odd years have worked in Lochgelly itself and have been fully supported by the townspeople, and the local businesses as well. For it costs about £18,000 to put a musical show on, much more than an amateur society can make in selling tickets, but the shortfall is made good by local financial interests. During his talk Bill Paul burst into song several times giving the members a flavour of the productions. Kelvin Rae expressed the thanks of the Probus Club for a most enjoyable afternoon.

It is astounding what some people do when they are on holiday! Keith McFarlane was the speaker on 21 March and the subject of his talk was an amazing trip that he and some friends made from the slopes of Mont Blanc to the Matterhorn in the Swiss Alps. The distance between these two mountains is roughly only forty miles but the journey took them five days – not surprisingly, for they were taking the “haute route” (the high road) along the ridge of the Alps. Officially it is cross-country skiing, but it is more like cross-country mountaineering. All the members of the party were very fit and experienced skiers. First Keith showed us the gear that is necessary to take on this journey, including the special skis which are useful when going up hill, and the rope that linked the party together, used when the going became dangerous. All this equipment is necessary; on one occasion, when crossing a glacier, a member of the party fell into a deep crevasse. He was saved from going right to the bottom by this apparatus and the rest of the party pulled him out with the rope that linked them together.

When they came to the mountaineering sections of the journey, the travellers simply tied their skis to their backpacks, put on their crampons and climbed. The final part of the journey was climbing to the top of the mountain, and the only girl in the party of five was finding this extremely hard going. This was due to the



rarefied atmosphere at 15,000 feet up. So much so that when they arrived at the top she simply collapsed. The guide insisted that she remained standing and kept on talking to her until she regained some strength and then they raced down the mountain, for with every hundred feet lower there was more air to breathe and she became better. What an exciting holiday! Alistair Hutton gave the vote of thanks.

Common Grounds Charity No. SC031582

Projects. Progress continues successfully to the extent that our Volunteers managed to approve the payment of a donation of £1000 to our March project, Vet Aid in Mozambique.

Our April project was in support of an Ethiopia Aid fund which aims to make a number of improvements which include a new university, providing treatment and care for fistula and HIV patients and a children's home.

Fairtrade. Our stall at the Spring Fair in Market Park on April 14 was very well attended, making over £100. Thanks for this success go to the hard working quartet of Shirley Morgan, Mary Punton, Pat Payne and Jim Henry.

Book Club. Members of the Club enjoyed being back at Common Grounds and welcomed three new members to their group. They meet in the Church Street Hall on the first Tuesday of the month and if anyone is interested in joining they will be most welcome. Contact: Marlene Whyte, 01592 840371.

Why Not Drop In. A welcome awaits all who visit Common Grounds, to view the Fairtrade goods on sale or come for a coffee and a chat – not forgetting the home baking, the books, the jewellery and the welcoming log fire. Speak to one of the Volunteers on duty if you would like to help - by giving time as a volunteer or by the donation of baking or books. All will be much appreciated. We are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

At other times, contacts are - Pat Payne on 862715, Jim Henry on 864452 or Shirley Morgan on 864745.

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Portmoak Film Society

Sunshine over Portmoak

About 45 PFS faithfuls gathered in Portmoak Picture Palace on a sunny April evening to conduct the Society's Annual General Meeting and see the end of season Surprise Movie. The election of a new Committee and the acceptance of the annual accounts is a requirement of belonging to the British Film Society, enabling us to lease films and equipment for our use. The previous Committee members Sandy, Raymond and Stuart were voted back into office without any dissent and with much mutual thanks and admiration for a job well done. The books are showing a very healthy surplus of over £1,000, meaning that we can buy more equipment for the next season.

A brief discussion then ensued as to whether we should show more films next season, but on balance it was felt that we had got the number of shows about right. This means that a membership for the 2007/08 Autumn-Winter season will again cost £24 and can be obtained as always at the Pottery in Kinnesswood.

The business over, we moved on to the final film of the season - which proved to be the most controversial in terms of the marble count, our quaint but effective method of gauging audience satisfaction. We have shown many serious and thought-provoking films and the film selection committee had given in to pleas for something more light-hearted and comedic. The film was "Little Miss Sunshine" and for me, it fitted that bill perfectly. It was the wacky story of a dysfunctional American family who journey 700 miles across America in their clapped-out old VW bus so that the ten year old daughter can take part in the "Little Miss Sunshine" (beauty) pageant. Along the way, grandpa overdoses on drugs and dies, teenage son breaks his nine-month vow of silence, the clutch fails on the van and Mum and Dad reach the brink of divorce.

Sounds very dark, but I found it was handled with a light touch and I laughed most of the way through. Not everyone shared that view though, with 23 rating it excellent, 14 good and 5 marbles in the "terrible" jar! A first for PFS (they know who they are). Well, you can't please all of the people all of the time and films are like art and music, very much a question of personal taste and your mood on the night.

We finished off a very pleasant evening with delicious Cheese and Wine accompanying gentle chat with friends and neighbours. Thanks again to Jean and Marion for all the culinary delights they have served up this year.

It only remains to wish you a lovely summer, thank you for your support and remind you to check out the August Newsletter for PFS's 3rd season programme starting in September. If you want a sneak preview before that, check out the website and if you aren't a member but want to be added to the email list, send an email to info@portmoakfilmsociety.org.co

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

At the April meeting the members enjoyed a quiz.



Friday Walks

4 May: Along the towpath of the Forth and Clyde Canal from the Union Inn at Lock 16, past the Falkirk Wheel, then on to Bonnybridge, and turning at Lock 17 to come all the way back. This is a very easy flat walk, with lots to see and only 10km long (6.25 miles).

18 May: "The Cuckoo Walk" from Dowally, along by Rotmell Farm to Mill Dam, and returning past Rotmell Loch and Dowally Loch. This is a circular walk along estate roads of about 6 miles, at a time when cuckoos are usually heard throughout the Atholl Estate.

Hillwalkers: Please note that since our last Newsletter entry, we have welcomed several new members to our group and our list has now been closed; a reserve list has been opened.

Our first walk of the season took place on Friday 13 April when we completed a superb circular walk of 9.5 miles over Bimam Hill and Craig Obney. We were fortunate to have weather more akin to high summer than the middle of April, and clear skies which allowed us spectacular 360 degree views from both tops.

Our programme for May includes an 11 mile, Grade B route from St. Andrews to Crail on **11 May**, followed on **25 May** by a new Grade A circular walk of 9 miles from near Kinnaird House Hotel to Loch Skiach. The latter involves a climb of 1300 feet which is rewarded by some fantastic views, so we will be hoping for another clear day.

May Meeting: The speaker on **3 May** will be Margaret Gillies Brown, author, on "her life and her books". The meeting this month will be held in the Rugby Club, King George V Playing Field.

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Kinross-shire Historical Society



The AGM of the Kinross-shire Historical Society, followed by the last talk of the current winter season, took place at the Masonic Hall, Kinross on 19 March.

President Robin Eadie welcomed members and visitors, telling us in his annual report that the society will next be meeting at the Church in Station Road, Kinross on Monday 15 October. To accommodate the increased membership, a larger meeting place is needed. He thanked retiring committee member Isabel Gillon for her years of service to the Historical Society and then introduced the speaker, Ted Dorsett, from Dunning Historical Society.

Ted's film and talk was entitled "Remembering Cameron" and this was the fascinating story of Cameron Walker. Born in Dunning, he was the youngest son of a blacksmith, a joiner and a talented footballer who had been signed to play in the Scottish League. However, in 1939 he enlisted in the Black Watch regiment and 6 months later he was sent to fight in France.

Private Walker was reported missing, so in Dunning village it was presumed that he had either died or was a Prisoner of War. Miraculously he re-appeared in 1944, having been hidden in the farmhouse of a very brave French family for four and a half years. Sadly, he died three months after returning to Scotland and was buried in Forteviot because his parents had moved there while Cameron had been "away".

This story had intrigued Dunning Historical Society member Charlie Laing. He had tried to locate the French family who had so bravely hidden Cameron and before Charlie Laing died, he asked Ted Dorsett if he would take up the search. The breakthrough came when the Hubert family sent letters from Canada after seeing the Dunning Historical Society website.

Jean Hubert had seen Cameron in a field in 1940 and had taken the soldier back to their farm. Brother Michel, sister Madeleine and younger brother Pierre Cameron Hubert are also still alive. A French neighbour called Edith told the Dunning friends that she visited the farmhouse every day but she was never told that Cameron was hidden there or why her godson Pierre had the second name of Cameron. When Dunning people visited France they were shown the cupboard in the loft of the farmhouse where Cameron had been hidden. Being a joiner, he had built a secret cupboard where he could be concealed when the Germans came to search. It was deliberately kept dusty to disguise Cameron's presence and he was able to use his skills to make beehives and equipment for the farm and toys for the children. The Hubert family arranged forged papers for Cameron naming him as Camille Vallin, an Algerian working on their farm. To evade German patrols they moved him round the farm in (hessian) sacks, as if he was corn.

Cameron was often ill and a doctor in Dieppe on one

occasion advised the Huberts to dig a hole in their garden for his grave, but he survived this unknown illness, possibly peritonitis.

He learnt to speak excellent French and Cameron and the Hubert brothers planned to settle in Canada after the war. After his death and after the war, the Huberts wrote to Mrs Walker and asked for a Walker relative to sponsor the French family in Canada. Two left to go to Canada in 1949 and two in 1952.

To return to the detectives in Dunning, they visited France in 2004 and the Huberts were invited to Dunning in 2005. During the winter several Historical Society members took French lessons with Peggy Smith and the Hubert family came to Scotland in 2005 from Canada, USA and France. Ted Dorsett's film showed visitors and hosts having a Welcome to Dunning lunch and a tour round Dunning in a vintage bus (a nostalgic memory of WW2 for older members of the audience), stopping at Cameron's smithy. Ted's film ended appropriately with a ceilidh and the departure of the Hubert family for their homes in Canada, USA and France.

Dr David Munro thanked Ted Dorsett for his excellent film and this memorable story, congratulating him on his research.

Historical Society members who have booked for the Summer Visit are reminded that we should meet at the front door of Kinross House on Sat 26 May at 2pm.

Kinross Garden Group



Our April meeting, attended by 36 members and visitors, was addressed by Ian Douglas who gave a talk on "The Redwood Trail". Ian's great enthusiasm for these Giant Sequoias - the world's tallest tree - spilled over in his talk and slides. This meeting was also our AGM and the Chairman, Mr John Porter, Outings Convener/Deputy Chair Mrs Christina Rodger, Treasurer Mrs Anne Walker and Secretary Mrs Helen Leslie were elected and willing to serve.

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For further information call Carole 01577 850214.

Kinross Potager Garden

The Potager Garden in Bowton Road is a community garden maintained by volunteers. The garden is open every day from now until September and you are welcome to call in and see what's happening. If you're interested in finding out more about what we do or how you can get involved call in on a Thursday morning between 10.30 and 12 when there should be somebody there to have a chat with. Or contact Barbara Graham on 01577 865238 (barbara.graham@which.net).



Portmoak Hall 100 Club

February Draw

1st	No 58	Mrs Di Steven, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 2	Mrs Greta Hogg, Scotlandwell
3rd	No 110	Mr David Buchan, Kinnesswood

March Draw

1st	No 9	Mary Baird, Righead, Ballingry
2nd	No 41	A.J. Lindsay, Easter Balgedie
3rd	No 29	Margaret Crichton, Scotlandwell

Milnathort School Association

We recently held a very successful Band Night and Auction at the Thistle Hotel and raised £2000 for school funds. We would like to thank local band Spur of the Moment for an excellent evening's entertainment and all those who attended for their contributions to the raffle and auction.

We would also like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their donations for the raffle and auction: John Anderson, Robert Shepard, Mutley Getley, Ann Leslie, Bowlplex, David Sands, Dobbies Café, Dynamic Earth, Eastern Buffet, Green Hotel, Grouse and Claret Restaurant, Heaven Scent café, Helen McNeill (Itza Direct), Lochend Farm Shop, Lomond Country Inn, Loch Leven Leisure Centre, MacRoberts Solicitors, Nando's Restaurant, Old Course Hotel Spa, Robertson's Supplies, Scottish and Newcastle Brewers, Stewart and Smart, Windlestrae Hotel Leisure Club, Young and Partners solicitors, Zen Zone.

We are currently planning our Summer Fair, which will be held in June – watch this space for further details!

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Sports News

School Football – Cleish v Abbey Fields

On Saturday 31st March, a group of P5/P6 pupils from Cleish Primary School travelled down to Northumberland for a “Scotland v England” football match against Abbey Fields Primary School in Morpeth. After an action packed 50 minutes, Cleish came away with a solid 6-3 win against the hosts. The Cleish win was particularly pleasing for parent coaches Cliff “Mourinho” Culley and Bob Wilson who have been coaching the youngsters over the winter months.



“Football Club de Cleish” with their coaches

The children are all members of the “Football Club de Cleish”, an out of school club that currently meets in Kinross due to the absence of a sports ground or suitable facilities in Cleish. Planning permission has recently been granted by P&K Council to convert a small area of land close to the village to a sports field and fund raising is currently underway to enable the necessary ground works to be completed.

After the match, the Cleish youngsters travelled down to St James Park to watch Newcastle United play Manchester City in the Barclays Premiership League. Unfortunately the Magpies did not enjoy the same success as Cleish on this occasion, losing 1-0 to the Blues. The experience of sitting high in the Milburn Stand amid £50,000 football supporters is one that will stay with the children and parents in the party for many a year to come.

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Kinross Road Runners

Kinross Road Runners reaped the benefits of training on cold winter nights at the pleasantly sunny Forthside Edinburgh Marathon on 1 April where four runners recorded personal best times. Steve Crawford finished 55th in a personal best time of 1:21:30, Douglas Leitch also ran a personal best time of 1:31:19 to finish 233rd. Ewen Davis was two seconds of Patricia Milne who ran a personal best time of 1:38:24. Isabella Carmichael finished in 1:47:29 followed by Geoff Bilton who also ran a personal best time of 1:51:54.

Chris Pratt and Gordon Donnachie enjoyed the scenery and the post race refreshments at the Dunbar Boundary 10K sponsored by Belhaven Brewery on 7 April. Chris Pratt finished 69th in 41:42 and Gordon Donnachie finished 187th in 48:48.

Chris and Gordon also ran the ‘Heaven and Hell’ Half Marathon in Perth on 8 April where they were joined by Judith Dobson. The organisers claim that this is the hardest Half Marathon in Scotland and the 76 runners didn’t disagree as they battled up a 700ft climb into a strong headwind. Chris Pratt finished 23rd in 1:40:57, Judith Dobson was 33rd and 1st female super veteran in 1:48:32 and Gordon Donnachie was 50th in 1:59:02. The runners were rewarded by spectacular views of the Tay and excellent post race refreshments. Kinross Road runners welcome runners of all ages and abilities. We meet at 7pm Wednesday evenings at Loch Leven Health Centre car park. Our training schedule is on the notice board in Loch Leven Leisure Centre and also on our web site:
www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk

Athletics

Kinross Athlete Eilidh Child has started the 2007 outdoor track season with an excellent performance over 400 metres. Competing at the Pitreavie AAC Club Championships on 14 April she recorded a personal best time of 54.7 seconds. This bettered her previous best by almost 1.5 seconds and was made more impressive by the fact that for most of the race she was running against the clock. Her early good form would appear to be as a result of the hard work she put in during her winter training programme which has seen an increase in her weekly workload. Thanks must go to her regular coach Norman Gardiner and to her strength and conditioning coach Neil Donald who has introduced her to a variety of exercises and routines designed not only to make her stronger but also to identify and rectify any weaknesses. Eilidh now looks forward to competing in her favoured event, the 400 metre hurdles and will do so at the forthcoming British University Championships and the East District Championships.



Kinross Rugby Club



Kinross were beaten by Crieff at the Braidhaugh in their final league game of the 2006/2007 season. Kinross had already beaten Crieff this season, with a convincing 20-5 victory at the KGV.

But some fine back play coupled with a horrific Alan Fraser blunder saw Crieff score four tries and secure a bonus point. Fraz claims that this will be his last season and judging by his performance here it is in the best interests of everyone if he sticks to his word! Kinross started with Keith Tolson's first-minute try, but could only muster one more score before the interval from Colin Tees. Four quick phases from the kick-off allowed Chris Carragher to send Tolson cantering under the posts. Carragher, filling the boots of injured outside-half Euan Fraser, was clattered in that final move and was unable to slot the conversion. But any suggestion that it would be one-way traffic was soon dispelled. Hard work by the Crieff forwards opened up a sniff of a gap down the left wing but the move broke down and all they managed was a penalty. When the match got underway again Kinross extended their lead, Iain Spence playing in Colin Tees who burst through four tackles before scoring under the posts, Spence converted. The score remained the same until the interval, Kinross holding onto a 12-3 lead.

Crieff came out of the dressing room with greater purpose and soon carved out an opportunity to score, which brought them to within four points. George Harley scored another Kinross try to nose them back in front and some tough defence, with lock George Smith to the fore, kept Crieff at bay for a while however three unanswered tries before full-time saw them run out 23-17 winners. The lose bonus was scant consolation for the men from the KGV in what turned out to be an ultimately disappointing end to the season. Team: I Harley, K Tolson, R Allan, I Barnett, G Smith, D Lamont, S Mullan (c), G Harley, A Fraser, C Carragher, T Coll, I Spence, C Tees, L Carragher, R D'arcy. Subs: G Queen, E Prince, A Caldwell.

Other News

Even although the league is now over there are still 7s tournaments and friendlys to be played as well as a variety of social events to celebrate the clubs 25th season.

The club play the Welsh touring side Mynydd Y

Garreg on 21 April. We were defeated in the away leg last year but the advantage should lie with the home team this time around with the majority of the team sober at kick-off. A full day of entertainment has been planned for our Welsh visitors and hopefully everyone survives to tell the tale!

On Saturday 12 May the club plays the Edinburgh Borderer's in our annual challenge match. This season the game doubles up as a silver jubilee celebration event. Kick off is 3 pm but there will be mini and midi games preceding the main event. In addition to the games there will also be a beer tent, bbq and a bouncy castle. Everyone is welcome and hopefully we will see a good crowd to cheer the team on.

This year's **club dinner** takes place on **Friday 25 May**; tickets will be available from Elton Prince and cost £15. The **AGM** takes place four days later on **Monday 28 May** at 7:30 pm.

The final event of the current season is the **silver jubilee dinner dance** on **Friday 22 June** at the Windlestrae Hotel. Tickets cost £20 and will be available from Hugh Dobson and Steve Wilcox.

For general club info as well as training times, match reports and photos of the team in action please visit our website at www.kinross-rugby.com. New members are always welcome.

The clubhouse is open Tuesday-Friday evenings and all day Saturday, we have both Sky and Setanta sports packages and are open for all big football and rugby games. For further info call 01577 861773.

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

Kinross 1 are through to the Midlands League final having won against Madras on 25 March and will play either Brechin or Perthshire in the final on 28 April at St Andrews. Sadly, fortunes were reversed on 31 March when Madras beat us in the Midlands Knock Out Cup final - a closely contested and hard fought game.

The 15 April saw Troon ladies come to Kinross to play the quarter finals of the Scottish District Cup - the hottest day of the year by far! - in a high scoring and exciting game Kinross 1 were the eventual winners 5 goals to 3. We will now play Orkney - fortunately in Aberdeen! - on the 29 April in the semi finals. Fingers crossed!

Bishopshire Junior Badminton Club

Season 2006/2007

Tournament Results

	Winners	Runners Up
Primary School Girls Singles	Eilidh Kordula	Flossie Tydeman
Primary School Boys Singles	Ian Dunnett	Jack Fraser
Primary School Mixed Doubles	Ian Dunnett & Millie Bradley	James Smith & Flossie Tydeman
High School Boys Singles	George Dunnett	Douglas Weir
High School Boys Doubles	George Dunnett & John Cameron	Douglas Weir & Jake Cameron
The Junior Club will reopen in September for Season 2007/2008.		

Squash News

The winners of the March Mini Leagues were:-



Premier League	Jim Marshall
League 1	John Jackson
League 2	Gordon Dow / Scott Finnie
League 3	Fergus Dowds / John Myerscough
League 4	Alison Greenshields
League 5	Mark Drummod

Please note that April was the last of the Winter Mini Leagues.

From May, Summer Mini Leagues will be posted at the rear of the squash courts through until September when we will revert to Winter Mini Leagues again.

The Summer Mini Leagues follow precisely the same format, but affords the opportunity to keep your squash technique over summer.

So that the summer mini leagues can be finalised and not have people dropping out thereafter, please can all players indicate clearly against their name on the leagues posted at the squash courts if you wish to be omitted from the Summer Mini Leagues. If you do not indicate you will be included.

End of season club championships

A well attended club championships was held in April. The final was contested by two of the more junior members of the club, Andrew Marshall eventually overcoming David Gordon 3 – 0.

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Jog Scotland Sessions

A new series of Jog Scotland sessions began at Bell's Sports Centre on 25 April. A qualified instructor is on hand to provide handy tips and advice about running. For further information contact Bells Sports Centre reception on 01738 458900. Further information about jogging can be found at www.jogscotland.org.uk



Kinross Hockey Club

Kinross Hockey Club was founded 3 years ago and since then we have gone from strength to strength. In the first year we played a few friendly games and then in 2005 we joined East League Division 4 in which we came second to secure promotion. This season in Division 3 we are currently lying in second place with 1 game to go. So far this season we've played 15 games, won 12 and lost 3 and have a goal difference of +36. We have 1 game left against Edinburgh University who are top with a 1 point advantage so it's a must win situation if we are to win the division, however we are guaranteed promotion again for the second season in a row

Our top 3 goal scorers have scored 80% of our goals so far this season led by David Goodenough (34 goals), Daniel Marsh (12 goals), aged 16, and Bradley Harrison (9 goals). Ross Dickie, 16, helped secure a solid defence over the season lead by Mike Read.

We have a very small squad and are always looking for new players young or old, experienced or inexperienced as some of our young players will go on to further education and some might retire as our league players age from 14 up to 50! We also run a junior Kobras team, many of whom play for us in league games.

Mixed Summer hockey starts the first week in May on Tuesday nights 7.30pm to 9.00pm for those who want a game with those who turn up on the KGV astroturf pitch in Kinross. Everyone and all ages/standard welcome. We may well be in a league with home and away local games on Saturdays for those who want to play. We also play in a few mixed 6 a side tournaments.

We have a lot of fun, so give it a go, and we look forward to seeing you the first week in May. You can visit our website www.kgv-hockey.co.uk for further information, or contact Club Secretary Ken Chick on 01577 683043 or email: secretary@kgv-hockey.co.uk

Deadline for all Articles

5.00 pm, MONDAY 21 May
for Publication on Saturday 2 June

Kinross Cricket Club

Our new ground at Kinross House was ready for play for our first outdoor training session on Monday 16 April. Around 100 children enjoyed the club's new and beautiful grounds. Thanks go to all the volunteers who have done such a marvellous job building the pavilion and painting it and digging, levelling and rolling the wicket. It all looks great.

The club's Easter Fayre was an amazing success raising £831.50 in 2 hours. Thanks to all the mums and grannies for their delicious home-baking and to all those mums, dads and friends of the cricket club who made the day such a success running stalls and selling plants and wooden gifts, making and serving teas and countless other things that made the morning run smoothly. What a fantastic team effort.

Five boys from the club were selected to play in the inaugural indoor 8-a-side Inter-Area competition held at the Saltire Centre, Arbroath. They were Gavin Lauder, George Buchanan-Smith, Fraser Doig, Nick Farrar and Rory Weir. The boys had a very successful day winning convincingly 5 matches out of 5 and collecting the Clarence Parfitt Trophy. Well done boys.

The club under 15s have been gifted a new fully stocked kit bag by The Lords Taverners to enable them to further develop the already very successful team and have top quality equipment for matches.

New members are welcome to junior coaching on Mondays and Ladies and Men's cricket on Thursdays. For more information, see our website - www.kinrosscc.co.uk

Kinross Bowling Club

The green opened on 14 April with glorious sunshine all afternoon. The President's wife Jean Cousar threw the first jack. We had a great turnout of members who played 11 ends followed by sandwiches and cakes in the club house.

We welcome anyone, young or older, to come along and join in. See what bowling is all about – you'll always be made welcome.

Hat games: Sat 6.30pm, Sun 2.30pm and Wed 6.30pm. Seniors have a game on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm. All welcome!

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Kinross Tennis Club

The club is now open again for its new season. We welcome new and existing members.

We also have our own website through 'eyesopenkinross' where details of the club are available.

This will be updated periodically.

We will be having an open tennis day soon and this date will be posted on the website.

The juniors had a very successful coaching session through the Easter break and have started their summer coaching sessions with our club coach Laura Grimmond.

Junior club night is Tuesday from 5.30pm.

Adult club night is from 6pm on Wednesdays.

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News from the Rurals

CLEISH - President Dorothy Morris welcomed 19 members to the April meeting. Business was attended to, then Mr Richard Douglas of Regal Orchids was introduced, who gave us an interesting talk on orchids but first and foremost how to get them to flower again. He also brought some beautiful plants to sell. Catherine Erskine gave the vote of thanks. Supper was served then a small raffle held.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Dorothy Morris
Floral Plate	- Alison Morris
3 Meringues	- Alison Morris

POWMILL - Vice-president Mrs Ruth Briscoe introduced our guest speaker, Mrs Penny Dickson, for the March meeting. Mrs Dickson spoke about the Sandpiper Trust, set up in memory of her son. The Trust provides doctors and nurses in remote and rural parts of Scotland, with appropriate medical equipment known as Sandpiper Bags which include over 50 essential items. Mrs Dickson answered all the questions and was given a well-deserved vote of thanks. Fifty-five pounds was collected from the raffle, which was given to the Sandpiper Trust. A lovely tea was provided by Mrs A Bell and Mrs M Wood. Mrs Dickson judged the three competitions and results were as follows:

Single Fatless Sponge	- Mrs S Buchanan
A Pretty Button	- Mrs E Johnston
Garden Gem	- Mrs E Johnston

CARNBO - Carnbo Rural's speaker at their April meeting was Susan King. Susan takes a holistic approach to healing and uses complementary therapies including cranio-sacral therapy which is a profound healing process concerned with releasing restrictions to the underlying vitality in the body. Much of Susan's work is with children, some with autism, and also with newborn babies who have had birthing trauma. Cranio-sacral therapy is particularly useful here as birthing trauma can cause profound physical and psycho-emotional consequences and it is important to establish patterns of health and ability at an early age. Susan is constantly training to offer more therapies and brought with her a Biofeedback Aura Imaging System machine which enabled us to see the effects of Reiki on various members' energy fields.

BLAIRINGONE - President Mary Ramsay welcomed Mr J Morgan-Davies from Tulliallan who gave us a very enjoyable and informative talk on "Growing Orchids".

Competitions:

Pot Plant	- Berry Wardrope
Pancakes	- Agnes Murray
Flower of the Month	- Grace Downie

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Nature

Vane Farm



Hello again folks from a sunny Vane Farm. Yes, spring has finally arrived; the burds are singin their wee hearts oot and all is well wi the world o Vane. The spring migrants are starting to return with the heralds of summer swallows, making the first appearance on Tuesday 10 April, which I think might be a wee bit earlier than they first appeared back at Vane last year. Jeess they must hiv sair airms (well wings) efter fleein aw that way back fae Africa. Nice to see them tho, lifts yer spirits a bit when they return.

Oor wee neebor "Egbert" seems to have gone on his summer holidays as we hivnae seen him for over a week at time of writing. Guess we will see him back in the autumn if he decides to spend the winter with us again?

We have lowered the main water body on the reserve - the flood to provide muddy feeding areas for returning passage migrant waders. So far we have seen Greenshank and Black tailed Godwit, so that's a wee bit o difference from the normal winter birds for people to look at. Pinkies are still hingin aboot wi several hunners on show but they will soon head north for the summer. Yin lot comes an anither lot go, jist like the magic roondaboot at times.

Preparations are still ongoing for our **Open Day** on the **17 June**. Man, we have a shed load o work tae dae before the actual day wi aw the sortin oot n things, but hey ah guess it'll faw intae place on the day, eh we hope! We also have a few local businesses comin along to further add to the diversity of attractions for your delectation. Hope it's doon in yer diaries tae come along noo?

Events for this month are a **Pond Dipping and Minibeast Hunt** on **Sunday 6 May** from 2pm to 4pm. This is always popular wi the junior adults, whit is it aboot kids n watter? they jist seem tae be like magnets tae each ither. At least until they faw in and get drookit, then the appeal seems to diminish somewhat. Not that they will fall in at Vane, cos the teachers will keep a close watch on them to prevent waterlogged weans.

Advance booking is essential. If ye wid like tae mak a bookin for the little people in your life, phone us on the usual number 01577 862355.

Following on from that, on **Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May**, we are holding an **Optics Weekend** from 10am - 4.30pm each day. If ye didnae get tae the last yin, noo's yer chance, buy some bins fur the summer hols.

A few staff changes comin up again, but I will tell ye aboot them in next months bitty, which will be my last article before I go on me travels again.

The Brooks bit noo, tata.

Loch Leven NNR



Hello all. Well, as you are all no doubt aware it's a time of much change and much opportunity around Loch Leven NNR. With the Kirkgate redevelopment and with the first phase of the Heritage Trail project both being implemented at the moment, I think that we are seeing the beginning of some really exciting times at Loch Leven.

Quite apart from new access opportunities on land, we are aware that some people would like to take the opportunities afforded by longer evenings and warmer weather to access the NNR by canoe.

Can I please ask that before venturing out and about on the open water, you take a few moments to have a read of the local access guidance for the reserve. The guidance is designed to help people visit the NNR in a way that minimises the risk of disturbance to the sensitive wildlife at the site. For example, we would advise that if you want to launch a canoe at the reserve, the best place to do so is from Kirkgate Park. Kirkgate provides the best combination of convenient launching and minimal impact on breeding birds.

The guidance also shows a map of the most sensitive areas around the site and advises on how to keep safe distances from breeding birdlife when in the sensitive areas. We distribute the guidance from a number of areas around the NNR, including the blue boxes at Burleigh and Kirkgate, the harbour at Kinross, Vane Farm and from the tourist information centre but you can also download an electronic copy from the Loch Leven pages of the SNH website at www.snh.gov.uk.

See you next month, Colin and Paul

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Farming



"No! It's Lambing Time!"

Invitations to dances, dinner parties, birthday bashes, days out with the kids all receive the same reply. Sheep farmers usually stop socialising for four to six weeks during spring as they tend to the flock at lambing time. Ever wondered just exactly what is going on? Well here is a small insight.....

Feeding: as the foetus grows it puts pressure on the rumen leaving less space for food. It becomes important to feed the ewes twice a day so they can utilise their feed more efficiently. So pouring the oats or barley into troughs and making sure the hay racks are full can take a few hours both in the morning and at night.

Delivering: not all births are straightforward; some lambs get stuck at the shoulders or are in the breech position. Twins may be trying to travel along the birth canal at the same time. At this point the farmer will put on his rubber gloves and intervene. Often attaching soft ropes round each front leg and pulling is just enough to help. Other births require patience and skill to manipulate the lamb to the correct position for birth. Saving a life is very rewarding as both ewe and lamb make a quick recovery and begin the bonding process. If the lamb or ewe dies this presents another job.....

Adoption: this is the process of matching a motherless lamb to another ewe. It makes sense but nature is clever and the ewe knows instinctively that the lamb is not her own, so will butt and kick to stop it feeding from her. Covering the new lamb with the scent from the dead lamb can help; some shepherds remove the skin completely and make a jacket for the new lamb to wear for a few days. Alternatively you can put the ewe in special fostering box that allows the lamb to suckle milk without the ewe smelling the new lamb. This often proves very successful and after a few days the ewe has accepted the lamb as her own.

Checking and Monitoring: this part is vital and can take the most time. After each lamb is born it must suckle milk from its mother within a few hours in order to survive. The colostrums it receives are a feed but also the supply of vital antibodies from the ewe to protect the lamb from potential disease. If the lamb has not received sufficient supply the shepherd will top it up with artificial or cow colostrums. Looking out for poorly ewes and administering treatment also takes time.

Moving: as lambs are born they are moved into a small pen to bond with their mother. After a day or two they will be returned to the field. Moving one or two ewes at a time is a time consuming job that needs to be done during the day.

Cleaning: keeping the lambing shed well bedded with straw and cleaning out the pens regularly cuts down the risk of infection to the new born lamb, so often a helper will be drafted in to do this and the many other

jobs there is not time to write about here!

It's plain to see that lambing time requires dedication and is fraught with problems and potential disasters. Our Scottish farmers work long hours to achieve these high standards of welfare thus giving Scotch Lamb its reputation as a naturally reared and wholesome product.

Weather



March Weather Report

From Carnbo

The weather of March this year turned out to be much more benign than last March with an average temperature some 2°C higher and much less snowfall. Although frequent, rainfalls were very light, leading to the first month this year with below average rainfall.

Rainfall for month 79 mm (77% of normal)

Heaviest fall 14 mm (11th)

Highest temperature 12°C (23rd)

Lowest temperature -4°C (21st)

Average temperature 4.4°C (2006: 2.2°C)

5 days with maximum above 10°C

No ice days recorded (max temperature below 0°C)

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Air frost 4 nights

Ground frost 17 nights (lowest temp -8°C 21st)

Cloud cover 75%

Thunder not recorded

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Hedgehog Blog



Hattie the Hedgehog's Winter Diary

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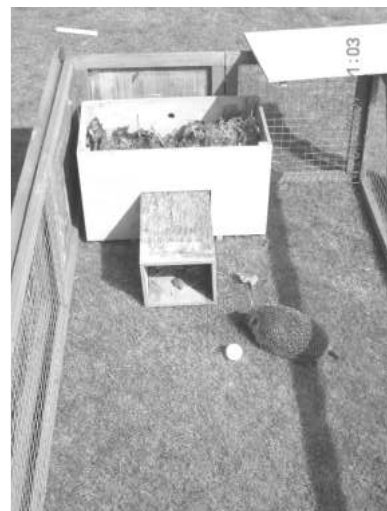
As soon as the good weather arrived, Mum H had me outside in my cage - **all day** sometimes! 'Acclimatising' she called it. I felt quite excited at being back out in my natural environment and would often stick my snout out for a sniff of the warm Spring air!

I've also been out visiting quite a bit and have met some lovely children! I went along to Portmoak and Milnathort Primary Schools, where everyone seemed really pleased to meet me. They were all really good and kept amazingly quiet so as not to scare me; thank you! Mum H told the children all about me, as well as giving them general information about hedgehogs. I also went along with Mum H to the Fair Break café in Milnathort. She was reading a story that had a hedgehog character in it (not bad really!) and I was making my last 'public appearance'! The children (and adults!) who came along were just great and I was very pleased to meet them all.

When we got back home, Mum H had prepared a special hedgehog box full of crisp leaves and soft moss which she had placed inside a big run. This was my new home which will prepare me for my release back into nature. I am so delighted!

I checked out the run area first - sniffed the tunnel to the box, and shot up there as fast as I could! It reminded me of my (real) Mum's nest when I was a baby. Of course, Mum H hadn't made much of a job of the nest, so I set to work making it really cosy. My first night out was really exciting as I saw another hedgehog! I'm a bit sad really that I'm not going to see as much of Mum H, but she's going to continue getting me ready for my release and I can hear her voice quite often.

My next diary entry may well be my last - so watch this space!



Hattie visits pupils at Portmoak Primary School...



...and at Milnathort Primary School

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

Useful Hedgehog websites and contacts

www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

www.britishwildlifehelpline.com

Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre, Tel. 01382 - 541311

Find out how you can help the Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre in the Reiki article on page 8.



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				Adult	Child	Access	
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Arnot Tower Gardens by Leslie	10 May-27 Sept	Tues only	1000-1700	£3.50	U10 free		01592 840115
Braco Castle gardens, Braco	1 Feb - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	free	partial	
Falkland Palace, garden & Town hall (NTS)	1 Mar - 31 Oct	Mon-Sat Sun	1000-1800 1300-1730	£10.00	£7.00	yes(gdn)	01337 857397
Hill of Tarvit Mansion & gdns, Cupar (NTS)	until 31 May	Thu-Mon	1300-1700	£8.00	£5.00	yes	01334 653127
Pittentree Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 726313
Cherrybank Gardens, Perth (Europe's largest heather collection)	Mar - Oct	Mon-Sat Sun	1000-1700 1200-1700	£3.75	U12 free	yes	01738 472800
Scone Palace gardens	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£3.75	£2.75	partial	01738 552300
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.00		partial	01738 625535
Glendoick Gardens and garden centre	9 Apr - 8 Jun	Mon-Fri	1000-1600	£3.00	free	partial	01738 860630
Drummond Castle gardens, Crieff	May - Oct	daily	1300-1800	£4.00	£1.50	partial	01764 681433
Culross Palace and gardens (NTS)	6 Apr - 30 Sept	daily	1300-1700	£8.00	£5.00	partial	01383 880359
Kirklands Garden, Saline	Apr - Sept	Fri-Sun	1400-1730	£2.00		yes	01383 852737
Walled garden, Wemyss Castle, East Wemyss	1 May - 31 Aug	Thur only	noon-dusk	£4.50	U10 free	yes	01592 651327
Cambo House, Kingsbarns, by St Andrews	all year	daily	1000-dusk	£3.50		partial	01333 450054

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

Scotland's Gardens Scheme

The gardens Open by Appointment and in the Special Days Open section are all members of Scotland's Gardens Scheme. 60% net of each admission charge goes to the SGS charities of the year and 40% to the other charities named.

Gardens Open Regularly By Appointment

The Bank House, Glenfarg (Mr & Mrs Lascelles). Mid May to 31 August by appointment only, tel 01577 830275. A tunnel of apple trees leads to a garden of shrubs and unusual herbaceous plants. Raised bed vegetable system, advanced compost-making equipment, organic methods throughout. Fountains, pond and sculpture. Admission £5.00 (40% to The Phoenix Prison Trust.) Mostly accessible for disabled visitors.

Wester Dalquieich, Carnbo (Mr & Mrs Roulston). May to August by appointment only, tel 01577 840229. A wide range of herbaceous, rock plants, shrubs and trees in a series of interconnected gardens by the Ochil hills. Admission £3.00 (40% to Chest, Heart & Stroke, Scotland.) Partial disabled access.

Rossie House, Forgandenny. March to October by appointment only, tel 01738 812265. Mature woodland garden and Victorian walled garden. Admission £3.00 (40% to Sandpiper Trust.)

Barham, Bow of Fife (Sir Robert & Lady Spencer-Naim). 15 February to 30 September by appointment only, tel 01337 810227. A summer garden and a small woodland garden with rhododendrons, spring bulbs, trilliums and ferns. Admission £3.50 (40% to Pain Association Scotland), children under 12 free. Disabled access.

Arndean, by Dollar (Sir Robert & Lady Stewart). Mid May to end of June by appointment only, tel 01259 742527. Flowering shrubs, rhododendrons, azaleas, woodland walk. Adult admission £3.50 (40% to Strathcarron Hospice).

Special Days Open in May

Saline Village Gardens, Saline: A number of gardens, varying in size and type, are available to visit on **Sunday 27 May**, 2-6pm. Parking in centre of village near the bus turning circle, where tickets and maps will be available. Children's treasure hunt. Take jct 4 of M90 then B914. Admission £4.50, accompanied children free. 20% to Saline Environmental Group, 20% to Saline Church.

The National Trust's **Branklyn Garden** (see also table above) has a special open day on **Sunday 6 May**, 10am-5pm, when 60% of proceeds go to SGS charities and 40% to The Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland. Admission £5, Concessions £4, Family £14.

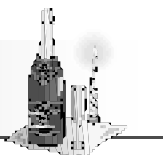
Also on **6 May**, **Glendoick** (in table above) has a special open day (2-5pm) with donations to SGS and World Wide Fund for Nature. Glendoick has a unique collection of plants collected by three generations of the Cox family from plant-hunting expeditions to China and the Himalayas.

Fingask Castle, Rait: This 17th century garden with Scotland's largest collection of topiary will be open on **Sunday 27 May** (2-5.30pm). Admission £3, 20% to Fingask Follies and 20% to Refugee Council. Children free. Limited disabled access. Postcode: PH2 7SA.

• Gardens info on our website •

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

Congratulations



Eileen and Johnny **GRAHAM**, 11 Seaforth Drive, Kinross are delighted to announce the marriage of their son, **LEE** to **KAT SHAW** on 4 March 2007 in Sydney, Australia.

DENNIS and **ELEANOR GORDON** celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary on 23 April 2007. Best wishes from Donna, Bryan and Conner.

STEPHANIE and **KEITH MILNE** of Wester Balgedie are delighted to announce the birth, on 2 December 2006, of grand daughter **IONA ELISE** to **ESTHER (MILNE) AND TOM BEUTENMULLER** and sister to **CALUM**, and who have recently moved to Dalgety Bay.

Martin and Kathryn **BAILLIE** are pleased to announce the birth of Jenna's little sister, **EMMA** on 14 February 2007. Second grand-daughter for Charles and Marlyne Kelso, Hatchbank Road, Kinross and George and Jean Baillie, Lochgelly.

MUNRO / HEATON – Roy and Holly are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, **ELLIS JUDITH KATHERINE** on 20 March 2007. Another grand-daughter for Alice and David Munro, Kinross and Jude Heaton, Stanford-le-Hope.

First time proud Grandparents John and Anne **SHERING** wish to announce the birth of their gorgeous grand-daughter **ISLA DAISY**, born to younger son David and wife Michelle, who now live in Petchey's Bay in Tasmania. Isla was born on 27 March 2007 in Hobart Hospital.

ALEX MURPHY of Milnathort has been named "Citizen of the Year" 2007 by Kinross & District Rotary Club. (See also News & Articles, page 4.) At a recent Kinross Pipe Band ceilidh, Alex was honoured for more than 60 years service with the band. He served as Pipe Major for 25 years until recently handing over to grandson Leon. Also honoured at the ceilidh was **WINIFRED (WINNIE) CRAWFORD** of Kelty who was lead drummer for many years. Appropriate gifts were presented. (See also Club News, page 20.)

SARAH RAMAGE, an S3 pupil at the High School, has won a national award as Young Hairdressing Trainee of the Year, Scotland 2007. She has attended a day release Skills for Work course at Perth College this year, and was competing against other under-16 Scottish Hairdressing apprentices at other colleges.

In the Royal Bank of Scotland Young Enterprise Scotland Tayside area finals, **KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL'S** "Eyes Open" were winners of the best presentation award.

At the 2007 Scottish Grocer Awards, convenience store chain **DAVID SANDS LTD** of Kinross was named top of the shops for its concerted efforts to stamp out the sale of alcohol to under-18 year olds. The firm won awards for social responsibility and health initiative of the year. It was also named as best beers, wines and spirits retailer.

At the Perth & Kinross SWRI Spring Show, the following achieved success:

Margaret Anderson Trophy and Charlotte MacLean Trophy - 1. **A. MESSENGER**, Glenfarg

Margaret McLean Salver - **M. RAMSAY**, Blairingone.

MacLean Trophy - 1. **M. RAMSAY**; 3. **C. COCHRANE**, Milnathort.

Margaret Nisbet Trophy - 2. **D. MORRIS**, Cleish.

They were also winners in other sections along with **C. PILLING**, **M. BISSET** and **AILS A MORRIS** of Cleish.

Thanks



KAREN ELWIS would like to thank most sincerely all the kind friends in and around Kinross who sent cards, visited and offered help during and after her recent stay in hospital. Your thoughtfulness and support reminded me how very lucky I am to live in such a fantastic community!

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5.00 pm, MONDAY 21 May

for Publication on Saturday 2 June

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

May

- Sun 6** 10.30am Morning Worship led by John Munro. Informal Communion at end of service.
- Sun 13** 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Margaret Michie.
Start of Christian Aid Week
- Sun 20** 10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Jan Steyn.
- Sun 27** 10.30am Morning Worship for Whit Sunday, led by Rev John Munro.

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.

Last Tuesday of the month: Service at Causeway Court at 2.30pm

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)

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834
Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

May Services

- Sun 6** Easter 5, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11am, Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 13** Easter 6, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11am, Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 20** Easter 7, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11am, Family Service.
- Thu 17** Ascension Day.
10.30am, Holy Communion.
- Sun 27** Pentecost. 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11am, Sung Eucharist with confirmation.
Preacher Bishop David Chillingworth.

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



St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kinross

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Ken McCaffrey Telephone: (01577) 863329

Website: www.stjameskinross.co.uk
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Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

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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

May

Sun 6 11.15am Rev David Reid.

Sat 12 Fête.

Sun 13 11.15am Rev Joanne Finlay

Sun 20 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 22 11.15am Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 27 11.15am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sun 27 2.00pm "Bubble & Balloon" pre-school age service.

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

April

Sat 28 2.00pm Victorian Cream Tea.

Sun 29 9.45am Sacrament of Baptism.

May

Sun 6 9.45am Rev David Reid.

Thu 10 10.30-12.30am Evergreens.

Sun 13 9.45am Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 20 9.45am All Age Worship.

Sun 27 9.45am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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Minister – Rev Robert Pickles 01577 863461

robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

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

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

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

Communion at Portmoak Church – Sunday 6 May

Communion at Orwell Church – Sunday 3 June

Milnathort Festival – Saturday 9 June - Sunday 10
June

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
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Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

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

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Obituaries

The communities of Cleish and Blairadam were shocked and saddened to learn of the untimely death of **MRS DAVID ADAMS**, known to us all as C.C. or **CLEMENTINA**. Born and brought up at Blairadam, with her sisters Janet and Rita and her brother Keith, a home with which she retained the strongest links, she and David returned to live at Meadowhead, Cleish, and there she lived until she died, bringing up three wonderful sons and farming the hill with love and enthusiasm. Her rare breeds were legendary and C.C. was often to be seen in the fields or up on the hills, walking with her dog and caring for her stock, cattle, sheep, pigs, and poultry. C.C. was always a joy to be with, and was loved by young and old alike. Her empathy with the younger generation was instant and to her contemporaries she was a unique friend. To her husband, David, her sons Peter, Jamie and William, her three daughters-in-law and her grandsons and to all the Adam family we extend our sympathy and our affection. *(This obituary has been reprinted from the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter)*

MRS FRANCES LACKIE died peacefully in Ninewells Hospital on 7 March 2007, aged 88.

Frances was born in Kinross on 24 October 1918 and lived all her life within a two mile radius of the town. At fourteen, when her mother passed away, she had to leave school to care for her brothers and sisters - eight in all. She also worked as a maid for a local entrepreneur, Mr Chapman of Springfield Road (nature study prize donor at Kinross School). She married William Lackie and they lived firstly at Mawcarse where their first daughter was born, then at Cavelstone Farm where they had their second daughter. The family finally moved to the Mart House, Milnathort.

Frances worked hard on the local farms and later at Bridge of Eam Hospital where she remained until her retirement at 65. Her interest in people ensured that she could keep you enthralled with all the family history and local events. From an early age, Frances liked to jaunt and still managed to do so in later years. She travelled all over the UK and corresponded for years with people she had met.

Frances was a non-conformist, opinionated and feisty but above all she was generous to a fault and very warmhearted.

She will be sadly missed by all her family. The family would like to thank all the local carers, Orwell church ladies and Dennis of Stewart, Funeral Directors for all their kindness.

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Phone Mrs Ann Harley on 01577 864512,
or email subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org

MR THOMAS ARTHUR FRASER of "Achaneior", Station Road, Kinross died peacefully at Crieff Hospital on Wednesday 21 March 2007.

A very practical man, Tom took great pleasure in designing his garden in Kinross, filling it with a wide variety of exotic and architectural plants, particularly bamboos and rhododendrons.

Locally he was a former trustee of the Hayfield Trust and a founder member of the Hayfield Wildlife Garden.

Sadly the latter years of Tom's retirement were overshadowed by the onset and progression of Alzheimer's disease.

Dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Sandy, Neil, Alan and Rona, he will be remembered fondly.

Acknowledgement

FRASER – Elizabeth Fraser and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expression of sympathy, cards and letters, following Tom's death. These are greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the staff at Crieff Hospital for their excellent care and attention during Tom's illness.

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LOOKING FOR CONTACT DETAILS?

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

www.kinross.cc

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

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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

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Sessions daily 9.15 - 11.45

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



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21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

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Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.00-11.30am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

Storycraft Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Storytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

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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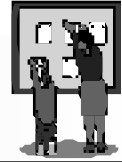
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Monday / Wednesday / Friday Mornings

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Places available for 2 - 4 year olds

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



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.

Cleish Sale and Fête

Saturday 12 May

Come along and join in the fun - buy your plants, try the tombola, scramble for the cakes, and look for treasures in the bric a brac stall, not forgetting the books.

Lots for the children too.
 Plenty of car parking spaces in the glebe.

Treasure Hunt and BBQ

Sunday 17 June at 3pm

Cleish Village Hall

Proceeds to Christian Aid

For further details: Telephone Patty on 01577 850253

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

Monday 18 June 3.30pm to 8.00pm
Tuesday 19 June 5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

CHILDREN 1st AGM

Thursday 3 May 2007

9.30 for 10.00am

At Lethangie House, Kinross

Children 1st

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If you are a local business and are willing to contribute, please get in touch.

Tickets for the **Buffet & Disco cost £12.50 each** and they're disappearing fast, so don't delay !!!!

To buy tickets and/or donate raffle prizes, call Kinross 862426 or 865598 now!

Kinross Parish Church SPRING FAYRE

in Day Centre, Kinross

Saturday 19 May 10am - 2pm

Plants - Indoor and Outdoor
 Bedding plants and Tomato plants
 Sunflower growing competition
 Lucky Dip and Face Painting
 Books and toys for children
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Something for everyone,
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Milnathort Town Hall Fundraiser INDOOR TABLE SALE

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Sunday 20 May 1 - 3pm

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For more details contact
 Jane on 864611 or Kathleen on 862805

Coffee Morning 3rd KINROSS & 2nd ORWELL BROWNIES



Kinross Church Centre
Saturday 12 May
10am till 12pm
Arts and Crafts, Lucky dip,
Toys and books, Tombola, Raffle
And more

Lodge St Serf 327

Sat 5 May Special meeting at 6.00pm.
Mark Master Mason Degree. A
Harmony will follow the Degree.
The Sportsman's Dinner on Friday 20 April had to be
cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.



Ceilidh

Saturday 12 May
8 pm - midnight
Portmoak Village Hall
with the Glenfarg Ceilidh Band
Tickets £7.50 in aid of Hall funds
Supper included, Licenced bar
Tickets available from Kinnesswood Village Shop
or Joan Smith, tel 840561

Kinross-Shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday 16 May at 7.30pm

We are always looking for more volunteers to join us
in assisting our local residents who need help with
transport to get to their various appointments, health
and otherwise. If you are interested, just contact our
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In order to find out more about us, and what we do,
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Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

Saturday 26 May
Bingo 8 pm – 9 pm
then Dance Along To Bill Smith
£2 per head entry.

Please telephone 01577 863739 leaving name
and contact number on the Club's answering machine.

Blythswood Care

Somerfield's Car Park
22 May between 10.30 am and 11 am
Further details from 862258

Kinross-Shire Day Centre

Kinross-Shire Day Centre has registered as a charity
with the GREAT SCOTTISH WALK, which takes
place on **10 June** around Edinburgh (6 or 12 miles)
and promises to be a fun day out while raising funds
for your chosen charity.

Anyone can enter either as an individual or part of a
team and we would welcome anyone walking on our
behalf.

There are also some GREAT SCOTTISH WEE
WALKS for primary school age children or under,
over 2 miles at various cities in April and May.

Entry forms available at the Day Centre, 64 High
Street, Kinross, telephone 863869. Even if you cannot
take part in the walk we would welcome your
sponsorship for anyone walking – all the staff are
looking out their walking boots!

Fossway Action Leisure Group

There will be a public meeting of the Fossway Action
Leisure Group ('FLAG') on **Monday 4 June 2007**.

In accordance with regulations for registered Scottish
Charities, the committee are proposing the motion that
FLAG, having fulfilled its obligations as stated in its
constitution, **shall now be dissolved**.

The venue will be the Stables Bar, The Inn, Crook of
Devon at 8.00pm.

Roger Clifton, Chairman
Tel: 01577 840906

Just Add Wind

A festival dedicated to wind-related activities,
featuring traction kiting, microlights, land board
demonstrations and trade stands.

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 May
10 am – 5 pm

Balado Activity Centre

The event will be free for the general public
to come and watch with restricted access due to the
nature of the event.

More information at www.justaddwind.co.uk

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.

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 Charity no SC 019724

Kinross Floral Art Club COFFEE EVENING

Church Centre, Kinross
7.15pm

Thursday 24 May

A demonstration by Mrs Cheryl Nixon
entitled

"Wicked Ladies"

Tickets - £4 Plant Stall and Raffle

Christian Aid Week

13 – 19 May

Around the World in 80 Minutes (or thereabout)

Short presentations from around the world.

Buffet supper and a glass of wine or juice.

Milnathort Town Hall

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Saturday 19 May

Tickets £5, available from St Paul's and
Kinross Parish Churches, or Sue Jones 01577 863894

APOLOGIES: Stuart Fraser of Clear View Window Cleaning Services would like to advise customers that due to a recent bereavement and also his own illness he has been unable to provide a normal service. Unfortunately he cannot advise when he will resume work but he will try to keep you informed. Thanks to all customers for their patience and loyalty at his time.

EQUAL FUTURES



For those of us who have a relative with a disability one of the most pressing questions we face is "What will happen to my child or loved one when I am no longer here?"

Equal Futures was created to help families answer this question. We do this by helping to create a plan for the future which provides for the safety, security and well being for the individual. This is created through our networks of support and relationships.

We believe in the capacity and goodness of communities and that planning for the future makes a difference today. We believe that good lives are lived through our relationships with our communities. We hold regular information sessions as well as social events for all our members and their networks. We also provide training on many aspects of inclusion.

Equal Futures is a mutual and hospitable association created by and for families which include a member with a disability.

WE NEED YOU!

Are you a natural connector? Do you have close connections with the communities of Perth and Kinross? Do you have 2-3 hours a month to spare? We are currently recruiting facilitators to work with families to help to build networks of support. Facilitators are paid £11 per hour.

For more information about Equal Futures or to apply for the post of Facilitator please go to www.equalfutures.org.uk or call 0131 2265454 to speak to Laura or Pamela.

Ferry To Lochleven Castle



The castle is on an island in Loch Leven, reached by boat from the fishing pier. Open daily from 1 April to 30 September. First outward sailing is at 9.30am. Last boat from the island is at 5pm. The journey takes approx 10 minutes and boats operate on a continuous shuttle service throughout the day. Admission prices (including ferry fare): Adult £4.50, Child £2.25 and Concessions £3.50. Historic Scotland members free.

Car parking 90 metres from the ferry departure point. Café and toilets at the Fishing Academy adjacent to the pier. There are benches, lawns and toilets on the island, but access to the castle is not suitable for wheelchairs. Larger groups should contact Historic Scotland's Visitor Services Manager on 01786 431324 or the site manager on the island (mobile 0777 8040483) beforehand.

Burleigh Castle Key

Anyone wishing to visit Burleigh Castle may obtain a key between 9.30 am and 6.30 pm from:-

2 Burleigh Castle Steadings

The castle must be locked up after each visit, and the key returned. Cars should be parked at a sensible distance from the dangerous bend at the castle.

Elcho Castle

A remarkably complete 16th century fortified mansion with three projecting towers, five miles NE of Bridge of Earn off the A912 and close to Rhynd.

Opening times: 1 April to 30 September, Monday to Sunday, 9.30am to 5.30pm.

Admission prices: Adult £3.00, Child £1.50, Concessions £2.50. Last ticket sold 30 min before closing time.

The ground floor of the castle is not suitable for wheelchair access. Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted to this property.

St Serf's Church, Dunning

This picturesque church houses the 9th Century Dupplin Cross, a masterpiece of Pictish stonework.

Admission: free. Open: 9.30am - 5.30pm

Accessible to wheelchairs.

Scottish Traction Engine Society STEAM AND VINTAGE RALLY

Balado Activity Centre, 10 am – 4 pm

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May

Steam Vehicles, Traction, Rollers, Full size and miniatures, Stationary Engines, Vintage Tractors, Stalls, Children's Attractions, Refreshments

Adults £6, Concessions £4, Family Ticket £15

Website: www.stes.org.uk, Tel: 01674 830606

Situations Vacant

Looking for a Job?

Have a look at the new Situations Vacant page on the Community Website www.kinross.cc

Kinross Community Councillors

Mrs M Blyth	170 High Street	
D Colliar (Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	862678
D Cuthbert (Vice Chair)	Highfield Circle	861001
Mrs C Drummond	Hatchbank House	850214
I Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Mrs D Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Mrs M Scott	21 Ross Street	862945

Kinross Community Council

The next meeting takes place on

Wednesday 2 May at 7.30pm
in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community

Open:

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

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fccoffice@btinternet.com

Recycling of Waste Paper

P & KC Kerbside Collections

Kinross, Milnathort & Glenfarg

Thursday 24 May

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

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

Gordon Banks

MP For Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency

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

01259 721536 – Fax 01259 216761

Alternatively, write to Gordon at

49-51 High Street, Alloa FK10 1JF

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

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

Mobile Library, Milnathort

Every Second Wed - next visits 9 & 23 May

Westerloan 1.45 pm - 3 pm

Bridgefauld Road 3.05 pm - 4 pm

Any queries: Phone (01738) 444949

A K Bell Library, Perth

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
mbs@scott21.fslife.co.uk

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Mrs M Traylor (01383) 830059, prvtraylor@ukonline.co.uk

Milnathort: Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025
joseph.giacomazzi@btopenworld.com

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

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

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.

Tourist Information Centre

Turfhills, Kinross (Jct 6, M90) Tel: 01577 863680

The Tourist Information Centre re-opened on 7 April after winter closure. Opening hours are:

May, June and Sept:	Mon to Sat	10.30am - 3.30pm
July and August:	Mon to Sat	10.00am - 5.00pm
	and Sun	10.30am - 3.30pm

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

Programme For May 2007

Elderberries	Monday	7 14 21 28	1.30 pm
Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	10.30 am
Bingo	Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	1.30 pm
Morning Service	Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	10.45 am
Quiz Afternoon	Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	1.30 pm
Bring & Buy Sale	Thursday	3	10.30am
Art Class	Thursday	3 10 17 24	1.30 pm
Film Afternoon	Thursday	3 10 17 24	1.30 pm
AGM	Thursday	31	1.30 pm



Annual General Meeting will be held on 31st May at 1.30pm.
All interested parties are welcome. Agenda includes approval of accounts and appointment of committee.



Coffee Bar open 9 am - 4 pm, Senior Citizens Lunches Daily
Telephone: 01577 863869

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm

Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219



Useful Contacts

Gas (Transco) Emergency	0800 111 999
Water Emergency	0845 600 8855
Electricity Emergency	0845 2727 999
Police Station, Kinross	01577 863571
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112
NHS 24	08454 24 24 24
Perth Royal Infirmary	01738 623311
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01382 660111
Queen Margaret Ho, Dunfermline	01383 623623
P&KC Kinross Office	01577 862351
P&KC General Enquiries	01738 475000
Social Work Dept	01577 863473
Registrar, Kinross	01577 867602
Registrar, Milnathort	01577 862536
Citizens Advice Bureau helpline	01738 624301
Transport Info: Traveline	0870 608 2608

Websites

Kinross Community	www.kinross.cc
P&KC	www.pkc.gov.uk
NHS Tayside	www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk

Support Websites

Samaritans	www.samaritans.org.uk
Breathing Space	www.breathingspacescotland.co.uk
Childline	www.childline.org.uk
Perth Assoc for Mental Health	www.pamh.co.uk

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