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# Letters

## Editorial

### Loch Leven Heritage Trail Leaflet

If all goes to plan, you should find a copy of the Heritage Trail leaflet in your Newsletter this month. If yours is missing, check with the outlet where you buy your Newsletter or call Craig on 01577 863186. Leaflets should also be available at the Tourist Information Centre, Visitor Information Points and other places. The newly opened part of the trail makes a lovely walk as there is such variety in it: open areas by the golf course, twists and turns through a little wood, bird-watching at the reed beds and intriguing bits of history along the way. It is quite a strange experience seeing a landmark as familiar as Loch Leven Castle from a totally new vantage point. Read about the opening of the first part of the Trail on page 6.

### Map and Guide

Are Trail leaflets like buses? There were none for ages, then two come along at once! The Kinross-shire Tourism group has produced a guide to trails around Kinross and Milnathort. More details on page 7.

### Park and Ride

Speaking of buses, the park and ride facility next to Somerfield should be open (yes, really this time!) by the time this Newsletter is published. Opening is set for Monday 28 May. If you have any queries about bus services call P&KC's public transport unit on 0845 30 111 30.

### Multi Member Ward

Well the elections are over and we enter a new phase of local government with multi member wards. It has not yet been made clear how four councillors will represent the whole county (and more) rather than having a smaller ward each. Councillors are welcome to let residents know through the pages of the Newsletter. Election results are on page 7 and contact details for local councillors on page 38.

## Letters Policy

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

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## Abbreviations Used

P&KC = Perth & Kinross Council

CC = Community Council

Cllr = Councillor

CCllr = Community Councillor

## Family Research: Alexander Smith

25.04.07

I am writing to you in the hope that some of your readers may remember my great-great-grand father who lived in Kinross.

I am trying to find any detail regarding Alexander (Sutherland) Gair Smith who lived at The Cottage, Graham Street, Kinross and who passed away in 1947. He was the widower of Catherine Arrowsmith and his death was registered by Edmund McCrie on behalf of Rachel Campbell Wilson.

Alexander's daughter (my grandmother) was known as Valentine Gair Smith and has remained something of a mystery as she never gave any detail regarding her early life. I do know that she attended Dollar Academy in the 1920s but other than that I have no further detail as to her exact age.

My grandmother passed away several years ago and after many months of research I have traced her father's family back to the 1500s, but would desperately like to know any tiny detail regarding Alexander and his life in the 1940s.

I appreciate your help.

Carolyn Mitchell

141 Swallow Lane, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4NB

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## Family Research: Kazik Klimek

14.05.07

I just wondered if it was possible to put something in your paper about my father. He was in Milnathort after the war, I presume with the Polish army. He stayed with a Mrs C R Smart, Cunachan, Stirling Road, Milnathort. If there is anybody who remembers him, please contact me. He never spoke about his war time or his time in Scotland, even when I was in your area he never said anything about it. His name was Kazik Klimek, tall with black curly hair – a charmer in his day. Thank you.

Richard Klimek

2 Pound Meadow, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2EU

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## Ferrytoll Park & Ride

11.05.07

I have just returned from a holiday in Spain. My friend and I flew out from Edinburgh Airport. Instead of parking at the airport, we left the car at Ferrytoll Park & Ride and took the bus from there to the airport. I found out about this service from a friend and am surprised that there is not more publicity. The buses run every 30 minutes at quarter past and quarter to the hour, Monday to Saturday and every hour on Sunday. Parking is free and the bus drops you at the terminal entrance. More details are available on their website [www.ferrytoll.org](http://www.ferrytoll.org). This service was especially useful for us because our flight was on Saturday and the bus was able to use the bus lane in Fife, which speeded things up, although you still have to allow extra time because of the Road Bridge works. One other bonus – you can use your concessionary bus pass.

Ann Harley

2 Hatchbank Road, Kinross

### Calling all Kinross-shire Motorcycle Enthusiasts

Within the Kinross area I am aware of a number of motorcycle owners and was wondering if any of you would be interested in establishing / joining a Motorcycle Club in Kinross. The aim of the club would be to get together for meets and rideouts as well promoting safe and responsible motorcycling. If you have an interest in such a club then contact me by telephone on 01577 865806 or by e-mail at john@gibsonj26.freeserve.co.uk

John Gibson  
Lathro Park, Kinross

### Councillor Kathleen Baird 20.05.07

Thank you to the electorate in Kinross-shire who gave me their vote at the recent Local government election, it was very much appreciated. I enjoyed attending local events and meeting people from all parts of the County.

I look forward to working with the three other elected members and I hope that we can work together on many issues for the good of the people of Kinross-shire. I intend attending as many Community Council meetings as possible and local events. In the Autumn I will hold a surgery in Kinross. I can be contacted at the Council by phone or email 01738 475091, KBaird@pkc.gov.uk or at home at any reasonable time 01337 840218.

I am also willing to come to meet any group who may have an issue which they would like to discuss with me.

Multi member wards are new for everyone. Four councillors have been elected to be your representative. We may be from different political parties but hopefully whatever we do it is for the benefit of the communities we represent.

Kathleen Baird  
Easter Clunie, Newburgh, Fife

### Loch Leven Half Marathon 21.05.07

Kinross Road Runners would like to thank all the local people and businesses who supported the Loch Leven Half Marathon on 19 May. The event was sponsored by Todd and Duncan's, David Sands, Channel Farm, Giacomazzi's and Perth & Kinross Leisure. Water on the course was supplied by Mr Penman, Findatie Farm, Buchanans Garage and Orwell Farm and the water stations were manned by the local air cadets and boys brigade. Swansacre playgroup organised the Fun Run and the Rugby Club allowed the use of their facilities. Tables and chairs were supplied by Crook of Devon Institute, Milnathort Town Hall and Orwell Church Hall. Thanks also to St Andrews Ambulance for providing first aid cover and the local police who did an excellent job of controlling the traffic to ensure the safety of the runners.

The race attracted a field of just over 400 runners who had to battle against gale force winds in their race around the Loch. Despite the unfavourable weather conditions the runners seemed to enjoy the race and several have already promised to return again next year.

Unfortunately the event was marred by an incident in Scotlandwell where children fired air gun pellets at the runners. We are shocked and disappointed that local children would behave in this way as their behaviour reflects badly on the local community. We hope that next year's event goes ahead without incident.

Thanks again for all your support.

Kinross Road Runners

### Do You Dig It?

21.05.07

Would you like to munch on your own veg and juice your own fruit but do not have the space to do it? There are a couple of us who would like to see some allotments in Kinross or Milnathort. We plan to write to Perth and Kinross Council with a list of people who are keen to take on an allotment. If you are interested, please contact me on 01577 863579 or by email at perycat2002@yahoo.co.uk

Sarah Tiller

25 Alexander Drive, Kinross

### Millbridge Hall, Kinross

We are concerned to note that members of the public have been walking their dogs in the garden ground at Millbridge Hall. This area is private ground and is used by both youth and adult groups who meet in the Hall. Our concern is that the children may come into contact with the excrement which is left behind and, apart from the cleanliness issue, this might be damaging to their health. The Management Committee would request that the people responsible refrain from continuing with this practice.

Millbridge Hall Management Committee

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# News & Articles

## 40 years of Vane Farm

This year the RSPB is celebrating 40 years at Vane Farm. In addition to the monthly report in our Nature pages, here the RSPB gives a history of the reserve and tells you a little bit about the special Open Day on 17 June.

When Vane Farm was bought by the RSPB in 1967, the aim was to create a safe habitat for birds and wildlife, as well as to establish the first ever RSPB centre for field teaching in the UK.

Following the initial purchase of Vane Farm, work began to develop wildlife habitats and educational facilities. The reserve had a major extension in 1990 with the acquisition of East Brackley farmland. This area was an excellent area to carry out land management for declining wetland bird species. Our highest priority is the successful maintenance of the wet grassland habitat as it is the habitat of lapwing, redshank, snipe and curlew, our priority breeding wader species. Wintering pink-footed geese, farmland birds of conservation concern and the restoration of lowland raised bog are also key areas of land management at Vane Farm.



*Lord Mansfield officially opening Vane Farm in 1967  
Photo: RSPB*

In recognition of Vane's contribution to the conservation of wetland birds, on 21 November 2002 it became part of Loch Leven National Nature Reserve working alongside Scottish Natural Heritage. Today Vane Farm, at the heart of the National Nature Reserve, offers an ideal day out for everyone, from the casual visitor to the enthusiastic birdwatcher.

The reserve also has a good variety of other birds in the woodland and scrub areas, including warblers, thrushes, finches and woodpeckers. The woodland behind the visitor centre consists mainly of a natural regeneration of birch, but some older ash, oak and other species, the remnants of old hedge lines, are also present.

Visitors can explore our two nature trails and visit the three bird watching hides and for those who enjoy a walk, the path to the summit of Vane Hill, through the birch woodland, gives spectacular views over Loch Leven. During the summer, you can see breeding wading birds and ducks as well as ospreys. Autumn and winter bring migrating ducks, geese and swans to the reserve. Today Vane Farm, at the heart of the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve, offers an ideal day out for everyone, from the casual visitor to the enthusiastic birdwatcher.

A programme of events runs throughout the year, with

activities to suit all interests and age groups. To discover our fabulous facilities for yourself, why not come along and help us celebrate our 40th birthday at our **Open Day** on **17 June**, with live music, family fun activities and free access for all. (See page 27 for details of the shuttle bus).

The Visitor Centre with popular café, observation room and superb shop, is open seven days a week 10am – 5pm, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and 2 January.

RSPB Vane Farm Nature Reserve lies on the south shore of Loch Leven on the B9097, two miles east of junction 5 on the M90.

## Kinross CC By-Election

Following its election in April, there are still four vacancies on Kinross Community Council.

Nominations to fill these vacancies are invited. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Kinross CC Secretary, Mrs Margaret Scott, telephone number 862945, e-mail address [mbs@scott21.flife.co.uk](mailto:mbs@scott21.flife.co.uk) or downloaded from the community website, [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 5pm on **Tuesday 30 July**. If more than four valid nominations are received by that deadline, a ballot will take place in September.

Candidates for election must appear, or be eligible to appear, on the electoral register for the Kinross Community Council area. If you are unsure if you live in the CC area, the Chairman, Mr David Colliar, will be able to advise. His telephone number is 864037.

A candidate's Proposer and Seconder must appear on the electoral register for the same area. For precise provisions applicable, reference should be made to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. Copies of the Scheme and further information may be obtained on application to the CC Liaison Officer, P&KC, 2 High Street, Perth (tel 01738 475000).

## Restore your memories to their former glory!

If one of your treasured photographs has become worn or damaged with age, a new course on offer at Kinross Learning Centre next month could help you restore it to its former glory.

Aimed at those with little or no experience, Scanning and Photo Restoration is designed to help you learn the techniques required to achieve high quality scans of images, slides and negatives. You'll learn what makes a good scan and the resolutions needed to achieve pin-sharp prints or simply to save images to disc.

You'll then move on to developing the Photoshop skills needed to repair and restore old or damaged images suitable for framing.

Delivered over two afternoons and costing just £20, the course will run from 2.30-4.30 pm on Wednesday 20 and Wednesday 27 June.

To find out more, or to book your place, contact Kinross Learning Centre, Swansacre, on 01577 863863.

## Kirkgate Park – Phase One

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, current works at Kirkgate will be nigh on complete. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to enjoy the improvements, thank you for your patience and explain some of what has been done and why.

**Car Access** – There are speed cushions being placed in the narrow dyke access, as well as a couple of other places on Kirkgate Road. This is primarily to enable the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. No other changes to roads and parking have been made at this stage.

**Paths** – There is a fairly extensive paths network linking the pedestrian access into the Park, from the main car park, and through to the start of the TRACKS works at the Watchtower. We hope that younger children on bikes and trikes will be able to use these paths but would of course ask that pedestrians are respected.

**Toilets** – Toilet facilities are available at The Pier. The toilet block that exists in the park will remain closed. We believe Kirkgate is to get an automated toilet unit, however we have no idea when that might happen. We hope the play areas are close enough to the toilet facilities but we need to know what you think.

**Dog Control** – A fence was planned around the junior play area but was removed at a very late stage by P&KC due to cost. We request that dog owners keep their dogs on leads in the area shaded on the map shown; this leaves a huge area of the park where dog owners can freely exercise their pets. Dog owners should also ensure that their dogs are suitably controlled in all areas of the park; lively dogs can be alarming for many people, particularly small children. Dog Owners should also bear in mind that they are blazing the trail in terms of showing the rest of us how to care for the park.....please pick up!

We are very keen that people using the park feed back their experience and views on all of the above. Contact [susan@friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk](mailto:susan@friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk)

Useful phone numbers which you might want to pop into your mobile are: Kinross Police 863571, Scottish Natural Heritage 864439, Dog Warden 01738 476476, P&KC 01738 476476.

Friends of Kirkgate Park is reaching a stage where it is reviewing its next priorities.

1. There are immediate issues in evaluating how the improvements are working for people, so we are keen to get as much feedback as possible on the above items over the next few months.



2. We have an official opening event scheduled for 1 – 2 September (Discovery Weekend). There is scope for involvement of local groups in this event. Please get in touch if you would like to join in. You can find more details of this event at [www.friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk](http://www.friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk)
3. There is an evaluation of what Phase Two might entail. At this stage this is scheduled to involve improvement to traffic management and car use. Other items are: improvements to the setting of the Watchtower and the South Gates to Kinross Estates, the Jingle Dyke Timeline, Willow Tunnels, Wetland development and wildflower planting.
4. The new amphitheatre will be available as an events space. It's all yours, just double check with us before you make plans to ensure it is not already 'booked'.
5. There are other items which people may be interested in pressing forward with, these include: Carbon dating Crannog remains and developing explanatory material; Refurbishing the burial ground; Creation of dog friendly areas; Dog mess awareness campaign; The development of 'Green' initiatives such as: Tayside Biodiversity Festival, Green Graveyard Initiative, Bee Wild Project, Wildlife Tree Project, Green Tourism Scheme.

My personal intention is to *enjoy* the park for the time being! I would however appreciate if anyone who is interested in any of the above give it some thought. If there are particular items you would like to get involved with or you have any feed back at all, please get in touch by emailing me at [susan@friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk](mailto:susan@friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk)

We have an **Annual General Meeting** scheduled for **12 June** at 7.30pm Church Centre. Anyone is welcome; it is a chance to tell us what you think.

I'd like to take this chance to thank Chris Cattanach for helping with the passion to get it all started, Eileen Thomas and Barbara and Beth Graham who gave substantially of their time for large chunks of the project, Bill McDiarmid for his bird's eye view. Credit goes to Bouwien Bennet, Dave Cuthbert, Bob Findlay and Jock Keith for their unstinting input and support; it has been invaluable. Finally, thanks to the Parks people at P&KC for finding the money and getting Alex Butter to put a great project on the ground, also The Thomson Trust for topping up that amount and all the Groups, Companies and Individuals who have sponsored the project and willed us along with their support. I hope this first phase completion shows many more people what a fabulous place Loch Leven is and it's great to have Kirkgate right beside it. Enjoy.

Susan Bathgate, Chair, FoKP



## Loch Leven Heritage Project

A large number of walkers, cyclists and wheelchair users attended the opening of Phase 1 of the Loch Leven Heritage Project at Kirkgate Park on Thursday, 17 May. Many then set off to explore the 7km of trail, which gave them a view of the loch that most had never seen before. Councillor Willie Robertson, the chairman of TRACKS, welcomed the crowd and likened the long gestation period of the lochside trail to the distillation of the best whisky. He said that TRACKS had been working on the project for at least ten years, although the idea was first mooted in 1975. As with such whisky, he thought that the trail would be "savoured by the people of Kinross-shire and the people that follow for generations to come".



*Setting off to explore the Trail...*  
Photo: Felicity Martin

Councillor Robertson handed over to the project director Neil Kilpatrick, who previously had been largely responsible for Cleish village enhancement scheme.

Neil Kilpatrick thanked the various people that had made the project possible, in particular the landowners who provided the land, the sponsors who provided the funding, Scottish Natural Heritage, who manage the National Nature Reserve, and the contractors and project manager, who worked through extremely wet weather in the winter months.

He then said,

"You are not looking at the finished article tonight. Because we've built the trail, we thought it only right to let the community get on and use it, but we have a number of important things still to do.

"For example, the interpretation is only really just beginning. In this area, we will have a viewpoint, which is currently being designed, and we will build gateways here, at Findatie and at Burleigh Sands. There will be seating at various places and signage for giving directions and to highlight heritage sites. We've already put in a splendid bird hide in a reed bed along from here, and I'm sure you'll find it a beautiful spot.

"Out there, we have 7km of finished trail that includes a spur from Mary's Gate up to Kinross. We've effectively created a circular town loop of about 4km, which I think might prove very popular. You can come down here to Kirkgate Park, walk along the front of Kinross House to Mary's Gate then go up the side of the golf course to Sunnypark.

"The main trail continues all the way past Burleigh Sands to the Pow Burn, where it stops for now. You can get up from the Pow Burn to Loch Leven's Larder, where there are refreshments and the facilities of the farm shop.

"The future programme is that we're going to do Phase 2 this summer at the other end of the trail, working from Levenmouth Wood to Vane Farm. That will add about 3.5km at the far end. It leaves a section in the middle, which we'll do next year to complete the whole project."

Neil Kilpatrick then introduced Sir David Montgomery, who had kindly agreed to cut the tape and open the trail formally.

"Sir David is known very well by most of you. He is an extremely generous landowner and he has made available, through his son Jamie and through the Kinross Estate Company, the land for this trail. He has been an enthusiastic supporter and the provider of a lot of good ideas, many of which we have picked up."

Sir David said a few words before wielding the scissors. He reiterated comments Neil Kilpatrick had made about Loch Leven being a National Nature Reserve, with sensitive areas where the birdlife needed respect, and added,

"I hope people using this trail will follow the Outdoor Access Code. The trail goes through areas that have livestock in them, so obviously dogs should be kept under control. And it's important that everybody takes their litter home with them.

"I only hope that in due course we will be able to complete the full circle of Loch Leven if an acceptable route can be found through the RSPB reserve. It would be marvellous for the people of Kinross and the local neighbourhood to be able to walk or cycle all the way round. The trail will be an enormous tourist attraction for people coming to the area and will be very important in helping us to build up tourism."



*Great views from the new pathway*  
Photo: Felicity Martin

After Sir David cut the tape, wheelchair users were the first to try out the new path, followed by numerous cyclists and walkers, who included students from Kinross High School. Everyone was given a copy of the leaflet that describes Phase 1 of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. You can find your copy inserted into this edition of the Kinross Newsletter.

### Deadline for all Articles

**5.00 pm, MONDAY 18 June**  
**for Publication on Saturday 30 June**

## News from the Health Centre

### New Clinical System

Last year we were due to install a new clinical system. This was, however, delayed and the transfer is now scheduled for 17 – 31 July. The new system, called Vision, is much more robust than our existing system and it will enable us to store, access, manage and process our clinical data in a more effective way. All clinicians and staff will require extensive training to become proficient in the system and this will be taking place over the coming months. We will try to keep disruption to a minimum during this time, but will have to make some changes to our usual services. We are unable to transfer appointments to the new system, so we will not be making advance bookings for 26 July onwards. Patients on repeat medication are asked to order medication a month in advance of this period as any requests received during this time are likely to be subject to significant delay. If any patient notices any discrepancies with their repeat order slip or prescriptions during this time, a member of the Health Centre staff should be informed. We will also be suspending Chronic Disease Management clinics such as asthma or diabetes in the week prior to the transfer. This is the biggest single challenge we have faced for some years and we would ask patients to bear with us whilst we transfer to and master this new software. Further details will be published in the Health Centre Newsletter which is available in our waiting room.

### Travel Advice

Members of our nursing team have been specially trained to provide up to date, accurate information regarding travel health and immunisations. If you are travelling abroad and wish advice, please collect a travel form and a leaflet about our Travel Service from reception. The form should be completed and returned to reception and an appointment for the Travel Clinic made. An appointment is required for each family member travelling. The nurse will give travel advice specifically tailored to the country you are visiting and the areas within the country. The Health Centre is also a registered Yellow Fever Centre and can administer Yellow Fever vaccinations to registered and non-registered patients.

## Kinross Town Hall and Library

Both sides involved in the court case – Perth & Kinross Council and Kinross Community Council – will rewrite their pleadings in time for a hearing at the Sheriff Court on 26 June. It is anticipated that P&KC will concede that the Library, along with the Town Hall, is part of the common good, and that all monies from any sale should go into the Kinross Common Good Fund.

## Election Results

### Local Government

Kathleen Baird (Con), Michael Barnacle (Lib Dem), Sandy Miller (SNP) and William Robertson (Lib Dem) were elected to serve the Kinross-shire ward on P&KC.

### Scottish Parliament

Keith Brown (SNP) is the new MSP for the Ochil constituency and the following are MSPs in the Mid Scotland and Fife region: John Park (Lab), Richard Simpson (Lab), Claire Brennan-Baker (Lab), Murdo Fraser (Con), Elizabeth Smith (Con), Ted Brocklebank (Con) and Chris Harvie (SNP).

## Burleigh Hide Destroyed by Fire

The bird hide and walkway built at Burleigh Sands a year ago at a cost of £20,000 has been completely destroyed by fire. The incident, which took place in the early hours of Saturday 19 May, was first spotted by a passing police officer. Three youths have been arrested and charged with wilful fire-raising after admitting to the crime.

Paul Brooks, reserve manager, expressed deep disappointment at the hide's destruction.

"The hide has actually been well-used and well-cared for over the past year, making this all the more surprising," he said.

SNH carried out extensive work at Burleigh last year, with new planting, mowing and creation of ponds as well as the building of the hide and walkway.

Although it is too early to say if the hide would be replaced in the same form, Mr Brooks said that SNH is committed to improving the habitat for birds in this location and to providing viewing facilities for the public.



*The remains of the bird hide at Burleigh Sands*

## Kinross And Milnathort Map and Guide

A colourful Map & Guide has recently been produced with the help of Perth & Kinross Council Area Based Initiative monies. This Guide has five local trails taking you through a Kinross Historical tour, Gardens, Playparks, access to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail and a Milnathort Trail. Scottish Natural Heritage also supported the publication and input was sought from Kinross Primary Class 3A, TRACKS, Kinross in Bloom, the Kinross-shire Historical Society, Kinross Estates Company, Kinross-shire Partnership as well as from within the Kinross-shire Tourism Group.

The Map also contains a competition which involves finding nature pictures in local shops and businesses. Answers should be posted on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

The Map will be available at various local outlets. Please donate a £1 per copy if you can. This will help us to go on and produce more Maps and Information on the local area. We hope residents will enjoy what we have done as well as recommend the trails to visiting friends and family. We would like to know what you think. It will help as we go on to produce more maps as well as allowing amendments on subsequent print runs of this first Guide. Please contact [maps@kinross.cc](mailto:maps@kinross.cc)

Kinross-shire Tourism Group





# Portmoak Festival 2007

## 23 June – 1 July

We have been told we should call this The Portmoak Pudding Festival! But more of that later!

This is our fourth year and the Festival keeps developing and changing. Yes, we have the old favourites – the cream teas, the Pudding Club, the exhibition of paintings from local artists, the photographic exhibition, the children's parties, over-80s tea (with entertainment by the pupils of Portmoak Primary) the ceilidh, the jazz night, children's concert, and so on. We have the P7 Prom which was such a success last year with glamorous girls, handsome young men, red carpets and stretched limos (yes, we had them too – it was like the Oscars!). We always involve as many of the local businesses and clubs as possible, so there is the Golf Open, The Gliding Club display, the local hostellers have events and special offers and the two farm shops at each end of the parish are also hosting events. The young bands from the area have a gig, there is a talk by Dr David Munro followed by a film night run by the Portmoak Film Society, a wine tasting, a folk night, visits by craftspeople ..... are you tired yet? ....there's more .... exercise classes in the mornings!

We have lots of venues now, but most of the daytime action takes place in the Portmoak Hall and Church, with evening events in the Festival Marquee, which this year is sited at Lochend Farm.

This year, in the church, we have a fantastic **Exhibition of Wedding Dresses** through the ages, the oldest being from 1867. Photos of local weddings will also be on show, just to remind us how young and slim we were at one time!

But the big event – the brand new event – is the **GRAND SUMMER BALL** in the Festival Marquee. Eat from a delicious cold buffet, drink from our very own bar, and dance the night away to an eighteen-piece live band consisting of some of this country's greatest talent. £27.50 per person (Someone has already ordered 20 tickets, so get in there quick!) Tickets for all events from Stuart at The Pottery, Main Street, Kinnesswood. 01592 840 638

Back to the famous **Pudding Club**! Men, women and children all around the area enthusiastically produce the most incredible puddings for the Pudding Club, which runs from 6pm to 8pm every weekday during the Festival. As usual there will be well over a hundred people every evening who sit, enjoy their puds and chat to neighbours, old friends and new ones. Families come, as do new folk, old folk, visitors and tourists, and they come again and again.

We are delighted that the **Portmoak Gala** will mark the beginning of Festival Week on 23 June. As a grand finale to the week, on Sunday 1 July we raise the roof in the Festival Marquee at 11am in a family **church service** with a praise band, and later with the **Michael Bruce Memorial service**. This is a week where church and community celebrate together – why? - because we **are** a community. Nearly everyone who lives here is involved in one way or another. This festival brings us together so we invite everyone else to come and share it with us.

## Highlights of Portmoak Festival

### June

Sat 23rd	2.00pm	<b>Portmoak Gala</b>	Well Green Church
	2.00pm	<b>Wedding Dress Exhibition begins*</b>	
	7.30pm	<b>Grand Summer Ball</b>	Marquee
		Tickets £27.50	
Sun 24th	2.00pm	<b>Grand Opening of Art &amp; Photographic Exhibition**</b>	Hall/Church
	7.30pm	<b>Classical Concert</b>	Church
		Portmoak Players	
		Donations at door	
	8.00pm	<b>Battle of the Bands</b>	Marquee
		Tickets £3.00	
Mon 25th	8.30pm	<b>Folk Night</b>	Marquee
		Tickets £10.00	
Tue 26th	7.00pm	<b>P7 Prom</b>	Marquee
		Tickets through schools	
Wed 27th	8.00pm	<b>Talk by Dr Munro</b>	Marquee
		Donation at door	
	10.00pm	<b>Film</b>	Marquee
		March of the Penguins	
Thu 28th	8.00pm	<b>Jazz Night</b>	Marquee
		Tickets £10.00	
Fri 29th	7.30pm	<b>Wine Tasting</b>	Marquee
		Tickets £10.00	
Sat 30th	8.00pm	<b>Ceilidh</b>	Marquee
		Tickets £3.00	

### July

Sun 1st	11.00am	<b>Praise Service</b>	Marquee
		All welcome	

### \*Wedding Dress Exhibition

This will be held in Portmoak Church and will be open daily 2pm - 8pm from Saturday 23 June to Saturday 30 June (except Sunday 24 June noon - 4pm). Admission is Free.

### \*\*Art and Photographic Exhibitions

Grand Opening on Sunday 24th June at 2pm.

The exhibitions will be open daily 2pm - 8pm from Monday 25 June to Saturday 30 June (6pm close on the last Saturday). Admission is Free.

### Portmoak Hall, Monday to Friday

There will be a chance to 'Meet the Makers', a rolling craft fair with different exhibitors each day.

**Cream teas** will be served in the afternoon 2pm - 4pm.

**The Pudding Club** will run from 6pm - 8pm.

More events and lots more detailed information are available on the festival web site, [www.portmoakfestival.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfestival.org.uk)





**KINROSS-SHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FLOWER SHOW****Sponsored by****DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRE, TURFHILLS, KINROSS****SATURDAY 11 AUGUST 2007****KINROSS HOUSE GROUNDS, KINROSS**

Convenor: Mr Tom Webster, 12 Gallowhill Road, Kinross

Committee: Jean Webster, Cath Mearns, Margaret Kilpatrick, Ann Munro, Robert Campbell, Ian McDonald, Cathal Gowdy

Flower Section Judge: Mr Bob Maxwell, Beechgrove, The Pleasance, Falkland, KY15 7AN

Floral Art Judge - Mrs Jenny Blair, 18 Willow Crescent, Southparks, Glenrothes

Children's Section: Mrs Jenny Blair &amp; Mr Bob Maxwell

**JUDGING COMMENCES 10.00am. ENTRIES: 20p per Adult Exhibit and 10p per Child Exhibit**

Only one exhibit per person in each class will be accepted, on Show Field until 9.00pm on Friday 10 August, alternatively from 7am until 9.30am on Saturday 11 August - entries can be uplifted at 4.30pm.

**CLASSES**

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|---|---|
| 1. Pot Plant – Geranium                                 | 12. Best Single Rose  |
| 2. Pot Plant – Foliage                                  | 13. Vase of Five Sweet Peas   |
| 3. Pot Plant – Flowering                                | 14. One Gladioli any variety  |
| 4. Pot Plant – Begonia                                  | 15. Hanging Basket  |
| 5a. Pot Plant – Fuschia                                 | 16. Patio Planter   |
| 5b. Pot Plant – Standard Fuschia                        | 17. A miniature arrangement in a Thimble  |
| 6. Pot Plant – 2 Cacti or Succulents                    | 18. Bowl of Flowers from an Open Garden to be viewed overall  |
| 7. One vase mixed Herbaceous                            | 19. An exhibit of Flowers with a theme of a 'Scottish Song' on a base not exceeding 30 cms in diameter        |
| 8a. Vase of Three Dahlias - Decorated                   | 20. A Floral Arrangement the theme - "300 years Union of Parliament"  |
| 8b. Vase of Three Dahlias - Cacti                       | 21. A Floral Arrangement for a coffee table not exceeding 25cms the theme - "In a single candlestick"         |
| 8c. Vase of Three Dahlias - Ball/Pom                    | 22. Pretty as a Picture - arrangement using picture frame, accessories allowed - no larger than 40cms x 30cms |
| 9. Four Marigolds, any variety, to be shown on a board* |   |
| 10. Four Pansies to be shown on a board*                |   |
| 11. Vase of Three Roses                                 |   |

\*Boards available on request – with a refundable deposit of £1.00

**CHILDREN'S CLASSES**

23. A picture on A4 paper depicting "Scooby Doo" exhibited by a Boy or Girl age 5 years and under
24. A picture on A4 paper depicting "Scooby Doo" exhibited by a Boy or Girl age 6 to 8 years
25. A model of children's TV character using recyclable materials exhibited by a Boy or Girl, age 5 years and under
26. A model of children's TV character using recyclable materials exhibited by a Boy or Girl, age 6 to 8 years
27. An arrangement of "Garden Flowers" in a Children's Wellie Boot shown by a Boy or Girl age 8 and under
28. A decorated paper plate to be hung, "Theme - a view from a Window" exhibited by a Boy or Girl age 9 to 14 years
29. A "Garden in a Seed Tray" shown by a Boy or Girl age 8 and under not exceeding 40cms x 25cms
30. A "Garden in a Seed Tray" shown by a Boy or Girl age 9 to 14 years not exceeding 40cms x 25cms

**PRIZE MONEY**

In all Classes 1st: £1 2nd: 50p 3rd: 25p

The Prize Giving will take place within the Flower Show Tent at 3.30pm on Show Day. Prize Monies to be collected on the day.

**TROPHIES**

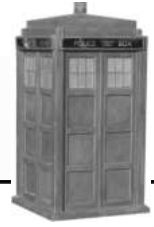
The Trophies for the most points, Classes 1 to 16 and 17 to 22 inclusive, will be assessed 3,2,1 for the first three prizes

**CAIRNS CUP** for the most points overall, + Rosette**BALADO SALVER** for the most outstanding entry in Classes 1 to 16 + Rosette**FISHER BOWL** for most points in Dahlias**CAESAR TROPHY** - Sweet Peas**THE KIRKNESS TROPHY** for the most points in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 17 to 22 inclusive)**THE RENTON TROPHY** for the most outstanding exhibit in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 17 to 22 inclusive)**THE GAVINE LINDORES TROPHY** for the best Single Rose (Class 12)**THE SCOTT-DAVIDSON CUP** presented by the late W Scott-Davidson Esq., of Dowhill, Cleish, for the winner of Class 22**LENA GRAHAM QUAICH** (small) winner of class 29**LENA GRAHAM QUAICH** (large) winner of class 30**THE MAISIE PIRIE CUP** + Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child under 8 years. Sponsored by Miss Pirie**THE C PIRIE CUP** + Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child age 9 to 14 years. Sponsored by Miss Pirie**MAWCARSE SALVER** - Overall Best Exhibit in the Show**SPECIAL PRIZES**

Vouchers for the best exhibit in Classes 1 to 14, 17 to 22 inclusive

Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places will be presented in Classes 23 to 30

Schedules available from: Willie Robertson's, Milnathort; Dobbies Garden Centre; Newsplus, Kinross, or can be downloaded from the Kinross Newsletter website, [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)



# Police Box

## Motorcyclists

For several years, Tayside Police has been aware that the road network within Western Division has been recognised by motorcyclists as one of the most attractive for weekend motorcycling. The number of recreational motorcyclists has shown a marked increase both within the Divisional area and nationally.

The numbers of motorcyclists that travel within Western Division at the weekend, predominately on a Sunday, has led to a corresponding increase in the number of collisions involving motorcyclists and an increase in the number of complaints received with regard to these motorcycles, such as their speed, manner of driving and the anti-social nature of the excessive noise that they can produce.

We would ask you to report any such behaviour and where possible obtain the makes and registration numbers of the motorcycles involved.

Throughout Perth and Kinross during the summer we will be monitoring such problems and to do so will provide, among other things, high visibility patrols and static checks at hot spot areas with regular assistance from our Mobile CCTV Van and the Tayside Safety Camera Partnership.

## Kirkgate Park

Most of you will be aware that extensive work is being carried out to improve the facilities at Kirkgate Park and that the work is going well, despite early fears that progress might be hampered by vandals. To date we have only had one such act reported to us and that was soon after the work commenced. Since then we have increased our patrols in the area and have responded promptly to the few calls from the public that have reported persons acting suspiciously or that have been suspected of causing damage. However, just because things are going well, we will not become complacent and will continue to give the park regular

attention and would ask the public to continue to contact us if they witness any incidents that might be a cause for concern.

## Isolated Car Parks

The above are popular with people who enjoy a walk in the country, particularly to exercise their dogs. Unfortunately cars parked at these locations are occasionally broken into and items stolen from within. We strongly advise people not to leave any valuables within their vehicles, unless they can be locked in a boot. Although it is good practice to keep valuables out of sight, previous experiences have shown that this is not entirely effective. Once a car is broken into, thieves will look under seats, look inside glove compartments and lift parcel shelves to look into tailgates. Unless you have a lockable boot, do not leave valuables inside your car. We would also ask persons who visit these places to be aware of suspicious persons or vehicles. If you see a car or person acting suspiciously, report it to the police and whenever possible remember to note registration numbers.

## CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone Number 0800555111

This telephone number is a free phone number unless you are using a mobile phone, which any member of the public can contact at any time, if they have information relating to criminal activity of any sort. It is, if you wish, confidential and you will not be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous.

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.

## Archaeological Finds at New High School Site

Some archaeological discoveries have recently been made at the site of the new high school, shedding light on the ancient history of the area.

The excavation at the site, adjacent to Lethangie Farm, has been undertaken by SUAT Ltd, Perth-based archaeological consultants and contractors. During the planning application process, the development site was recognised as being of archaeological interest by archaeologists from Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, who provide archaeological advice to P&KC's planners. The excavation is also part of planning consent conditions for the development, part of the Council's Investment in Learning Programme.

The development site includes a Scheduled Ancient Monument (an archaeological site designated as being of national significance), in the south field. Identified through aerial photography, the buried archaeology here is considered to represent the remains of a prehistoric settlement, at least 2000 years old. The scheduled area will be protected and will be encompassed within the new school grounds.

A ditch on the south side of the scheduled monument turned out to be a rather large pit, which interestingly contained small pieces of broken medieval pottery and burnt material

that will be analysed.

In the north field the features so far investigated include the base remains of rig and furrow (medieval ploughed strips of land); a narrow linear trench running across the site, which was interpreted as a fence line, probably medieval; a large pit with domestic rubbish in the form of small pieces of medieval pottery shards, bone and oyster shell; a small hearth; a large pit with burnt stone; a large circular enclosure ditch containing small broken pieces of medieval pottery and many rodent burrows were also identified. Many of the deposits have been sampled for further analysis, and charcoal has been recovered for possible dating.

## Fruix Farm Storage

### New Units available very soon

- Garage sized units suitable for storing household furniture or shop stock
- Converted barns for small business or workshops
- New build portal frame with good vehicular access – storage suitable for all trades

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# Community Council News



## Kinross Community Council

### News from the AGM

Present at the meeting held on 18 April in the Millbridge Hall were: CCllrs David Colliar (Chairman), David Cuthbert, Ian Jack, Eileen Thomas, Margaret Blyth, Carole Drummond and Dot Mackay.

Also present were: P&K Cllr W Robertson, Margaret Scott (Minute Secretary), Robert Graham, PC Child, Inspector Patience and three members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and G Hayton.

**Chairman's Report:** CCllr Colliar reported that the CC had been fairly busy over this past year, however in certain cases the progress in reaching a conclusion in matters was very slow. Discussions held last year in relation to the road junction at Lethangie and the crossing at Springfield Road being appropriate examples, having only now come to fruition. The Park and Ride site is progressing and should be opened shortly. On the down side, the CC were disappointed in the decision reached in relation to "Ivy Cottage" and had hoped that this building could be preserved. One of the other major planning applications during the past year was the 53 retirement flats at the Green Hotel. TRACKS are also to be congratulated for their progress in developing the paths around the Loch. Comment was made to the delay in the construction of the new School. Tayside Police were thanked for their support and for updating the CC on occurrences and crime prevention in the town. CCllr Colliar also conveyed his gratitude to the three Councillors for their support and attendance at the CC meetings. It was noted that Cllr Hayton was moving further north. The Chairman advised that CCllrs Eileen Thomas and Ross McConnell had decided to retire from the CC and he passed on his thanks to them for their contribution and efforts during their term of office. Further thanks were conveyed to Mr McConnell in respect of his involvement with the Light Up Kinross Committee. In closing, the Chairman thanked all the CC members for their support and assistance over this last year.

**Finance Report:** Treasurer, Ian Jack presented an audited account covering the period from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007. In relation to the sum received for Poppy Wreaths it was noted that the Army have still to pay for their Wreath. Taking into account all income and expenditure for the current period there is a deficit of £393.79 with the net bank balance standing at £410.26 (with the deduction of the Honorarium mentioned below). A provision of £100 has also been retained in respect of "Secretary Remuneration". Discussion had been held previously as to the awarding of this Honorarium to the Minute Secretary. It was agreed that this provision should be made in the future, however for this past financial year the Minute Secretary declined to accept the payment. CCllr Blyth proposed approval of the Accounts, seconded by CCllr Mackay.

**Community Council Members:** The Chairman advised that he had received an application form from the Minute Secretary, Margaret Scott, after the deadline for receipt of nominations. If the members of the CC and the public present this evening were in agreement, there was no objection to Margaret being duly elected as a member of the Committee. This was agreed. Thus, the CC members with effect from this date (18 April 2007) are: David Colliar, David Cuthbert, Ian

Jack, Margaret Blyth, Dot Mackay, Carole Drummond and Margaret Scott.

Following a proposal by David Colliar, seconded by David Cuthbert, it was agreed that an advertisement would be placed in the Newsletter and on the website over a three month period (June, July and August) asking for nominations for the four vacant positions, with a By-election to be held sometime in September.

### Office Bearers

**Chairman** – David Colliar was nominated by Ian Jack and seconded by David Cuthbert. Carried. **Vice-Chairman** – David Cuthbert was nominated by Margaret Blyth and seconded by Carole Drummond. Carried. **Secretary** – Margaret Scott was nominated by Margaret Blyth and seconded by Dot Mackay. Carried. **Treasurer** – Ian Jack was nominated by Margaret Blyth and seconded by David Colliar. Carried. **Planning Officer** – Dot Mackay was nominated by David Colliar and seconded by Margaret Blyth. Carried. There being no further business the AGM was closed.

### News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 18 April in the Millbridge Hall were: CCllrs David Colliar (Chairman), David Cuthbert, Ian Jack, Margaret Blyth, Carole Drummond Dot Mackay and Margaret Scott (Secretary). Also present were: P&K Cllr W Robertson, Eileen Thomas, Robert Graham, PC Child, Inspector Patience and three members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and G Hayton.

**Police Report:** The Police are continuing with their campaign on safe driving, carrying out road checks etc. There has been an increase in the number of Patrols and these are now carried out by car, foot and bike.

CCllr Cuthbert reported that the floral border in the Station Road/Ochil View area has been destroyed by vehicles driving over the top. The building works at the Kirkgate Park have also been targeted, posts have been removed and one of the contractor's tractors was damaged. Inspector Patience stressed that it was not possible to operate surveillance, however a mobile unit had been housed in the area but, unfortunately, was not in a position whereby it could record these incidents.

Inspector Patience confirmed that all incidents are logged. Cllr Robertson suggested placing an article in the Newsletter asking the public to be vigilant and report any occurrences at the Park and the Police requested that we remind the public that if they should witness any incident of vandalism etc. they should contact them immediately. A Unit can be at the location within a short time of receiving a call.

A discussion was held on the results of introducing the one-way system at Bowton Road. It was noted that cars no longer park at the front of the school.

**Voting System:** Robert Graham, Community Capacity Building Officer, gave a presentation on voting procedures for the elections on 3 May.

**Litter Problem:** Councillor Barnacle is to attend a meeting with Environmental Services and the Kinross High School Headteacher on 26 April.

### Planning

No comments were raised on the following applications: Patio, Screen and roof light, 12 Talla Park; Erection of

Garden Pavilion, Rachel House; Erection of Sun Lounge, 29 Montgomery Way; Alteration/Extension to dwellinghouse, East House, 13 Station Road; Installation of two transmitter dishes on existing 25m telecommunication mast and installation of auxiliary storage cabinet at ground level, Land at Tayside Contract, Turfhill Depot; Change of use and alterations to Restaurant to form 3 bedroom flat, Carlin Maggies, High Street; Extension to rear of property/conservatory, 5 Hatchbank Road; Erection of conservatory, 38 Montgomery Street.

Eileen Thomas advised that she received a reply to the CC's comments made to P&KC in relation to planning matters following P&KC's request for comments on "Development Standards". Mrs Thomas had reiterated points that had been raised to Planning in the past. The consultation period has been amended from 14 days to 21 days, however this can be extended to just prior to the Development Control Meeting. Mrs Thomas had pointed out that the name of the CC is not always entered on the Public Access Database and thus creates a difficulty in using the search vehicle. Despite this reminder, Mrs Thomas advised that having checked the site today this information is still not recorded in certain cases. With regard to the issue we raised in respect of "Ivy Cottage", (prior notification of demolition), this is a point that requires to be raised with the Scottish Executive. The final point raised related to the CC not being notified of alterations to planning applications following on our commenting on the initial application. This particular matter has been reviewed and the regulations are now much stricter, applications have to be renewed.

**New Planning Laws And Notes** to be introduced next year. This booklet was passed over to Dot Mackay for perusal.

#### **Report from P&K Councillors**

**Waste materials:** P&KC are considering changing collection of the general waste to once every fortnight with the paper bin is to include all types of recycling materials, such as cans, plastic bottles etc. Some discussion was held on this subject, however it was agreed that as at the moment it is only a consultation exercise we leave matters in abeyance until next month.

**Dog Fouling:** Following on a number of complaints received, Cllr Robertson recently spoke to the Dog Warden who is planning to mount extra patrols covering the pathways around the Primary School, Nursery and High Street. They will be mostly carried out during the early morning and late evening. If caught, the person is reported to the Council who pass on details to the Sheriff, the names are published and it is at the Sheriff's discretion whether or not a fine is awarded. CCllr Mackay enquired again as to the replacement of the **barrier** at the playpark in Green Road.

**Kinross Common Good Fund:** Cllr Robertson advised that the Fund is in deficit due to the legal costs incurred by P&KC. The sum of £600.00 approx was incurred by the Council in instructing Solicitors to represent their interests in the Town Hall case. It was also noted that any financial costs incurred in respect of heating, lighting, marketing costs etc in relation to the Town Hall would be met from the Kinross Common Good Fund. A lengthy discussion was held on this subject. It was pointed out that it was unfair that the fees and outlays incurred by the Council in pursuing the Court case should be met from the Common Good Fund. Cllr Robertson is to obtain more in-depth information on the procedures involved in managing the Common Good Fund and the rights of the Council in holding the Town Hall as "Common Good Property".

#### **General Correspondence**

**Public Access:** Eileen Thomas advised that a redesign of the P&KC website was planned and that there would be easier access to "Public Access". It may be that a link to all CCs would be made available on the P&KC site.

**Vane Farm Planning Application:** Report from Scottish Executive.

**Rates Bill for Mortuary:** Now showing a nil balance.

**Grouse & Claret:** Communication received from owners re disposal of waste products and uplift of same by Council. The Council have refused to collect items as they state that the bridge on the access route to the property is in a dangerous condition and deemed unsafe. Apparently an inspection was carried out by the Council without the knowledge of the owners. The owners have returned their permits and requested a refund.

**T in the Park:** Communication received from a party questioning the decibel level for the sound at T in the Park, claiming the level had increased to 140 decibels. It was commented that the level had been 140 over previous years and that there has been no change.



*T in the Park: decibel levels increasing?  
Photo: Pauline Watson, Kinross.cc photo library*

**Roundabout:** An email was received from a resident enquiring as to the justification in placing a mini roundabout at the T Junction in Sutherland Drive/Springfield Road. The resident felt that it would be more appropriate to place a mini roundabout at the junction in Springfield Road/Muir's. It was mentioned, however, that the stone walls at this location make it unsuitable for such a proposal. The roundabout at Sutherland Drive/Springfield Road was paid for by the Developer and constructed with the purpose of slowing down the traffic before reaching the new crossing.

**Myre Car Park Resurfacing:** In response to a query from CCllr Jack, Cllr Robertson advised that there is money available in the Council Budget and the KGV will also contribute towards the works. However, the delay has been caused due to surface and drainage problems.

**Structural Plan/Housing Projections:** Cllr Barnacle attended a meeting in November with representatives of all CCs and the Civic Trust. Following this Cllr Barnacle wrote to the Chief Executive and the CC also forwarded a letter to P&KC endorsing the comments made by Cllr Barnacle. We have now received a letter which the P&KC sent to all CCs. They do not appear to have received our earlier communication. The Council are proposing to make changes to the Structure Plan which will have an effect on the figures previously referred to. It was agreed that this matter would be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Anti-Social Noise Officers** have offered to address this subject in talks to various groups. This is to be added to the

Agenda for the next meeting.

**Gritting:** Mrs Thomas advised that she had received a communication from the Council asking for comments on the snow clearing/gritting over the winter period. It was suggested that reference to this be made in the Newsletter with a request for comments. However, comments are required by 4 May.

#### **Other Business**

**Area Based Initiative:** Cllr Cuthbert reported on the present position in relation to the Steering Group and recent meetings. An Action Plan has been drawn up to address areas for consideration. A leaflet housing a plan of the area and showing local walks, the town centre, details of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail and list of suppliers etc, has been printed and will be available for distribution shortly. There will be no charge levied for a copy. A competition for children is also included. A report should be forthcoming shortly and CCllr Cuthbert will ensure that the CC receive a copy.

**T in the Park:** A meeting is to be held on 14 May at the Green Hotel. Representatives from all local CCs, Big Day Out and the Police will be in attendance. Two representatives from the CC are invited to attend.

#### **News from the May Meeting**

Present at the meeting held on 2 May were: CCllrs David Colliar (Chair), David Cuthbert, Ian Jack, Margaret Scott (Secy), Margaret Blyth, Carole Drummond and Dot Mackay. Also present were Eileen Thomas and Ross McConnell as Editor and Treasurer of the Kinross Newsletter respectively and three members of the public.

Apologies were received from Councillor W Robertson.

#### **Kinross Newsletter AGM**

The Editor, Mrs Eileen Thomas, presented a report as follows:

"It has been quite a year of change for the Newsletter. This time last year Ian Thomson confirmed his intention to retire in November after 14 years' involvement with the Newsletter, nine as Joint Editor. This allowed us time to find someone with the appropriate skills to replace him and also allowed a generous hand-over period without any disruption to production of the Newsletter. Tony Dyson joined the Newsletter team to do typesetting and layout which had been Ian's main duties. Shortly after Tony joined we started to present the Newsletter to the printers in a fully electronic format which has allowed greater freedom to include photographs and graphics throughout. Tony has taken full advantage of this and has put a lot of work into giving the Newsletter a fresh look with new headings and so on. An experimental colour front cover was so well received that we have converted to colour front covers every month, although this has extended the amount of time that needs to be spent on the Newsletter each month and has increased printing costs. Another development is the Newsletter website. There is not enough room in the Newsletter to give advertisers and readers all the information we would like, such as explaining our advertising structure and giving advice on how to submit items, so the website has been a useful addition and thanks go to Tony for setting that up. Contributors can also find a list of deadlines for months in advance on the Newsletter website.

The Newsletter has become larger in recent months. This is partly due to the extra photographs, but I have also introduced more news stories. I think submissions may also have risen. We receive around 60 items by email each month and around 25 handwritten or hard copy items which need to be word-processed or scanned. Sales have risen from 1800 in

September to 2000 in recent months.

We've had closer collaboration with the kinross.cc website. Together we produced a 'Yellow Pages' of community contacts for the March issue and we plan to do this at least yearly. We mention the kinross.cc website frequently in the Newsletter and we have links between our websites and regular exchanges of information. And we've continued to print a two-page news update from the Kinross-shire Partnership within our pages every six months.

Apart from Tony joining, there have been no other changes to the Newsletter personnel this year. Julia Fulton continues to do an excellent job on word processing. Ann Harley has kindly taken on looking after subscriptions as well as advertising. Ross McConnell looks after the finances and Craig Williams continues to distribute the Newsletter and has added two new outlets, Somerfield and Dobbies. Everyone on the team is enthusiastic about the Newsletter and always looking for ways to improve it.

I'd like to thank the team for all their hard work and support. Thanks also to Ian for the training and support during the handover. I'd also like to thank Isabel Gillon, former joint editor who receives items for us in Milnathort and who is always a source of advice and encouragement. Also, thanks to our regular contributors Lyn Haworth, Malcolm Smith for the weather reports, Fiona Turnbull for the farming column, Gina Long and the Historical Society for the loan of photographs, Helen Glover for various contributions, the police, SNH, the RSPB and all the clubs, community groups and individuals who send us contributions. Thanks also to all the shops and outlets throughout Kinross-shire who stock and sell the Newsletter for us."

The Treasurer, Ross McConnell, circulated copies of the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2007. He explained that although the deficit recorded in the accounts is shown as £1,088.95, it should be noted that donations of over £5,000.00 were made during this financial year to a number of organisations, which included the following: Kinross in Bloom £1,000, Milnathort in Bloom £1,000, Light Up Kinross £1,000, Kinross & District Pipe Band £500, The Web Project £400, Loch Leven United Football Club £300, £100 each to three High School Pupils (Karate) £300, Swansacre Playgroup £250 and Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Outreach Scheme £250. A £1,000 pledge was also made to Friends of Kirkgate Park last year and has only recently been settled, this sum requires to be deducted from the figure recorded under the bank balance. The £50 under "Other Income" relates to the sale of a surplus printer. The printing costs have increased due partly to the fact that the Newsletter now features a colour cover and back page. This change in format attracts an additional cost of around £300 per month. The number of issues being printed has now risen to 2000 and the number of pages in each edition has also increased. The sum under "Retiral Presentation" represents payment of three retiral gifts and two lunches at the Green Hotel. A remuneration is paid to the editor on the basis of an eleven month period. It was noted that Mr Dyson's work on the Newsletter website is included as part of the typesetting layout and no extra payment is received by him for this. The website domain registration covers a two year period for £80. Finally, the sum at credit of the Bank Account was recorded as £20,966.31, however the payment of £1,000 to Friends of Kirkgate Park should be deducted to give a true figure of £19,966.31.

Ian Jack adopted the accounts, seconded by David Colliar.

The Chairman on behalf of the CC conveyed our gratitude to

the Newsletter Team for all their efforts over the last financial year, with special thanks to the Editors, Ian Thomson and Eileen Thomas, as also to the Treasurer, Ross McConnell. Mr Dyson was also to be congratulated for the recent changes in the format of the Newsletter.

The Chairman mentioned that he had received an email from Susan Bathgate questioning the practicalities of having two Kinross Websites, i.e. Kinross CC and the Kinross Newsletter. Mrs Bathgate raised the point that the Newsletter website is duplicating information which should be readily accessible to users of Kinross CC. She explained that funding was available to fully develop the attractions/events and diary sections on the Kinross CC Website and that it was inappropriate for duplication to be taking place. It was agreed that a meeting of the Sub-Committee be arranged to discuss this matter and a reply would be made at that time.

A further communication was received from Susan Bathgate as representative of Friends of Kirkgate Park. This organisation has just received a £1,000 donation from the Newsletter fund, which had been pledged last year. However, Mrs Bathgate explained that an event was planned for the weekend of 1-2 September that would involve various community groups, as well as P&KC, RSPB, Friends of Kirkgate Park etc. Funding was required to host this "Discovery Weekend" and any contribution would be most welcome. This was discussed at great length. However, in view of the donations that were made last year, the fact that a payment of £1,000 is to be made in respect of the kinross.cc website support (covering a two year period and in line with the agreement reached previously), the £1,000 paid out to Friends of Kirkgate Park, £1,000 to Light Up Kinross and the £2,000 earmarked for the Town Hall legal fees, it was decided that it would not be possible to donate any further monies at time. Once the Newsletter fund has built up some capital the situation can then be reviewed. The officers for the following year were agreed as follows: Editor - Eileen Thomas, Treasurer - Ross McConnell, Typesetting - Tony Dyson.

#### **Matters Arising from the April Meeting**

**Bus Changes/Park and Ride** – It was noted that the Park and Ride site will open on 27 May with relevant bus and coach services diverted from that date. Both Scottish Citylink services that operate through Milnathort and also the Megabus journeys that operate on the M90 will be serving this site. However, as explained previously, the Citylink service will no longer travel down the High Street but will serve the bus stops at Station Road (Lomond Mews) and High Street (Kirklands Hotel). There is another Citylink stop at the Green Hotel. Stagecoach Service 23 and a new Service 36B timetable from Glenrothes and Falkland will also serve the Park and Ride Site. These services are detailed in an updated edition of the Kinross-shire and Bridge of Earn Public Transport Guide. Also from 16 April 2007 two new morning journeys were introduced commercially by Stagecoach Fife. Finally, once operational the Council would appreciate feedback from local residents, they themselves will keep the bus arrangements under review. An automated public convenience will also be provided at the Park and Ride Site once funding is available.

**Anti-Social Noise Team:** It was agreed that we should invite them to the June meeting or if this date is inconvenient to the August meeting.

**Collection of Refuse:** The Chairman had received a communication from Mr and Mrs Fu Tong, Grouse & Claret, advising that their grievance had been that they were not

given advance warning from the Council of the proposed inspection of their bridge. They have now engaged the service of a private firm to collect their glass bottles and waste.

**Litter Problem:** Councillor Barnacle had attended a recent meeting the outcome of which was that a Litter Action Plan is to be set up to address the problem. Waste Services Department of P&KC will undertake to co-ordinate the writing and signing up of a Litter Action Plan in conjunction with Kinross High School, Tayside Police, local businesses etc.

**Gritting and Snow Clearing:** This subject was given mention on the website Bulletin Board. CCllr Jack reported that the eastbound A977 is neglected, that the westbound is gritted but the eastbound overlooked. We should raise this matter with P&KC.

#### **Planning Applications received**

Alteration/Extension to dwellinghouse, Carsegour Farm, Kinross: No comment was made on this application.

#### **Planning Applications determined**

Erection of Sun Lounge, 29 Montgomery Way.

Erection of a general store for equipment and covered parking, Balado Mushroom Farm: This application falls under Permitted Development for agricultural use.

#### **Other Planning matters**

07/00885/FUL, Erection of floodlights on two tennis courts, tarmac area in front of clubhouse and to create play area at Kinross Tennis Club, Station Road, Kinross.

The plans were available for perusal this evening. However the application form was not enclosed with the letter received from the Council. The application is in respect of two floodlights between Courts 1 and 2. A letter of objection to this proposal was received from a neighbouring proprietor on the grounds that the proposal was not in keeping with the residential area, would result in the neighbouring properties depreciating in value, inconvenience would increase (at the moment windows and plants are broken/destroyed by tennis balls), etc. It was also commented that this ground was leased by the Tennis Club and that Hayfield Estate may also hold an interest in any planning matters. Having discussed this matter at length, and not having access to the dimensions etc. or application details, it was decided that on the merits of the information at hand grave concerns should be raised in relation to the glare of the lights affecting passing traffic on Station Road, as also the detrimental effect this would have on neighbouring properties. We would also question the usage of the lights, would these be on throughout the year or just at certain times. We are to write to the Council in these terms.

07/00834/OUT, Baltree Farm, Hatchbank: It was noted that there are no details on Public Access regarding this matter.

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At the moment it is recorded as an invalid application. A letter of objection was received from a neighbouring proprietor, however it was agreed that this matter be shelved until the application is under consideration. Concern was raised at the felling of the trees and we are to write to the Council requesting that a Tree Preservation Order be raised in an effort to prevent any further cut back of the beech and oak trees. Mr Alexander confirmed that the Forestry Commission regulate the felling of trees and it was noted that a Licence is required.

#### Report from P&K Councillors

The Councillors were not present this evening, however Cllr Robertson had provided a written Report.

Election – Four Councillors will represent Kinross and one of the issues to be addressed following the Election would be the determination of the Town Hall position. The situation, as explained at the last meeting, is that any maintenance costs are paid for from the Common Good Fund. A broken window at the Town Hall recently had to be repaired. Cllr Robertson would hope that we could address the condition of the centre of the town and improve the position. Cllr Cuthbert reported that the Solicitor representing the Town Hall Committee had Petitioned the Sheriff and a Hearing has now been set for 26 June.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail – The opening ceremony for the first section of the Trail is to take place on 17 May at 6.30 pm in Kirkgate Park. Representatives from the Community Council are invited to attend. Sir David Montgomery will officiate at this Ceremony and Cllr Colliar will attend on behalf of the CC.



Loch Leven Heritage Trail: Sir David Montgomery, Project Director  
Neil Kilpatrick and Councillor Willie Robertson Photo: Felicity Martin

#### General Correspondence

SNP – Manifesto. Noted (not considered as the CC is non political and does not discuss political issues).

Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum – Day Activity Session followed by Forum. Invitation for members to attend on 5 May.

#### Other Business

Cllr Jack mentioned that Tony Brunton, a Central Heating Engineer/Plumber, had offered to attend one of our meetings to speak on “**the awareness of carbon monoxide**”. Would also be prepared to write up an article for the Newsletter or Website. He is to be asked to forward a request in writing to the Secretary.

Cllr Mackay mentioned that she had handed over the **garden competition trophies** to Cllr Drummond for use by Kinross in Bloom for their garden competition with the proviso that they are returned to Kinross CC if Kinross in Bloom should cease to exist in the future.

Cllr Colliar mentioned that the area in front of the **County Buildings** had been resurfaced recently. Unfortunately, the Council workmen had failed to remove the memorial seat to Jack Wilson prior to carrying out this work and the tarmacadam was covering the legs of the seat. The seat is now so low that sitting on it is uncomfortable. The CC owns the seat and we are to write to the Council (Housing and Roads) expressing our grievance at this matter; we were not informed that this work was to be undertaken and we would ask that they now rectify the position, dig up the tarmac, remove the seat and resurface. Should any damage have been sustained to the seat we would, of course, hold them liable for repair.

The Chairman reported that he had received two enquiries regarding **vacancies** on the Committee. Nomination forms are to be handed out to the parties. We are to explain that should there be more than four nominees, a By-Election would be held in September.

**Sub-Committees:** A meeting is to be held at the Green Hotel on 9 May to organise sub-committees.

**The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 6 June at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall.**

Members of the public wishing to address the CC are requested to contact the Secretary in advance and supply a copy of any relevant papers.  
Full Kinross CC Minutes are lodged in the Kinross Library and County Buildings.

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## Milnathort Community Council

In attendance: CCllrs Giacopazzi, Smith, Cottingham, Porter, Ross, Bennet and Thomson; minute secretary E.Rougvie; P&KC Cllrs Robertson and Baird; PC Stephen and nine members of the public. Newly-elected CCllr Lamont submitted his apologies, saying he would arrive later.

**CC elections:** Results were as follows:- J Porter 131; A Ross 118; J Giacopazzi 110; D Cottingham 105; S Smith 104; J Lamont 103; D Thomson 91; L Bennet; 91; A Dawson 60; P Hessey 56; R Halford 42. J Porter, A Ross, J Giacopazzi, D Cottingham, S Smith, J Lamont, D Thomson and L Bennet were duly elected.

**Office-bearers:** CCllr Giacopazzi indicated he would be prepared to continue as chair and secretary meantime; CCllr Ross will continue as treasurer. CCllr Giacopazzi expressed his appreciation for the help received in organising the election; Kinross Rotary Club had done an excellent job in manning the polls and Sheriff Forbes had worked into the night to produce the election results. It was agreed that the CC would write to both to express their thanks.

Minutes of the April meeting were proposed by CCllr Ross and seconded by CCllr Porter.

**Police matters:** PC Stephen reported the following incidents; an act of vandalism had occurred overnight on May 7, whereby a stone dyke was pushed over between Sunnypark woods and Burleigh Sands; a woman parked on the A91 near Gateside had had her mobile phone stolen by a man purporting to ask for directions.

PC Stephen then reported figures released for Western Division of Tayside Police relating to traffic offences that had taken place between April 2006 and March 2007. These included 948 instances of speeding; 1329 instances of using mobile phones and 10,784 seatbelt offences.

CCllr Lamont joined the meeting at this point.

**Matters arising:** P&KCllr Robertson expressed his dissatisfaction about the fact the report into the December floods was unlikely to be discussed by the Council until June. He said that as soon he knew the date he would contact all interested parties to let them know, and a public meeting would be called after that.

P&KC Cllrs: Following the re-definition of Council wards, there are now four councillors representing the Milnathort area. Cllrs Robertson and Baird said they would attend CC meetings on a regular basis, and would work together as much as possible. If any residents had issues to raise they should approach the councillor they thought would be best placed to help.

P&K Cllr Sandy Miller joined the meeting at this point.

**Planning matters:** The following applications were noted:- erection of a garden room at 26 North Street; formation of a disabled ramp at Orwell Church; extension to Seggiebank House, Shire End: CCllr Thomson joined the public while this issue was discussed. There was considerable disagreement over whether this lay within the boundaries of MCC, and after discussion it was agreed to postpone further consideration until advice had been sought from P&KC's planning department.

**Royal Hotel:** The application for change of use from hotel/bar to flats prompted a lengthy discussion. After a vote, it was agreed unanimously that the CC would lodge an objection on the basis that the building should be retained for commercial use.

**Other business:** CCllr Bennet said several members of the public had said there was a need for a crossing in South

Street, possibly at the War Memorial. P&KCllr Robertson will investigate.

In answer to a query by CCllr Giacopazzi, Cllr Robertson said that Scottish Water are to be charged for work to re-instate a pavement in Back Loan.

There was a discussion about the Tourist Information Centre at Turfhill, whose lease expires in September. Cllr Robertson said that efforts were being made to re-locate it to the Council buildings in Kinross.

CCllr Porter raised the issue of hedges and bushes obscuring paths in and around Milnathort. After discussion, it was agreed that CCllrs Porter and Smith would draw up a list for the Council's head of grounds maintenance. Cllr Robertson pointed out that many hedges were privately owned, and he urged people to ensure they were cut back.

Cllr Robertson said he would find out what was happening with regard to the path at Burleigh Castle. It would not be going through the castle itself because of objections by Historic Scotland.

**Recycling:** CCllr Giacopazzi said he felt the CC should be more pro-active in terms of encouraging recycling, but didn't think P&KC provided adequate facilities. After discussion, it was agreed that he would contact the Council's recycling office to invite him to address the CC. P&KCllr Robertson agreed to take up the issue of the condition of Stirling Road in between Kay's Trailers premises and the roundabout.

**The next CC meeting will be held on Thursday, 14 June at 7.30pm in Milnathort Primary School.**

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## Fossoway & District CC

In Attendance at the meeting held on 1 May were: I Farquhar (Chair), F Saunders, L Stronach, L Boulter, T Duffy-Wigman, H Wallace, A Morrison, P&K Cllr M Barnacle and 17 members of the public. Apologies were received from I Booth. There were no declarations of Interest, though Cllr Boulter indicated that she was a neighbour to one of the planning applications.

**Community Policing:** Unfortunately the community police officer was called to an incident. However the following information was provided by the police after the meeting:

**Matters from previous meetings:** The overgrown bush at Rumbling Bridge was checked but appears to have been dealt with by the Council; speed checks were carried out in Cambo and Blairingone and several people have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

**Current Incidents:** Theft of a purse outside a house in Waulkmill Crook of Devon; and theft by housebreaking at Gartwhinzean Hotel Powmill.

Bogus workmen continue to be a concern and the public are asked to be aware and suspicious of workmen particularly in good weather offering to do garden chores and household repairs. Fly tipping often relates directly to such incidents.

Western Division Seatbelt, Speeding and Mobile Phone incidents in the year to 31st March 2007 are: Speeding Offences – 692; Mobile Phone Offences – 1036; Seatbelt Offences – 1329; Tayside Safety Camera Partnership (fixed site and mobile van) – 10784.

PC Petrie is new Fossoway & District CC Officer.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Approved with one amendment - there are no road improvements agreed from Institute to Broomhill Kennels by the Council as this road is privately owned.

### Matters Arising

**Devonshaw Quarry:** The Landowners response to safety concerns is of empathy. Gates have been installed, safety equipment and signs erected, however these continue to end up at bottom of quarry. They have considered filling the quarry but it is used by Central Scotland Police for diving practice. Cllr Barnacle has visited the site and raised the point that it may make a good Country Park and suggested that the Secy write asking the P&KC to liaise with the landowner to consider possible developments designed to provide a safe amenity. Until then the FDCC recommend that the landowner ensures that he has Public Liability Insurance.

**Speeding in Carnbo:** A letter has been sent to C Haggart, P&KC Head of Traffic and Road Safety requesting a speed survey be conducted at Carnbo during Knockhill racing events and report on findings and advise on possible reduction measures.

**Speeding in Blairingone:** A letter has been sent to C Haggart, P&KC who has been asked urgently about the progress of the pedestrian crossing and roundabout works agreed at the public meeting as to the best ways to reduce speeding through Blairingone.

**Pitcairnie Development:** A letter has been sent to P&KC Jim Irons relating the concerns of the Cambo Community over planning application 05/02389/REM and asking for an urgent meeting on site before 3 May. It is noted with disappointment that no acknowledgment or response has been received from P&KC to date; also a letter has been sent to Scottish Inquiry Reporters Unit asking for the appeal to be heard urgently and relating the view and concerns of the community.

**ASBO presentation** provisionally booked for 5 June FDCC meeting: Donald Strawson and Sandy Robertson have confirmed they will give a short presentation on the work of the ASBO noise team at the next FDCC meeting on 5th June 2007 at Powmill.

### P&KC Business – Cllr M Barnacle

The Chair asked Cllr Barnacle to give feedback on **Fossoway Settlements Development Strategy Group** meeting on 17 April. Cllr Barnacle reported that as a result of the four public meetings held at each village a letter has been sent to P&KC Forward Planning noting the following:

**Blairingone:** Area B3 Blairingone had a few objections to the assessment area; the Council should provide cost figures for a by-pass; the group recommend the under grounding of the overhead pylon route; the area to the south of the bypass line should be considered as a rural development site.

**Crook of Devon:** Drum area requires a rural development site; area CD11 (fish farm) has potential as a holiday/leisure development; conservation status for Back Crook area; the group recommended the under-grounding of overhead pylon route.

**Powmill:** There is concern about the amount of development at Powmill and there should be a reconsideration of zoning of this development site: area P6 recommended as recreational provision: there should be provision for a pedestrian crossing. **Rumbling Bridge:** Birkfield Rural Development Site should be re-assessed in light of recommendations for Crook of Devon and Blairingone.

As a general comment Cllr Barnacle states that Development potential should not mean just Housing and any large scale development on edges of villages should be recommended for refusal before the strategy is in place to protect the edge of the village. Continuing as a result of these meetings, it is recommended that there be four safe crossing points of the A977.

A map for each village is to be produced re Strategy meeting conclusions.

**Other Matters:** The fly tipping is continuing between Drum to Cleish particularly at the lay-bys. While this is technically the landowner's responsibility it is recommended that the problem lay-bys should be closed to prevent further fly tipping.

**Fossoway Primary School:** There continues to be a problem with traffic management in the area at dropping - off and pick-up times. People are advised not to park on the zigzag lines along the school perimeter. A letter is to be sent to the school reminding users of the concerns we all share on this issue.

Members of the public requested information from FDCC on how to set up a Community Group to take action on local traffic control issues. People are advised to contact the Police with their concerns at the blockage of driveways and speeding near the school. A letter is to be sent to the police asking for enforcement action to prevent illegal parking and obstruction to footpath and driveways.

Re speeding in Powmill and on the A977 generally the council is prevented by legislation at putting up speed cameras unless accident statistics support their deployment. Members of the public are urged to contact their MSP about the speeding of vehicles on A977 and the need for a change in the legislation to allow speed cameras at any speeding locations.

**Drum Sewage:** Power installation will be on 18 May and connection to householders thereafter.

Kevin Bell from Scottish Water is to be invited by FDCC to discuss all matters regarding connections.

#### Planning Matters

07/00555/FUL – Plot 5A Powmill Farm, this is the fourth application at this site for a Dwelling House. P&KC approval has been refused at three applications and the Scottish Executive has refused two appeals. The applicant has reduced the height of the building however significant concerns are still remaining. FDCC recommend refusal on the count of six reasons including conflict with KALP policies.

07/00585/REM – New Guest House, Wester Fossoway. The applicant advised that the guest house will be changed and the FDCC request that the current outline application be withdrawn and a fresh application be submitted for development of the site.

07/00667/FUL – Alterations and extension to Cocklaw House, Powmill. FDCC recommends approval subject to written confirmation of materials proposed, landscaping work including trees to be retained and access provisions at the site.

07/00762/OUT – Erection of 2 dwelling houses at East Coldrain. FDCC recommend approval on the basis of the applicants supporting proposals.

07/00781/FUL - Modification of existing proposal at Culbin Field, Rumbling Bridge. FDCC recommend approval subject to satisfactory landscaping proposals.

07/00727/FUL – New Dwelling between Fall Nursery and Turbine Cottage, Main Street, Crook of Devon. FDCC recommend approval subject to satisfactory plot ratio and flood risk reports and finishes compatible with neighbourhood dwellings. A similar proposal was previously refused on drainage grounds before extra work revealed that there is spare capacity in new system for a total of 12 houses within the new Waste Water Plant.

Cllr Farquhar indicated that a meeting has been arranged with P&KC planners to discuss concerns about the application of policies to planning applications in general and particularly relating to Steading developments.

#### General Correspondence Received

Letter from Mrs Munro, Cambo - enclosing letter to Planning and Development Officer complaining about conditions and storage of materials at Pitcairne site and supporting earlier comments – Noted.

Church of Scotland – Confirmation of booked dates for meetings in Crook of Devon and advising costs – To Treasurer for payment.

Alan Chappell – expenses relating to work as acting Treasurer – To Treasurer for payment.

Clackmannan Developmental & Environmental Services – opportunity to put oral submission in support of objection by 26 April; insufficient time to prepare oral submission. However Cllr Barnacle advises Clacks have deferred any decision. Secy to ask for copy of report and reason for deferral.

P&KC Executive Director Environment – Acknowledgment to Cambo speeding letter – May review dates for speed check to ensure that speed checks are carried out during school term time.

P&KC Executive Director Environment – Acknowledgment to Blairingone speed control measures letter.

Mrs Thomson – Copy of letter to P&KC Planning Enforcement Officer re Pitcairne site – Noted.

H Black, Blairingone Primary School – Letters confirming

that the Head teacher and P&KC are happy to offer Blairingone Primary School as meeting venue – As all meetings are now confirmed for this year Blairingone will be used as venue Post Feb 08 for a maximum of two meetings per annum.

Scottish Executive Development Dept Inquiry Unit – Acknowledgment of letter 9 April 07 ref 07APR004 re Pitcairnie Cambo – indicating they will take account of concerns.

Tom Read – Attaches P&KC appeal papers to Inquiry Unit re Pitcairnie- noted.

Mrs Johnston, Powmill – Complaint that proposed Dog bin has not been erected as promised – Dog control Officer recommends bin to be installed opposite The Milk Bar. Do other residents have a suggestion? Local Cllr is to take soundings.

#### Other Competent Business

**Airshow** at Balado 25 – 26 August. FDCC will write to owners of airfield to enquire about proposed Traffic Management and other arrangements for the weekend.

**Community Website:** Cllr Trudy Duffy-Wigman is to look at resurrecting the community website.

**The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 June at Powmill Moubray Hall at 7.30pm.**

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# Club & Community Group News

## Save NHS Dentistry Campaign

At the May meeting, campaigners discussed correspondence from the Community Health Partnership which had been passed to us by Gordon Banks MP who is helping the group. There continues to be conflicting information as to whether Kinross will benefit from a mobile dental unit that is one of two apparently operating in Tayside. Gordon Banks is due to meet the Director of CHP and there will be a report of his meeting when the group next meets in June. CHP has told our group that two new salaried dentists are to start work in new premises in Perth soon and it appears that the new Dental Treat and Teach centre is likely to be sited at Broxden Business Park in Perth. We continue to highlight our grave concern that NHS dental services need to be local so that elderly and disabled people, or those without transport, can access them.

Apart from anything else, this new centre will not be open until 2009 at the earliest and we want to know what people are supposed to do for the next two years?

Now that the new Scottish Parliament has reconvened, we will be pursuing our petition again and calling on the Executive to legislate for a statutory obligation to provide NHS dental services to everyone in Scotland.

It was interesting in this respect at the election hustings in Kinross Parish Church, that the candidates from the main parties, including SNP, when asked if they would support such statutory provision, were not prepared to. We can't understand how the dental crisis can be tackled other than putting legislation in place which provides for a long-term strategy that requires more NHS dentists to be trained and employed here, rather than leaving dental provision to the vagaries of the private market.

We hope to have more news on these issues at our next meeting on **Wednesday 13 June** at 7pm in the Church Centre. Please feel free to come along if you have any "dental issues" or alternatively phone Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825.

## Kinross Primary School PTA

Kinross Primary School PTA would like to thank all the parents and local businesses who supported the recent Spring Fling at the end of March. Everyone had a great night out; enjoying the music of local band *Spur of the Moment* and raising over £500 for PTA funds.

This year the PTA have used the funds raised to support projects and events to encourage the pupils to lead healthy and active lives – from the purchase of playground games with an Awards for All grant to meeting the cost of the visiting activities that the children enjoyed during Health Week at the school. Supporting the school in this way is only possible through the continued support of parents and the wider local community for the events and fundraisers that are organised. If you would like any further information on the work of the PTA please contact Sharon on 01577 862170. Thanks again for your support and look out for future events run by the PTA.



## Probus Club



The last meeting of the 06-07 session was held on 18 April when the club was privileged to have as their speaker Vanda Salmon, who had worked as a private secretary for Winston Churchill for a year in the 1950s. She started off by describing the first interview she had with Mr Churchill. She arrived at his London Home, 28 Hyde Park Gate, at 10.30am, but at 12 o'clock she was told that Mr Churchill could not see her that day; could she come tomorrow, and so on the next day she again appeared at 10.30 but this time she was met at the front door by Jo Stirling, head of the typists and duly ushered up the stairs to what Vanda imagined would be Winston's office, but when the door was opened she found herself in Winston's bedroom with the man himself propped up in bed with a budgie on one side of the bed, an amaryllis on the other and Rufus, the poodle, lying at the foot. "Delighted to see you" said the great man "Thank you very much for agreeing to be my secretary." She was then informed by Jo that they started at 8.30 in the morning, and that was the end of the interview. Next day she discovered why they started at 8.30am. Most people's mail comes through the letter box; Winston Churchill's came in several large sacks, and had to be divided up into three piles – Personal, Parliamentary and Constituency and fan mail. The fan mail was by far the largest.

Despite that strange start to her year she enjoyed her time with the great man, who worked extremely hard, if possible never wasting a minute – remember he was Leader of the Opposition at that moment and he was determined that the Conservatives would make their case in the House of Commons. He was also writing the monumental history of the Second World War, running to ten volumes. This historical work was mainly done at the weekends. But he cared for his staff, happy to introduce them to some of the famous people of the time such as Vivien Leigh and Sir Lawrence Olivier. In dictation he gave the secretaries time to get their words down. As well as having a fantastic command of the English language, he loved life, including cats, dogs and flowers. Altogether Churchill was great fun to work for and although this period in her life was over fifty years ago, Vanda still has vivid memories of Winston Churchill. She finished with an evocative description of his funeral. Tony Jones gave the vote of thanks.

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## Diabetes UK (Scotland) Kinross Voluntary Group

The next meeting of the Kinross Voluntary Group will be on **16 June**. Our speaker will be Angela Elingford from the National Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Service in Perth, which all Diabetics are encouraged to undertake annually. We meet at Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 10.15am for 10.30am.

May's speaker was Florence Reid from the Podiatry department who gave some sound advice on caring for our feet.

At the May meeting forthcoming events were discussed. "Get Involved in Diabetes Week" takes place from **10 to 16 June**. We hope to have a team participate in the "Walk in the Park 2007" at Lochore Meadows, Lochgelly, Fife on **8 July** from 11am to 1pm.

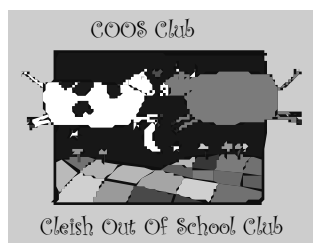
If you need any further information about the group please contact: Vivian - Area Liaison Volunteer, Diabetes UK 01738 635826; Linda 01577 861217 or Allan 01577 862986.

## Cleish Out Of School Club

As the end of the school term approaches, some of you will no doubt be wondering what activities are taking place over the summer holidays to keep your children happy and busy.

The COOS Club (Cleish Out Of School Club) is pleased to announce that for the fifth summer running, it will again be running its holiday club. The club is for children aged 4 to 12. It will be open Monday to Friday during the 4 weeks commencing 16 July, between the hours of 8.30am and 6pm in Fossoway Primary School, Crook of Devon. Fees are £10 for a half day and £16 for a full day. The club is a registered childcare provider and accepts Childcare Vouchers for payment of fees. For more information and a copy of the summer programme, contact Michelle on 07875 711827.

The club is also looking to recruit new staff for the start of the Autumn school term - See the vacancy information on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) for more details.



## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the May meeting the speaker was Mrs Margaret Gillies Brown, writer, talking on "her life & books". Margaret, her husband and their family emigrated to Canada in the nineteen fifties and she gave us an interesting and enjoyable talk on their adventures and life in Canada. A vote of thanks was given to Margaret followed by a hearty applause.

**Summer Outing:** The outing will be on **Sunday 1 July** to Ayr. Money to be collected at June meeting.

**Charity concert:** The club will be holding a concert in the Parish Church on **23 November** at 7.30pm. The charge will be £5 per ticket and the entertainment will be East Fife Male Voice Choir. The preceding months, Sep, Oct & Nov, raffle tickets will be sold at the monthly meetings. Proceeds to Kinross Day Centre.

### Friday Walks

A large party enjoyed a sunny day strolling along the Forth and Clyde Canal in early May, past swans sitting on nests, and baby ducklings hiding in the rushes at the side of the canal. Fortunately the incident of our lunch in Glen Garr on the previous walk was avoided - when one of our men drank deeply of the contents of the driver's flask. These slim line unbreakable flasks all look the same!

**1 June:** A repeat of our annual circular walk from Balmullo, through Willie's Wood and then up Lucklaw Hill with its views of the Eden and Leuchars airfield - an easy 6 miles.

**15 June:** A new circular walk starting at the Retail Outlet car park in Tillicoultry, going through Drummie, Coalsnaughton, then through the woods above Gartmorn Dam, and Devon Village. This is along a mixture of roads and paths, and barely 6 miles.

**29 June:** A one way walk from Upper Glendevon Reservoir to Blackford. This starts off along a narrow path at the back of the reservoir, but is mainly along a wide country road with great views - and no longer than the other walks this month.

**Hillwalkers:** Since the last Newsletter we undertook the excellent Edzell Riverside walk on a very bright and warm April day that felt more like July. This is one walk that could be tackled at different times of the year and would reward the walker by displaying varied characteristics.

On 11 May we walked a favourite of this group along the Fife coastal path from St Andrews to Crail. This time the weather was cooler but it did stay dry until we were back on the minibus and on our way home.

Our June programme consists of a 10 mile, grade B+ walk to Loch Ordie on the 8th and on the 22nd we will tackle our first Munro of the year when we venture up Glenshee to Cairnwell. Members should note that the minibus is not available for the 22nd.

Please also note that our membership list is full at the moment and we are running a waiting list.

**June Meeting:** The speaker on **7 June** will be Alistair McNeil on "Skara Brae to Killiecrankie".

**The Elderberries:** outing on **Monday 11 June** is going to the Angler's Inn at Guildtown for lunch, then down to the Destiny Antiques at Scone Airport Leaving Kinross Day Centre at 11am. There are a few spare seats available, if any 50 Plus members would like to go, please contact Zena McRae tel: 864342.

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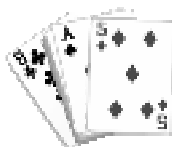
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## Kinross Bridge Club

The final evening for the year 2006/07 was played on Wednesday 18 April.



	North-South	East-West
1st	R. Robertson B. Sandison	M. Malcolm P. Forrest
2nd	P. Stirling Jnr C. Robertson	A.R. Greenhill J. Skillen

Championship winners:

Quaich - J. Skillen, Runner Up - A.R. Greenhill.

The club will reconvene for the 2007/2008 season on **Wednesday 3 October**.

New members and visitors are very welcome.

Club contact - A.R. Greenhill, Secretary, Tel 01577 862901

## Milnathort Bridge Club

The end of season Supper and Prize Giving was held in the Thistle Hotel on Monday 30 April 2007.



**Zandra's Quaich** for most points

1st	Jim Lawrie	108.5 points
2nd	David Smith	98.5 points
3rd	Willie Young	90 points

**Hat night prizes**

1st	Willie Young	68.7%
2nd	David Thornber	63.6%
3rd	David Smith	57.1%

**Pairs Competition**

1st	Willie & Audrey Allan	58.9%
2nd	Jim Lawrie & David Smith	58.6%
3rd	Richard Melville & Bruce Ferguson	53.9%

**Best One Night Score**

1st	Jim Lawrie & Willie Young	78%
2nd	Jim Lawrie & Willie Young	73.1%
3rd	Willie Young & David Thornber	69%

**Tournament** - 20 Boards of Bridge were enjoyed by 40 members

**North South Winners**

1st	Audrey Allan & Betty Young	+ 2130
2nd	Liz Brown & Beryl Harley	+ 2060
3rd	Jean Ross & David Poole	+ 1720

**East West Winners**

1st	Jessie Mitchell & Jean McLaren	+ 940
2nd	Jane Smith & Jessie Lawrie	+ 20
3rd	Richard Melville & Bruce Ferguson	- 30

Bridge will be played in the Thistle Hotel on **Mondays at 7pm throughout the summer**. The winter session will start on **Monday 24 September** with the AGM. All will be made very welcome.

## Fair Break Café News

Our most important news is that we have changed the opening hours for our Fairtrade Coffee and Bookshop at 28 South Street, Milnathort. We will now be open during the evenings Monday to Friday from 7pm to 9pm and Sundays (for homemade soup and cream teas) from 1pm to 5pm. During the weekdays, Fair Break will be available for hire by local organisations or individuals for meetings, activities or lessons (rates negotiable). Thus far there is a scrabble group that meets on Thursdays from 2.30pm until 4pm and a meditation group also on Thursday from 6.30pm until 7pm, followed by coffee. All are welcome. As the villagers are well served for Fairtrade and refreshments during the day by Common Grounds and Heaven Scent, we hope that our alternative hours will accommodate those who are away during the day at work or school. We are also hoping to provide a venue for young (and not so young) folk that is an alternative to the pub or the street corner. And budding musicians can come along on Friday nights for an 'Open Mic' night! There will also be occasional guest performers on Sunday afternoons.

Our first guest was Dennis Alexander who came along with his guitar to help us raise money for Christian Aid at our Strawberry Tea on 17 May. Our next guests will be Nigel and Ian Thomson on classical guitars on **Sunday 3 June**, 2pm to 4pm. Please do come along to support them and help us to raise funds for the Darfur Emergency Appeal.

I would like to thank all the daytime volunteers who have supported us so faithfully over the past year. You will continue to see some of them in the evening but some new faces as well. As always, we are looking for more volunteers to help either serving in the shop, with baking, book sorting or cleaning.

We will also continue to work with the Fairtrade Steering Committee to do outreach to local groups. Our most recent presentation was to 80 women from the WRI in Cupar. Many thanks to Iain Walker and Meg Cowie who helped with this. On **Saturday 9 June** we will have a stall at the volunteers' market in Perth. For more information about any of the above please call Marg Meade on 01577 863557 or Meg Cowie on 01577 864762.

## Kinross Garden Group



Kinross Garden Group still have double rooms available on their trip to Holland/Germany on **2 September**. If anyone would like to join us and for more information telephone Mrs Rodger 863785.

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## Common Grounds Charity No. SC031582

**Projects.** April's Ethiopian project has received the donation approved by the Volunteers April meeting, bringing the half year total achieved by volunteers, friends and customers of Common Grounds to just over £5000. Well done everyone!

Our May project supports The Grama Nava Nirman Samithi programme which is working, with the support of the charity Lepira, to eliminate leprosy and its side effects in the Andhra Pradesh region of India. The programme also aims to help manage existing disabilities and train Public Health staff to recognise symptoms and promote self help in the community.

**Book Club.** The Club, at its May meeting, was pleased to welcome a new member. If you are interested in joining in their discussions contact Marlene Whyte on 01592 840371. The group meets in the Church Street Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

**Pay Us a Visit.** Common Grounds is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. So, why not come along, view the Fairtrade goods on sale, enjoy a coffee and a chat – sample the home baking, the books, the jewellery and experience the welcoming log fire. If you wish to make contact at other times, phone Pat Payne on 862715, Jim Henry on 864452 or Shirley Morgan on 864745.

## Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



**Film Première:** A very successful film premiere of the 2006 "Son et Lumière" was held at Kinross Church Centre where most of the local cast was present to see themselves on the silver screen. Gacé Chairman, Michel Brodin, was fortunate to have the use of French film director Luc Besson's editing studio to produce a wonderful DVD featuring the history of the world using the towns of Gacé and Kinross as comparisons through the ages.

**Spring Fayre:** The annual spring fayre will be held on **Saturday 2 June** from 10 am till 1 pm at Smiddy House (next to the Town Hall). There will be all the usual stalls - teas, coffees, home baking, bottle stall, book stall, mystery parcel, plants and play your cards right.

**High School visit to Gacé:** The High School visit to Gacé in early May continued to foster the good links between our twin towns and pupils returned with many happy memories of their visit.

**Twin Town Visit Summer 2007:** Preparations are already underway for the visit of our Gacé friends this summer. They will arrive in late July and stay for one week with our host families. Two day trips are planned: one to Glasgow and one to the south Edinburgh area along with a car treasure hunt in and around Kinross-shire. Anyone interested in membership of the Association (only £2 per adult) should contact secretary David Munro (tel. 01577 862126).

## Boys and Girls Brigade



The annual display and presentation of awards for Anchors, Juniors and Company sections will be held at 7pm in Kinross Church Centre on **Friday 1st June**. Company and Battalion awards will be presented along with items from all three sections. Parents and friends will be most welcome.

## Kinross & District Rotary Club



### The Rotary Month

Bringing hope out of hopelessness was the Rev Joanne Finlay's theme when she addressed the Club meeting on 16 April. Rev Finlay, the minister at Cleish & Fossoway Church since 2005, explained that she had had an interest in music and in particular the piano since an early age. Studying music and psychology she soon discovered ways in which music could help the physically and mentally handicapped. Whilst training for the ministry and working at special needs schools she had found that music could again be a great help in helping the children overcome their difficulties. She went on to relate by describing in emotional detail some examples of how whilst working as a hospital chaplain and by using music therapy she had been able to transform some lives and reduce the frustration felt by others in distress. Rotarian Rev John Hegarty gave the vote of thanks.

Bronze Age Kinross was the subject of the talk given to the Club on 23 April by Trevor Cowie, a senior curator in the archaeology department of the Royal Scottish Museum. Trevor explained how a chance find by a metal detector user had led to further investigations and finds. The earliest find has been a flat axe head from the period 1900 – 1700 BC. Other items found have included swords, socketed axe heads and gouges some thought to have originated in northern England. It is felt that the items were probably buried on purpose to identify boundaries.

A group of fourteen Rotarians enjoyed an enjoyable and informative visit to RAF Leuchars. During the visit the strategic role of the RAF today was explained and the group were taken on a tour of the maintenance areas, radar facilities and the control tower. The highlight of the visit for the aviation buffs was the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of one of the Tornados based at the station.

Six years after they placed an option on the land, Stewart Milne was able to commence building in May 2006 on their 6.7 acre site at Burnbank Meadows. Steve Loomes, the Company's Land Director explained to the meeting of the Rotary Club on 30 April the complexities of meeting all today's planning requirements and the various approvals that are now required. A total of 41 houses were to be built on the site and as part of the planning requirements the adjacent road is being re-aligned to improve the sight lines and a new bridge is being built over the burn to give access to Sunnypark. Following on their success in Scotland, plans were now well established to extend the company's activities into England and Wales.

A party from the Club made a visit to the SSPCA Wildlife Centre at Dunfermline. The Society now receives 100,000 calls per year and the group were shown the excellent work being undertaken not only to rehabilitate injured and sick animals but to educate the public in animal welfare issues. The staff stressed that a lot of the problems they came across were caused by the careless disposal of litter.

The organisers of T in the Park have kindly donated £5000 to the Club to be used to support local charities.

The second **Rotary Charity Golf Event** will be held at Kinross Golf Club on **24 August**

### Newsletter Deadlines

A list of deadlines can be printed off from our website  
**[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)**



## Kinross in Bloom

Our 200 Club winners were:

April: 1st Barbara Spalding £25, 2nd David Izatt £15, 3rd Jean Miller £10, 4th Elsa Sinclair £5.

May: 1st Bill and Elizabeth Harley £25, 2nd Barbara Graham £15, 3rd Sarah Cuthbert £10, 4th Edna and Andrew Burnett £5.

Please support what we do by joining - £1 a month and half the proceeds paid out monthly as prizes - just phone Diane McDiarmid on 865943.

Over 50 summer hanging baskets go up in early June and we will be planting up the big 3-tier planters and over 20 halfbarrels so it should all look great - but we desperately need more people to help us water them all. If you could spare a bit of time over the summer (even if you can only do the 'watering round' once, it would really help..) we'd be happy to show you how to use our super watering buggy (two-seater, really easy to operate and complete with flashing orange light!) and where to water.

To find out more about what we do, see [www.kinrossinbloom.co.uk](http://www.kinrossinbloom.co.uk)

Our **Annual General Meeting**, when we are planning to amend our constitution to make it easier for us to get funding for some of our projects, is on **Wednesday 25 July** at 7.30pm at the Green Hotel.

### Kinross in Bloom Garden Competition 2007

We are pleased to announce the above Competition for 2007. If you have entered in past years you will by now have received an entry form. If you are entering for the first time, forms are available from the Sands Post Office as well as a box for posting. There are many more categories and prizes this year, there is no entry fee, and you may enter as many categories as you wish.

Categories: Best Kept Garden, Best Container, Best Business Display, Best Junior Entry (under 12 years), Best Small Garden, Best Garden Design, Best Senior Entry (over 60 years), Best Vegetables, and the Kinross Community Council Award.

Kinross in Bloom reserves the right to withdraw any category in the event of insufficient entries.

Mr David Roulston of Wester Dalquieich House has kindly agreed to act as a judge this year and we will shortly confirm another.

Judging will take place mid July, and all entrants will be notified of the judging date, which will also appear in the July newsletter.

Whether you are a novice or an experienced gardener, please help support Kinross in Bloom; it is very much appreciated.

For further details and entry forms, please call 01577 850214.



## Kinross Potager Garden



The Kinross Potager Garden in Bowton Road is open every day from now until September and you are welcome to call in and see what's happening. The children from Kinross Primary School have been busy growing vegetables and flowers and helping to look after the garden. By the time you read this we will have held our first Grow Your Own Grub sale where they will sell vegetable plants to parents to grow on in their own gardens. Our two new ventures, the evening Horticulture course run by Perth College and the new After School Club are both going extremely well.

The Potager garden is a community garden run by volunteers so if you're interested in finding out more about what we do or how you can get involved contact Barbara Graham on 01577 865238 ([barbara.graham@whi.ch.net](mailto:barbara.graham@whi.ch.net)).

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## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Members and guests survived the delays at the Broxden Roundabout to reach the new museum at the Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry. After a fascinating short film detailing the history of the hotel, we toured the small museum, whose sound effects are not up to the job. The visit concluded with a lavish afternoon tea.

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# Sports News

## Kinross Bowling Club

The season has got off well, with several friendly games already played.

We played Dollar on 21 April and came second, Orwell on 26 April and won, Bridge of Earn on 5 May and won, and Glenfarg on 17 May and came second.

**Club Competition** - "The Cowie Shield" was played on Saturday 19 May and the winner was Jim Wilkie, R/Up Betty Paterson.

**The Ladies Scottish Competitions** have started - results as follows:

S. Rennie **S/Hand** w/o 1st Round

S. Rennie lost 21-20 in 2nd Round

**Pairs** - J. Cousar, Betty Paterson won - 1st Round 17-12.

J. Cousar, Betty Paterson beaten - 2nd Round.

**Triples** - J. Mitchell, M. Scott, S. Rennie won - 1st Round 15-14. J. Mitchell, M. Scott, S. Rennie were beaten 13-9 2nd Round.

**County S/Hand** - S. Rennie won 21-8 1st Round.

**County Pairs** - C. Cochrane / M. Scott beaten in 1st Round.

## Kinross Badminton Club

Following the annual tournaments, the Club's new trophy holders are as follows:



	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner Up</i>
Men's Singles	F MacHugh	P MacHugh
Ladies' Singles	N McGuigan	S Varma
Ladies' Doubles	A Walker and M. McPherson	S Varma and N McGuigan
Mixed Doubles	G Sorbie and S Varma	S Ross & A Walker
Kate Francis Shield	S Thomson and N McGuigan	D Edwards and J Burkinshaw

Play in the Men's Doubles has not yet been completed, but will be in time for the presentation of trophies at the barbecue to be held at the home of the Walkers in Scotlandwell on 9 June at 4pm.

## Kinross Volleyball Club

The club's Annual General Meeting was held in early May with John Cameron being elected Chairman, Fiona Wilkie elected Treasurer and Claire Young elected Secretary. The club has entered two teams in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament at Perth and two teams at this year's De Haan Tourney in Belgium during August.

At the Perth Volleyball League AGM, Kinross Scot Range were confirmed as Premier League runners up (by a mere one point), Kinross BB were runners up in the Recreational League as well as League Cup winners at the beginning of the season.

With the lighter nights now evident, **outdoor play** will commence on **Monday 4 June** at King George V Park from 7pm until 8.30pm. New members welcome - come along and give it a try - you won't be disappointed.

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## Athletics



After an excellent run in her first outdoor race of the 2007 season, reported in last month's newsletter, local athlete **Eilidh Child** has continued to set the track alight with a string of good performances. On 21 April she competed in the Scottish University Championships at Grangemouth and won the 400 metre hurdles title in a new personal best time of 59.33. This was her first PB in just under two years and she was understandably delighted with the time.

On the following day, competing for Pitreavie in the Scottish Women's League at Meadowbank Stadium, she won the A string 100 metre hurdles race in 14.70 and then won the 200m B string race in another personal best time of 24.62 seconds, a time that was fast enough to win the A string race.

On 5 May she travelled south to Bedford and competed in the 400 metre hurdles for Edinburgh University at the British Universities Athletic Championships. She won her heat comfortably in 59.90 seconds and then went on to win the final in another personal best time of 59.05 seconds, beating last year's winner by nearly 2.5 seconds.

On 13 May at Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow, in conditions that were less than favourable, she won the Scottish Closed Championships 400m hurdles in 59.42 seconds. On 20 May she ran for Scotland at the Loughborough International in a 400m hurdles race that featured Commonwealth Games medallist Lee McConnell (Loughborough University) and athletes representing teams from England, Wales and Great Britain and Ireland Juniors. She finished second to McConnell in 58.42 seconds, yet another personal best and a season's target, which was to run under 59 seconds. Her new target is to get under 58 seconds and should this be achieved she will qualify to run at the European Under 23 Championships to be held in Hungary in July.

## Kinross Hockey Club

The final game of the season saw Kinross away to Edinburgh University to decide the title of Division 3 with Kinross having to win to secure the title. The game started at a frantic pace but a lack of killer instinct by both sides saw no goals until Edinburgh Uni scored after a torrent of shots at goal. Kinross equalled minutes later when Daniel Marsh gave a precise pass to David Goodenough who chipped the rushing keeper. Kinross again went behind after a well worked Uni break only to level the scores after a strong Mike Wilson run who crashed the ball into the D for David Goodenough to edge the ball past the keeper. In the second half both sides attacked and defended well. Kinross pressed forward knowing the win was vital. However, the Uni keeper made some excellent saves and their forwards scored another two breakaway goals to secure the league title. The game was played in a great spirit by both sides and it was a fitting end to a fantastic season for both teams who will now both be playing next season in East Division Two. Kinross statistics: Played 16, Won 12, Lost 4. Goals For 71, Goals Against 37.

Mixed Summer hockey has started on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm on the KGV astro and everyone is welcome.

## Kinross Cricket Club

The official opening of our new ground at Kinross House is on **Saturday 16 June**. All members of the community are cordially invited to attend. The club wishes to thank the following for their direct support in building the pavilion and the wickets; Sport Scotland, Robert Purvis Plant Hire, Realm Construction, Cliff Megginson Electrical Services, Craig Prentice Plumbing Services, Turffit, Messrs D McLaren of Classloch, Ogilvie Ross, Kinross Estate Company, Kinross-shire Agricultural Society and the many local businesses who have supported our various fundraising events over the past 2 years. There are so many parents and friends of the cricket club who have contributed to this project in some way that we could fill a whole page with thanks – you know who you are – many thanks to you all.

It is a dream-come-true for the cricket club to finally play in such excellent quality and beautiful surroundings and have a place to call home.

Our fundraising work has continued with a very enjoyable family quiz night held at The Lomond Country Inn, Kinnesswood. £187 was raised on the night. We have also enjoyed a very interesting and informative wine tasting evening, kindly hosted by Mr & Mrs Kennedy at Warroch House. This raised £454.50. The junior membership is now over 100 and the club goes from strength to strength. Our under 15 and under 13 teams have both won their first round matches in the Scottish Cup tournament. Both teams face Freuchie in the 2nd round. Our under 15 and under 11 “hard ball” teams are unbeaten to date. All the results and match reports are posted on the club website, [www.kinrosscc.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscc.co.uk), along with the fixtures list. Spectators are very welcome at any of the club’s matches and there is always a cup of tea going for those watching the game.

We look forward to the inaugural **Community 6s Cricket Challenge** on **Saturday 9 June**, starting at 10am. Please come along to support the local clubs and community groups that are taking part, including the local Churches, the tennis club, the hockey club, the Round Table. We also hope the volleyball club, Sport Scotland and the Boys Brigade will play as well.

Two of the club’s coaches have been visiting the local Primary Schools each Friday to introduce cricket to the children in P4/5/6. We have enjoyed meeting the children who have all tried really hard and behaved extremely well and we have noticed some really good cricketing potential for future years at the club. The teachers have also been a great help, getting involved with every session and some even taking notes so they can keep the children going with cricket in PE lessons from time to time. We have been delighted to see so many of these children are continuing to play cricket and attending junior coaching every Monday night. Well done to you all – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and we look forward to returning to the schools again next year.

Ladies cricket at the club has got off to a great start with 14 new members already – each one playing cricket for the very first time. We will spend a summer and a winter in training and in preparation for hopefully a full fixtures calendar next summer.

## Kinross Road Runners

Five Kinross Road Runners ran a marathon on 22 April. Gill Lopez, Anne Wilson, Isabel Carmichael and Bill Nouillan ran the London Marathon in hot sunny conditions whilst Judith Dobson ran Lochaber Marathon in typical ‘dreich’ Fort William weather. The dreich weather proved better to run in, with Judith finishing in 3:34:21 whilst the finishing times in the tropical heat of London were Gill Lopez 4:02:59, Anne Wilson 4:15:13, Isabel Carmichael 4:22:03 and Bill Nouillan 4:52:39. Meanwhile at Balfon 10K, Chris Pratt completed this new scenic course in 40:38 followed by Douglas Leitch (44:54) and Gordon Donnachie (48:36).

Twenty-one Kinross Road Runners turned out to support the Kinross High School PTA 10K on 26 April. First back was Chris Pratt (40:21) followed by Rashmi Shah (42:13), Andy Johns (42:46), Hazel Porter (44:28), Tricia Milne (45:27), Judith Dobson (45:39), John Myerscough (45:50), Ross McConnell (46:36), Roger Stark (47:40), Val Findlay (49:16), Geoff Bilton (49:35), Christine Myerscough (50:14), Martin Pettinger (50:35), John Stevenson (50:51), Gill Lopez and Anne Wilson (51:43), Isabel Carmichael (52:33), Lynn Whisker (52:55), Laura McConnell (58:05), Sue Whisler 58:18 and Keith Logan (59:04).

Chris Pratt and Gordon Donnachie ran Loch Katrine 12K on 6 May in 50.20 and 60.37 respectively whilst Andy Johns and Isabel Carmichael ran Edinburgh 10K in 42:52 and 52:06 respectively.

The Club was well represented again at Dunfermline’s Auld Toun 10K on 9 May. Chris Pratt was slightly slower on this hilly course and recorded a time of 40.49. He was followed by Andy Johns (42.03), Douglas Leitch (43.25), Hazel Porter (44.42), Judith Dobson (45.14), John Myerscough (46.04), Gordon Donnachie (48.04), Geoff Bilton (49.48), Lynn Whisker (53.18), Isabel Carmichael (54.32), Sue Whisler (59.14), Jean Dawson (63.59) and Susan Thomson (65.36).

Kinross Road Runners entered a ladies team and a mixed team in the Catevan Trail relay race on 12 May and Judith Dobson entered the 23-mile individual race. Judith was first female veteran in a time of 3:49:11 whilst the ladies team were third in 3:57:07 and the mixed team completed the course in 5:14:39.

Club President, John Myerscough, ran the Kinnoull Hill race on a muggy midweek night. He completed the 4-mile course 8 mins faster than his time last year in 36:57.

Andy Johns recorded a personal best time of 1:31:40 to finish just over 1 min ahead of Chris Pratt (1:32:52) at the Loch Leven Half Marathon to win the first Kinross Male trophy whilst Hazel Porter was the clear winner of the Ladies Trophy in a personal best time of 1:37:29. Steven Little was third male in 1:39:03 followed by John Bayne (1:42:07), Calum Stark (1:46:04), John Stevenson (2:02:40), Keith Logan (2:12:18), Norman Smith (2:14:27). Jean Dawson and Susan Thomson ran together to finish in 2:36:16 and last but not least was Allan Munro (2:45:50) who has run all twenty-four Loch Leven Half Marathons.

The Club’s next race is **the Milnathort Dash**, which starts at 7:30pm on **Thursday 21 June**. Runners enter on the night from 6:30pm at Milnathort Town Hall.





# News from the Rurals

**POWMILL** - In April, Powmill's President Mrs M Wilson introduced our guest speaker Mrs Sylvia Clement, who talked about her speciality in handcraft of painted and exquisitely decorated eggs. On display there were numerous different designs, sizes and styles of eggs with hinges, glitter, materials and diamanté etc. She showed how to prepare the eggs before painting and decorating, and then answered the numerous questions. Mrs M Wilson gave the vote of thanks. Mrs C Stewart and Mrs M McLennan gave a delicious tea. Mrs S Clement then judged the three competitions and results were as follows:

Decorated Boiled Egg	-	Mrs C Stewart
Soft Toy (chick)	-	Mrs E Johnston
Garden Gem	-	Mrs C Stewart

The Bingo Tea from March raised £247.10.

**BLAIRINGONE** - President Mary Ramsay welcomed two Bishopshire ladies, Tricia Duncan and her friend Teresa, who demonstrated and then served "Afternoon Tea" the proper way which consisted of a variety of sandwiches followed by cream cakes. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Competitions:

Quiche	-	Maureen Scullion
Tablet	-	Kate Croy
Flower of the Month	-	Fiona Clark

**CROOK OF DEVON** - The April meeting was our Annual Coffee evening. Members and guests were entertained by Glenrothes Amateur Musical Association, who gave us a very enjoyable and varied programme of songs which included a hilarious audience participation of the Music Man. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Isobel Mechan. Tea, coffee and a lovely selection of home baking was then served by the members.

**May:** Mrs Margaret Arbuckle, president, welcomed members and two tellers from Cambo to our AGM. Retiring secretary Mrs Janette Allan was warmly thanked for all her hard work. Mrs Legge was elected new committee member and Mrs Isobel Mechan was re-elected.

Competitions:

Most Points	-	Margaret Arbuckle
Flower of the Month	-	Janette Allan

Susan Payne from Perth Museum gave us a very interesting talk and slide show on buying and selling of women's clothes in Perth through the ages.

**CARNBO** - At Cambo Rural's A.G.M. a new committee was elected. Our competition took the form of a display of members' work; members present at the A.G.M. then voted for their favourite piece by putting coins beside the piece of their choice. The winning item was that which had attracted the most number of coins. There was some beautiful work on display; a credit to the talents of our members. The item voted favourite was a cross stitch picture of an urn of colourful flowers worked by Mrs. Eileen Thomson. The money collected was added to that which had been donated for our Macmillan Walk the previous week and the total will be sent to Macmillan. Also, of course, we had our garden flower of the month competition with some lovely spring flowers.

**MILNATHORT** - April: Milnathort SWRI were entertained this month by Powmill SWRI. Interesting demonstrations of floral arrangement and cookery were followed by an amusing quiz

Competitions:

Embroidered Handkerchief	-	E. Thomson
Gypsy Creams	-	E. Thomson
Flower of the Month	-	N. Douglas

**May:** This was a members meeting, showing photos from our SWRI past and some craftwork from existing members. A video of our 'Fashion Show' was also screened. Our new committee has been elected.

Competitions:

Rock buns	-	C. Cochrane.
Floral arrangement in egg cup	-	E. Thomson.
Flower of the month	-	N. Douglas.

The pointwinners cup for this year was won by E. Thomson

**BISHOPSHIRE** - Group President Frances Drysdale acted as chief teller at the Annual General Meeting.

Cups were awarded to:

Most points	-	Sylvia Herrington
Runner-up	-	Margaret Crighton
Best trier	-	Jeanette McLennan
Curtis Trophy, for a single flower	-	Jane Turnbull

**GLENFARG** - President Mrs Margaret Scott welcomed members to our AGM and introduced Sgt. Helen Murison of Arran Police who gave a talk on her visit to Thailand as part of a Rotary International sponsored Study Trip. Helen's talk gave a very different and sometimes disturbing view of that country, one that tourists seldom see. Mrs Jeanette Kirkland proposed the vote of thanks.

Our thanks to the tellers from Milnathort WRI who conducted our committee election. New committee members are Lesley Murison, Irene Bettany and Andzia Scott.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	-	Allison Messenger
Small Dish of Pâté	-	Liz Yull
Article in Papercraft	-	Margot Moran
Endeavour Cup	-	Irene Bettany
Housewives and Handcrafts	-	Liz Yull
Flower of the Month	-	Catherine Fairweather
Annual Award		

**MUCKHART** - President Christina Sutherland welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting. Plans for the next session were discussed along with a review of the past very successful year. A raffle was held and a special supper enjoyed by all.

Competitions:

Ladies Corsage	-	Christina Sutherland
Favourite Bracelet	-	Margaret Johnston
Flower of the Month	-	Dorothy Dalton

## Community Website

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

[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

# Nature



## Vane Farm



Ok then here we go again fur anither bit o blurb aboot yer local nature emporium.

Summer migrants continue to return in dribs n drabs with one of the latest being Garden warbler which we heard burbling away around the centre on 15 May. Swallows are well advanced in hoose construction and some of the reserve birds have babeez already. Several swan pairs and lapwing pairs are on nests so spring is well on the way. A rarer garganey, a small duck has also been around on the flood as well.

Our new Bumblebee meadow has been sown in the field in front of the centre so that should develop nicely ower the next few months. We have done this in partnership with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to increase the biodiversity on the reserve and provide more habitat for some bee species which, like a lot of birds, are in decline.

The coffee shop has undergone a bit of a refurbishment and by the time you read this should be rejuvenatit. We are also pittin in a new coffee makin machine to further increase the quality of drinks we have available. It's wan o they skoosh, woosh sook blaw soondin kinds wans wi fresh beans n milk type o thing, sounds yummy!! We have also provided more space and some comfier seatin fur yer hurdies.

Plans are progressin well for the Open Day and things are startin tae tak some kinda shape so it shid be aicht on the day. If ye dinny want tae bring the car we will hiv a free bus drivin roond the loch (mind noo ye canny shuv granny aff). Times will be advertised on posters and on the Kinross website - provisional timetable is shown doon below. Hope tae see you all on the day when I return from Orkney. Aye Orkney, yours truly is gawnn walkabout again and translocating tae the northern isles fur three months but a will be back for the celebratory celebrations on the 17th so like Amie" I'll be back" see ya then.

Miss Jayney Buchan our Information Officer will assume journalistic duties for keeping you all informed on matters Vane during my absence, she will make more sense than I do so jobs a good un.

Paul will see you next month with his new co editor Jayney, ta ta Colin.

*See also 40 Years of Vane Farm, page 4.*

**Editor's Note:** The Loch Leven NNR article opposite was written before the destruction of the bird hide at Burleigh (see News and Articles, page 7).

## Loch Leven NNR



With the better weather, longer days and the opening of the first section of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, what better reason is there to get out and see Loch Leven National Nature Reserve! For good advice on how you can avoid the risk of disturbing this years breeding birds check out our Local Access Guidance. This can be found in our small blue leaflet dispensers at key entry points to the Reserve or on our website.

Soon, as the hundreds of tufted duck, mallard, gadwall and shoveler eggs on St Serf's hatch out, females will bring their young to feed and shelter in the shallows around the loch edge where the male ducks have been busy defending territories. Kirkgate Park, Burleigh Sands and Findatie are the main public gateways to the Reserve and are the best places for people to freely enjoy the loch shore. Outwith these areas, our general advice is to keep well back from the shoreline; this way you can minimise the risk of disturbing duck broods. By causing fright to birds at this time of year, they can abandon their young or the young separated from their parents can be picked off by predators such as gulls, or suffer from exposure if the weather is poor.

The presence of dogs can be particularly frightening for wild birds and so outwith Kirkgate Park, Burleigh Sands and Findatie, where dogs can run free, if you do have a dog with you, please keep it out of the water and under close control.

From February 2005 to December 2006, SNH conducted a survey of access on the Reserve. The surveying rather disappointingly showed that every observation of dog walking outwith Kirkgate Park, Burleigh Sands and Findatie did not follow our guidance. Dogs were off-lead, roaming widely and were often in the water. On one occasion a dog bounding into the water caused about 7000 pink foot geese and 2000 dabbling ducks to fly off in panic from the shore to the safety of St Serf's Island. This should not happen on a National Nature Reserve.

With all the wonderful new visitor facilities which have recently gone in at Burleigh Sands and at Kirkgate Park, and with stretches of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail now open, it is a great time for people to enjoy the outdoors and the wildlife of the loch. We ask that you do this in a responsible manner and respect the special nature of Loch Leven National Nature Reserve.

### Provisional Timetable for the free bus which will be running around Loch Leven on the Open Day

Vane Fam	9.20	10.20	11.20	12.20	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.10
Garneybridge	9.24	10.24	11.24	12.24	14.04	15.04	16.04	17.14
Kinross - Town Hall	9.29	10.29	11.29	12.29	14.09	15.09	16.09	17.19
Kinross - Bank of Scotland	9.31	10.31	11.31	12.31	14.11	15.11	16.11	17.21
Loch Leven Health Centre	9.34	10.34	11.34	12.34	14.14	15.14	16.14	17.24
Milnathort Opp RBS	9.38	10.38	11.38	12.38	14.18	15.18	16.18	17.28
Glenlomond	9.45	10.45	11.45	12.45	14.25	15.25	16.25	17.35
Kinnesswood Post Office	9.49	10.49	11.49	12.49	14.29	15.29	16.29	17.39
Scotlandwell - Well Inn	9.53	10.53	11.53	12.53	14.33	15.33	16.33	17.43
Vane Fam	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.40	15.40	16.40	-

## Farming



### LEAF – Open Farm Sunday

How much do you know about farming? I am hoping you know the basics, milk comes from a cow, carrots and potatoes grow in the soil, barley is made into malt then beer or whisky? You may have picked up more knowledge of farms from helping out when you were young or visiting relatives that were farmers. It seems our young people of today are missing out on learning this information. Recent research suggests nearly half of seven to eleven-year-olds are not involved in growing food, and a quarter never visit the countryside. It also found many children lived in such an "unreal world" they did not understand where much of their food came from. Many children do not know that their vegetables come from the ground - to them they come from packets or out of tins. This is a tragedy for the farming industry, as if the consumers of tomorrow do not understand the basics of the production cycle, they will not appreciate the high quality of the food produced by Scottish farmers. Instead of choosing Scottish beef because they know it enjoys grazing outside all summer producing a tender mouth watering steak, they will choose either the cheapest product or one with the most attractive packaging. They may be disappointed.

Scottish Farmers do not have access to million pound advertising campaigns. They can't afford celebrities to push a brand, like Walkers Crisps, but they can use their resources to educate and promote a positive message about their produce. This is the ethos behind 'Farm Sunday'. Open Farm Sunday is a national Open Farm Day co-ordinated by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) so people can hear and see the positive steps farmers are taking to look after the fabric of our countryside whilst producing safe, wholesome and affordable food. This year farms up and down the United Kingdom will be opening their gates to visitors on **Sunday 10 June**. Probably the farm closest to Kinross-shire that is participating is West Gilston Mains, New Gilston, by Leven, Fife. Run by Edward Baxter, it is a mixed arable and stock farm. They plan to have a walk around the farm where people will be able to see oats growing in the field (and Quaker Oats from Cupar will be there to talk about oats and their new cereals), Belted Galloway cattle and old and young woodland. They are keen environmentalists "active environmentalists not environmental activists" is the strap line and there will be plenty of opportunity to see how this is put in to practice. They are having an "old and new" machinery exhibition - the machinery and tractors used today compared to olden days. They also plan to have stalls, a burger bar offering Beltie Galloway burgers, tea, bales to play on and a wet weather option! Sounds pretty much like a fun way to learn about something new. If you require contact details for New Gilston or want to find out more about Open Farm Sunday, check out the website [www.farmsunday.org](http://www.farmsunday.org)

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Phone Mrs Ann Harley on 01577 864512,  
or email [subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org)

## Weather



### April Weather Report From Carnbo

This April turned out to be a record breaker, with higher than normal temperatures throughout the month. The average temperature was some 2°C above the average. Despite this, maximum temperatures were not exceptional in this district, this being due to the influence of the North Sea.

Rainfall for month	28 mm (46% of normal)
Heaviest fall	14 mm (23rd)
Highest temperature	19°C (14th)
Lowest temperature	1°C (4th)
Average temperature	8.8°C
Days with maximum above 15°C	7
Snow not recorded	
Air frost	0 nights
Ground frost	14 nights
Cloud cover	62%
Thunder not recorded	

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# Hedgehog Blog



## Hattie the Hedgehog's Diary

### Hattie's Farewell Blog

Hi Everyone!

My big day came on 2 May - the full moon! Mum H said it was a good time.....something about completion of a cycle? She also thought it would be a clear night to watch me go - but it was cloudy (hee, heel)! Anyway, when I emerged from my box, Mum H was there with her camera, surprise, surprise!

I sniffed the cool night air and sensed that, not only was I in the flower bed, but also the run, which usually surrounded my box, was no longer there.....**I was free!** I took a bit of time to check out my new surroundings. I saw my food and water was nearby but I really wasn't interested in that. The soft, moist earth was much more enticing. I explored the roots of the hostas and found a big, bright, beefy beetle - yum, yum! I was **so** pleased to be out on my own, even with Mum H watching my every move.

I trotted round the entire garden and then found a wee hole in the fence and from there was able to make my way through the dyke on to the golf course. There is a lovely big tree there, where I've made my very own bed (much better than Mum H's!). I've been coming back into the garden most nights for fresh food and water. I don't have any problem finding my way, as I can hear Mum H shouting on me at dusk....what **IS** she like?! I also managed to get stuck twice between the fence and dyke. Mum (& Dad) H rescued me both times but I've learned my lesson and won't be doing that again!

So, I am very happy indeed at being back in my natural environment. Thank you everyone who donated woolly jumpers for me, visited me and also those who will be donating to the Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre during Reiki Awareness Week. Oh, and a special thank you to all you lovely school children and Brownies who were so very kind to me!

P.S. If I have babies of my own, I might just tell them about the nice hedgehog lady.....



*Hattie emerges cautiously from her box...*



*...and investigates the big wide world beyond!*

### Appeal

Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre has a number of hedgehogs that are now fit, healthy and raring to be returned to the wild. They do need a bit of a helping hand, though!

If you think you might be able to help with a supported release of one of these fantastic little creatures by providing a safe space, food, water and a watchful eye, then please get in touch with Sandy Boyd (who runs the centre) on 01382-541311. Also, if you have ever thought about caring for a hedgehog that cannot be returned to the wild, Sandy will be pleased to speak to you about what is involved.

See more pictures of Hattie on our website, [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org).

### Useful Hedgehog websites and contacts

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

[www.britishwildlifehelpline.com](http://www.britishwildlifehelpline.com)

Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre, Tel. 01382 - 541311





# Gardens Open

## Gardens open regularly not too far from Kinross

	Opening Arrangements			Admission		Disabled	Contact
				Adult	Child	Access	Number
Kinross House gardens	1 Apr - 30 Sept	daily	1000-1900	£3.00	free	yes	01577 862900
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	1000-1700 1300-1700	£10.00	£7.00	yes(gdn)	01337 857397
Hill of Tarvit Mansion & gdns, Cupar (NTS)	1 Jun - 31 Aug	daily	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	0930-1730	£4.00	£2.75	partial	01738 552300
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.00		partial	01738 625535
Glendoick Gardens and garden centre	9 Apr - 16 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)	1 Jun - 31 Aug	daily	1200-1700	£8.00	£5.00	partial	01383 880359
Kirklands Garden, Saline	Apr - Sept	Fri-Sun	1400-1730	£2.00		partial	01383 852737
Walled garden, Wemyss Castle, East Wemyss (SGS)	1 May - 31 Aug	Thur only	1230-1800	£4.50	U10 free	yes	01592 651327
Cambo House, Kingsbarns, by St Andrews	all year	daily	1000-1700	£3.50	free	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 Dalqueich, 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.

### Special Days Open in June

Nearby gardens **Arnot Tower** and **Greenhead of Arnot** have a joint open day under SGS on **Sunday 10 June**, 2pm – 5pm. The garden at Arnot Tower is formal, with terraces, herbaceous borders and tree rhododendrons. There is a pool with fountains and views over Loch Leven. At Greenhead of Arnot there is a newly planted orchard, rose trellis, herbs and vegetables. Route: A911 between Auchmuir Bridge and Scotlandwell. Admission: £3.50 for both, children free. 40% to Mercy Ships. Disabled access, plant stall and refreshments. No dogs.

**Four gardens in Cleish** are open on **Sunday 24 June**, 2pm – 5pm under SGS. They are:

**Cleish House** KY13 0LR (Mr & Mrs D Erskine)

**Boreland House** KY13 0LN (Mr & Mrs N Kilpatrick)

**Old School House** KY13 7LR (Mr & Mrs F Whalley)

**Kirkdale** KY13 0LR (Mr & Mrs R Kitchin)

Admission £3.50, children free. 40% to Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme. Refreshments available in the Village Hall. Disabled access. Plant stall. No dogs (except at Boreland House, and then on a lead).

There is a **plant sale** at Karbet in the centre of the Fife village of **Freuchie** on **Saturday 16 June** from noon until 4pm. Admission £1, children free. Refreshments available.

**Kirklands** in Saline is giving 40% of takings on **Sunday 24 June** to Saline Environmental Group. Ancient woodland, herbaceous borders, bog garden and a walled garden under restoration. Route: Jct 4, M90 then B914. Admission £3, children free. Plant stall, refreshments, dogs on leads welcome.

**Aytounhill House** in Newburgh, KY14 6JH is open on **Sundays 10 and 24 June** and **1 July**, 11am to 5pm. It has a wide variety of shrubs and herbaceous plants, a traditional vegetable garden and a new arboretum. Route: off A913, 7 miles from Cupar and Newburgh. Admission £3.50, children free. Plant stall. No dogs.

### • Gardens info on our website •

More information about gardens open can also be found on our website, [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

## Congratulations



Both families are pleased to announce the engagement of **EILIDH McGREGOR** to **MICHAEL (Mitch) OXNARD** on 12 April 2007.

Christine and Jim **RODGER** of Milnathort are pleased to announce the marriage of their son **DAVID** to **FIONA GARDNER** on Saturday 19 May at Denny Old Parish Church. Congratulations from Mum & Dad.

Steven and Ann-Marie **RITCHIE** of Stirling Road, Milnathort are delighted to announce the birth of Ruth's little sister, **GRACE HELEN** on 18 April 2007. Thanks to everyone for their cards, gifts and well wishes.

Lisa and Alan **HERD** are delighted to announce the birth of their son **ADAM PETER** on 20 April 2007. Adam is first grandson for Walter and Irene, great-grandson for Marion and nephew for Louise, all Dunfermline. A second grandchild for Bobby and Margaret Herd, Dollar and first nephew for Neil and Gail.

Congratulations to **SARAH MENZIES**, Cambo, who on leaving Kinross High School was offered and has accepted a place at Ballet West, Ballet School, Taynult. Sarah starts her course there in September 2007.

Well known Kinross athlete **EILIDH CHILD** (20) has won the British Universities 400m Hurdles Championship held in Bedford. (*See also Sport*)

**KINROSS & DISTRICT PIPE BAND** achieved success at the recent Lothian and Borders piping competition in Peebles. **MAGNUS PICKERING** (10) from Dollar and **SEAN KELLETT** (13) from Kinross both attained first places in chanter. The band also won fourth prize in the mini-bands competition, and the drum corps finished second overall.

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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**

## Thanks



**FIONA MAPP** and **BRENDA BIRD** would like to thank all the ladies and the few intrepid gents who supported their recent afternoon tea. In excess of £400 was raised for the Order of St. John, who are currently fundraising to equip a room in the proposed new Palliative Care Centre in Perth.

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT:** The Kinross Group would like to thank everyone who came and supported us at our Annual Coffee Morning in The Church Centre on Saturday 28 April when the sum of £1683 was raised.

This has been remitted to East of Scotland office for use in Perth and Kinross area. Thank you.

**FIONA WASHINGTON** of Kinross has raised £5,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support by undertaking a 6-day hiking trek across the Great Wall of China.

**JIM** and **CATRIONA MARSHALL** would like to thank all those who sponsored them for Perth-based ME Research UK on their recent Great Glen Walk. They had a fantastic response and raised over £3,300 for this very worthy but under-funded cause. Their web address is [www.mereseearch.org.uk](http://www.mereseearch.org.uk)

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# Kinross Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church Church of Scotland

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

### June

- Sun 3** 10.30am Holy Communion. Service led by Rev Jan Steyn.  
 6.30pm Holy Communion. Service led by Rev Dr John Munro
- Sun 10** 10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Joanne Finlay.  
 Start of Christian Aid Week
- Sun 17** 10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Dr John Munro. Sacrament of Baptism.
- Sun 24** 10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Dr John Munro. Junior Church prize giving.

**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.

**First Tuesday of the month:** Service at Whyte Court at 2.30pm

**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](mailto:helenacant@aol.com)

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

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

## Kinross Gospel Hall Montgomery Street, Kinross

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

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## St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

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

### June Services

- Sun 3** Trinity Sunday, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
- Wed 6** 10.30am, Prayers for Healing and Communion.
- Sun 10** Pentecost 2, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.  
 6.00pm, Sung Evensong
- Sun 17** Pentecost 3, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
 11.00am, Youth Service
- Sun 24** Pentecost 4, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
 11am, Family Eucharist.

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

## St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Ken McCaffrey Telephone: (01577) 863329

Website: [www.stjameskinross.co.uk](http://www.stjameskinross.co.uk)  
 Email: [kenmccaffrey@btopenworld.com](mailto:kenmccaffrey@btopenworld.com)

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

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

## Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

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

## Church and Children's Sunday Club

Every Sunday at 10.30am  
 in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.  
 During each service there will be a time for ministry and prayer for healing.

## St. Serf's Crafts

Closing Down Sale

Starts

**Friday 8 June**

**9 a.m.**

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

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

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

**June**

<b>Sun 3</b>	11.15am	Rev Joanne Finlay
<b>Sun 10</b>	11.15am	Rev John Munro
<b>Sun 17</b>	11.15am	Rev Joanne Finlay
<b>Sun 24</b>	11.15am	All Age Worship

**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

**June**

<b>Sat 3</b>	9.45am	Rev Joanne Finlay
<b>Sun 10</b>	9.45am	Rev John Munro
<b>Sun 17</b>	9.45am	Rev Joanne Finlay
<b>Sun 24</b>	9.45am	All Age Worship

**June 12, 26** Fossoway Church Choir Rehearsal

**Family Week 2007**

This is a holiday club for children of all ages, run by volunteers from Kinross churches. This year it will be from **Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August** in the High School. We aim to share the love of Jesus in a fun packed week. There will be games, stories and crafts. Look in next month's newsletter for a programme of events!

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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 Orwell Church – Sunday 3 June

**Milnathort Festival** – Saturday 9 June - Sunday  
 10 June

**Church Fete** – Saturday 9 June, 2pm at Milnathort  
 Primary School

**Portmoak Festival** – Sunday 24 June – Saturday  
 30 June



*Portmoak Parish Church*

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

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

Contact Gillian McCloskey 01577 861525  
Venue - Portmoak village hall

## LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

### Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact - Shelagh 01577 865456

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

## LOCHLEVEN TWO'S CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 9.30 to 11.15am

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

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

## FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - Alison Smith 01577 862310

## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Moubray Hall, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

Contact Pat Irvine 01577 840584 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)



## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071

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



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

### Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.00-11.30am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

**Storycraft** Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Storytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

**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

## GLENFARG VILLAGE PLAYSCHOOL



Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

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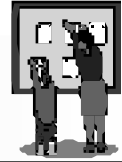
We have a great outdoor play area too!

Monday / Wednesday / Friday Mornings

9:30 - 12:00

Places available for 2 - 4 year olds

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



# Notices

## Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

**Monday 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.

## Festival of Flowers

**Orwell Kirk**

**8-10 June**

Theme: SPECIAL DAYS

Opening hours for the public

Friday 6-8pm

Saturday 3-5pm & 6-8pm

Sunday 2-4pm

There will be a silent auction and the flowers  
will be given to purchasers on Sunday after 4pm

## Volunteers Required for the

### T-in-the-Park Drop-in-Centre (6-8 July)

(It's our tenth anniversary, so it's going to be good!)

The shifts that need covering are:

08.30-11.30; 11.00-14.00; and 10.00-13.00.

If you want to volunteer for a marvellous, uplifting,  
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## Deadline for all Articles

**5.00 pm, MONDAY 18 June**  
**for Publication on Saturday 30 June**

## Milnathort Baby & Toddler Group ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 13 June at 8pm**

Milnathort Baby & Toddler Group will be holding  
their A.G.M. on Wednesday 13 June at 8pm at Orwell  
Church Hall, Milnathort. We are always looking for  
new members to come along and join us at our  
sessions either Thursday or Friday mornings 10 -  
11.30 am (see notice under Playgroups for more  
details). With that, we are also looking for current or  
prospective members to join our committee. To find  
out more come along to our AGM, you will be very  
welcome.

## Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

**Saturday 30 June**

Bingo 8.00 - 9.00 pm  
then dance along to JACKIE

£2 per head entry.

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

## Marie Curie Cancer Care Mountain Challenge

If the recent fine weather has inspired you to get  
outdoors and be more active then why not combine an  
exciting and adventurous mountain challenge with  
raising valuable funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care?

Between **Sunday 1 July** and **Thursday 5 July** you  
could take part in Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great  
Glen Way Challenge – a 73 mile walking trip from  
Fort William to Inverness, taking you through some of  
Scotland's most beautiful countryside.

This trip is open to anyone over 14 years of age and  
would make a great family holiday with older  
children. However, this is still a challenging walk and  
covers 73 miles over the course of five days, making  
this a great opportunity for you to kick start your  
spring fitness regime in preparation.

The walk takes in some spectacular Scottish views as  
well as historical and natural heritage along the way.  
A guide, baggage transportation, five nights'  
accommodation and breakfast each day are all  
included in the price (£300). Walkers are also asked to  
raise £550 in sponsorship with all money raised going  
to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Details of the trip can be found on our website,  
[www.mariecurie.org.uk/events](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/events), or call 0131 456 3728.

## Situations Vacant

Looking for a Job?

Have a look at the new Situations Vacant page  
on the Community Website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

### Treasure Hunt and BBQ

Sunday 17 June at 3pm

Cleish Village Hall

Proceeds to Christian Aid

For further details: Telephone Patty on 01577 850253

### Grand Opening Kirkgate Park Discovery Weekend

31 August – 2 September

Lots of fun activities in Kirkgate Park:

Picnic and play ☼ Family Disco ☼ Youth workshops and music gig ☼ Ceilidh ☼ Ball sports arena ☼ Art Sculpture ☼ Chainsaw sculpture ☼ Wildflower planting ☼ Water colour challenge ☼ Making bird boxes and much more

If you or your local group would like a chance to show what you can...do get in touch!

Also...there is a fully floored 200-person marquee available for the Saturday morning or Sunday evening. If you or your local group would like use this space for your own fundraising or celebration, please let us know.

For more information visit

[www.friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk](http://www.friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk)

or call Susan Bathgate 01577 864742.



### Milnathort Festival

Saturday 9 June at 2pm

in Primary School  
(including Orwell Church Fete)

All the usual stalls plus afternoon teas. Lots to entertain the children, games, bouncy castle, face painting etc.

Something for everyone so bring the family along.

### Milnathort Town Hall Fundraiser FAMILY DISCO

Sunday 23 June

7pm - 10.30pm  
Milnathort Town Hall

Family ticket £7.00  
Single ticket £2.50

For tickets contact Jane Thomson 864611 or Kathleen Mitchell 862805 or pay at the door on the evening.

Please support your local Hall.

### 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  
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### PIANO NIGHT

in aid of the Malawi Partnership

Friday 8 June

at 7.30 pm

in Kinross Parish Church

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### Vane Farm 40th Anniversary OPEN DAY

Sunday 17 June

10 am – 5 pm

Family Fun Activities Arts & Crafts Stalls

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### Kinross Royal Signals JUMBLE SALE and COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 30 June

10am – 4pm All welcome

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### Milnathort Dash

The Milnathort Dash is a short (5.4 mile) race on country roads and tracks north of Milnathort. The course is 'undulating' and affords great views of Loch Leven on the descent from the old Ochil Hills hospital. The race starts at 7.30pm on **Thursday 21 June**. The entry fee is £4 (affiliated) and £6 (unaffiliated) and is payable on the day from 6:30pm in Milnathort Town Hall where refreshments are served after the race.

### PORTMOAK GALA

**Saturday 23 June**

2.00pm

#### Well Green, Scotlandwell

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun for all the family. Join the Fancy Dress Parade (1.45pm Church Car Park), and follow the Gala Queen down to the Well Green.

Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Bric a Brac, Books, Plants, Cake & Candy, Highland Dancers, Balloon Release and lots, lots more.

Brilliant Raffle

(LCD TV, Aerial Flight, Stretch Limo) etc.

A great afternoon's entertainment for the whole family. Donations of bric a brac, plants, books, bottles, cake & candy will be most welcome.

Please contact Elaine Carruthers 01592 840652

or Carol Eadie 01592 840827 if you would like to help on the day or with any donations.

*See also our guide to the **Portmoak Festival** on page 8*

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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.

### 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](http://www.pamh.co.uk)

### Blythswood Care

**Somerfield's Car Park**

**19 June between 10.30 am and 11 am**

Further details from 862258



### 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
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Mrs D Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Mrs M Scott	21 Ross Street	862945

### Perth and Kinross Councillors

**Kathleen Baird**, Easter Clunie, Newburgh, Fife, KY14 6EJ. Tel (home): 01337 840218. Email: kbaird@pkc.gov.uk

**Michael Barnacle**, Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ. Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516. Email: Michael@mabarnacle.freeserve.co.uk

**Sandy Miller**, c/o Perth & Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH. Tel (business): 01577 840462. Email: SMiller@pkc.gov.uk

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

### 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 21 June**

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

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

### Gordon Banks

**MP For Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency**

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

**01259 721536 – Fax 01259 216761**

Alternatively, write to Gordon at  
49-51 High Street, Alloa FK10 1JF

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

### Mobile Library, Milnathort

**Every Second Wed - next visits 6 & 20 June**

Westerloan	1.45 pm - 3 pm
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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 Times (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

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

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### 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
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## Programme For June 2007

Barge Trip	Monday	4		9.45am	
Elderberries	Monday	4	11 18 25		1.30 pm
Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	5	12 19 26	10.30 am	
Bingo	Tuesday	5	12 19 26		1.30 pm
Morning Service	Wednesday	6	13 20 27	10.45 am	
Quiz Afternoon	Wednesday	6	13 20 27		1.30 pm
Art Class	Thursday	7	14 21 28		1.30 pm
Film Afternoon	Thursday	7	14 21 28		1.30 pm
Barge Trip	Friday	15		9.45am	



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## Diary For June/July

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Fri	1	Deadline for nominations for Kinross High School Citizenship Cup	
Sat	2	Spring Fayre (Town Twinning Association)	22
Sun-Sat	3-9	Reiki Awareness Week	
Sun	3	Classical guitar performance, Fair Break Cafe	21
Mon	4	Fossoway Action Leisure Group Public Meeting	36
Tue	5	Fossoway & District CC meets	18
Wed	6	Kinross CC meets	15
Wed	6	Mobile library visits Milnathort fortnightly	38
Thu	7	Fifty Plus Club meets	20
Fri-Sun	8-10	Festival of Flowers, Orwell Kirk	35
Fri	8	Piano Night, Kinross Parish Church	36
Sat	9	Community Sixes Cricket Challenge, organised by Cricket Club	25
Sat	9	Swansacre Playgroup Summer Family BBQ	
Sat	9	Milnathort Festival	36
Sun	10	Great Scottish Walk	36
Sun	10	Open Farm Sunday	28
Tue	12	Friends of Kirkgate Park Annual General Meeting	5
Tue	12	Portmoak CC meets	
Wed	13	Save NHS Dentistry group meets	19
Wed	13	Milnathort Baby & Toddler Group AGM	35
Thu	14	Milnathort CC meets	16
Sat	16	Diabetes UK (Scotland) Kinross group meets	20
Sat	16	Official Opening of Kinross Cricket Club ground	25
Sun	17	Open Day at Vane Farm	4, 27, 36
Sun	17	Treasure Hunt and BBQ, Cleish Village Hall	36
Mon, Tue	18, 19	Blood Donor Sessions	35
Mon	18	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	1
Mon	18	Cleish & Blairadam CC meets	
Tue	19	Blythswood Care Collection	37
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Sat-Sun	23-1	PORTMOAK FESTIVAL ALL WEEK	8, 37
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Sun-Thu	1-5	Marie Curie Cancer Care Mountain Challenge	35
Fri-Sun	6-8	T in the Park	
Wed	25	Kinross in Bloom Annual General Meeting	23
Tue	30	Deadline for nominations to Kinross CC	4

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Sat	11	Kinross Show	
Fri	24	Rotary Club Charity Golf Event	22
Sat, Sun	25, 26	Spirit of Adventure air show	
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