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Letters

Editorial

Cricket Club Success

Disappointing weather-wise, perhaps, but what a special summer this has been for Kinross Cricket Club! Not only has the Club moved to what must be the most beautiful home ground a club could wish for, but two of their junior teams have had historic Scottish Cup wins just two years after the junior section was formed. The Club are to be congratulated on their drive, vision, enthusiasm and sheer hard work which has resulted in these achievements. There is a report about the opening of the new pavilion and ground on page 8 and the competition successes on page 26.

Fiona Ramponi

We are very sorry to learn of the sudden death of Fiona Ramponi. Fiona regularly contributed to the Newsletter during her time as manager of the Tourist Information Centre, whether it was to remind us of the resumption of the castle ferry or to appeal for accommodation for T in the Park attendees. We offer our condolences to her family.

Photo Library

Our front cover this month comes courtesy of the Photo Library on www.kinross.cc. The Library is continually expanding and contains hundreds of images of Kinross-shire views, events and projects. The aim is to provide a resource for marketing and promoting Kinross-shire. If you would like to add your photos to the Library, kinross.cc would be delighted to have them. See www.kinross.cc for more information.

Down Memory Lane returns this month. If anyone can put dates to the pictures, we'd be interested to hear from them.

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

CLlr = Councillor

CCllr = Community Councillor

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Slow Down –

15.07.07

You Won't Be Noticed Anymore

I have been reading with interest the correspondence on motorbikes. I have friends who are keen motorcyclists and I know drive responsibly. I am sure the motorcyclists who have written in to the Newsletter are safe responsible riders too. However, there are many who are not and these are the ones who are giving you considerate riders a bad name. Here in Easter Balgedie motorcyclists are the bane of our lives. They come screaming through our hamlet at nowhere near the 40mph limit. This defeats me entirely – there are children (my own included) cycling and walking between the villages, tractors pulling out farm roads, etc. Maybe motorcyclists can see round corners and over humps in the road? Are they on a suicide mission? One was nearly killed here a few years ago and there have been many near misses. Yes, there are also many car and lorry drivers who speed along this route and they are also a big problem. They just don't travel at such unbelievably high speeds and because bikes are so much noisier they are more noticeable and thus attract more venom. All I ask is that the riders use their 'observational skills' to observe the speed limits through our rural villages and hamlets, and then I am quite sure the complaints would soon dissipate.

Fiona Mead

The Gate Lodge, Easter Balgedie

T in the Park 2007

15.07.07

Being a veteran festival-goer, I thought it high time I made my way north, for my first 'T in the Park'. I can say that this was without doubt one of the best and most memorable. The friendliness and affability of the local people and other festival goers was outstanding. The organisation of the event was truly first-class, especially in light of the horrific weather conditions the organisers had to deal with at such short notice. All in all, a magnificent weekend and a credit to your community. An event not to be missed!

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News & Articles

Kinross Show

Kinross House, Saturday 11 August

A date for your diary! Saturday 11 August sees the magnificent grounds of Kinross House transformed into the bustling and lively Kinross Agricultural Show. The show, in its 177th year, combines the traditional with the new, and this year's show sees an exciting line-up of activities and events.

Each of the show rings will be packed with entertainment all day long: the Grand Parade of Livestock is at 2pm, showing the best of the best; take a trip down memory lane with the Vintage Tractor display; enter your family pet in the Companion Dog Show, or cheer on the teams in the fast-and-furious Pony Club games. New for this year are the fascinating (and noisy!) Scottish Lumberjacks displaying Chainsaw Craft, including carving, sculpting and axe-throwing!

There is lots for children to see and do, including Highland Dancing demonstrations, bouncy castles and pocket money stalls; they can also find out the fun way all about farming, whether it be beef cattle, bees or blackface sheep! For the grown-ups amongst us, the Flower Show Tent sponsored by Dobbies Garden Centre and SWRI Tent offer fresh ideas and tempting displays; and there will always be a welcome at the Beer Tent, or why not try a tempting buffalo burger?

Jamie and Lizzie Montgomery's generosity in inviting the show to the grounds of Kinross House means we have a splendid setting for show-casing local agricultural excellence.

Whether you have been before or wondered what all the fuss is about, please come along for a great day out!

Admission: Adults: £7, Concessions: £3, Family ticket: £15
Kirkgate Parking £3.00

Ringside Parking (has to be pre-booked, contact Mrs Mary Morgan) £10.00

Judging: 9am
Gates open: 7am

Show Secretary:

Mrs Mary Morgan, Belmonte, 70 Whitecraigs,
Kinnesswood, KY13 9JN, tel 01592 840030, email:
belmonte70@aol.com



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Flower Show

We hope the green-fingered among you have been busy preparing your exhibits for the Flower Show at the Kinross-shire Agricultural Show on 11 August.

If you need a reminder of the Classes etc, schedules were printed in the June and July issues of the Newsletter, can be downloaded from www.kinrossnewsletter.org or can be obtained from Robertson's of Milnathort, Dobbies Garden Centre or Newsplus, Kinross.

Kinross CC By-Election

As reported in recent weeks, there are four vacancies on Kinross CC. The closing date for nominations to fill these places is **Tuesday 31 July**. If more than four valid nominations are received by that deadline, a ballot will take place in September.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Kinross CC Secretary, Mrs M Scott, telephone number 862945, email address mbs@scott21.flife.co.uk or may be downloaded from the community website, www.kinross.cc

T in the Park 2007

Kinross CC would like to hear your comments about all aspects of this year's T in the Park. Please submit them in writing to the Kinross CC Secretary, Mrs M Scott:

Postal address: 21 Ross Street, Kinross, KY13 8EF

Email address: mbs@scott21.flife.co.uk

Kinross CC representatives will meet with officials of the event some time in September.

Kinross Town Hall and Library

There was a brief hearing in the Sheriff Court on 26 June. P&KC has revised its pleadings. The solicitor assisting Kinross CC is adjusting the CC's pleadings in response and the case will continue on 24 July.

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Portmoak Gala, 23 June

The heavens opened on the morning of Gala Day, but by the time the Gala procession began to wind its way down from Portmoak Church to the Well Green in Scotlandwell the sky had miraculously brightened and the rain abated.

The Lochgelly Pipers led the way, followed by a beautiful 1925 Rolls Royce Phantom in which rode the Gala Queen (Louise Timmons), her escort (Michael Dyson) and two flower girls (Jodie Dunne and Katie McPherson). Last but hardly least, the Loch Leven Diamonds Majorettes gave us a fine display of baton twirling, resplendent in their striking blue costumes. On arrival at the Green the Gala Queen and her attendants stepped up onto the stage, and the Queen proclaimed the Gala to be open with a short speech.



The Gala Queen prepares to give her speech

There followed two hours of fun during which we were entertained by more tunes from the Lochgelly Pipers, and some spectacular moves from the dancers of Dance Connect and the McKay School of Dance. The stalls surrounding the Green did a brisk trade in home baked cakes, plants and bric-a-brac, and long queues at the barbecue tent testified to the delicious hotdogs and burgers to be had there. Everyone seemed to have a good time despite the gradually darkening skies.

The children's races towards the end of the gala were brought forward a little as spots of rain began to be felt, and after a great release of balloons (each one bought by a gala goer - with a prize for whichever travelled the furthest distance) as the grand finale, the clouds poured forth their contents once again as the winners of the raffle were being announced.

We didn't mind - a great afternoon was had by all, and there was still a whole week of the Portmoak Festival to look forward to! *See more photos of the Gala in the Articles On-line section of our website, www.kinrossnewsletter.org.*

Portmoak Festival 2007

Church and Community in Celebration...

This year's festival was, yet again, a great success. The three main venues of the Village Hall, Portmoak Church and the Festival Marquee at Lochend Farm were centres for all sorts of goings-on. The Gala set the scene for the week. In the Hall, ably managed by Jacqui, the cream teas and puddings were eaten with gusto. The art and photographic exhibitions 'oohed and aahed' over, (and 40+ paintings sold). The wedding dress exhibition was stunning and was viewed by over 700 visitors. The marquee hosted jazz, folk, the Ball with a 19-piece big band and talks. There was wine tasting, children's concert, school assembly, pre-5s, young bands and older ones! We had a family day with

drumming, clown and magician. Then of course there was the now-famous P7 Prom, and yes they did arrive in the most incredible stretched limos, and other such 'carriages'. The biggest event was the Ceilidh - what an evening that was! It all finished with a rousing praise band service on Sunday morning, and the Michael Bruce Memorial Service in the evening - quite a week!

The weather was not as kind as it usually is, but then this is Scotland! It was wet both outside and, from time to time, inside the big marquee, but everyone had a ball anyway even the hard-working marquee manager, Dave, the soundman Stuart and bar manager Brian. Huge thanks go to everyone who mopped, sold, cooked, baked, painted, organised, put up bunting, banners and exhibitions (and then had to take them down again). Thanks also to those who printed, delivered, posted, phoned, dealt with finances, organised the golf competitions, the quiz and the family day on the farm. Special thanks go to individuals and to the Clydesdale Bank, Royal Bank and H.B.O.S. who donated prizes. And to local businesses who supported the Festival in so many ways - Buchans Garage, The Lomond, The Well, Loch Leven's Larder, Morrisons, and the Round Table, we are so grateful to you yet again. At Lochend Farm, Mike saved the day more than once with all sorts of practical things, and Helen cooked up a storm - thanks for your hospitality!

There will be a meeting at the beginning of September (date to be advised) for all in Portmoak who were involved in the Festival in any way whatsoever - even if all you did was come and eat puddings! The committee would like to hear your comments and suggestions. There have now been four Festivals and it's time to learn from the past and to plan for the future. Your expertise and talent could help shape the future of this unique event which is held just so that we can let our hair down and enjoy being 'Portmoakians'.

...and a wonderful Wedding Dress Exhibition

The Portmoak Festival Wedding Dress Exhibition was enjoyed by nearly 700 visitors, many of whom had never been inside the beautiful Portmoak Church before. A commonly asked question was "where did you get the dresses - are they someone's collection?" The 13 wedding dress, one bridesmaid's dress and single groom's outfit were lent by 12 families all with a connection to Portmoak. There were also well over 100 wedding photographs. You might think that looking at someone else's family is of no interest but the changing fashions sparked off many a reminiscence about the psychedelic colours of bridesmaids' dresses in the 1970s and deeper responses such as the level of personal commitment that each wedding represents. The exhibition was truly a community effort. Apart from the 30 folk who lent items, there was a team of volunteers who manned the exhibition and musicians who gave up their time to play live music on the organ and guitar. Members of The Orwell Quilters Guild discovered how to make false arms, heads and a bustle when they came to help put up the show. Replica silk bouquets and beautiful flower arrangements were provided by Dream Flowers. The Dog House shop in Kinross lent two desperately needed mannequins. The Computer Shop lent equipment and expertise. Other unsung heroes include the "infrastructure" guys - people who provided and put up lights, supplied and set up the display platforms and made new legs and stands for legless dummies. It was a great effort but above all great fun!

Loch Leven Heritage Project

Work has now begun on Phase 2 of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, the southerly section from Levenmouth Wood to Vane Farm. TRACKS have appointed Gordon MacLarty of Crieff to do the groundwork.

MacLarty Contractors are specialists in creating landscaped footpaths that blend in with their surrounding environment and are carefully built to preserve plant life and wildlife. Gordon MacLarty describes some of the projects they have worked on:

"We have been doing this sort of work since the mid 1980s when we built the road for Scottish Power to Torness Power Station. At that time, ecologists were starting to take an interest in such projects and we came up with a method of re-turfing the ditch and bank beside the road so it couldn't be seen from the public road below.

"The National Trust for Scotland employed us to do track restoration work at Marr Lodge on Deeside. We have done quite a lot of work over the years on the West Highland Way, and have built various sections of the Southern Upland Way and Pennine Bridleway. We also work for two or three months each year in the Lake District National Park."

Gordon MacLarty's team started by cutting back vegetation in early July, before moving in their machinery mid month. They will be creating the new path during late summer and early autumn, and are due to complete Phase 2 by the end of October.

An essential element of this section of the Trail will be a new 25m long pedestrian bridge over the River Leven cut at Findatie. TRACKS have chosen an attractive design for the bridge and have appointed Hatrick Bruce Ltd of Milnathort to build the bridge, which will be 400m downstream from the sluice house.



Riding the trail! Photo: Felicity Martin

Meantime, the recently opened Phase 1 section of the Trail between Kinross and the Pow Burn is proving a real bonus for the summer holidays. It is receiving considerable use from both visiting and resident families. The third and final section, linking Phase 1 and Phase 2, will be completed in 2008.

There is one puzzle that TRACKS have been unable to solve since starting the Loch Leven Heritage Project and they hope that people familiar with the local area may be able to help. Committee member Professor David Munro,

author of 'Loch Leven and the River Leven: a landscape transformed', would like to hear from anyone who can fill in missing pieces in the story of one of Scotland's greatest civil engineering schemes. This entailed the construction of a four-mile-long channel, the building of sluice gates, and the lowering of Loch Leven by 4.5 feet.

"When Loch Leven was lowered in 1828-32 Kinross Estate acquired all the land below medium water level," he explains. "The boundary was surveyed from a benchmark on the wall of the Kirkgate graveyard and on 1st July 1828 the surveyors Alexander Martin and Ebenezer Birrell set up 38 march stones around the loch to mark the agreed new boundary of the estate.

"Erected at the point where one farm meets another, each stone bears the letter 'K'. Many of the stones were subsequently uprooted by local farmers, one finding its way into an outbuilding at Portmoak Farm. So far none of the others have been found."

If anyone has spotted one of the 'K' stones, please contact David Munro by email at david.munro@strath.ac.uk. He can supply his book at a cost of £10 plus £2.50 postage and packing to anyone who would like to learn more about this scheme, which was designed to provide a constant supply of water to over 40 mills on the River Leven, while reclaiming land around the loch.

News from the Health Centre



On Thursday, 26 July a new clinical system called Vision was installed at the Health Centre. The clinical records of our 12,000 patients have been transferred to the new software and all clinicians will now use this system to record their consultations with patients. The reception and administration staff will use Vision to make appointments and record clinical data. All GPs and staff have received training on Vision over the past few weeks, but it is a complex system and it will take time for everyone to become proficient in its use. We anticipate therefore that for the first few weeks it may take us a bit longer to make appointments, look up results, and record consultations. Please allow us a bit of extra time to help you. The issuing of repeat medication will also take longer as each prescription has to be checked carefully against the old clinical system to make sure that it is accurate. We would ask all patients to order their repeat medication in plenty of time and allow a week for their request to be processed. Should any discrepancies in repeat medication be noticed, please contact us immediately. There will also be some disruption to our chronic disease management clinics such as asthma, diabetes and hypertension. We have to devise a completely new system for recalling patients to these clinics and generating the invitation letters. It will take us a few months to do this and may result in some delays in sending out the invitation letters. If patients think that their invitation is long overdue, we would ask them to phone the surgery. The conversion to this new software is the biggest single challenge we have faced for some years and we would ask patients to bear with us whilst we master this new system. Thank you.

The Megabus

The Megabus is the public transport system that provides improved access and connections around Britain. It is frequent, efficient and very easy to use. From Kinross Park and Ride (next to Somerfield) you can reach Aberdeen, Inverness, Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, Sheffield, Newcastle and London directly. From these towns and cities there are further bus links across the country.

To use the Megabus, you must book either by phone on the premium rate number 0900 1600900 or via the internet at www.megabus.com. This is an easy to use website, the homepage having a 'Search and Buy' facility which allows the booking of tickets based on your specific journey requirements - place of departure, destination, number of passengers etc. Tickets are for a single journey, and there is a 50p booking fee added to the cost automatically when booking on-line. The website produces a reservation which includes the reference number and all details of your journey, which must be printed out as it is your guarantee of purchase when boarding the bus. If you have an Entitlement card, you should bring it along with your printed reservation.

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A Megabus at the Park and Ride behind Somerfield

Kinross residents have found this service punctual, clean and comfortable. Apparently there is plenty of leg-room, and a good air conditioning system. The Megabus to Edinburgh in particular has been pronounced fast and pleasant by local users, so if you're planning a trip and want to travel in style without the hassle of a long and tedious car journey, why not give it a go!

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Teammania open for Business!



The construction of an outdoor team management development centre at Kinross Estate, which we reported on last month, has now been completed and is open for business.



ALFIE, set within the woodlands of Kinross House

The facilities at the centre include an 8-metre climbing wall and a specially designed aerial rope course known as ALFIE (Aerial Learning Facilitated Inspirational Experience). The impressive facilities have been carefully constructed to blend with the forest setting within the grounds of Kinross House.

Teammania, the team-building and events company who built the centre (the only one of its kind in Scotland) have invested over £200,000 in it.

The facilities will enable them to deliver high energy, exciting programmes and events to corporate clients such as banks and other commercial companies.

The staff from Teammania are delighted with the location of their new facility, and also plan to offer their clients programmes which might include golf, curling and residential facilities at the local hotels.

Chief Executive, David Cowan, said, "We are delighted to bring such a unique offering to the Scottish marketplace. We have worked very hard to develop programmes which combine the serious side of team-building, but with a fun element. Our team will endeavour to work with clients to create bespoke activities which will ultimately get the best results for their business."



A taste of the high life!

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Discovery Weekend

Friday 31 August – Sunday 2 September
Kirkgate Park, Kinross



Friday 31 August

7pm-9pm **BB activities**
 7pm-11pm **Family Disco, bar**

Saturday 1 September

1.30pm-4.30pm **DJs**
 1.30pm-3pm & **Free Workshops:**
 3.15pm-4pm Graffiti Boards, Tile Painting
 Jewellery and Badge-making

Also: Dome Tent ☼ Vox Pop ☼ Bike Rides
 Bike Stamping ☼ Photography ☼ DVD film making
 Treasure Hunt ☼ Quiz and Games

4.30pm-6pm **Gig in the Park**, hot food and drinks
 7pm-11pm **Family Ceilidh**, bar and hot food

Sunday 2 September **Kirkgate Park Grand Opening**

Start time not yet available as the Newsletter goes to press

Kinross Pipe Band ☼ Loch Leven Diamonds
 vocal harmony group Steamer Lane
 Bat Activities ☼ Historical Re-enactment ☼ Guided Walks
 Watercolour Challenge ☼ Kids' Art Activities ☼ Banner
 Display ☼ Mary Queen of Scots DVD ☼ Bodger and Lathe
 ☼ Living Art Sculpture ☼ Willow Work ☼ Chainsaw
 Sculpture ☼ Wildflower Planting and more.

6pm-8pm **Wine Tasting** with nibbles

All activities are free of charge except:

Disco: family ticket £12, individual £4

Ceilidh: family ticket £15, individual £5

Wine Tasting: £7.50 per ticket

All tickets are available at Kinross Post Office throughout
 August and at Community Learning Lounge, Kinross High
 School, during school term.

We are working hard to secure a celebrity to help us open



A fine example of "Living Sculpture"

with a bang – keep your eyes peeled for news of that!
 If you are uncertain what 'living art sculpture is', please see
 the photograph above. We have plans for a similar sculpture
 in Kirkgate in the form of a 'twitcher' with binoculars. This
 will start to take shape in the weeks leading up to Discovery
 Weekend. We could use half a dozen bodies now and again to
 help cut turfs (with appropriate machinery!) and pile them up,
 fill sandbags, mix concrete and move tyres around. We would
 also greatly appreciate the provision of said materials to help
 keep costs to a minimum. Also chicken wire, ballast, a mini

digger and cement mixer. If you can help with your muscle or
 your kit please get in touch! 01577 864742
 susan@friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk

Dates for getting on with some of the work are 4 and
 5 August and weeks beginning 20 and 27 August. Two or
 three groups of half a dozen folks for a couple of hours would
 make a huge difference!

Get in Shape for Summer



Perth and Kinross Leisure's Kinross facility,
 Loch Leven Leisure, has just launched its
 new gym and induction programme for the summer.

The fitness gym at Loch Leven Leisure has been open for just
 over 2 years. Following customer consultation the decision
 was taken to develop the current underused Health Suite into
 a state of the art air conditioned gym, which now consists of a
 variety of cardiovascular and resistance equipment. Neil
 Johnston, Facility Manager said *"The gym has been a great
 addition to the centre, not to mention giving our customers more
 value for money from the Spectrum
 Membership scheme. The
 programme has been developed to
 accommodate all our regular and
 potential customers"*.

The new timetable will see
 inductions and gym programmes
 take place weekly on Tuesdays,
 Wednesdays, Saturdays and
 Sundays at various times to suit all
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Official Opening Of Kinross Cricket Club New Ground and Pavilion

Kinross Cricket Club's new ground and pavilion were officially opened on Saturday 30 June by Sir David Montgomery Bt. C.V.O. of Kinross Estate.

Club Chairman, Ken Reilly welcomed club members and invited guests before handing over to Andrew Kelly of Sport Scotland, who acknowledged the efforts of everyone involved in the project to create such a truly remarkable facility within the historic grounds of Kinross House. Sir David Montgomery followed on by recalling playing for Kinross Cricket Club when he was a child and he expressed his delight that his long held dream of a cricket ground at Kinross House had now been realised.

Following lunch for all in the pavilion, there was a celebration cricket match – the Captain's XI versus the Chairman's XI. Sir David Montgomery faced the first ball on the newly prepared grass wicket which he deftly hit straight back past the bowler for an easy single. Whilst the weather was overcast with some drizzle, the match was completed with the Chairman's XI narrowly winning by five runs.

Kinross Cricket Club was founded in 1856. In 2005, the committee made the decision to form a junior section. By the end of the 2006 season, the club had over 90 junior members and the club under-13 team had won the Scottish Cup on their first time of entering the tournament. The committee set about finding a new location for the club to

house specialist, dedicated top quality training facilities for those children wanting to take their cricket skills to national and international level and to accommodate the ever growing numbers of interested youngsters that just want to enjoy a fun game of cricket. In September 2005, local landowner, Sir David Montgomery of Kinross Estate heard of the club's growth and success and having a very keen interest in cricket, suggested that the front lawns of Kinross House would be a fantastic setting for a cricket ground to enable the club to grow and offer better quality cricket facilities.

The committee began by commissioning the design of the pavilion and looking for funding for this. The club was absolutely thrilled to be awarded £12,000 from the "Building for Sport" programme administered by Sport Scotland. Julia Bracewell OBE, Chair of Sport Scotland said: "Sport Scotland is delighted to have supported this great project. This award demonstrates our commitment to enhancing sporting opportunities for local communities, by providing them with quality, accessible and well-designed facilities. The new cricket pitch and pavilion will ensure that Kinross Cricket Club has a first class cricket facility, allowing them to develop their junior membership leading to increased participation and improved performance."

In summer 2006, the project to create a grass wicket for the club began. This was completed in September 2006 and was funded entirely through the club's fundraising efforts. The next project was to provide a high quality synthetic

wicket for practice and matches. This enables teams to play cricket matches regardless of weather conditions. It also provides a consistent surface for coaching and practice for younger players and enables the club's coaching capabilities to be greatly expanded. Practice nets were also included within this project to allow bowlers to bowl at full pace and batsmen to hit the ball safely in the knowledge that other players training nearby will not be injured and providing a controlled environment for coaches to work on specific aspects of technique. Again, the club was overjoyed to be awarded a grant of £10,000 from the Awards for All programme delivered through Sport Scotland.

The club now boasts 115 junior members playing at under-15, under-13 under-11 and under-10 levels and fields 1st and 2nd XI adult teams. A new ladies team was started this year with 14 new ladies joining the club. The club has also formed active schools partnerships with 5 local primary schools and undertook a cricket taster day at Kinross High School. The club has 2 ECB level II coaches and 7 ECB level 1 coaches together with 4 ICC intro level coaches. The club is very fortunate to have such dedicated and committed coaches working on a voluntary basis, coaching each week and transporting and supervising children at matches.

The club has benefited greatly from support from local businesses either through donations of money, equipment or services, sponsorship, prizes for fundraising events or work carried out in the pavilion and grounds. Grateful thanks go to Purvis Plant Hire and Realm Construction, Turffit, Cliff Megginson Electrics, Craig Prentice Plumbers, Koronka Engineering, Messrs D. McLaren of Classloch, Ogilvie Ross, Perth & Kinross Council, Perth & Kinross Sports Council, Kinross-shire Agricultural Society, Kinross Community Council, Kinross Estate Company, Kinross Newsletter, Team-Mania, The Lord's Taverners, Cricket Scotland and Sport Scotland.

Fundraising work continues for new wicket covers and a scoreboard as well as training additional new coaches and providing elite training and facilities for our most promising players. Thanks must also go to the club's excellent fundraising committee and of course, all the members and their families who give the club such great support.



Sir David and club members outside the new pavilion

Kinross Learning Centre launches Autumn programme

Courses for as little as £10!

Kinross Learning Centre has just launched its Autumn leisure programme and with topics as diverse as Homeopathy and Watercolour painting, there should be something for everyone. And with recent changes to funding rules, more people can get help towards costs!

A wider range of our courses now qualify for Individual Learning Account (ILA) funding, which means that you could do a ten-week language course for as little as £10!

Individual Learning Accounts are a Scottish Executive Scheme that can help towards the cost of learning. If your personal income is below £15,000 (or £18,000 after 1st August), you're entitled to £200 per year towards a range of approved courses. This funding can be used towards any of our language courses as well as Sage Accounting, Digital Photography or either of our beginners' computing courses. ILAs can also be used to fund IT courses from our extensive programme.

The September programme includes Digital Photography at two levels. Learn how to make more of your camera and download pictures in the introductory course and for the experienced photographer, the intermediate course will cover using Photoshop to manipulate your images.

Art features heavily in the schedule with courses to suit a range of media and abilities. And creativity with flowers or a needle and thread are also catered for with Festive Floral Arranging and Patchwork and Quilting.

The recent surge in interest in family history is also recognised with the 10-week genealogy course. The tutor will help you use a range of paper and on-line resources to find out more about your own ancestry and overcome any hurdles that you have already encountered.

To find out more or to book your place, call Maureen Ross on 01577 863863 or visit the centre at Swansacre, Kinross. To find out more about the Individual Learning Account scheme call 0808 100 1090 or visit www.ilascotland.org.uk. The full programme is as follows:

Course	ILA?	Start Date	Time	Duration	Cost
Basic Maths and English		Thursdays	10am-noon	Ongoing	FREE
Carry on Computing	Yes	Mon 19 Nov	7-9pm	8 weeks	£42
Carry on Computing	Yes	Tue 20 Nov	2-4pm	8 weeks	£42
Drawing & Painting		Mon 17 Sep	7-9pm	10 weeks	£52
Drawing 1		Wed 19 Sep	9.30-11.30am	10 weeks	£52
Digital Photography Introduction	Yes	Wed 19 Sep	2.30-4.30pm	10 weeks	£60
Digital Photography Intermediate	Yes	Wed 19 Sep	7-9pm	8 weeks	£48
Festive Flower Arranging		Wed 31 Oct	2-4pm	5 weeks	£30
French 9	Yes	Tue 18 Sep	10.30am-12.30pm	10 weeks	£52
French 1	Yes	Thu 20 Sep	10.30am-12.30pm	10 weeks	£52
Genealogy		Fri 21 Sep	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£52
German 1	Yes	Thu 20 Sep	7-9pm	10 weeks	£52
Italian 3	Yes	Wed 19 Sep	7-9pm	10 weeks	£52
Italian 1	Yes	Tue 18 Sep	2-4pm	10 weeks	£52
Introduction to Antiques		Fri 21 Sep	9.30-11.30am	10 weeks	£52
Introduction to Homeopathy		Wed 19 Sep	1-3pm	6 weeks	£35
Introduction to Philosophy		Thu 20 Sep	7-9pm	10 weeks	£52
Patchwork and Quilting		Tue 30 Oct	9.30-11.30am	5 weeks	£30
Self Hypnosis		Thu 20 Sep	2-4pm	6 weeks	£35
Sage Accounting	Yes	Thu 20 Sep	2-4pm	12 weeks	£80
Spanish 1	Yes	Wed 19 Sep	7-9pm	10 weeks	£52
Spanish 2	Yes	Tue 18 Sep	7-9pm	10 weeks	£52
Watercolours Stage 1		Mon 17 Sep	2-4pm	10 weeks	£52
Watercolours Stage 3		Thu 20 Sep	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£52
Watercolours Stage 4		Wed 19 Sep	2-4pm	10 weeks	£52
Welcome to Computing	Yes	Mon 17 Sep	7-9pm	8 weeks	£42
Welcome to Computing	Yes	Tue 18 Sep	2-4pm	8 weeks	£42

Kinross High School Citizenship Quaich

Ethos of the Award

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

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

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

1st & 2nd years

3rd & 4th years

5th & 6th years

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

Respect for others;

Commitment to participate responsibly in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the local and wider community;

Wanting to make a positive difference in the quality of life of individuals or groups of people in the local and wider community.

Which might enable them to improve their:

Knowledge and understanding of the World, Scotland and Kinross and its place in it;
understanding of different beliefs and cultures;

decision making process

understanding of environmental, scientific and technical issues;

development of their views on moral and ethical issues.

These awards are to be presented on the evening of the High School Prize Giving in June 2008 for each of the year groups.

What the School Council needs from you are

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

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

We will be asking for nominations in March 2008.

For this year's winners, see the High School Prize List on the following pages.

BILINGUAL CROSSWORD to celebrate Town Twinning

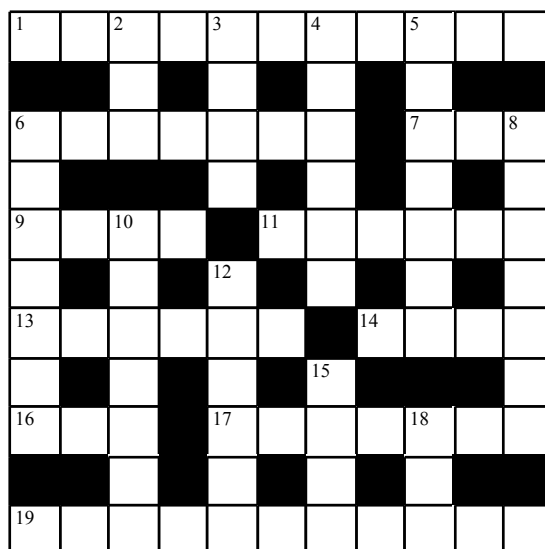
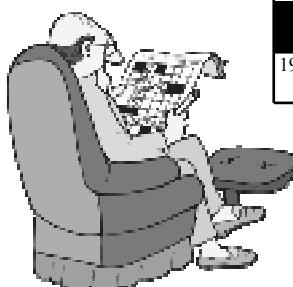
After a favourable reaction to last month's prize crossword we are going to try to have a fun crossword in the Newsletter every month, space permitting. There are no prizes to be won this time, but in honour of the visit to Kinross this summer of friends from our twin town of Gacé, we have devised an especially challenging puzzle with half the answers being in French!

ACROSS (answers in English)

1. It's happening on the 11th of August! (7,4)
6. Quietly reckoning to provide cushioning (7)
7. Run about to get a vase (3)
9. Scheme to involve beginner in cooking utensil (4)
11. Pertaining to 3 down (6)
13. Dali on Etna hides small big cat! (6)
14. The man about this place (4)
16. Point to the Spanish slippery fish (3)
17. Average trouble before ten is an impossible situation (7)
19. Seer crosses to make weird sisters (11)

DOWN (answers in French!)

2. Nest (3)
3. Eye (4)
4. Wise (6)
5. Coal (7)
6. Centre of 3 down (7)
8. Nervous (7)
10. Soften (7)
12. People (6)
15. 7 across (4)
18. Back (3)



You can find the answers to this crossword on our Day Centre page, at the end of the Notices section.

KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

SPECIAL AWARDS - WHOLE SCHOOL

JOINT DUCES OF THE SCHOOL

R.N.L.I. Award **Head Boy**
Head Girl
Sir Alan Smith Trophy for Leadership
Triumph over Adversity
(Christine Ryznar Award)
Young Enterprise

S5 and S6 Citizenship Quaich
S3 and S4 Citizenship Quaich

S1 and S2 Citizenship Quaich

KRISTIE MILLER
 NICOLA SHARMAN
 CRAIG GADZIEJEWSKI
 AILIDH BARNES
 PETER NURICK
 SHAWN O'FARRELL

ANGUS CAMERON, TOM RALSTON,
 RORY CAMPBELL, RACHEL SCOTT,
 LOUISE SCOTT
 MICHAEL DERBY
 EMILY BEATTIE, RACHEL FARNWORTH,
 GLEN CLYDESDALE
 (representing the Maronda Group)
 MEGAN ALEXANDER



Kristie Miller and Nicola Sharmen, joint Duces, with the George Thompson VC Memorial Prize

JUNIOR AWARDS

S1 Merit: Kelly Carruthers, Joanne Dunne, Janek Dyer, Abigail Lloyd, Jennifer Probert, Sarah Skea, Emily Wood

S1 Effort and Commitment: Melissa Geraghty, Emma Godson, Oliver Watson

S1 Merit and Effort and Commitment: David Creigh, Katy Brown

S2 Merit: Daniel Beveridge, Charles Cooke, Cameron Milne, Sandy Raeburn, Jennifer Smith, Andrew Wilcox

S2 Effort and Commitment: Kirsty Edwards, Rachel Logan, Laura Muir, Jodi Watt

Special Awards S1 and S2

Tom Clark

Biology

DL Chapman Trophy Junior Award (S2)
for Nature Study

Ailsa Morris

S1 Fashion and Design

Kirsty Paterson-Hunter

Courier Junior Debating Trophy

Shona Young

Courier Junior Debating Trophy

Caitlin Barnes

Scots Verse Speaking

Gordon George Memorial Trophy

Ruth Miller

S2 Overall Excellence

Bertie Anderson Award

S3 Merit Awards

Rosie Maxton English, History, and Art and Design; **Roxanne Dyer** Chemistry, German, Biology and Geography; **Jennifer Salmean** Art and Design, Computing, Craft and Design, Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies; **Amy Peacock** Biology, Spanish, Mathematics, and Craft and Design; **Ruaridh Pattison** Geography, Music, Computing and Mathematics; **Rachel Farnworth** and **Lorna Henderson** Administration; **Siobhan Dyson** History; **Rebecca Brown** Business Management; **Ross Whyte** Drama; **Jonathon Saliba** French; **Kirsten Dow** and **Jamie Ranaldi** Graphic Communication; **Melissa Burt** PC Passport; **Patrick MacHugh** Physical Education; **Campbell Vaughan** Physics

S3 Effort and Commitment: Roxanne Dyer, Patrick MacHugh, Amy Peacock

S3 Special Awards: Maths Challenge Gold Awards and European Pink Kangaroo competitors - **Roxanne Dyer** and **Ruaridh Pattison**

SENIOR AWARDS

S4 Merit Awards

Lynsay Drysdale Craft and Design, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies, History; **Duncan Cameron** Accounting and Finance; **Maggie Henderson** Art and Design, and Graphic Communication; **Rebecca Malley** Biology; **Hollie Watson** Business Management and Craft and Design; **Hannah Fuller** Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies; **Felicity Anderson** History and Drama; **Christopher Struth** Drama; **Tom Nurick** Computing and French; **Emma Bissett** English; **Alice Gunn** Geography; **Danielle Timmins** German; **Emma Sloan** Home Economics; **Nicholas Lauener** Music; **Matthew Holmes** PC Passport; **Fraser Shepherd** Physical Education; **Lilidh Kendrick** Spanish

S5 Merit Awards

Alasdiar Shore

Administration

Deborah Whitcombe

Art and Design

John and Marjory Moffat Quaich

Sarah Whitfield

Physical Education

Cloan Trophy

Katy Bain

Biology

Graham Gardner

Business Management

John S Lowe Trophy

Rachel Shackleton

Chemistry

Sam Mitchell-Henry Trophy

Sarah Menzies

Computing

Nicola Sharman

Drama

PTA Trophy

Kristie Miller

Drama

DL Chapman Senior Trophy

Samantha Ross

English

Coldon Trophy

Kayleigh Webster

Human Biology

Lady Alice Smith Award

Amy Bathgate

Mathematics

Arthur Donaldson Trophy

Douglas Wood

French

Arthur Donaldson Trophy

Anna McGregor

History

Burns-Begg Trophy

Geography

German

Graphic Communication

Product Design

Hospitality

Bella Anderson Trophy

S5 Merit Awards (continued)

Steven Smith	Information Systems	
Cameron Kellow	Music	Marjory Fyfe Award
Gregor Kyle	Music	Marjory Fyfe Award
Andrew Lauener	Physics	Probus Club Trophy
Kirsten Flood	Spanish	

S6 Merit Awards

Valerie Wilson Administration, Modern Studies, and Business Management; **Lauren Gentry** Product Design; **Lauren Gentry, Peter Nurick** and **Sarah Packham** Art and Design; **Peter Nurick** Geography; **Laurie Esparon** Biology and Chemistry; **Lauren Hill** Computing; **Michael Derby** Drama; **Christopher Malley** Mathematics; **Christopher Malley** and **Alistair Flood** German; **Timothy Pryde** Graphic Communication; **Nicholas Greener** History; **Gordon Henderson** Information Systems; **Hannah Raine** Modern Studies; **Stephen Oxnard** Music; **Jacob Dobson** Physical Education and Physics; **Kyle Ellis** Psychology

Senior Special Subject Awards

Esther Lockhart	Art & Design (S4)	Rosamund Beveridge Trophy
Allan Carrie	Art & Design	Kevin Kenny Award
Fraser Dow	Business Education	Jean Lamont Award for Overall Excellence
Tom Ralston	Business Acumen	The University of Dundee Prize
Laura Gray	English	Nan Walker prize
Laura Sorbie	Maths	Challenge Gold Award winner and European Pink Kangaroos Competitor
Stephen Oxnard	Music	Hilary Hawksford Memorial Prize Trophy (for outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school)

KINROSS HGH SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS**Badminton - Perth & Kinross Schools Badminton Championships:**

Under 14 girls' singles	Christine Sorbie
Under 14 girls' doubles	Christine Sorbie and Jennifer Smith
Under 16 boys' singles	Patrick MacHugh
Under 16 boys' doubles	Patrick MacHugh and Callum Graham
Under 16 girls' singles	Alessia Palmieri

Golf

Frank Gloak Trophy for Perth and Kinross Schools

Jamie Arthur

Swimming

Perth and Kinross Schools Trophy

collected by **Natalie Milne** and **Chris Thomson**

Gold medals in Perth and Kinross Schools butterfly and front crawl

Cameron Milne

Gold medals in Tayside Schools 100m and 200m breast stroke

Shona Young

Cross Country

Perth and Kinross Schools Cross Country trophy

collected by **Natalie Milne** and **Chris Thomson**

Triathlon

Scottish Schools Junior Open Water Sprint gold medal, and silver medal in the British Schools event - **Natalie Milne**

Scottish Schools Junior Open Water silver medal and silver medal in the British Schools event - **Chris Thomson**

Scottish Schools - 1st 15-16 girls - **Laura Sorbie**

Scottish Schools - 1st 15-16 boys - **Stuart Hunter**

Kayaking

Scottish Schools Under 14 slalom champion - **Leslie Simpson**

Trampoline

Scottish Schools level 3 champion - **Grant Milne**

Team Badges/School Colours - collected by team representative

Rugby	Andrew Smart
Hockey	Ailidh Barnes
Curling	Graeme and David Kettles
Basketball	Rhyan Scott
Triathlon	Natalie Milne
Golf	Jamie Arthur
Football	Liam Robertson
Dance	Jenna Merrilees

Sports Day Champions

Group A boys champion

Christopher Thomson

Group A girls champion

Christina Erskine

Group B boys champion

Matthew Boulter

Group B girls champion

Jennifer Smith

Group C boys champion

Jamie Richmond

Group C girls champion

Samantha Brownlie

Best Performance on Sports Day

Laura Muir

House Championship Winners - **Bishop**

collected by **Claire Reid**

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Bronze: **Hannah Fuller, George Gibson, Alice Gunn, Lilidh Kendrick, Duncan Malcolm, Rebecca Malley, Isla Simpson, Laura Sorbie, Danielle Timmins, Corrie Young, Ben Law, Callum Wilson, Kathryn Kelly**

Silver: **Ross Dickie, Fraser Dow, David Fairbairn, David McCulloch, Gemma MacDonald-Washington, Kirsty Mainprize, Daniel Marsh, Samantha Ross, Sarah Whitfield, Nicola Edwards, Lauren Gentry, Natalie Milne, Jenny Ross, Fiona Stewart**

Gold: **Michael Derby, Emily Ross, Andrew Smart, Grant Milne**



Police Box

Parking Outside Schools

Now that a new academic year is with us we would like to remind those people who take children to and from school in vehicles to be considerate about how and where they park when doing so.

We understand that parents want to see their children, particularly the younger ones, safely on to school premises and on wet days ensure that the youngsters are as dry as possible when they arrive. However in doing so many people park their vehicles in a manner that compromises the safety of others. We have encountered, among other things, cars parked on the zigzag markings, obstructing the school crossing patroller, and on pavements whereby pedestrians are forced to walk on to the road to get past. Regretfully we have found that the attitude of a small number of parents appears to be that they don't care what happens to anyone else as long as their child arrives at and returns home from school safely. We all have a duty to ensure that everyone, particularly the children are safe at all times.

We would also ask that parents who are walking to school with their children, cross at and when directed to do so by the school crossing patroller. After all it is their function to ensure that the children cross safely and allowing the youngsters to think they can cross where and when they want, is not a good example to set. Also, motorists should be

aware that there are parking restrictions outside the main entrance to Kinross High school which are in force in the morning and again at home time. During those periods the only vehicles which should park there are school buses. Please also ensure that motorists taking children to and from Kinross Primary School do not obstruct access to, nor the view of, residents emerging from Douglas Crescent, and remember the new one way system that has been introduced in Bowton Road.

CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone Number 0800 555 111

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 and Scotlandwell - Constable Graham Stephen.

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

Annual Crime Statistics

Representatives from Tayside Police reported on annual crime statistics for the local area at the July meetings of some Kinross-shire Community Councils. National target levels of detection are set and in most cases these have been achieved locally. The area covered includes Kinross, Milnathort, Blairingone, Cleish and Glenfarg.

There were 823 crimes in total last year, of which 498 were detected.

There were eleven serious or violent crimes (includes T in the Park) of which nine were detected. The target is 88%, with 80% gained here.

There were seven house-breakings, of which four were detected. The target level is 30% detection. The level of house-breaking has dropped considerably, due partly to information received from the community.

Reset: five (all detected).

Motor vehicle crimes: 47% detected. The target is 29%.

Vandalism: 69 cases detected, which represents 40.69% of incidents. The target is 30%

A ten-year study carried out by the Scottish Executive indicated that statistics for Perth & Kinross were very positive and had shown the biggest reduction in thefts in the whole of Scotland. Theft from motor vehicles had dropped by 87% and thefts of vehicles by 37%, and although there had been a 12% increase in vandalism, it was the fourth lowest increase in Scotland.

Deadline for all Articles

5.00 pm, MONDAY 20 August
for Publication on Saturday 1 September

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Community Council News

Kinross Community Council

News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 July were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), I Jack, D Mackay, C Drummond and M Scott (Secy). In attendance were: P&K Cllr M Barnacle, Inspector Patience and Sergeant Rankine of Tayside Police, representatives from Big Day Out and thirteen members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs M Blyth and D Cuthbert and P&K Cllrs Baird, Miller and Robertson.

T in the Park

Colin Rodger of Big Day Out, organisers of T in the Park, was welcomed to the meeting. He introduced the other members of his team and apologised for not being present at the last CC meeting.

The local residents' leaflet has been circulated to a wider distribution area than last year.

Mention was made by CCllr Colliar of the barriers at Balado Crossroads and the fact that cars wait in this area to collect people coming from the site. Such an occurrence should be prevented this year as vehicles will not be allowed to stop in these zones.

CCllr Jack questioned the access available to the Emergency Services. Regulations are relaxed for these.

In relation to the barriers at the motorway embankment, a temporary fence has been placed around the area meantime. Cllr Barnacle has written to BEAR Scotland in relation to the repair of these barriers.

Mr Rodger asked members of the public to provide feedback on the impact the event has on them. All comments are welcome and will be taken into consideration. CCllr Colliar thanked Mr Rodger and his team for attending and wished T in the Park every success.

Police Report

Inspector Patience introduced Sergeant Andy Rankine who has joined the team in Kinross. Sergeant Rankine was stationed at Kinross a number of years ago. The Police were happy to report that the community were working with them and a number of cases have been resolved due to information received from the public.

Children are on holiday from school and the number of calls received in relation to incidents involving youths has now increased.

The Inspector provided performance statistics for over the past year. (See News and Articles).

A member of the public questioned the levels of the detection targets set; in his belief these were too low. Inspector Patience replied that they strive for 100%. It is impossible to achieve this goal, but they try to set as high a detection rate as they can.

The Police welcome support from the community and ask that they contact them with any information they may possess in relation to crimes. Any acts of vandalism should be reported at the time.

Inspector Patience advised that the police priority was preventing crime and that the crime level was much lower now than ten to fifteen years ago.

Some discussion was held on the CC receiving information from the Police in relation to incidents in the town. CCllr Colliar referred to an assault that took place outside one of

the public bars in Kinross. As the CC are asked in certain cases to pass comments on the issue of Licences it would be helpful if the CC was made aware of any matters which might affect the issue of such a Licence to public bars and other premises. Inspector Patience replied that only certain information could be revealed to the CC and should we have any concerns in relation to any premises we should report these to the Police. The Police have to make a report in relation to the issue of a Licence. However, Inspector Patience is to speak to Perth and ask them for their views on this and for clarification on what information he can provide to the CC.

CCllr Jack mentioned (in relation to T in the Park) that the motor cycle policemen are unfamiliar with the area. The police replied that maps were provided, however they may not be aware of some of the minor roads.

The Police were thanked for attending and for providing the report.

Matters Arising

Snow Clearing/Gritting: In response to the CC's letter, P&KC state that "The gritter for the A977 turns left when leaving Turfhill Depot and grits to the Council boundary. The vehicle is calibrated as such so that both east- and west-bound lanes receive the same treatment of salt without the vehicle having to return along the same roads. We as a service provider are constantly reviewing our winter maintenance service and are at present involved in a risk assessment of all our roads to meet with current legislation. It may be that some routes will see an improved service whilst some may be lowered on the scale of importance. Whilst we are all very aware of salt effects on the environment we do try and keep rates of spread to the minimum for the prevailing conditions but still allowing the safe movement of the motoring public". CCllr Jack stated that this still does not explain their procedures in clearing the snow of the A977. He reported that at 7am the west-bound lane can be cleared of snow but the eastbound is still under a blanket of snow. The Secy is to return to P&KC for clarification.

Tree Preservation Order – Baltree Farm Planning

Application: A response from P&KC has been received advising that "Local Plan policies in general indicate that individual trees or groups of trees which are considered important in their own right or as part of a wider landscape will be protected by the use of Tree Preservation Orders, where they are considered to be in danger (under real threat). Only in exceptional cases will TPOs be applied to woodlands or commercial plantations. The policies also suggest that existing tree cover should be protected as far as is practicable in any development proposals (through the use of robust planning conditions). We receive a large number of requests for TPOs and at the present time there is a limited budget for their formulation. There is a priority system with trees or groups of trees under real threat and considered to be of high visual, biodiversity and/or historic value taking precedence. High value trees under perceived threat may be considered as well. If the Forestry Commission have an interest in this area of trees and is in a position to exercise some control over felling or lopping then a TPO would in some ways be a duplication of control.

The use of planning conditions at the end of the planning application process is also a form of control which may be possible". P&KC added that the CC's request is being considered in detail.

Planning Matters

No comments were made in relation to the following applications: 07/00943/FUL Gellybank Farm: alteration / extension to house; 07/01054/FUL Land at Chance Inn, erection of two dwellinghouses; 07/01238/FUL 18 Mavisbank: installation of new windows; 07/01261/FUL 71 Muirs: Alteration / extension to outbuildings / granny flat; 07/01333/FUL 17 Douglas Crescent: extension; 07/01157/FUL Loch Leven Travel, 109 High Street: change of use from Class One (Retail) to Class Two (Financial / Professional Services); 07/01216/FUL Somerfield stores: proposed minor alterations to store and provision of two items of plant into yard; 07/01391/FUL Oakbank, 4 High Street: replacement windows; 07/01336/FUL 4 Balado Wynd: alterations to existing house; 07/01457/CON 6 Montgomery Street: installation of new Velux window and erection of conservatory; 07/01458/FUL Muirend Cottage, Gallowhill Road: erection of a conservatory. 07/01295/FUL land to the west of Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate: two single-storey office with single storey/warehouse areas: CCllr Colliar mentioned that he had been advised by P&KC that no land was available at Bridgend Industrial Estate.

07/01469/FUL Pier Road: erection of two dwellinghouses and two flatted dwellinghouses: CCllr Colliar is to check the location of this development.

07/01226/FUL Land to the south of the A977, Balado: residential development in outline, site H19: the plans were only received today. This matter is to be discussed at the CC's next meeting. The Secy is to ask for an extension for comments. The plans provide for a 42 house development. P&K Cllr Barnacle stated that the developers had submitted an article to a newspaper recently regarding affordable housing.

It was mentioned that another planning proposal for housing in this area was on hold due to the Balado sand and gravel quarry.

High School: A meeting has been convened for 25 July between the developers and the Council.

Bridgend: CCllr Colliar mentioned again that economically more industry is required in the town and P&KC should encourage business to move to Kinross.

The problems relating to drainage in Kinross were raised again.

Burnbrae Farm for John Russell (06/01015/OUT), access/erection of dwellinghouse: the plan and other papers were available at the meeting. New access is to be taken from the 918. This planning proposal was first raised in 2004 and again in 2006. The CC wrote to P&KC in 2006 raising objections in relation to the access being taken through the walled garden. The adjoining property is a "B" Listed Building and it was suggested that we check whether the wall is listed under "Architectural Interest". CCllr Colliar advised that Listing Building Consent is required prior to submission of plans. After some discussion it was agreed that no comment be made to this application.

Report from P&K Councillors

Cllr Barnacle reported as follows:

Planning/Housing: Following correspondence at the end of last year, he received an email response and a meeting has

been convened.

Cllr Barnacle advised that contacts at the Council Offices are now:

Roland Bean who has assumed the position of Head of Service – Sustainable Development Planning.

Head of Development Standards is now Ian Sleith.

Nick Brian has been appointed Development Quality Manager (Planning)

Peter Marshall is involved in Development Planning

P&KC, due to a backlog of applications, has been delegating powers to members of staff

The consultation period for comments on planning applications is now 21 days. However, we can ask for a holding objection which will allow us to obtain an extension should we wish our comments to be considered.

At the Development Control Meeting on 27 June the matter of Tillyrie Windfarm was discussed. The Council unanimously supported refusal. An appeal to the Reporter was to be made and a Public Enquiry may be arranged.

Cllr Barnacle advised that he has written to A Connelly (Team Leader) regarding various planning applications, including Chance Inn Farm – 2 houses, Hatchbank Farm – 15 houses and Bridgend – 89 houses, requesting further information and an update on all these applications.

With regard to drainage, negotiations are between the planners and Scottish Water. However, an appeal can be made to Edinburgh if the process of the application is not moving forward at a reasonable pace.

The matter of the recent flooding in Kinross at Smith Street/ Myre Terrace was discussed. The state of the Myre Car Park has been mentioned previously and is in urgent need of repair. It was mentioned that the Myre Burn might need cleaning out. It was noted that GS Brown are to arrange a visit in relation to their neighbouring development and that they are to culvert the burn.

In order to clean out the burn a licence is required from SEPA (at a charge). The local authority used to clean these every two years; the water flowed better and the current problems were not experienced. It was further stated that the Loch water is too high to allow for the wildlife habitats. It was agreed that the CC should write to local MSPs, MP and SEPA in relation to this matter.

Park and Ride: Cllr Barnacle advised that this would appear to be proving popular and well used.



The Myre car park - in need of repairs

Quarry: The meeting is now to be held on 23 July. A speed control request has been submitted. Two signs are displayed which are totally inadequate.

Structure Plan Population and Housing Projections/

Housing in the Countryside Policy and Affordable Housing: Cllr Barnacle provided the CC with a copy of a letter he forwarded recently to P&KC in relation to the huge gulf in Countryside Policy and the increase in “steading developments” in Kinross-shire. A letter in similar terms was received from John Wheatley.

Correspondence

Scottish National Heritage – History of Loch Leven and Loch Leven National Nature Reserve Management Proposals for 2007 – 2013. CCllr Jack is to peruse this information. Consultation to 12 September 2007.

Tayside Police Statistic Booklet – this information is also available on the Tayside Police Website.

Halls for All – a leaflet notifying of this campaign was available for perusal.

From P&KC, a list of new local government wards in P&K area and contact details for all the new Cllrs.

Convention of Perth & Kinross CCs: Minutes of the AGM and the 54th meeting held on 25 March. The date of the next AGM is 30 March 2008.

Public Consultation on the Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections: Comments are invited from the public on the administration of the recent Scottish Elections. These comments will be considered as part of a report to be published in early September 2007. The website is www.scottishelectionsreview.org.uk and the postal address is The Scottish Elections Review, 93 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3ES. Email comments are also welcomed at consultation@scottishelectionsreview.org.uk. When commenting could people indicate their constituency and council area and if they are a voter, an election official, candidate or agent. Comments to be sent by 31 July.

Other Business

Road Signage: CCllr Jack mentioned that during the recent wet weather a car took the bend east of Cambo and crashed off the road. The signage in this area is not adequate. The B918 sign has also been removed.

CC Insurance: CCllr Jack has received notification of the level of insurance, which covers indemnity, public and liability. The cover is through P&KC.

Green Road Playpark: CCllr McKay raised again the matter of the Green Road playpark. The large buckets have been removed and were replaced with felt, however this has been pulled off and there is a large six-inch hole which is near to the swing area.

John (Jack) Wilson Memorial Bench: CCllr Colliar confirmed that this has been repaired.

Old Causeway Car Park/Millbridge: CCllr Scott questioned whether it would be possible to provide stronger lighting at this area. The trees block out two of the lights and the current lighting is inadequate.

Roads/pavements: CCllr Scott raised the matter of the uneven roads/footpaths and the rain water that collects in certain areas of the town.

Litter Plan: CCllr Drummond asked Cllr Barnacle for an update in relation to the Litter Action Plan. Due to the holidays this was not possible, but hopefully information would be available after the return to School.

Planning Application: A member of the public raised again the Chance Inn application for two plots. He himself has written to P&KC in relation to this application. He explained that he is not objecting to this proposal but has certain reservations, in particular in relation to access (sight lines and safety issues in respect of visibility to traffic),

septic tanks and drainage constrictions and the fact that the buildings proposed are 2-storey (existing properties are either bungalows or 1½ storeys). Two plots are being created. CCllr Colliar advised that unfortunately this was now over the deadline for comments.

Kinross Cricket Club: CCllr Scott received an invitation to represent the CC at the recent opening of the Kinross Cricket Club. She was unable to attend and circulated the details to the other members of the CC. Unfortunately, due to prior commitments, none of the members were in a position to accept. CCllr Scott advised that she had responded to the invitation advising of the position and wishing them well with their event.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 1 August at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Kinross.

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

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the July Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi (Chairman) welcomed CCllrs Lamont, Ross, Smith, Bennet and Thomson to the meeting held on 12 July at Milnathort Town Hall. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Robertson and Baird, Minute Secretary E Rougvie, three members of Tayside Police and approximately twelve members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Cottingham.

Police matters

Inspector Patience gave a breakdown of the annual crime statistics for Kinross and Milnathort. (See News and Articles).

In answer to a comment by P&K Cllr Robertson, who said he had had a huge number of complaints about T in the Park, Chief Inspector McPherson said that the police would be holding an inquiry into the events of the Friday night. He said that the police had had a traffic management plan, but the problem could have been better dealt with. He said that the problem had been that there were up to 30,000 vehicles arriving, but they couldn't be parked up because of the weather conditions. He said that 'lessons had been learned'. CCllr Robertson commented that people were being charged £12 to park at the venue, so were coming into the village and causing congestion for locals. Chief Inspector McPherson said that the police were powerless to stop parking charges, but could make suggestions to the organisers for next year.

Matters Arising

CCllr Giacopazzi reported that he had attended a meeting on 4 July and given a presentation on behalf of the CC about the report into last December's floods. He had also put their views in writing to P&K Chief Executive Bernadette Malone. A member of the public commented that the Council was compiling a list of vulnerable Milnathort residents so that they could be issued with sandbags more quickly in the event of any future flooding. Anyone with such concerns is asked to contact John Thomson on 01738 477245 or at jsthomson@pkc.gov.uk

Correspondence

A number of circulars were noted, including reports from Tayside Police, Tayside Fire & Rescue Service and SNH.

Planning matters

The following applications were noted:

Balfour Cottage, Tillyrie: extension to house.

22 North Street: alterations and extension to house.

Orakaria, Perth Road: alterations and extension to house.

32 Viewfar Road: formation of two parking spaces.

Bloomfield, West Netherton: alterations and extension to house and erection of a garage.

Holton Farm: erection of an agricultural building.

An application for an extension to Ashley House care home was invalid, but after discussion it was agreed to lodge a holding objection and invite a planning officer to address the September meeting of the CC.

Other Business

CCllr Bennet gave a brief report on the activities of the Core Paths group, and P&K Cllr Robertson reported that the Council was to buy the land to create a path round Burleigh Castle.

CCllr Ross reported that community service people were lined up to carry out the necessary refurbishment work at the woodland near the church, and he agreed to meet with

P&K Cllr Robertson to discuss grants to cover the costs of materials.

In response to a question from a member of the public about the delays regarding the new Kinross community school, P&K Cllr Baird said that progress could be expected before the end of the year.

There being no meeting in August, the next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 13 September at 7.30pm in Milnathort Primary School.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the July Meeting

A meeting was held on 10 July at Portmoak Primary School. In attendance were Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Jim Shepherd, Alistair Smith, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle, PC Stephen and several members of the public. Apologies were received from Sue Mitchell Henry, Jo Morrell and Cllr Kathleen Baird.

Police Report

PC Stephen commented on the recently issued Annual Performance Report prepared by Tayside Police. Tayside Police had matched all the required targets in all but one of the groups. (See News and Articles).

The Police are carrying out their Annual National Road Safety Campaign, targeting drugs, drink and speeding.

The Police had received many complaints regarding the considerable hold ups to traffic on the Friday night of T in the Park. Anyone having complaints should write to Superintendent Bell, Tayside Police at Perth Police HQ.

Cllr Barnacle raised the question of the sites of the Mobile Safety Cameras, which at present are confined to the A977 and the A91. There are no sites on the A911, despite the long campaign carried out by the Portmoak CC against speeding on this road. PC Stephen will talk to the Speed Camera Unit and report back at the next meeting.

Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman had received a letter from the Association of Scottish Community Councils asking for nominations for the area representative for Perth and Kinross for next year.

The Chairwoman had received a letter from SNH regarding the future plans for the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve and asking for the CC's comments. The Secy will invite SNH to the next CC meeting.

Secretary's Report

The Secy had received a letter from a resident of Kinnesswood complaining about the fact that the new play ground in Kinnesswood is still not complete, contractor's rubble is still lying in a corner of the site and also pointing out that the path that winds up through the play area is wide enough for cars and vans to drive up. Several of the residents present at the meeting added their support to this complaint. The meeting agreed that this was totally unacceptable and the Secy will write to P&K's Sue Allen and ask her to visit the site with the Secy and resolve the matter.

The Secy had received a letter from P&K Roads regarding the CC's letter regarding the proliferation of 'brown' tourist signs in the area. Although the letter explained the process for the signs, it did not explain how P&K would handle any future signs, which could lead to an unacceptable growth of these signs.

The Secy had also received a letter from P&K Roads regarding the CC's complaint regarding the speed of traffic on the B919 Mawcarse Road. The letter acknowledged that there had been a number of accidents recorded on a section of the Mawcarse road north of Newlands Farm towards a tight bend, mainly attributable to icy roads. P&K's Accident and Prevention Team will investigate.

The Secy had received a letter from the Woodland Trust acknowledging receipt of a cheque for £250 from the CC for the Tetley Trail and thanking the CC for that.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer handed over a Summary of the Public Liability Insurance carried by P&K, which covers the CC.

Paths Group: The Paths Group still does not have an appointed Chairman. It was agreed that this does not have to be a Community Councillor. The Paths Group is a sub-set of the CC and is responsible to the CC.

The Core Path network for Kinross-shire has to be in place by Feb 2008. The network for Portmoak is agreed apart from two small areas. P&K have written to all landowners.

A911: Cllr Barnacle had spoken to P&K Roads regarding the A911. P&K Roads are conducting a review of road speeds generally following a national review of road speeds.

Planning Matters

07/01251/FUL Erection of a timber frame ancillary dual purpose garden building Kinneston Cottage, Leslie. The CC had no comments to make on this application.

The Secy had written to Mr Roland Bean expressing the CC's concern about the amended Housing in the Countryside Policy. The CC particularly asked that all applications which are under the Policy should be put in abeyance until the Council discuss the Policy.

Report from Councillor Barnacle

Cllr Barnacle had a new list of the planning team, which he will pass to the CC.

The planning application for the Tillyrie Wind Farm has gone to Planning Appeal.

P&K are undertaking a recycling campaign throughout Perth and Kinross. Cllr Barnacle had received a list of public bins that P&K collect from, but the list contained none in Portmoak. It was suggested that the local Environment unit must know where they collect from. The CC will report at the next meeting.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be on Tuesday 14 August at 7.30pm in the Portmoak Primary School.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the June Meeting

The CC met on 25 June in the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam, and was attended by all six CCllrs, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle, 15 members of the public and the C&B Newsletter Editor. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all those present, and with an apology for the change of date which perhaps not everyone had noticed. This could explain why there were no members of Tayside Police present.

Wind Farms: Cllr Barnacle reported that the final report of the conjoined enquiry will shortly be determined. There was no further action regarding Tillyrie.

Tracks and Trails - still nothing to report. The CCllrs were invited to read a copy of a leaflet concerning the Loch Leven Nature Reserve produced by Scottish National Heritage for comment by September.

Planning

New Applications

Criochan House, Maryburgh - change of use of existing garage to Micro Brewery: the only feedback from neighbours had been from one, in favour of this business. The applicant was present and said that this would be a small undertaking with the retail outlets being local pubs and hotels in Kinross and Milnathort. Delivery of raw products would probably be one a month and brewing would be limited to once a week. The CC agreed to send a letter of support to the Planning Department, and gave their best wishes for this enterprise.

Dullomuir Farm - Residential Development on part of Farm Steading (in outline): Sandy Morton declared an interest and took no further part in the discussion of this item. A full discussion took place after which the CC agreed to object to this application as submitted. The site is within the village envelope and the density is too great. The proposals do not fit in with the village and are not consistent with the Local Plan. Cllr Barnacle said that the piece of ground is as much part of the village setting as are the surrounding houses.

Applications Pending

Greenacres (south): appeal refused.

Greenacres (north): concern that there appears to have been an incursion into the woods north of Torwood and dumping on the south side. The Enforcement Officer has been asked to investigate.

Templeton Houses: The application for the erection of one house at the rear of No. 4 is coming to Committee with

recommendation for acceptance. There is concern that this will lead to potential for further development despite a condition being imposed for one house only. Cllr Barnacle was asked to emphasise that the CC would find any more houses unacceptable. A question was raised concerning the sewerage system which is already inadequate with sewage leaking into the burn. Assurance was given that a whole new sewage system would be installed involving all the houses at Templeton.

Kinnaird: Approval had been given for one house, the proposal for a second house had been missed by the CC and now there is an application for a third house. The CC said that their original opinion holds and agreed to recommend refusal.

Housing in the Countryside: A letter from John Wheatley had been received regarding the Housing in the Countryside Policy, asking if the CC would be interested in discussing this matter not only in Cleish and Blairadam but in a wider context. His letter had been circulated to all CCs and to Cllr Barnacle. Cllr Barnacle's reply would also be circulated. Cleish and Blairadam CC expressed their interest and agreed their willingness to participate in any such discussions.

Modernising the Planning System: There was nothing immediate to report although something might be forthcoming during the summer. On the point of 21 days and no more being allowed for comments on planning applications, Cllr Barnacle advised that if more time were deemed necessary the CC could ask for comments to be put on hold.

Roads: The Chairman commented on the disgraceful state of the tarmac around the drains between the motorway and Cleish and there was a further comment from the floor about the deep potholes at the Wester Cockairney junction at Coldrain; when filled with water it was impossible to gauge the depth of the holes. There was also a blocked gully at the corner of the Village Hall garden. It was agreed that storm drains set into the kerbs would be an improvement, but as usual the reply to that there was no money. Surely it would be cheaper in the long run to put in storm drains than constantly to be repairing the present drain covers so inadequately.

Proposal for Cleish Website: The CC agreed to investigate and to get a quote to set up and maintain such a site. A comment from the floor was received saying that this would involve the community more in local affairs, and opinions expressed would be helpful to the CC. However it was pointed out that the CC Meetings were the correct

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vehicle for appropriate discussion and decision and were instituted by statute. A website would probably be for information only.

Dog Fouling in Keltybridge: It was suggested that the installation of a further bin might help to solve the problem of dog mess being put in bags and then left lying around.

Best Kept Village: There was a request from Keltybridge for a financial donation from the CC to help with the hire of a skip and other expenses such as filling planters etc. This gave rise to a long discussion as to how and why this should be made. Donald Erskine, one of the original organisers of this competition, reminded the meeting that one of its precepts was the involvement of the community in each village with everyone working together to make their villages well-kept and attractive. This meant a lot of hard work by everyone and generosity in the provision of plants etc. It was finally agreed that the CC would be prepared to give £50 each to Keltybridge, Maryburgh and Cleish if requested; this would be a one-off and would not be repeated.



*Kinross-shire villages - jewels in the landscape
Photo: Pauline Watson, www.kinross.cc photolibrary*

Accountant: The Treasurer would like to hear of someone, who need not be a Chartered Accountant, to certify the accounts; this would not involve more than ten minutes' work a year. Anyone interested should contact either the Chairman or the Secretary in the first place.

Boreland Farm Steading Development: Before the meeting adjourned a question was asked from the floor about the responses to the comments sent to the Council about this proposed development.

Three members of the CC had as individuals attended the public meeting convened by the developer. Several new points had been put forward by the developer which were not part of the original application. These included: (i) Improved sightlines at the top of the Boreland Brae which would involve the destruction of the beech hedges. These are an integral part of the rural landscape in which Cleish is set and have been there for many years, longer than anyone can remember. (ii) A service road. (iii) Additional car parking. (iv) Siting of 30 wheelie bins. The CC would write to the Planning Department detailing the above concerns as having been raised at their CC Meeting. The CC also agreed to make contact with The Tree and Woodland Officer (Richard Brough), Historic Scotland, and the Association for the Preservation of Rural Scotland. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of a hedgerow preservation adaptation of the Tree Preservation Order.

The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 20 August in Cleish Village Hall.

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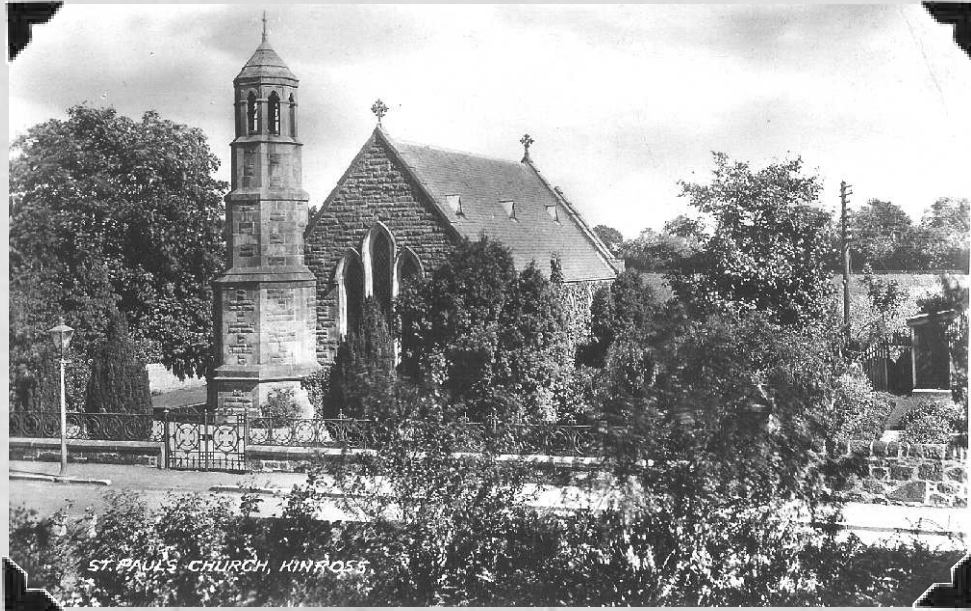
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Club & Community Group News

C in the Park

A Report by Alisdair Stewart, the Heaven & Earth Club

A party of around 70 asylum seekers had a great day out (hosted by the Heaven & Earth Club) when they visited Kinross on 14 July. The day trip was called "C in the Park". "C" stood for Castlemilk, and the park was the newly landscaped Kirkgate Park.



Getting ready to cycle... Photo: Robert Walker

The asylum seekers are refugee families from Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iran, Afghanistan and Nigeria. They fled to the UK several years ago, and were housed in Castlemilk when Glasgow City Council responded to a Westminster initiative to disperse them across the UK. They would face persecution, abuse, injury, rape and even death in some cases if they returned to their homeland. Since having been sent here, they have been living below the poverty line while waiting for the outcome of their application(s) for citizenship. Meantime they are not allowed to work. They all desperately want to work. Most of them are trained professionals and it is very frustrating for them to be thwarted from their wish to settle in their new homes and integrate with the rest of us.

The asylum seekers have often been subjected to racial abuse and misunderstanding from indigenous locals (also living in socially deprived conditions) envious of what they perceive as preferential treatment for incomers to their run down housing estate. The refugees also live under the constant threat of being evicted from their homes and sent to detention centres etc ahead of forced deportation.

The idea of the Heaven & Earth Club was to let the refugees mix with friendly Kinross-shire locals who take an empathetic view of their plight. In other words, to show them the positive side of Scottish hospitality and in particular the fact that we are "The Friendly County".

Our guests greatly enjoyed a wide range of activities centred on the Kinross-shire local history and natural environment. Sporting and leisure activities centred on Kirkgate Park and included the newly installed play equipment, children's games (including a treasure hunt plus making/flying kites) and sports (eg volleyball and cricket), Loch Leven Heritage Trail (walking and cycling), boat trip to Castle Island, a talk on fishing, visit to Tillyrie horse racing stables and farm (including a trip in a 4x4), talk on natural environment,

wildlife and birds, hill climb and pond dipping at RSPB Vane Farm. After all this exercise we all wolfed down a tasty barbecue followed by ice cream and strawberries under a blue sky in the sheltered Vane Farm picnic area. It felt like summer had finally arrived!

Our guests had an unforgettable experience of the beauty that surrounds us and the friendliness which abounds in Kinross-shire. Our team of over 40 volunteers worked their socks off but have a heightened sense of pride and pleasure in living in the local community. New friendships were forged.

Sincere thanks to all who worked so hard to make the day such a success. The ladies in the catering team did a particularly gruelling and long shift feeding well over 100 people throughout the day with a wide menu of superb food. Many thanks to all those who lent bicycles, and to Simon Phillips who worked his fingers to the bone getting many of them ready and transported to the trail. Thanks to Sarah Deighan at McNab Sport for designing the logo for the T-shirts. Special thanks to those who opened their facilities at Tillyrie, Kinross Estate and RSPB Vane Farm; to the Boys & Girls Brigade for erecting their marquee and providing a team of sporting volunteers; to Jim Paterson for the large barbecue, and to Pat Shanks for the use of the party gazebo for the barbecue. Grateful thanks to all activity hosts and to Robert Walker who covered a lot of ground recording the day on camera.

A particular vote of thanks to our generous sponsors: Somerfield, David Sands, RSPB, Historic Scotland, Perth & Kinross Council, J Giacopazzi, Sustrans, Friends of Kirkgate Park and all those who made personal cash donations.

Finally a note of thanks to all our guests who were not only truly charming company, but also put on a joyous praise service at Kinross Parish Church in the evening. In drawing the service to a close, Rev Dr John Munro noted that in the summer we are very pleased to welcome swallows which have flown thousands of miles north - all the way from Africa - because they can no longer be sustained there. It is a long, difficult and arduous journey but they take the risk because they somehow know that they will find food, shelter and warmth here, just like asylum seekers. They also bring a lot of pleasure to us!



On Tillyrie Hill Photo: Robert Walker

Kinross & District Rotary Club



The Rotary Month

The speaker at the Rotary Meeting on 18 June told how she had enjoyed her first visit to New Zealand so much that she was looking forward to going back again this year for a family wedding. Rotarian, Ann Mitchell from Kirkcaldy, accompanied by her husband Harry, gave an amusing and interesting talk on their experiences during a Fellowship Tour to New Zealand organised by the Rotary Clubs of both countries. Ann, a former lecturer at Lauder College and Vice Principal of the West Lothian College, recalled that the highlight of the tour had been a visit to White Island, a live volcano accessible only by boat.

A deputation from the Club visited the Rotary Club of Rothesay where ex-Kinross member, Douglas Lindsay, is now President.

Several members attended the finals of the Scottish Inter Schools Quiz held in Perth. The team from Kinross Primary School came a creditable 4th.

The disbursement of the funds raised over the past year has been agreed. The main beneficiaries are the Kinross Volunteer Group, Musical Theatre for Kinross-shire Youth, Kinross-shire Day Centre, Mercy Ships, Macmillan Nurses, Friends of Kirkgate Park, Barnardos and several local youth organisations. Full details are available from the Club Secretary or at www.kinross.cc

Barry Davies was installed as the new President of the Club at a handover dinner held at the Windlestrae Hotel on 25 June. In his address Barry thanked the outgoing President, Eddie MacKay, for the Club's success over the past year and highlighted the main events in a "This is Your Life" style presentation. Several members of Barry's family were present including Barry's father, Malcolm, an ex-President of the Rotary Club of the Rhondda Valley and his wife Violet, who travelled from Wales for the occasion.

Rod McNeill, the current President of Cowdenbeath Rotary Club, and an expert on Robert the Bruce, related a very interesting history of his hero to the Kinross Club on 9 July. Rod explained the build up to the famous victory at Bannockburn on 24 June 1314 when the vastly outnumbered Scottish army under Bruce defeated the English and secured for the victor the crown of Scotland.

After 3 games of 6 ends each, the team from Kinross Rotary consisting of skip Jim Paterson, Jim Blackwood, Kelvin Reay and Alistair Morgan were beaten into second place by one shot by Carluke in the Scottish Rotary Bowling Championships held at Alloa in 5 July.

Following a successful Left Luggage Tent at T in the Park and a Burger Stall at Lethangie, the Club hopes to have raised over £5000 for local, national and international charities. It appears the damp start to the event gave everyone a good appetite and by the Sunday the stores, originally thought to be more than adequate, had to be replenished.

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Alison Messenger came along to give our members some useful hints and tips on handicrafts and baking for the upcoming local shows.

Competitions:

Favourite Mug - H. Gellatly
Flower of the Month - J. Munro

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Projects. While we continue to steadily raise money for our projects and have made ourselves at home in Church Street, we have hopes that one day we will find a permanent abode over which we have sole access and occupation. Meantime we prosper, with the support of volunteers, friends and customers enabling the release of a £500 donation in June to the Mary Slessor Foundation's work in Nigeria.

Our July project was The Smile Train. This provides free cleft palate surgery, bringing a smile to thousands of African children and training in the treatment of this condition to local medical professionals.

Book Club. The book chosen for discussion at the meeting on 7 August was The Chrysalids by John Wyndham. Meetings start at 7.30, in the Church Street Hall, Milnathort. Anyone wishing more information should contact Marlene Whyte on 01592 840371.

Other Events. Unfortunately, the Newsletter goes to press before our musical evening on 20 July, so we will have to let you know how it went next month.

In September it is hoped that we will have Paul Chikaonda, headmaster of Mganja School as a guest speaker.

Pay Us a Visit. Common Grounds is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm in the Church Street Hall, Milnathort. Come in for a chat, good coffee, Fairtrade goods, books and crafts.

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the July meeting the speaker was Judith Fairley. Accompanied with scenic photos of the country, Judith gave us a splendid insight into "the warm heart of Malawi", an enjoyable talk of the natural scenery, people and buildings of Malawi. Judith kindly answered questions from the members. A vote of thanks was given followed by a hearty applause.

Friday Walks

Our walk from the Upper Glendevon reservoirs to Blackford turned out to be a bit more adventurous than usual, when we came up against high walls and fences across the paths. With the same spirit as "Dads Army", all the obstacles were overcome, and we all went cheerfully on our way to finish our walk at Baxter's in Blackford. The walks for August are both old favourites, and quite straightforward.

10 August: A circular walk of about 6 miles, from Comrie up part of Glen Lednock, and returning along the Maam Road.

24 August: A "there and back" coastal walk, from Lower Largo to Ruddon's Point. We start by going along the old railway, and return along the shore - probably not much more than 6 miles.

Hillwalkers: Due to very poor visibility, our planned high level walk in the Lomonds on 22 June was changed to a 14 mile, figure of eight walk, along the Loch Leven Trail, part of the Tetley Trail and around Portmoak Moss. Amazingly this walk was completed without anyone getting seriously wet.

Very heavy rain on 6 July led to the postponement of the walk from the Sma' Glen to Loch Tay.

We are hoping for kinder weather conditions for our August walks when we will tackle Ben Lawers on the **3 August** and on **17 August** we will make the 10 mile traverse from Loch Tay-side to Bridge of Balgie in Glen Lyon. Both these walks are Grade A.

Please note that our membership list is currently closed.

August Meeting: The speaker on **Thursday 2 August** will be Susan Payne of Perth Museum on "100 years of clothes shopping".

The Elderberries next outing will be to Penicuik on **Monday 6 August**, leaving Kinross Day Centre at 11am. Lunch at the Navaar Hotel. There are a few spare seats available if any 50 plus members would like to go. Please contact Zena McRae Tel 864342 for details.

Kinross and District Art Club



Following our break for the summer, the Club will re-commence its weekly meetings in the Millbridge Hall at 2pm on **Tuesday 28 August** and will continue until Tuesday 11 December.

Our Annual Art Exhibition and Sale of Work this year will be held in the Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross between **13 and 15 September** and we look forward to meeting all regular and new visitors.

The exhibition will be open at times listed below. Admission is free.

Thursday 13 September: 3.30pm until 8pm

Friday 14 September: 3.30pm until 8pm

Saturday 15 September: 10.30am until 4pm.

Kinross-Shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme



We have been keeping as busy as usual over the past year, covering almost 1700 requests for transport to various destinations and assisting 240 people - this number includes 88 who have used our service for the first time this year. Thirty-seven volunteers were able to cover these requests but we could do with more drivers as sometimes our co-ordinator, Ann Munro, has to make quite a few phone calls to contact a driver who is able to help. Yes, you can guess what comes next! **If you have some spare time, enjoy driving and meeting people, then please contact our co-ordinator, Ann Munro, phone number 01577 840196, and have a chat about what we do and how you could help.**

We were delighted to receive £288 from the special open day on 24 June when several gardens in Cleish were on display. The weather was not very kind but the gardens were beautiful, a great deal of work goes into such marvellous displays. Thank you very much.

We would also like to thank The Rotary Club of Kinross and District for their generous donation of £750 towards our funds. The Rotary have been staunch supporters of our work over the years and we are indeed very grateful. Thank you again.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

June Draw

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Kinross in Bloom

Our 200 Club winners for June were:

1st, E and A Burnett £25; 2nd, Mrs R MacCalman £15; 3rd, Kate Francis £10; 4th Lady Delia Montgomery £5.

Please support what we do by joining - £1 a month and half the proceeds paid out monthly as prizes - contact Diane McDiarmid on 865943 to join. Please also contact us if you can spare a little time to help out on the committee - we meet monthly and we do need more people. Absolutely no horticultural knowledge or committee experience necessary! - just a willingness to get involved.

We're now planning our autumn bulb-planting which will be on **Saturday 29 September** - do keep that morning free to help us if you can. We plan to brighten up a few areas in the town - if you have a particular corner in mind, let us know!

To find out more about us see www.kinrossinbloom.co.uk Finally, if you see our watering buggy out and about, please give us a wave of encouragement - all those baskets, barrels and planters need a lot of watering!



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Kinross in Bloom Garden Competition 2007

We have had a record number of entries this year, so many thanks to everyone who took part. Thanks also to our judges, David Roulston and Euna Scott. Both have many years experience in plants and gardening, and David's home at Wester Dalqueich is open during the summer months as part of the Gardens Open Scheme. The judges enjoyed their day and were delighted at the variety and quality of the entrants. The weather was also good for most of the day, so that was an added bonus.

After discussion, the judges have awarded the following prizes:

Best Kept Garden: Mr & Mrs Barker, St. Ronans Drive

Best Container(s): Mr John Campbell, Green Road

Best Business Display: Sandy Ferguson & Stephen Wrigley - Roxburghe Guest House

Best Junior Entry: Jack & Jill Nursery

Best Small Garden: Mr & Mrs. Hamilton, Montgomery Street

Best Senior Entry: Mrs. Margaret Sinclair, Green Park

Best Vegetables: David Cochrane, Gallowhill Road

Kinross Community Council Award: CHAS - Rachel House

KIB Award - new garden: Mr & Mrs. Smith, Burnbank Meadows

Owing to the high quality of entries, the judges have also awarded the following Discretionary Awards:

Quality of Plants: Mr Billy Herd, Station Road

Greenhouse Display: Mr Tom Webster, Gallowhill Road

Variety of Plants/Veg: Mrs Gloria Smart, Gallowhill Road

Water Feature: Mrs Hjordis Hill, Gallowhill Wynd

Prizes for all of the above will be presented at the Kinross Show on Saturday 11 August by Delia Montgomery. This year presentations will take place in the Flower tent after the Flower Show presentations, mid afternoon. Prize winners will be notified of timing nearer the date.

Thank you again to the judges, and particularly to everyone who entered this year. We at Kinross in Bloom very much appreciate the support we receive from the local community, and the Garden Competition is only a small part of what we do. If you didn't take part this year, please consider entering our Garden Competition next year.

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Sports News

Kinross Cricket Club

Unique Championship Double

Kinross Cricket Club made history on 8 July by winning the under-13 MCC "Spirit of Cricket" Scottish Cup and the Portman Building Society under-15 Scottish Cup on the same day.

The under-13s competed at Glenalmond College, firstly taking on Arbroath United in the semi-final. Kinross lost the toss and were asked to bat. On a very wet pitch, they managed to score a very creditable 73 all out. In reply, Arbroath only managed to score 63 runs losing their final wicket in the 19th over. Rory Weir, under-12 Scotland player, took 4 wickets for 6 runs in 3 overs. This put Kinross through to the finals to defend the title they won in 2006.



Kinross CC under-13s

In the final, Kinross faced a very strong Carlton CC. Kinross won the toss and Captain Nicholas Farrar asked Carlton to bat. After early intermittent heavy showers, the weather began to improve and Carlton used their full allocation of 20 overs to score 85 runs. In reply, Kinross decided to attack and quickly established a platform, with the openers scoring 50 runs in only 9 overs. Under 13 Scotland player, Nick Farrar top scored with 30 runs (retired) off 17 balls including the only 6 of the finals and four consecutive 4s. Kinross CC reached 87 runs for 6 wickets in the 16th over with 11 year old Grant Doig scoring the winning runs.



Kinross CC under-15s

The Kinross under-15 team played their final at Stirling County Cricket Club against Ayr CC. Captain and under 15 Scotland player, James Ross won the toss and put Ayr into bat. A spirited performance from the Ayrshire side was contained with accurate bowling and tight fielding, restricting their total to 70 from their 20 overs. The Kinross opening partnership of Scott Weir and Matthew Robson started with a measured approach to assess batting conditions before

Robson started to open up with Kinross reaching 71 in the 14th over without the loss of any wickets.

It is believed to be the first time two junior teams from the same club have won both the under-13 and under-15 Scottish titles. The achievement is even more remarkable given that Kinross Cricket Club only formed their junior section in 2005. In two years of competitive matches, Kinross CC have won three Scottish titles and two league titles.

Head coach, John Ross said "Having won the under-13 title in 2006, everyone in the club was determined to reach for the double this year and I am so delighted for the players, coaches and parents who have committed time and effort since last October to achieve our goal. Both junior teams will now travel to England to play in the UK National finals".

Kinross Juniors Win International Honours

Kinross Cricket Club is very proud to have three juniors selected for international duties at three different age groups. Rory Weir has been selected for the Scotland under 12s, Nicholas Farrar has been selected for the under 13s and James Ross has been selected for the under 15s. Rory will play matches against various English Counties throughout the summer. Nicholas will travel to Denmark to compete in the under-13 European championships from 7th – 9th August and James has been selected as the opening bowler and batsman for the under-15 European championships held in Holland from 31st July to 2nd August. Congratulations to all three boys and we wish them every success as they represent the club and indeed their country over the summer.

Kinross Players Selected For Central District

The following players have been selected for Central District.

Under 11

Martin Mackie, Grant Doig, and Calum Weir have all taken part in various inter-district matches throughout the summer.

Under 12

Rory Weir is selected for the Central District under 12 team and has competed in the inter-district festival at Merchiston Castle School each year. Rory was appointed vice captain. Central District under 12s won the inter-district tournament.

Under 14

Peter Ross has successfully captained the Central District Under 14 team to victory for the first time in the inter-district tournament history. Kinross CC players, Scott Weir, Nicholas Farrar, James Tree and Alex Scott-Gray all took part in the tournament, held at Fettes College and contributed with the bat and ball in every match. Peter top-scored in the tournament with 58 runs against North District and Scott Weir enjoyed a particularly successful bowling spell against South District – 8 overs, 4 maidens, 2 wickets for 8 runs.

Under 16

Drew Weir and James Ross are both selected for the Central District under-16 team. Matches take place in the week commencing 16th July, held at various venues throughout Scotland.

Kinross CC head coach and Central District under-14 coach, John Ross said, "It is a real credit to all the players, their parents and the Kinross CC coaches that we have been so well represented at District level this year. The fact that we are now able to put players forward at all age groups from under 11 upwards shows that Kinross CC has a great future"

Arlary House Stables

Horse racing is the second most popular sport in the UK after football and, believe it or not, Milnathort has been indelibly marked on the map as one of the Scotland's most successful centres for National Hunt Racing.

Arlary-based trainer, Lucinda Russell, was Scotland's leading trainer following the end of the jumps racing season, after clocking up an impressive 23 winners and numerous placings on the track. Lucinda also finished 39th in the whole of the UK out of some 1020 National Hunt trainers.

No doubt anyone who lives locally will have seen Lucinda's team of riders exercising the string of horses on the nearby roads and through the local villages. Success has come thick and fast in the past year and much of this is down to the support the team receives from the local community. A seemingly small gesture like slowing down to pass the horses on the road, or a little wave and a smile as they ride out in the pouring rain and howling winds, makes the task much more pleasant in the depths of winter, so they would like to send their thanks to all of you.

The yard was home to 40 horses last season and this number is set to increase in the coming year. The yard have a number of thrilling young equine prospects making their way through the ranks at present and predictions for next season are very positive.

The yard has become a considerable force in the local economy, employing numbers of staff from the Kinross and surrounding area. At least 10 of the 20 staff live within a 10 mile radius of Arlary and, as the yard continues to grow, the number of employees will increase right along with it. Further to that Lucinda is keen to support other local businesses and farms, always being sure to give local suppliers preference over national companies.

Lucinda plans to expand operations significantly in the foreseeable future. There are widespread improvement works taking place at Arlary House Stables, such as placing rubber flooring in all the stables to protect the horses legs, and renewing the all weather gallops, situated by Wester Balgedie. The torrential rain which wreaked havoc in Milnathort last winter also hit the Arlary team hard, with the yard under several feet of water for a few days and the gallops becoming unusable for several weeks. The rebuilding of the gallops is now essential for the yard to continue its high standard of training.

The result of reconstructing the gallops will be a surplus of approximately 2700 cubic metres of woodchip which needs a home. If anyone would like some of this woodchip, which would be perfect for gardens, play areas or paths, please call on 01577 865512 or alternatively email us at office@lucindarussell.orangehome.co.uk. All that is asked is that you collect the material yourself.

As the new season takes off the yard is looking forward to an even more exciting future. Horse racing in Scotland continues to grow in popularity and Arlary, with the help and support of the local people, will strive to maintain its position as one of the leading centres for British jump racing.

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Kinross Road Runners

The fine weather attracted a field of 153 to the Milnathort Dash on 21 June. Andy Johns was the first Kinross Road Runner in 50th place in a time of 36:18, however he was only one second ahead of Kate Ives who was 51st and third lady in the race. They were closely followed by Hazel Porter (36:45), Chris Pratt (37:12), Trish Milne (39:38), John Stevenson (45:51), Sue Whisler (48:03), Sandy MacCalman (50:00) and Norman Smith (50:24).

Hazel Porter ran up Kelty High Street carrying a 25kg sack of coal followed by Chris Pratt who carried a 50 kg sack of coal in the coal race on 30 June. Hazel Porter was third overall and first lady with Chris Pratt close behind in seventh place. Relieved of his sack of coal, Chris managed finish ahead of Hazel at the Brig Bash 5 at Bridge of Earn on 4 July. Chris finished 41 secs ahead of Hazel in 32.01. They were followed by Andy Johns (32.57), Roger Stark (36.39), Geoff Bilton (38.03), Gill Lopez (39.36), Isabella Carmichael (40.24), Ann Malcolm (42.14), Gordon Donnachie (43.00), Bill Nouillan (44.32) and Norman Smith (45.03).

Andy Johns ventured south to compete in the Battersea Park 2 mile Self Transcendence race on 18 June where he was 25th in a time of 12:49. Closer to home he was 39th at Dollar Hill race on 7 July in 1hr 47:43. Kates Ives ran a personal best time of 1:33:05 to finish fourth lady at Stonehaven Half Marathon on 1 July. Chris Pratt was 85th at the East Kilbride Half Marathon in 1:31:21 then ran the Dundee Half Marathon two weeks later in 1:34:14 to finish 45th. Chris was joined at Dundee by Keith Logan and Isabel Carmichael who finished in 2:03:09 and 2:24:15 respectively.

Club president John Myerscough was first Kinross Road Runner to cross the line at the popular Black Rock 5 beach race. John completed the course in (34.07) and was followed by Christine Myerscough (37.17), Julia Leslie-Melville (38.35), Gordon Donnachie (39.06), Gill Lopez (39.44), Anne MacDonald (39.46), Anne Wilson (40.07), Graeme Malcolm (40.18), Isabella Carmichael (41.47), Sandy MacCalman (43.22), Sue Whisler (43.40) and Bill Nouillan (45.32).

Chris Pratt was 26th and first Kinross Road Runner at Glenrothes 10K in a time of 41:01. He was followed by Roger Stark (46.12), Geoff Bilton (47.40), Isabel Carmichael (52.42) and Sue Whisler (54.39). Trish Milne managed to finish 3 secs ahead of John Myerscough in the duathlon with a combined time of 1:00:10. John ran a slightly faster 10K time but Trish had a faster swim.

Kinross Badminton Club

The Club will resume on **Thursday 30 August** in the High School games hall, with the juniors meeting from 6 - 8 p.m. and the seniors from 8 - 10 p.m. There are currently vacancies in the Senior Section and anyone interested is welcome to come along and join in. Further details from Bill on 01577 862592 or Steven on 07858026654. Any enquiries concerning the Junior Club to Alison on 01592 840392.

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Athletics



Since the last report on her progress, local athlete Eilidh Child has run in only two competitions. However, both were major events and considerable success was achieved in both. On the weekend of 23/24 June in Bedford, Eilidh competed at the England Athletic Under 23 Championships and on day one qualified for the final of the 400m hurdles in a time of 58.68. The following day she comfortably won the title in 57.81 seconds, which was not only a personal best time but ensured her selection to represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the European Under 23 Championships. From 12 to 15 July in Debrecan, Hungary, as one of only four Scottish athletes in the team and experiencing her first major championship appearance, she competed in the European Championships. In a heat that included the Romanian athlete who is the European number one, Eilidh was third in a personal best time of 57.73 seconds and qualified for the final as the first fastest loser. In the final, and running in the least-favoured lane 8, she was fifth, in her eighth personal best time of the season, running 57.11 seconds. Speaking after the race Eilidh said, "it's brilliant, I can't believe it, this has been such a big experience for me which I won't forget".

Her final time was not only a personal best but now places her third in the Scottish all time list, as well as seventh in the UK under 23, and 25th in the UK all time lists. Her next competition is the Norwich Union World Trials and UK Championships to be held in Manchester at the end of July.

Bishopshire Badminton Club

Season 2007/2008

The Junior Club will re-start on **Wednesday 5 September**.

Due to lack of help with the Club we will only be able to have one night, as follows:

Primary P6 & P7 6.00pm - 7.15pm

High School S1 & S2 7.15pm - 8.30pm

We will have a maximum of ten players per session. The fees are £5 membership and £1 per session. Any children wishing to join, please contact Margaret Stratton on 840410 or John Nicol on 840573.

The Adult Club will start on **Monday 3 September** at 8.00pm and **every Wednesday** from 8.30pm. New and old members are all welcome.

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Kinross Bowling Club

With the season well underway and the weather not being very kind to us - we are still trying to get games played.

Paul Allcoat reached the district final of the Scottish Men's Single Hand Competition played at Tulliallan and was narrowly beaten in what was a very good game - well done Paul.

Jean Cousar, Sheila Stewart and Anne Bell played in the semi-final of District East of Scotland Triples and were beaten in an extra end by 1 shot - hard lines ladies.

We played a friendly against Cambo and were beaten.

The E. Ford Ladies Trophy was played (Club competition) on 23 June and was won by S. M. Rennie with J. Cousar the runner-up.

A friendly was played at Darnhall which we lost.

Our Ladies Invitation Day was on Saturday 14 July and a great day was had by all with 36 ladies from clubs in Fife and Clackmannanshire playing.

Thanks to all Kinross Ladies who provided the meals and did all the hard work involved in this day.

On Sunday 1 July Waddell Ford (Club Comp) was played and won by G. M. Rennie with K. Reay the runner-up.

Our Ladies Pairs are due to be played on **Sunday 5 August**. We still have a few places left - anyone wishing to play contact S. M. Rennie 01577 864727. Sponsored by Sidey Glaciers, Kinross Round Table and Meiklem Drainage.

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Out & About



Vane Farm



Well half the year has gone already and the summer so far has been very changeable, not that it seems to bother the birds too much.

Life in the avian world continues in the usual pattern, with the breeding season over, it's now time for the birds to gather together in a safe area in order to moult. Birds on the reserve are now in various stages of moult, once very splendid looking in all their feathered finery they are now looking rather drab. However, it is essential for birds to moult twice a year to keep their plumage in good condition. Management work on the reserve is well underway, stock levels have been increased with more cattle being put onto the reserve grassland and sheep onto the raised mire to help control vegetation and improve habitat. This should help produce a habitat suitable for returning geese this autumn and next year's waders in the spring; it also makes the place look a bit tidier for our visitors to look at too. Most of the ragwort pulling has been done too thanks to all of our local helpers, volunteers and assorted staff. The fields certainly aren't looking quite so yellow anymore!

We have several events coming up in August including our **"Loch Walk"** from 6.30pm until 8.30pm on **Thursday 9 August** where you can walk along the shores of Loch Leven with RSPB and SNH staff to look for ospreys and any other interesting wildlife that may be around. Our **"Marvellous Moths"** event is on **Saturday 11 August** from 8.30pm until late and our **"Family Pond Dipping and Minibeast Hunt"** event takes place on **Sunday 12 August** from 2pm until 4pm. Our next **Optics Weekend** is **15 - 16 September** from 10am until 4.30pm both days. The Vane Farm retail shop will have some new stock in for you to browse around this month. In addition, the autumn edition of the RSPB catalogue will be out too. As per usual, details of these or any other events are available from Vane Farm. Finally our Open Day and 40th birthday celebrations on 17 June were a great success - a huge thanks to all of you who came along and supported us. A number of children (and some adults) entered the birthday card competition; **Rebecca Funnell** (age 6) was the under 8s winner, **Conor Nally** (age 10) came first in the 8-10 category and **Aimee Rush** (age 11) won the over 10s group.

Colin will be back to fill you in on the latest Vane Farm news next month, until then enjoy the rest of your summer holidays.

Jayne



A swan glides serenely across Loch Leven...

Loch Leven NNR



I am pleased to be able to report that the Loch Leven team are now able to publish for public consultation an important document for the NNR. The document describes how we propose to manage the NNR over the next six years. It sets out key projects under three main headings:

- Heritage Management
- Management for People
- Property Management

We are asking for people's views and comments on these proposals. The proposals do not cover the RSPB property at Vane Farm, this will be dealt with through a separate RSPB management plan. We are currently undertaking a consultation on these proposals that will run until 31 August 2007, so if you would like to see the document you can find it at the Tayside & Clackmannanshire pages of our website at www.snh.org.uk or call us on 01577 864439 or pop in to the office at the harbour.

More good news this month, in the shape of a brand new member of staff. Craig Nisbet is moving to Kinross from his home in Aberdeen after returning from an exciting project in The Gambia where he worked on endangered species and eco-tourism. Regulars at the NNR will no doubt meet him soon, as he'll be spending plenty of time out and about on the NNR on one of our new bikes.

We had a reserve first last month in the shape of a Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, which is a beautifully-patterned orange and brown speckly butterfly. This is a species that has undergone a severe decline in England but remains pretty widespread across Scotland, so it is perhaps surprising that it's never been recorded on the NNR before.

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Thursday 16th August 2007 9.30am – 12 noon

LOOKING FOR CONTACT DETAILS?

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

www.kinross.cc

P&KHT Guided Walks

Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust has organised a series of guided walks under the banner "Exploring Perthshire's Past". There are dozens of walks planned, covering some of the most beautiful parts of Perth & Kinross. Some walks are building-specific e.g. to a castle or longhouse, others are walks around a village or town, others involve general landscapes or archaeological sites, e.g. hill forts. All will be enhanced with the addition of historic information.

Full details can be found on the Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust website: www.pkht.org.uk or telephone Steven Timoney on 01738 477089 for a leaflet.

Kinross Town Walk

On **Friday 31 August** there will be a guided walk around Kinross. Those taking part will hear about the origins of the town as a royal hostelry on the Great North Road and its subsequent development associated with manufacture and the railway, as well as the historical importance and development of Loch Leven. Distance: approx 2-3km. Duration: around 2hrs. Start time: 2pm. Cost: Free but spaces limited. *Booking is essential* – telephone 01738 477089.

Weather



June Weather Report From Carnbo

June turned out to be even worse than May, the wonderful weather of April is fast becoming a distant memory. The weather of June was very unsettled and cloudy, with spells of heavy thundery rain at times

Rainfall for month	106 mm (140% of normal)
Heaviest fall	35 mm (23rd) This is 7mm more than the total rainfall for April!

Highest temperature	21°C (9th)
Lowest temperature	4°C (30th)
Average temperature	12.1°C

2 days with a maximum above 20°C (very low)

Ground or air frost not recorded

Cloud cover 84% (very high)

2 days with thunder

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National Trust for Scotland Events

Falkland Palace at Cupar dates from the 16th century and was a hunting lodge for the Stuart kings and queens. The following events take place there in August:

Sun 5 Aug **Falconry display** in Palace grounds, 1pm-4pm

Thu 16 Aug **Pirates and Princesses Picnic** in the enchanting orchard. Treasure hunt and fancy dress competition. Bring a picnic. Aimed at primary age children, but open to all. Time: 10.30am to 3.30pm. Booking advised – telephone Lesley McLaren on 01337 858838.

Hill of Tarvit Mansionhouse near Cupar is a fascinating early 20th century house designed around the owner's collection of furniture and artwork. There are attractive woodland and garden walks too. Current exhibitions:

to 31 Aug **Botanical Watercolour Exhibition** (in tearoom) featuring the work of Roger Banks, local artist

to 31 Oct **Girl Guiding Scotland Exhibition** featuring early Guides outfits and mementos.

For details of other attractions in and around Kinross-shire see our Notices on page 37.

August Events at Dobbies Garden Centre, Turfhill, Kinross Tel: 01577 863 327

Open Evening

Thursday 9th August – 5pm to 8pm

- Fantastic Special Offers
- Expert horticultural speakers
- Live barbecue demo & tastings
- Delicious home-baked sweet & savoury samples
- Live clarsach player
- Competition & Tombola
- Complimentary glass of wine and Goody Bag

Seasonal Demos

Friday 10th August

Trail Blazers: Summer Hanging Baskets – 2.30pm
Essential Gardening Tasks for August – 3.30pm

Friday 24th August

Creative Containers: Liven Up Your Garden – 2.30pm
Essential Gardening Tasks for August – 3.30pm

Gardener's Question Time

Friday 17th August - 11am to 11.45am

Wednesday 29th August - 11.30am to 12.30pm

Challenge our expert with your horticultural questions!

Plant Doctor

Visit our plant doctor with your horticultural questions!
Visiting various dates in August



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
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. The information about these gardens is taken from the *Gardens of Scotland* handbook published by Scotland's Gardens Scheme. Dogs are not allowed unless specifically mentioned.

Special Days Open in August

Comrie Gardeners welcome visitors on **Sunday 12 August** from 1pm until 5.30pm. Comrie is an award winning Britain in Bloom Village straddling the River Earn with stunning views to the surrounding hills. Visitors will be able to see rare flowers and vegetables, a riverside haven for wildlife and several gardens which have colourful displays of annuals and containers. Route: from A85 turn into Bridle Street (between RBoS and White Church), follow road past fire station, first left. Tickets and map from Pat Onions, 21 Tay Avenue. Admission £3.50, children free. 40% of proceeds shared between Irish Setters Rescue and Comrie in Colour. Partial disabled access, plant stall.

Mount Tabor House in Perth is also open on **12 August** from 2pm until 5.30pm. This is a mature terraced town garden originally laid out in the late 19th century. Trees, herbaceous borders and water feature. Route: from Dundee Road in Perth near Isle of Skye Hotel, turn into Manse Road then into Mount Tabor Road. Admission £3.00. Partial disabled access, flower stall and refreshments.

Parleyhill Garden and Manse Garden in Culross are open on **Sunday 26 August**, 1pm – 5pm. Both are delightful hidden gardens nestling in the shade of Culross Abbey and the adjacent Abbey ruins. They have interesting displays of old fashioned herbaceous perennials and a good variety of season plants, bulbs and shrubs. Route: A95 then follow

signs to Culross. Parking at the Abbey and in the village. Admission: £3.00 (40% to Culross and Torryburn Church), accompanied children free. There is disabled access to Parleyhill Garden and Manse tearoom. Plant stall and refreshments.

Report on Cleish Gardens Open Day

(Reprinted from the June issue of the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter)

On what must have been one of the wettest, coldest days of June 2007, the gardens of The Schoolhouse, Kirkdale, Cleish House and Boreland House were opened to the public. As the owners woke up to the driving rain the thought was “no one will come”. How wrong we were. There was a steady stream of visitors all afternoon, people coming from destinations such as Stanley, Kinghorn, Linlithgow, Edinburgh, Glasgow - and even from Kinross. All were really interested in the gardens and it was lovely to exchange chat and advice from so many keen and dedicated gardeners. The temptation of a delicious cream tea (arranged by Patty Fraser – who else?) in the Village Hall was the bonus of the afternoon, together with an exciting plant stall at Boreland. Approximately £690 was raised and the chosen charity, Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and the Rural Outreach Scheme will receive 40%, the remainder going to SGS charities.

Gardens Open Regularly By Appointment

The Bank House, Glenfarg (Mr & Mrs Lascelles). Mid May to 31 August by appointment only, tel 01577 830275. Admission £5.00 (40% to The Phoenix Prison Trust.) Mostly accessible for disabled visitors.

Wester Dalquhich, Carnbo (Mr & Mrs Roulston). May to August by appointment only, tel 01577 840229. Admission £3.00 (40% to Chest, Heart & Stroke, Scotland.) Partial disabled access.

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

Congratulations



LYNSEY FREW, younger daughter of Arthur and Jean Frew, 16 Gallowhill Gardens, Kinross and **CAMERON EWEN**, only son of Gordon and Carol Ewen, Bearsden, were married in Kinross Parish Church by the Rev Dr John Munro on Saturday 23 June 2007.

KIRSTEN HUNTER of Gamekeepers Road, Kinnesswood graduated from Edinburgh University with a BSc (Honours) in Geophysics on 25 June 2007.

CHRISTOPHER McAVOY of Kinross recently graduated from Edinburgh University with an MA (Hons) degree in English Literature.

FIONA TURNBULL, Fruix Farm, Kinross has gained a Post Graduate Diploma in Agri-business Management (with Commendation) from the Scottish Agricultural College on 6 July. Well done from all family and friends.

LEWIS MACKENZIE (10) of Milnathort Primary School has been successful at the Provincial Mod in Aberfeldy. For the fifth year running, he achieved 1st for Gaelic Conversation (Primary Learners).

Local prizewinners of the Game Conservancy Scottish Fair Schools art competition for Perth & Kinross pupils were: Kinross Primary P1-3 **HARRY SANGHA** (2), **EUAN DUMBRECK** (Commended), Arngask Primary, Glenfarg, P1-3 **KRISTI HEPBURN** (1), **RORY ARTHUR** and **JOURDAN WALKER** (Commended); P4-5 **SHONA MACLEOD** (2), **MORAY SWANSON** (Commended); P6-7 **BETH DORAN** (2), **ADAM BISSET** and **LEWIS CUMMINGS** (Commended).

At the Royal Highland Show there were several local winners: **A & S LAWRIE**, Cuthill Towers, Milnathort took Reserve Champion in the Ayrshire section. **MRS ALICIA HAY**, Blairview, Milnathort took Reserve in the Show Hunter Ponies section, as well as Reserve in the Mountain and Moorland under saddle, lead rein and first ridden. **MISS JANE LAFFEY**, Boreland, Cleish took Reserve riding pony breeding in the Riding Pony Champion and HOYS Cuddy Reserve section.

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Thanks



THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE would like to thank all those who attended the donor sessions in June, when a total of 239 people volunteered to donate blood. This was another really good response and represents a great deal of help to patients all over Scotland.

I would like to thank everyone who came to Russell's and Andrew's 40th Birthday party on 16 June at the Halfway House. Thanks to everyone who donated money on the night, we managed to raise a fantastic £560 which has been sent to Ronald McDonald House at Yorkhill - **Andrew Turnbull**.

CHRISTIAN AID: Margaret Caldwell would like to give her grateful thanks to everyone who gave their time and effort to collect for Christian Aid and to those who donated. The street collections in Milnathort raised a total of £1768.26. This money will make a real difference to the lives of some of the poorest communities in our world. Working through our partners in over 50 countries, Christian Aid funds projects which are providing life changing opportunities. Some examples are: solar power in Malawi, a tube-well in Bangladesh and seeds for families in El Salvador which will allow farmers to diversify produce and grow fruit and vegetables. Our community is making a difference. Thank you once again.

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Kinross Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church Church of Scotland

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

Please note that the Sunday service in Kinross Parish Church from 1 July to 12 August will be at 10am and not the usual time of 10.30am. The service will have a time at the beginning especially for children, with activities for the children during the second half of the service.

August

Sun 5 10.00am Service led by John Munro.
Sun 12 10.00am Service led by John Munro.
Sun 19 10.00am Service led by John Munro.
Cradle Roll Service. Junior Church starts.
Sun 26 10.00am Service led by John Munro.

Pram Service: on holiday until Tuesday 21 August.
See you all 10.00am in the Church then.

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

Family Week in the High School **30 July - 3 August**, every morning from 10am. All children welcome.

All are welcome to these services.

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

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

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

Kinross 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)

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 Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

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

August Services

Wed 1 10.30am, Service of Prayers for Healing.
Sun 5 Pentecost 10, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 12 Pentecost 11, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 19 Pentecost 12, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am, Family Communion
Sun 26 Pentecost 13, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

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

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

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

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

Family Week 2007

Mon 30 Main event 10.00 – 12.00 Kinross High School
Parents evening 19.30 – 21.00 Church Centre
Tues 31 Main event 10.00 – 12.00 Kinross High School
Family Letter Hunt 14.00 – 16.00
meet at Gacé Park
Wed 1 Main event 10.00 – 12.00 Kinross High School
Family film 14.00 – 15.00
Kinross Parish Church
Thurs 2 Main event 10.00 – 12.00 Kinross High School
Family 'Hunt the Scarecrow'
14.00 – 16.00 meet at Gacé Park
Fri 3 Main event 10.00 – 12.00 Kinross High School
Final celebration and family barbecue
19.00 Kinross Parish Church and gardens

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Cleish Parish Church**Church of Scotland**

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 Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Sunday Services	11.15am
Crèche	11.15am
Junior Church	11.15am

July

Sun 29 11.15am Sacrament of Baptism

August

Sun 5 11.15am Morning worship
Sun 12 11.15am Morning worship
Sun 19 11.15am Morning worship
Sun 26 11.15am Sacrament of Lord's Supper

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

August

Sun 5 9.45am Worship service
Sun 12 9.45am Worship service
Thu 16 Elders Conference Dinner
Sun 19 9.45am Celebrate service with Holiday
 Club News.
Sun 26 Junior Church/Teenage Group re-convene
 9.15am Informal Communion in Church
 9.45am Morning Worship

1 Aug Gospel Hall Conference in Church
6-10 Aug Children's Holiday Club (Church Hall)
31-2 Sept Church Youth Group - Weekend away



Fossoway Parish Church
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St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Ken McCaffrey Telephone: (01577) 863329

Website: www.stjameskinross.co.uk

Email: kenmccaffrey@btopenworld.com

Mass Times	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

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

Obituary

FIONA MARGARET ANN RAMPONI died suddenly and unexpectedly at home, 27 Bowton Road, Kinross, on 29 June 2007, aged 66. Fiona was born in Kinross on 10 May 1941, eldest daughter to Charles and Isobel Clark. Her father ran Mavisbank, a flower, fruit and vegetable nursery off Gallowhill Road, and a shop on the High street.

The family left Kinross in 1943. After leaving school Fiona set off to travel the world. She met and married Franco, on Jersey, in 1963 and the couple moved to Inverness, then Perth, where Franco worked in The York Hotel and Fiona worked part-time in a newsagents. One day the shop owner, impressed by her initiative and hard work, asked if she might be interested in running a pub he had bought in Kinross. Fiona, by then a mother of three sons, wasn't sure, but decided to take a look. It turned out he had also bought a flat for the manager to live in, at 127 High Street. In one of life's extraordinary coincidences this was where she had been born! The family moved to Kinross in 1974.

After 11 years working full time running the Victoria Hotel, and giving birth to Niall in 1980, the family then moved to Blackford to take over the Blackford Hotel. However, Kinross continued to exert its influence and they returned after two years. Fiona gave up the long hours involved in the pub business and went on to become the area tourist office manager for Visit Scotland, retiring in 2006.

Fiona loved to be with people and talked openly and easily to anyone, anywhere about almost anything. Her son Andrew remembers that, uncomfortably at times for him, she had the habit of adopting the same accent as whoever she was speaking to; going, unconsciously, from Highlander to Morningside, to Glaswegian and even German accents! This adaptability, perhaps, was her way of making herself and others feel comfortable.

Food was one of Fiona's serious and enduring passions. No matter where she had been, and what she had seen, the highlight of any trip would almost certainly be what she ate. Oh, the huge seafood platters and fantastic desserts. She loved food and enjoyed writing; her ideal career might have been as a food writer. One of her favourite sayings recently, whenever she was chastised for not sticking to her diabetic diet, was, "there would have been a lot of people on the Titanic that passed on the sweet trolley". Love of food made her larger than life in both spirit and character.

Fiona was adventurous and passionate, and a genuine "people" person. Strangers were friends she hadn't yet met, and when working in the hospitality industry she was in her element. She involved herself wholeheartedly in her family, her work, and the community.

Fiona was pre-deceased by her husband Franco in 2003 and is survived by their four sons, Andrew, Iain, Colin and Niall. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Playgroups & Nurseries

PORTMOAK UNDER 5's

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

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

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

Contact Gillian McCloskey 01577 861525
Venue - Portmoak village hall

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact - Shelagh 01577 865456

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

LOCHLEVEN TWO'S CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 9.30 to 11.15am

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

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

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - Alison Smith 01577 862310

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

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Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.00-11.30am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

Storycraft Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Storytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

Rising Fives Wed 1.00-3.15pm

This is complementary to Nursery

Wee Swans Fri 1.15-2.45pm

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

For more information please contact Bouwein 863107 or Playgroup 862071.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1pm-3pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children, coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information contact Caron 861607.

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. We now have an Entertainments License For more information contact Kate 863309 .



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contacts: Mary 865932, Rachel 866977

Jen 863200

GLENFARG VILLAGE

PLAYSCHOOL

Greenbank Road, Glenfarg



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

We have a great outdoor play area too!

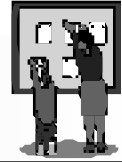
Monday / Wednesday / Friday Mornings

9:30 - 12:00

Places available for 2 - 4 year olds

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

01577 830034



Notices

Orwell Bowling Club

SOCIAL EVENING

Saturday 4 August
BINGO 8pm - 9pm, then
Dance along to THE TWO ROBINS
£2.00 per head entry for non-members.

Glenfarg Tennis Club

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP 2007

Monday 6 August to
Friday 10 August

9 for 9.30am until 3.30pm

This year we are organising a Multi-Sports Camp for children from 6/7 years upwards. This will take place at the courts and in the park. The day will begin at 9 for 9.30am and end promptly at 3.30pm.

Children will get tuition in the following sports: American tag, athletics, basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, orienteering, rounders, tennis, and touch rugby.

All instructors are fully trained and checked. Each day we are hoping to have some visiting sports personalities to coach and chat to the children.

For more information or a booking form please contact Sue on 01577 830349 or email sue@foresterseat.org.uk

Prices are: £70 for Glenfarg Tennis Club members, £80 for non-members, or £20 a day.

FAIR BREAK COFFEE SHOP

The Coffee and Book Shop at 28 South Street, Milnathort is now **closed** for business. I would like to thank most sincerely all the people (too many to name) who donated their time, their talents, their books, and their baking to this project. Funds raised have been donated to numerous projects in developing countries and in Scotland and hopefully the events held this past year have brought much enjoyment to many.

Marg Meade

POSTCARD, STAMP & COLLECTORS FAIR

Church Centre, 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday 18 August

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

Spirit of Adventure CANCELLATION

It is with great regret that the 'Spirit Of Adventure' spectacular has been cancelled.

The RAF has advised that in the current climate the necessities of operational deployment would severely limit the resources at its disposal, and rather than produce a greatly scaled-down event under these restrictions, the decision has been taken to cancel the event altogether.

POTAGER GARDEN



7 week gardening course at
the
Potager Garden, Bowton Road, Kinross.

The course will include
Sowing seeds
Propagating by cuttings
Soil preparation
Pruning & tying
Micro – propagation & grafting

This course is supported by comprehensive notes and a course web-site

Start date: **16 August 2007**

Time: **Thursday 7.00 – 9.00pm**

Location: Kinross Potager Garden, Bowton Road,
Kinross

Cost: £35.00 p/p

Contact: Michelle Hardaker 01577 862622
email dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk

We are also in need of help with staining fences and general repairs, if you are handy with a brush or hammer please phone me.

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 18 August
Crook of Devon Institute

Schedules available from:
The Shop, Crook of Devon,

Fossoway Garage or telephone 01577 840285

Sections:

Pot Plants, Flowers, Vegetables, Baking, Industrial,
Preserves and Children's

Something for Everyone –

Why not give it a go and come to our Show?

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

Monday 22 October 3.30pm to 8.00pm

Tuesday 23 October 5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

FAIRTRADE

The range of goods available is expanding and are on
sale at **Common Grounds**, Church Street, Milnathort.
If not in stock they can be ordered from the catalogue.

There are lovely gifts for special occasions.

Please contact Pat Payne 01577 862715 for any details
or information about Fairtrade.

Common Grounds opening hours: Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am - 3pm.

Extraordinary General Meeting Milnathort Youth Initiative

Milnathort Town Hall Ante Room

Friday 3 August at 8pm

Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their
responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc
to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not
obstructed. Property owners may be liable if injury is
caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth &
Kinross Council is forced to take action.

Blythwood Care

*(The Newsletter does not always have space to publish the
full details regarding items which can and cannot be
accepted, so readers may wish to cut out this Notice for
future reference)*

The Round South Truck accepts small items of
furniture, clothing and bric à brac. The uplift of any
larger items of furniture (e.g. sofas, beds, wardrobes
etc) can be arranged by phoning Hillington on 0141
882 0585. All soft furnishings (e.g. beds, sofas, three-
piece suites etc) donated to Blythwood Care must
have a fire label with the British Standards code
(BS7177) attached to it.

We regret that the Round South Truck cannot accept
books. We are also unable to accept bikes, carpets,
coat hangers, gas appliances, prams, televisions, small
electrical appliances, exercise equipment or wall units.

The next collection will take place on

Tuesday 21 August
between 10.30am and 11am
at Somerfield's car park.

Ferry To Lochleven Castle



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

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

Burleigh Castle Key

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

2 Burleigh Castle Steadings

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

Elcho Castle

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

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

Admission prices: Adult £3.00, Child £1.50,
Concessions £2.50. Last ticket sold 30 minutes 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 on 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.

MTKY - Musical Theatre for Kinross-shire Youth Presents 'Summer Holiday'

Tuesday 18 September - Friday 21 September

7.30pm Kinross High School

Tickets £6 Adults £4 School children/Concessions

Available from MTKY members, Lynn 863271 or

Isobel 862970

Based on the film of the same name, the boys and girls go
travelling across Europe in a London Transport Bus. A tap
tapping musical with very well known songs including
Living Doll, Bachelor Boy and, of course, the title track,
Summer Holiday. Please come and join us for this trip, the
bus is ready to go!

Kinross Community Councillors

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

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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 pm - 9 pm
Thursdays	2 pm - 4 pm
Saturdays	10am -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 16 August

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 1, 15 & 29 August

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

Community Councils

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

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

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

Fossoway & District: Secy: Mrs C Danks (01259) 742633, celia@dawsholm.demon.co.uk

Portmoak: Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

Kinross Temporary Library

County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

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

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

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

Opening Times

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

Kinross District Counselling Services

Kinross District Counselling Services offers a new, fully supervised, confidential counselling service brought to you in association with The Web Project. It is open to all-comers.

To make an appointment call Hilary 07930 682902 or Wendy 07762 892252 (donations welcome to cover costs).

You can see us at "The Web" 28 New Road, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Tourist Information Centre

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

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

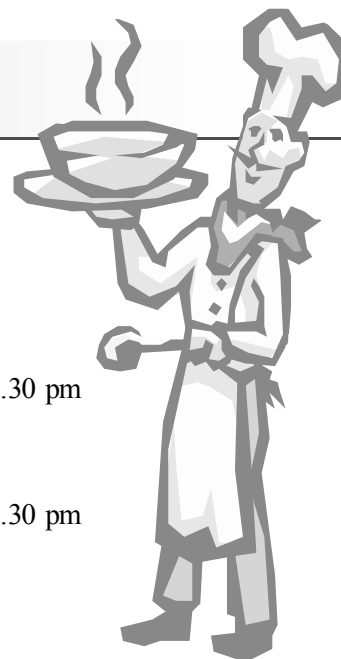
May, June and Sept:	Mon to Sat	10.30am - 3.30pm
July and August:	Mon to Sat	10.00am - 5.00pm
	and Sun	10.30am - 3.30pm

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

Programme For August 2007

Elderberries	Monday	6 13 20 27	1.30 pm
Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	7 14 21 28	10.30 am
Bingo	Tuesday	7 14 21 28	1.30 pm
Barge Trip	Wednesday	22	9.45 am
Morning Service	Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	10.45 am
Quiz Afternoon	Wednesday	1 8 15 29	1.30 pm
Art Class	Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	1.30 pm
Film Afternoon	Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	1.30 pm
Barge Trip	Friday	3	9.45 am



Day trips to be arranged



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

Telephone: 01577 863869

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm

Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219



Crossword Answers

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ROBERT DONALDSON & SON
General Blacksmith & Agricultural Engineer
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*Lawnmowers Sharpened
All Welding Work, Fabrication & Repairs
Specialising in Wrought Iron Gates & Railings*

Telephone : Kinross 863273 or 863356

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

01577 850316 or 07787 180399

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