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Letters

Editorial

The way the weather has been this year, it is hard to tell the difference between summer and autumn (see the report from Malcolm, our weather-watcher in Cambo, and be appalled at the rainfall statistics for the summer!) but the club entries to the Newsletter tell us the seasons are changing with the tennis club championship results in and the bowling clubs playing their last games. Soon phrases like “ach! hogged it”, “did you see that angled raise?” and “hurry, hurry, hurry!” will be in the air. Yes, it’s the curling season. See the Sports section for ways to join in. Any beginner curler who has had some tuition but is looking to gain more confidence before joining a club and is free on a Monday morning might like to join the informal “Time Out” group – call Angela on 862976 for more info. (Sorry, should have put that in the Sports section!)

We are always keen to make the Newsletter as good as it can be, so if you have any comments about the appearance or content of the Newsletter, be they positive or negative, or suggestions, please do get in touch with us using the contact details on the previous page.

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender’s name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

10.9.08

For decades our wonderful posties have uplifted letters for posting. This much appreciated service was even more welcome when the Post Office sealed up our local post box. The replacement post box is further away and requires a longer walk along a very dangerous part of the A911. Now we are told the posties may no longer collect outgoing mail from us. I am sure the Post Office will have a very good reason for this but it is particularly unfortunate that this change of policy coincides with the imminent demise of our local Post Office.

Helen Glover
Meikle Balgedie, Wester Balgedie

Kinross Library

11.9.08

I have lived in Kinross for five years and am a regular library user. I would like to express my thanks to the library staff for making the library such a welcoming, friendly place, which provides an excellent service. Although the library will be moving to premises in the new high school in about a year’s time, I would like to encourage members of the community who have not visited the library for a while, or perhaps ever, to make use of the facility now, rather than waiting for a new building.

The library has a wide selection of adult fiction and non-fiction, books for children and teens, CDs, DVDs and audio books, a photocopier and internet access, which can be booked in advance.

For those who feel that the library is too small, any book (or other item) currently stocked by Perth and Kinross Libraries can be ordered free of charge and will be delivered to the library as soon as possible, at which point library staff will phone to inform you. Books can also be renewed on-line or over the phone. There is also a service for book groups, which allows up to 12 copies of the same book to be loaned for a slightly extended period.

I hope that the library will continue to be well supported, by people of all ages, in the years to come.

K Jarvie
Wester Loan, Milnathort

Dance heritage

7.9.08

Earlier this year I was asked to help to produce a programme of dances that Robert Burns would have enjoyed dancing, to be danced the way he would have danced. It hasn’t been easy, but it has been very enjoyable.

The dances he did include the ones we think of as Scottish – reels, jigs and strathspeys, but that is only half of the story. The missing half has been missing for much too long. Americans, English, Italians and others are now enjoying it, but not yet the Scots; and, we don’t even do the ones that we do in quite the same way he did.

If you would like to try the dances of our Scottish heritage in their full range, in the full elegance of 18th century style, and can come to Glenfarg on Sunday nights, contact R Lambie on 01577 830295.

R Lambie
Bountree, Glenfarg

T in the Park

4.09.08

In response to comments made by Kinross CC through your Newsletter, I as a farmer and owner of Lathro Farm want to make it clear that I have never sought nor received payments by the above or any campsite owner.

It is also a pity that if Community Councilor Colliar had "toured" my farmland I could have shown him a broken fence, damage to crops, damage to a harvester (caused by running over a crate of empty bottles) and animals who nearly choked on plastic bags blown from the campsite.

J Simpson

Lathro Farm, Kinross

Scots Language in Kinross

31.08.08

I have often thought of writing to you with words of encouragement for Colin of the RSPB at Vane Farm who reports to you every month in Scots. It takes a fair bit of confidence to do such a thing.

You will understand my pleasure, therefore, that some of the seats round the Loch Leven Heritage Trail are to be carved with Scots text (your report August 2008).

Andrew of Wynton wrote "The Original Chronicle" in Scots when he was a canon on Saint Serf's Island on Loch Leven in the 1420s. It is a true part of our heritage.

Iain WD Forde

Fons Scotiae, Causwayend

Main Street, Scotlandwell

P.S. I have often wished to comment favourably on the lettering on the bridge at Findatie. It is both lively in style and skilfully executed, a pleasure to see.



Carved handrail on the bridge over the River Leven Cut at Findatie
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Support for football in Kinross

11.09.08

Having returned to the Kinross area after an absence of three years but having kept in touch via grandchildren and of course the Newsletter, it has been fascinating to see the new High School taking shape.

My wife and I lived here through the eighties and nineties until 2003 when we moved to the Borders. We both have been involved in sports coaching both in Perthshire and in the Borders in a variety of ways. One aspect of the sporting community in Kinross which has always disappointed me is the complete lack of recognition and support that Kinross High School and in particular the PE staff have given to football.

Many talented youngsters from this area have been successful in football both in this country and abroad, some achieving international recognition despite the lack of support from their school. One of the reasons advanced by teaching staff in previous years was that there was plenty of organised football at youth level compared with rugby. Looking at recent editions of the Newsletter there appears to be a very sound support network for junior rugby and all credit to the people putting the time and effort into this. Conversely organised youth football seems to have diminished. Even the so-called rugby dominant regions like Galashiels have flourishing high school rugby and football teams.

I look forward to the day that the High School organises a trip abroad for a school football team be it male or female, so come on Mr Keatings, with a new school perhaps there can be a new approach.

Tom Muirhead

Fossoway

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Take a Pride in Perthshire Awards

Congratulations to all the Bloom committees throughout Kinross-shire and Glenfarg who won awards at the recent Take A Pride in Perthshire Award Ceremony (perhaps it should be called Take A Pride in Perth & Kinross).

The length and breadth of Kinross-shire Bloom committees and all the volunteers have worked so hard not only with floral displays but generally taking a pride in where they stay. I have enjoyed driving through all the villages and at all times day and night I have noticed the watering wagon or people young and old tending the flower beds.



*Volunteers from Kinross in Bloom at work in the Gacé gardens
Photo: Dave Cuthbert, www.kinross.cc photo library*

Special mention must be made of the young people, particularly pupils of Milnathort Primary School and their wonderful exhibits at Gardening 2008. It was great to see Milnathort school competing and winning against other schools throughout Scotland.

Glenfarg and Duncricvie in Bloom were fortunate to have the help of teenagers who were working on their Duke of Edinburgh Award and as part of their service to the community used their time to assist with the village green and plant identification. Well done to the young people.

A special award was also presented to Jessie Porter for her outstanding contribution to Milnathort in Bloom over many years.

Kinnesswood is a well deserved winner of the large village, closely followed by Glenfarg gaining Silver Gilt and at the other end of the county newcomers Keltybridge and Maryburgh are awarded best new entry.

Everyone can play their part to help their own community by taking pride in their own little patch, whether this be looking after a window box or taking litter home. All this work comes at a cost of time, effort and money. Thank you to all who work behind the scenes, the unsung heroes and the many who fundraise so that we can enjoy their efforts.

Councillor Kathleen Baird

Councillors urge action on A977

Local Councillors Mike Barnacle and Willie Robertson have written to Malcolm Reed, Chief Executive of Transport Scotland, asking him to urgently address the problems which will arise due to extra traffic along the A977 when the new Kincardine Bridge opens.

Transport Scotland is the agency responsible for Scotland's transport infrastructure and is accountable to Scottish Ministers.

In their letter dated 28 August, the Councillors point out that following the opening of the new bridge "it is anticipated that traffic volumes will increase by up to 44% along the A977" yet the effects of this on the communities along the A977 were not addressed when the new Forth crossing was planned. The Scottish Executive subsequently agreed to allocate £250,000 to deal with the traffic consequences, but this falls far short of what is required. Perth & Kinross Council has estimated that at least £1.25 million is required to provide suitable mitigation measures, such as roundabouts, extra pavements and safe crossings.

The A977 was de-trunked in 1996, on the expectation that national and inter-regional traffic would use the A985 Rosyth-Kincardine road instead. However, the A977 continues to be the preferred route for much of the traffic from the west central belt to the north and east of Scotland, including a significant number of HGVs. This could be blamed partly on insufficient signage by the authorities directing traffic to the approved routes.

Ideas on how to manage the situation differ. The Councillors inform Mr Reed that:

"There are now calls being made by Clackmannan Council (who didn't take part in the Kincardine Bridge public inquiry in December 2004) and Keith Brown MSP for the A977 to be re-trunked but at a meeting of the Kinross-shire Forum (the community councils of the shire, pressure groups and PKC Elected Members) this week it was a unanimous view that re-trunking would not guarantee extra funding (given the Scottish Government's other priorities) and would send the wrong message to hauliers. The Forum want alternative route signage and traffic mitigation measures identified to be introduced as soon as possible to improve the quality of life of the residents of west Kinross-shire and nothing done to encourage more traffic, especially HGVs (unless local) to use the route."

The Councillors conclude by saying:

"We agree that the safety of the Kinross-shire communities is paramount and we are looking to PKC, the Regional Transport Partnerships and the Scottish Government to work together and produce the necessary funding of the A977 mitigation measures identified at early date, along with action on signage for the appropriate strategic routes for HGVs to be the A9 and A985 between the central belt and M90."

The communities along the A977 have drawn up a petition to be sent to the Scottish Parliament requesting approval and funding for the mitigation measures.

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National Curling Academy in Kinross?

Kinross could be the home of a new National Curling Academy – a base for top curlers to train – depending on a decision to be made by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (RCCC) in late October. Kinross is one of two locations that have been shortlisted for the proposed centre of excellence; the other is Ratho, near Edinburgh.

It has been the wish of the RCCC to establish a National Curling Academy for some years now. At one point it looked as if the project would go ahead at Stirling, but late last year it was announced that the project would not progress there after all, and fresh bids were invited. In July this year proposals for sites at Cupar and Glenrothes were ruled out, leaving bids for six-sheet rinks in Kinross and at Ratho for further consideration by the RCCC with the assistance of sportscotland. A previous ice rink near Ratho, home to Gogar Park Curling Club, was closed in 2005 to make way for the new Royal Bank of Scotland headquarters.

If Kinross is chosen as the site of the new National Curling Academy, the facility would cater primarily for the many local curling clubs that currently use the curling rink at the Green Hotel which itself is approaching the age where a significant refurbishment will be required to ensure its future. The increase in size from four sheets of ice currently to six sheets planned for the new curling facility would allow it to also serve as a base for elite curlers, such as Olympic teams, to train and practise. The extra capacity would also allow significantly increased ice time for schools and courses to be run to encourage greater local community participation in the sport.

The Kinross bid also includes provision for new headquarter offices for the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, together with a museum to house their curling artifacts.

Shaken and stirred by Orwell Dramatic Society

Orwell Dramatic Society's recent amateur production of John Godber's "Shakers" would have delighted the prolific playwright. The play, written with Jane Thornton, was first produced in 1985 in Hull and offers a fascinating and often hilarious view of the grim reality which lurks behind the plastic palms and the pina colodas of Shakers, a trendy wine bar.

Linda Parker, Alison Stokoe, Carol Hinchliffe and Zoe Ginster threw themselves into the roles of the waitresses with great aplomb. That in itself was a challenge, but they also played the parts of customers (couples dining out, boys on the pull, a hen party, chinless wonders, ogles and gropers etc), and, in the real highlight of the evening, women experiencing the joys of a communal changing room.

The partnership between Director, Gemma Cook, and the cast was a resounding success. Brian Morgan's simple set was extremely effective and Bill Freeman in his eyrie provided the sound and light.

Although billed as a comedy, Shakers sends its audience home thinking of the economic and social prejudice facing women in the 1980s. And now in 2008, what has changed?

Look out for Orwell's panto/musical in January.

Helen Glover

Final public consultation for Core Paths

Following an earlier collation of public comments, P&KC has produced its Draft Core Paths Plan for final consultation.

The Plan has been produced by P&KC as required by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and shows a system of paths which the Council believes is sufficient to provide reasonable public access throughout Perth and Kinross. The Plan is presented as a series of maps showing all proposed core paths as well as supporting text.

You can view the maps on the Council's website www.pk.gov.uk or at Council offices and libraries – in Kinross at the County Buildings and Library at 21 High Street.

There will also be sessions in the Green Hotel on **Tuesday 14 October** when Council officers will be available to discuss the Plan. The sessions are 2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm.

How to make your views known

The public consultation allows everyone with an interest in the Plan to provide comments to either support or make an objection on the Plan to the Council. As this is the final public consultation all comments/objections will be made public and must be clearly attributed to you with your name and address shown. If a public inquiry is necessary any comments/objections which are unresolved will be forwarded to Ministers.

The key issue to be addressed is: "Is the Draft Core Paths Plan sufficient to provide reasonable access to the outdoors in Perth and Kinross?"

The Council has created forms which people can use to make their comments. Comments should be sent to: The Environment Service, Perth & Kinross Council, Freepost SCO6140, Perth PH1 5BR by 31 December 2008 at the very latest.

The Council asks that members of the public who have commented on the Plan in the past review the Plan to see if their views have been taken into account before commenting again.

All responses received will be acknowledged and recorded. Responses will be assessed and Council Officers will attempt to resolve any valid objections prior to presenting the Draft Core Paths Plan for possible adoption.

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal Give A Present To Someone Who Needs It!

It is not difficult to choose gifts for people who have so little. Things that we all take for granted are luxuries they could never buy. By filling a shoebox with simple gifts you can bring someone great joy and make a difference to their lives. Leaflets about the appeal can be obtained from the library, churches, the Day Centre and at Common Grounds in Milnathort. Shoe boxes, once filled according to the instructions in the leaflet, can be handed in to Common Grounds or to 44 Lathro Park, Kinross before **3 November**. Anyone who wishes to help with the checking and the final packing of the boxes on **21/22 November** will be most welcome. This will take place at Cleish Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm on Friday 21 November and 10am to 4pm on Saturday 22 November. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact Shona Wales, 44 Lathro Park, tel. 01577 863859.

Volunteers needed to get primary children active

Active Schools are looking for a network of volunteers, be it parents or members of the local community, to set up extra curricular activities in the local primary schools such as Arngask, Blairingone, Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Milnathort and Portmoak.

The emphasis within Active Schools is not solely on sport but also play and other activities that invite children to engage in participation. Some of these activities include walking, cycling, active games and playground games.

You don't have to be a special type of person to be a volunteer, anyone can do it. If you like working with children and are enthusiastic I would be delighted to hear from you. Full training and ongoing support will be given.

There are many benefits to be gained from becoming a volunteer at your local school. You may be looking for a change in career, aiming to get back into employment, wishing to enhance your c.v. or want to give something back or enhance the local community and the lives of children.

Should you choose to become part of our team, all volunteers are inducted and are offered training in "Good Practice and Child Protection". Other qualifications such as National Governing Body awards can be made available. All volunteers will be required to complete a Disclosure Scotland application.

If you have an hour to spare each week or could spare one hour per week for a 6 to 8 week block, then please contact Cath Devanny on 01577 865408 or CDevanny@kinross-pri.pkc.sch.uk

The fundamental aim of the Active Schools Network is to offer all children and young people the opportunities and motivation to adopt active, healthy lifestyles, now and into adulthood.

Active Schools are responsible for developing and supporting an infrastructure for Active Schools within the school and wider community. They do this by recruiting, supporting and sustaining a network of volunteers, coaches, leaders and teachers who in turn deliver physical activity and sport before, during and after school and in the wider community.

Our outcomes are to continue to increase opportunities for all children and young people to be engaged in physical activity and sport. And strengthen pathways to participation and performance through sustainable school to community links. We focus on increasing participation amongst "hard to reach groups" by adopting a targeted approach towards girls and young women, children and young people with a disability and children and young people not currently involved in physical activity and sport.

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News from the Health Centre



The autumn seems to have come round quickly again and we have therefore made plans for the annual flu campaign. As in previous years, the flu clinics will be on Saturday mornings. The dates are as follows:

Saturdays 11, 18, 25 October; Saturday 1 November

The clinics will run from 9.30 am until 12 noon and appointments may now be booked with reception. The doctors would encourage all those in the following groups to come for a flu injection:

- Those over 65 by 31 March 2009.
- Those aged 6 months or over who are in clinical "At Risk" groups. This includes: chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions; chronic heart disease; chronic renal disease; chronic liver disease; chronic neurological disease; diabetes and immunosuppression.
- Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities.
- Carers: those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without help. Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility which would normally be taken by an adult.
- Poultry Workers.

Patients who have just become 65, or will be 65 by 31 March 2009, will also be offered the pneumovax vaccination. Clinicians will visit the day centre, and the residential and nursing homes as usual.

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Loch Leven Heritage Project *by Felicity Martin*



After two years of work on the ground and many more years of planning, the Loch Leven Heritage Project is nearing completion. TRACKS has now organised an event to officially open the Heritage Trail. Everybody in the community is welcome to come to the new gateway at Kinross Pier for 12 noon on **Monday 3 November**, when Andrew Thin, Chairman of Scottish Natural Heritage, will perform the opening ceremony. Do come along and help us celebrate this great achievement, which has brought together so many people from within the community and further afield to create a lasting asset for Kinross-shire. Recent path construction work has been going well, despite some setbacks due to the weather. As the section between the Pow Burn and the west end of the Levenmouth Wood should be completed by the end of September, it is hoped that public access to this new path will be possible from early October. This third and final phase of Trail completes the link between phases one and two, making it possible to walk or cycle all the way from Kinross Pier to Vane Farm, a distance of 13.5km. Few people will have visited the delightful woodland areas opened up by this section of the path, so there is a treat in store for everyone.

TRACKS recently commissioned Ian White Associates to design and oversee installation of a new boardwalk between Kinross Pier and the Kirkgate Park. This is a key link where many people get their first impression of the Trail. The existing boardwalk was nearing the end of its lifespan and was not up to the standards of the rest of the path. The new one will be more generous in width and will have passing places and seating. It is being made of timber, with oak supporting posts, and incorporates a bridge over the burn. The boardwalk will be useable by walkers, cyclists, pushchair and wheelchair users and should strengthen the link between the Park and the activities that take place at the Pier. The section of Trail between Kinross Pier and Kirkgate Park needs to be closed from 19 September to 31 October while the old boardwalk is removed and the new one is being built through the reed bed. TRACKS apologises for the inconvenience caused.

The Kinross Pier gateway to the

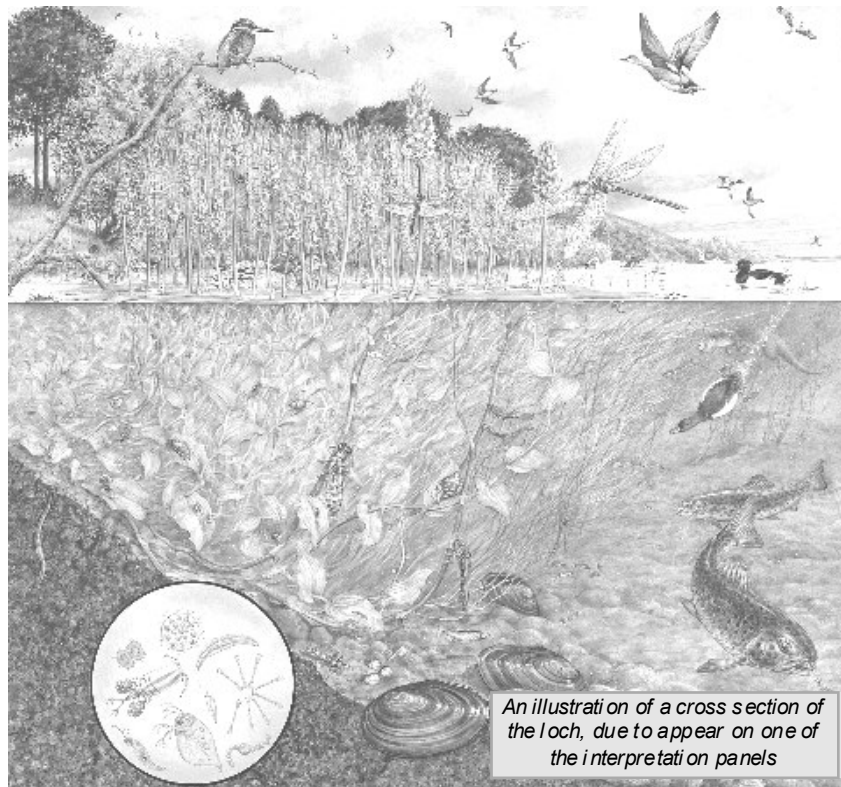
Heritage Trail has been completed and work is currently underway on the Burleigh Sands gateway. The stone carvings by the artist and craftsman, David Wilson, have attracted a lot of admiration at the Pier and they will be followed by similar work at Burleigh Sands and Findatie.

Interpretation of the Heritage Trail – the final piece in the jigsaw – is gathering pace. By the time you read this, a contract should be in place for the installation of all the oak seats, marker stones and monoliths. Most of these interpretation features should be assembled and installed during October. One of the main information sources for people using the Trail will be the panels that are currently being produced to go on the monoliths. There will be three types of panel, made of a very high quality, long lasting laminate material. At each major entry point, there will be an illustrated panel highlighting a theme

visitors see where they are and where they could go in the time they have available. These will include a map of the Heritage Trail.

A third type of panel, which will be located with the main interpretation panels at each major entry point, will allow for seasonal interpretation and will be changed as the natural heritage changes. As locals will be well aware, the wintering wildlife is very different to the mix of breeding species.

Of course, interpretation materials aren't the only way that visitors can learn about the loch's heritage value – there is also a wealth of knowledge to draw on from rangers and local people. TRACKS would like to thank the volunteers who go out every week, whatever the weather, and are always willing to stop and chat to walkers and cyclists. They are approachable and welcoming, and answer any questions, for instance about the development of



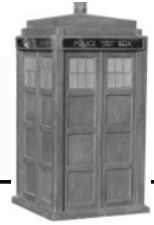
An illustration of a cross section of the loch, due to appear on one of the interpretation panels

appropriate to that location. For the Pier, it will be the sporting heritage of the loch; at Kirkgate Point, it will be the built heritage and human culture; at Burleigh Sands, the wildlife and natural heritage; and at Findatie, man's influence on the loch. The Burleigh Sands panel includes a picture showing the wildlife present on a cross-section of the loch – from the sky and shore to below the surface of the water.

In addition, orientation panels at all the major and minor entry points will help

the trail and the wildlife of Loch Leven.

This growing band of volunteers monitors the use of the path, collects litter (though thankfully there is not much of that) and helps with conservation activities. If you would like to join them, please contact Jackie Yuill, TRACKS Project Officer, on 01577 863359. If you get out on the Trail regularly, you will see a lot of things happening during October in preparation for the grand opening. Look forward to seeing you on 3 November!



Police Box

Swansacre

It has recently been brought to our attention that a number of drivers are using the route from Station Road to Bowton Road via Swansacre, and vice versa, as a short cut and we would like to remind you that vehicles entering Swansacre can only do so for access to premises and locations on Swansacre and Piper Row. This piece of legislation was introduced several years ago when it was found that many drivers were using Swansacre, as what was described at the time, as a "rat run" and certain road safety issues were identified. We would therefore like to remind drivers that these measures are in place and that persons using the street, other than for access, may be issued with a Fixed Penalty ticket.

Parking

It has also been brought to our attention that there have been a number of incidents of inconsiderate parking on Swansacre mainly by persons visiting the non residential premises on the street. The main complaint is that vehicles are parking on either side of the road whereby only a narrow passage between the parked vehicles is left. This problem regularly occurs at many other locations, often where the streets are narrow, and creates problems for other vehicles, particularly larger ones, to gain access. The most obvious problem and

major safety issue would occur if an emergency vehicle, such as a fire appliance, attending a serious incident was held up because of vehicles causing an obstruction. Before parking, anywhere, make sure there is adequate access for other vehicles, particularly emergency vehicles, to pass freely and that your vehicle is not causing an obstruction. Do not compromise the safety of others in order to save you a few minutes or to avoid walking an extra few yards to wherever it is you are going.

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 0845 600 5705.

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

Book Competitions

Thanks to all who entered our competitions in the August issue. Congratulations to the winners.

The following win a copy of *Where the Shadow Falls* by Gillian Galbraith: Maureen Blair, McWilliam Place, Kinross; Jillian Shepherd, Marshall Place, Kinross; Pat Ramsay, South Street, Milnathort and Kirsteen Ross, Springfield Park, Kinross.

The following win a copy of *Torn Apart* by Derek Flory: Mrs C Cochrane, Gallowhill Road, Kinross and Pat Ramsay, South Street, Milnathort.

Signed copies of *Torn Apart* are on sale at Milnathort Post Office. In addition, you may like to visit Derek's website, www.derekflory.com

The solution to our prize crossword (for the copy of *Torn Apart*) is shown below.

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Derek Flory



Gillian Galbraith



Community Council News



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Kinross Community Council

News from the September Meeting

At the meeting held on 3 September were: CCllrs D Cuthbert (Chairman), C Watson, D Mackay, M Scott, D Colliar, S Bathgate and L MacKay. Also in attendance were: a representative from the Police; Maria Walker and Greig Bolton from P&KC; David Hand, Community Capacity Building Worker and eight members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from P&K Cllrs K Baird, M Barnacle and W Robertson and CCllrs M Blyth and I Jack.

Police Report: The Constable asked people to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police. Cllr Robertson has asked that the Police increase their patrols in the Kirkgate Park and Millbridge Hall areas following complaints about youths causing disturbance and drinking in these localities.

Presentation from P&KC

Maria Walker is the Depute Director of Children's Services and involved in the Investment in Learning Programme. She had brought along her colleague, Greig Boland, whose remit is working to integrate the Schools into the community and is currently working on the proposed letting policy and the method of adopting this in Schools. Although the sports facilities are to be controlled by Perth and Kinross Leisure and the classrooms etc by the Council, there will be one online system for all bookings. A Campus Management Team will be formed who will be responsible, along with PKL, for the best use of the facilities on offer. The team will include representatives from the School, Tayside Contracts, members of the community and other official bodies. The Campus Management Team will plan in advance liaising with the School and regular users. CCllr Cuthbert questioned whether the Registrar's Office and other services, such as Social Work, would be housed in the School. Maria Walker answered that no decision to this effect has been made. The Policy is still being considered and the structure has not yet been finalised. The Council are still looking at ways of ensuring that the bookings are cost effective, e.g. heating etc., and the janitorial position has still to be confirmed. Mr Boland is currently drafting out a Policy document and it was agreed that the CC would receive a copy for consultation purposes. CCllr Bathgate questioned the advertising methods to be

used for attracting community based groups over the summer and Easter holidays etc. The local Community Capacity Worker, David Hand, was introduced and he will investigate the possible demand and this will be taken into consideration. It was also hoped to restore some Arts Development to this area and the Council are looking into the possibility of bookings in the line of theatrical performances, outside shows etc. Sports Development would also be included. One of the main issues to be explored is security and the safety of the children. The CC are concerned that bookings during the day would involve the public mixing with the pupils and this may create a security issue. It was confirmed that adults in the campus on a regular basis would require to be disclosed checked if they are working with young people.

Currently if on the Offender's Register, a person using public library facilities has to notify the librarian. Another question raised was whether the pupils would be allowed to leave the building at lunchtime. If they are restricted to the campus, a problem may be created with the parking of chip vans etc in the street. CCllr Colliar understood that there was a regulation restricting vending vans to within 600 metres or so from school buildings. It was noted that a Licence is also required from P&KC. Maria Walker stated that a variety of scenarios are being planned and tested in an effort to minimise the risks. Any comments from the CC and the community would be welcome and will be taken into consideration. CCllr Cuthbert suggested that representation from a User Group would be a means of obtaining good advice and that the CC would also welcome the opportunity to be involved in this.

The issues to be addressed would appear to be access, transport and security.

Matters Arising from August Meeting

Co-opted Members: The Secy advised that having called at the local Council Office to check the electoral roll, she was advised that they no longer hold same. The Secy to write to P&KC requesting that the electoral roll be returned to the local office.

It was noted that a copy of this document was also held in the Library.

The CC received an enquiry from Mr J Richardson. The Secy phoned the Assessor's Office and was advised that they could not disclose any information on parties at the stated address. The Secy is to advise Mr Richardson accordingly and ask

him to check matters with the Council as we are unable to accept him until we receive confirmation that he appears on the current electoral roll.

A further enquiry was received from Barry Davis, who has indicated that he wishes to stand as a CC member. This was agreed. The Secy is to write to Mr Davis to invite him to our next meeting.

Automated Public Convenience (Park and Ride): Cllr Barnacle has indicated that he is following this up.

A977 Trunking: Letter received from Keith Brown, MSP. He explains that he has received various pieces of correspondence which indicate that there is mixed feeling in Kinross-shire regarding the A977 and whether it should be re-trunked or not. He asked for Kinross CC's clear position on this issue. It was mentioned that the A977 was treated as a trunk road with the same priority as a motorway until around 1990 when it was de-trunked. Although private usage is not huge, some commercial traffic use this route and the CC are in favour of re-trunking this road and also support fully the petition for improving the safety of the road. The Secy to reply to Keith Brown confirming that we are in favour of the re-trunking of the A977.

Cllrs Barnacle and Robertson are seeking funding for the improvement of the A977.

Swansacre Building: It was agreed that CCllr Cuthbert will draft an article and circulate it to CCllrs for approval prior to submission to the newspaper.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications Received

The CC had no objections to the following: 66 Muirs, alterations to roof; 6 Broom Road, erection of new house; 16 Swansacre, installation of french doors.

Pier Road: Letter received from Mr and Mrs S Brand, Pier Road, objecting to this development. Further plans have been submitted but there would appear to be little substantial change from the previous plans and they again object on the same grounds. The development is for two semi-detached dwelling houses with garages and two flatted properties, to be split into four flats. The area of ground is presently occupied by a small warehouse and has not been demolished due to asbestos issues. They mention that they did not receive official notification of this new proposal and are only aware of this from conversations with neighbours who received these details. It was noted that outline planning permission was sought previously and this would be for full

planning permission. The application is yet to appear on the Council website and it was agreed that we wait to see the plans and to check the neighbours who were notified before taking any decision on this matter. It was agreed that this would be discussed next month.

Autograss Club: An email was received from CCllr Jack advising that a complaint has been received from another neighbour.

Neighbourhood Notification: A general enquiry was raised as to whether neighbour notification should be issued for a new application, the first having been refused. In one case a neighbour failed to receive the appropriate notice. The CC's understanding is that Neighbourhood Notification would again have to be circulated.

Planning Applications Determined

The following applications have been approved: Erection of a conservatory at 194 High Street; Alterations at Loch Leven Inn, 6 Swansacre; Change of Use from Industrial (Class 5) to Storage (Class 6) Building 49 for Lochleven Mills, Kinross.

The following application has been withdrawn: 08/01432/FUL, 46 Montgomery Street, erection of a conservatory (in retrospect), porch and dormer windows.

Reports from P&K Councillors

CCllr Robertson, in his absence, provided a written report as follows:

He has written to the Council's Public Transport Unit asking for the southern part of Kinross to have a better bus service. It is difficult for residents who don't have a car to access services at the County Buildings, Health Centre, etc. and also other bus services at the Park and Ride. There would also appear to be a lot of missing tarmac covers etc. in the area around Green Road. He has contacted Scottish Water about this as many are a danger to pedestrians.

Local Liberal Democrats Focus - Newsletter. (Primary/High School Sites). It was noted that Cllrs Robertson and Barnacle have placed an article in this magazine referring to the High School/Primary School sites and mention is made to the High School site being surplus to requirements and put up for sale, however not necessarily sold to the highest bidder. Both the Primary School and Education Department were opposed to the proposal to relocate the Primary to the High School site. It was noted that Peter Marshall had stated that there was no time to prepare a Planning Brief.

Kinross Questionnaire - It was noted that 319 responses were received and that 196 of these were in agreement with the move. The results of the Questionnaire will be discussed at the next meeting. CCllr L MacKay has arranged a meeting with Mrs King for 12 Sept. CCllrs D Colliar, L MacKay and D Cuthbert will attend. An invitation was given to Peter Marshall some months ago to attend a meeting and

now that we have the results of the Questionnaire it was agreed that a fresh invitation be sent, for the October meeting.

Correspondence

ASCC - Request for Nominations for ASCC Area Representative. Also circular re. amendment to ASCC Constitution and a National Ballot to be held.

Levenfields Path between Montgomery Way and Somerfield: Communication received from Louise Dick, Montgomery Way, explaining that this path was well used by people going to Somerfield and was closed due to the construction works on the G S Brown Development. The building has ceased for the moment and there is no machinery on the site. There would appear to be no reason as to why the path remains closed; it is built and ready for use. Louise Dick was present this evening to speak about this matter. A petition has been circulated and the CC were provided with a copy. The petition has been sent to various bodies, such as P&KC, G S Brown etc. George Hayton was aware of the position as well. The path was closed temporarily, approximately three years ago, and had up to that time been well used by people as a means of access to Somerfield. The petition was raised in an effort to have this path reopened. It was agreed that the Secy write to P&KC offering support to this campaign.

Premises Licences: Conversions - Windlestrae Hotel and Mr Chan's Chinese Restaurant.

Pier Road: An email was received from a Mr Brand complaining about the condition of the Pier Road. P&KC recently laid tarmac but failed to roll it out and the road is patchy and the stones loose. We understand that the same problem has occurred in Montgomery Street. The Secy to write to Stuart D'All requesting that he meet with members of the CC to inspect these areas and arrange for the works to be done to a satisfactory condition.

The Round Table have invited the CC to make up a team for their Quiz Night.

Other Matters

Grass Cutting: CCllr D Mackay mentioned that the grass has been cut at the North Cemetery but is lying in heaps and not cleared away. CCllr Scott mentioned that the Myre is in the same condition and CCllr Colliar stated that the open space at McBain Place is the same. P&KC have stated that the residents are responsible for this latter area. The Secy is to ask Nigel Taylor of P&KC to meet with CC members and the four Cllrs to inspect these areas. CCllr Bathgate is taking photographs of the areas in question.

The Light Up Kinross Committee applied for a grant from the Kinross-shire Fund for replacing some of the Xmas lights which are now ten years old and costing a fortune to maintain. This application was successful and the purchase of new lights this year will make the town much brighter. The switch on

this year will take place on Monday 1st December.

Bus Service: Complaints have been received in connection with the Service Bus 23 from Stirling to St Andrews. Since last month this is no longer stopping at the Park and Ride. This bus is used by elderly people from Muckhart, Crook of Devon etc to link up with Perth and Edinburgh and they have to now struggle with their luggage etc along Station Road to the Park and Ride. Having enquired into this, CCllr Colliar was advised that this was a commercial decision made by Fife Scottish and the Council were not in agreement with same. The Secy was asked to write to Steve Walker, Fife Scottish, asking them to reverse this action or for an explanation as to why same was reached, also asking that prior notification of any changes be inserted in the Kinross Newsletter.

Station Road: A temporary barrier was erected to highlight a hole in the pavement and a repair has yet to be done. The Secy to write to P&KC requesting attention to this matter.

Remembrance Sunday (9 November) CCllr Colliar is arranging to place an article in the next edition of the Newsletter appealing for ex-Servicemen to step forward. The CC have borne the cost of the wreath for the last two or three years.

Kinross Newsletter: Complaints have been received from elderly people who are finding it impossible to read the minutes in the Newsletter due to the very small print. Also CCllr Colliar mentioned the brochure which he believed was to be prepared and circulated at Xmas. He was not aware of this and understood that businesses could advertise on this special leaflet. It was suggested that a Newsletter meeting be convened soon to answer these queries.

** See Ed's Footnote.*

The Provost's Lamp had been repaired, however it was discovered this week that the door is open once again. Plain glass had been replaced and not the coat of arms. The Secy to write to J McCrone, P&KC, asking that the lamp be restored to incorporate the coat of arms.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 1st October at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall. Gordon Banks, MP has arranged to attend this meeting.

** Ed's Footnote:* The item referred to by CCllr Colliar is not a brochure or leaflet. It is an extra sheet of advertising (on a Christmas theme) which will be stapled into the centre of the November issue, as stated in last month's Newsletter.

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

Milnathort Community Council

News from the September Meeting

CCllr Cottingham, Vice-Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Thomson, Bennet and Smith to the meeting held on 11 September. Also in attendance were Minute Secretary E Rougvie, P&K Cllr Baird, PC Child and two members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Porter and CCllr Giacomazzi, Chairman.

Licensing Board, but there were no premises seeking licences in the CC area. **Matters arising:** CCllr Bennet reported that she had received a quote for £270 to repair and renew the seats at Tillywhally Wood. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting, when the Chairman would be in attendance.

Planning: Erection of four houses and garages and formation of a children's play area on land to the west of Gwendoline

consent to delete balcony and erect an entrance porch at The Steadings, Dalquich; alterations to house at 9 Burleigh Castle Steading; erection of a boundary wall at Copper Cottage, West Netherton.

Other Business

Railings: CCllr Smith congratulated P&KC for the speed with which the railings at the Cross were repaired after they were damaged. It had been done in time for the judging of the **Pride in Perthshire** awards, and the CC extended their congratulations to Milnathort in Bloom for their splendid efforts. Special praise was given to CCllr Porter, who had received an award for outstanding achievement.

Donaldson Park: CCllr Bennet reported that the old concrete bin had now been replaced.

Grant: CCllr Bennet said that the CC had received a £300 grant for this year.

Road safety: CCllr Bennet said that since the Council had carried out monitoring in the village she had heard nothing further. There was now only one crossing patrol officer in the village, at the Town Hall, but the one in Stirling Road had gone. Cllr Baird said there was a shortage but she would investigate further.

Milnathort in Bloom grant: It had been agreed that the CC would give Milnathort in Bloom £100 for planting wild flowers in Tillywhally Wood, but nothing had been heard from them since. It was assumed they have been busy and it was agreed to wait to see what happens.

Visibility concerns: A member of the public again raised concerns about the poor visibility for motorists approaching the Cross from Stirling Road and the 8x4 boards that were still up in Wester Loan, creating problems for drivers emerging from Back Loan. Nothing had been done about either problem. It was agreed to raise the matter again.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 9 October in Milnathort Town Hall.



Tillywhally Wood: a quote has for £270 been received for repair and renewal of seats

Police matters: PC Child said there was nothing major to report. CCllr Cottingham asked him about the proposed trunking of the A977 Kincardine to Kinross road, but PC Child said that was a traffic management rather than a police issue.

A977: The CC then went on to discuss the matter further in the light of a letter that they had received from Keith Brown MSP seeking views on the re-classification of the road. After discussion, it was agreed to respond by saying that the CC would not be in favour of making it a trunk road unless it was upgraded.

Licensing: The only other item of correspondence was from P&KC

Row, Druinzie. After discussion, it was agreed to submit a comment that consideration should be given to the inclusion of a path in the development because of concerns about the speed of the traffic on the adjoining road.

The following applications were noted: erection of a double garage at The Grange, Mawcarse; modification of existing change of use consent at Mawcarse Farm; removal of condition 5 from previous consent at Shire-End House, Forgandenny; erection of five houses on former steading site at Wesfield, Carnbo; extension to house at 98 Stirling Road; modification of existing

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on Tuesday 9 September were Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Jim Shepherd, Mike Hally, Stuart Garvie, Charles Weedon, Alistair Smith, Margaret Wilson, P&K Cllrs K Baird, W Robertson and S Miller, and several members of the public.

Chairwoman's Report

The ASCC has asked CCs to submit matters to be discussed at the ASCC Annual Meeting.

P&KC have asked business to comment on a consultation document on a new policy for Developer contributions to infrastructure improvements as part of future building developments. This has not been issued to Portmoak CC. Cllr Robertson will investigate and report back to the CC.

The Scottish Government is proposing to investigate improvements to Town Centres and local High Streets. The scope will cover three things: Physical Plans, Economic Identity and Accessibility.

trunked or not. The CC felt that it should not be re-trunked.

The Secretary had written to Mr Adam Crozier CEO of Post Office Ltd, but apart from an acknowledgement there had been no response.

The Secretary had received a letter from P&KC regarding changes in the licensing regulations and the need for licensees to alter their agreements. In the list submitted, the only local licensee was the Scottish Gliding Club.

Post Office update

Post Office Ltd (POL) has decided that the best place at the moment to site the van is up in the School Car Park. There had been discussions between POL and the Lomond Inn, but there had been a mutual agreement that the Lomond Inn car park was not a suitable place to site the Mobile Van. POL has stated that they are willing to listen to future alternative proposals for siting the van.

Elizabeth Smith MSP had written to the Secretary stating that the existing letter box in the wall at the Post Office would be closed and replaced by a free standing Pillar Box.

Interpretive Panels for the Michael Bruce Way.

CCllr Margaret Wilson reported on the progress of the land acquisition for the path between Woodmarch and the Village Hall.

Road Safety

There will be a meeting on site this coming Thursday [11/9/08] with P&KC Roads to finalise the proposals for the traffic calming measures for Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell.

Planning Matters

08/01471/FUL Erection of a conservatory, Greenburn, East Brackley. No comment.

08/01629/OUT Erection of a house (in outline) Newlands Farm House, Milnathort. No comment.

08/01753/FUL Erection of a wind turbine, West Brackley Farm. The CC is concerned that this is the first application for a farm wind turbine and that P&KC should get it right if they are of a mind to grant consent, as it will effect all future applications of which there may be many. The application does not appear to follow the specific P&KC Guidelines. It is in a Sensitive area defined in the guidelines and it is within the 10km radius of the Weather Radar on top of Munduff Hill. The CC will write objecting to the application because the application does not comply with the detailed P&KC Guidelines.

Perth & Kinross Councillors

All the local members present joined in congratulating Kinnesswood in winning the Best kept Large Village competition in Perth and Kinross.

Cllr Robertson was very concerned about the visual intrusion of the new Weather Radar Station on top of Munduff Hill. He will contact the Meteorological Office to see if anything can be done to reduce the impact by painting the radome a more suitable colour.

Other Matters

A member of the public asked if the CC had a response from P&KC Roads to a site visit to Auchmuir bridge at which it was agreed to apply high friction surfacing to the road on the bend, change the reflector bend warning signs and change the position of the road signs. The CC had not received any correspondence.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 14 October at 7.30pm in the Portmoak Village Hall.

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The Chairwoman had been discussing with the P&KC CC Liaison Officer, with a view to obtaining more grants from the Council, for such matters, circulation of 'flyers' throughout the community. She will draw up a financial proposal and submit this to the Council.

The Chairwoman informed the meeting that CCllr Jo Morrell had written to the CC informing them that he was retiring, because of other pressing commitments. The Chairwoman thanked him for all his valuable contributions.

The CC now has a vacancy and is able to co-opt members. The CC would be interested in hearing from anyone interested in possibly joining us.

Secretary's Report

A977: Keith Brown MSP had written asking for the CC response as to whether they thought the A977 should be re-

Paths Matters

Wilson Homes have submitted a statement supporting their Planning Application to have Conditions 11 and 12 removed from their Consent to build two houses at the Glebe, Kilmagadwood. The Conditions concern the provision of a safe access from the new footway between the Church car park and the Hall down into the hall entrance. The CC is strongly opposed to this Application and will write and object. CCllr Stuart Garvie has been investigating the financing of the future maintenance of the Michael Bruce Way (Tetley Trail). There are only two short lengths which need work and maintenance. By the next CC meeting he will have drawn up a management plan which will identify what is necessary and what it costs.

The Chairwoman has completed the forms the necessary form for the funding of the

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Robertson's of Milnathort;

Kinnesswood Village Store;

Fossoway Stores, Crook of Devon

Fossoway and District Community Council

News from the September Meeting

Apologies for absence were received from Lorna Stronach, Lynn Boulter and P&K Cllr Barnacle. 18 members of the public attended the meeting on 2 September. Two CCllrs have intimated their resignation: Lynn and Lorna. The CC will review the situation before deciding whether to have elections. There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: Sgt Rhona Paterson stated that there had been no crimes reported at all. She suggested however that as the nights are getting darker, there may be a need to be more vigilant. There was a question from a member of the public as to whether there had been any thefts of diesel reported and it was confirmed that there had been none, but that patrols continued. It was confirmed that there had been an arrest in relation to the stabbing at T in the Park.

There was concern raised by another member of the public re the lack of speed restrictions on the turn from the A823 and the route north. Restrictions were in place during T in the Park. There was a query as to whether in order to enforce a speed restriction there needed to be street lighting. Cllr Robertson stated that there did not need to be lighting for a 40 mile/hr restriction. The CC is to write to the local authority re possibility of controls on the Rumbling Bridge.

Minutes of last meeting were not posted at Carnbo because there is no key available, but this will be dealt with.

Petition for the A977: More than 700 signatures have been obtained and it is expected that the final tally will be approx. 1000, which from only 600 households, was considered a very good return. It was noted that some members of the community had also commented that it might be sufficient to enforce current measures. If possible, the suggestion of a weighbridge will be made to Ministers.

Councillors Reports: Regarding the A977, P&KC have stated that they have nothing in their budget. Clackmannanshire has stated that they would like to see the road trunked, but there is concern that this would lead to an even faster flow of traffic and might make it more attractive to traffic rather than reduce traffic which is the aim. Chairman, Sandy Morrison made the point that if the road is trunked, then it will become the responsibility of The Scottish Exec. and therefore would become less of a priority. It was stated by a member of the public that one positive outcome might be that there would be increased gritting in winter months.

Planning

08/01219/FUL- Middleton- this is a small development and has been recommended for approval.

08/01478/OUT- Application in outline for erection of a dwelling house on land East of Honeysuckle Cottage, Carnbo- a previous application was allowed on appeal. This application is for an infill development between Honeysuckle Cottage and Grace Cottage- recommend approval.

08/01486/OUT- Erection of a dwelling on land west of Honeysuckle Cottage. A previous application was allowed on appeal. This application is for an infill development between Honeysuckle Cottage and Boorach Beg- recommend approval.

08/01561/FUL- Formation of an equestrian centre on land at Easter Muirhead farm, Blairingone for Mr Ron Brady- there is an existing facility- Deferral had been recommended and this will be looked at again at the October meeting of the CC. Likewise, 08/01607/FUL for the erection of a racehorse facility with 18 stables on land to the south west of Middleton will be considered at the October meeting. A member of the public queried whether permission had been sought for the erection of a chalet at Monarch Farm. The

CC is going to look into this matter. Reference was then made to a letter Cllr Barnacle had addressed to the Case Officer, the Reporter's Unit of the Scottish Directorate for Planning & Environmental Appeals on 27 August upon receiving notice that an appeal had been lodged against the refusal by the Council for planning permission for the development of land at Monarch Farm by G S Brown. Whilst expressing his content with the recommendation for refusal, Cllr Barnacle took issue with some of the views which were expressed in the delegated report. The report stated that "the long term development strategy" had not been implemented. However there was no recognition of the fact that the community strategy group had pushed for this but been thwarted in their attempts (alleged Cllr Barnacle) by the Council's planning service. In his letter, Cllr Barnacle went on to say that, on the Long Term strategy, this process will form a key input into the new style development plan, and he further argued that it would therefore be premature to allow the appeal.

Cllr Robertson was then asked whether there is a policy of asking developers for contributions to the local school. In answer, he agreed that this does happen but that this is on an informal basis and needs to be formalised. There will be consultation on this.

Correspondence

Incoming mail included the following: From P&KC, informing that application 07/02387/ MOD for Blairingone Church has been approved. From P&KC: application 08/00118/OUT Naemoor Road - appeal will be disposed of. P&KC response to consultation code of conduct for CCs and model constitution. Copy of report Ross Carnuthers re Pitcairnie development. Consultations from Scottish Government via P&KC on parades and marches; also

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Letter from Keith Brown asking for CC's viewpoint on re-trunking of A977.

Invitation from Round Table to quiz challenge.

There were outgoing letters to: Sgt Rankine, Ms Dow, Keith Brown MSP, Gordon Banks MP, Muckhart CC and DF Concerts.

Post Office: Appreciation was given for the work done in relation to opposing the Post Office closure.

Devonshaw Quarry: A presentation was given by Roy Paterson on the proposals for the development of Devonshaw Quarry. It

was highlighted that there had been a great deal of discussion with the authorities re the safety and benefits of the site and in terms of its feasibility, discussion had taken place with SEPA, architects and others with experience of such matters. It was stressed that the aim was not to over develop and to keep the public up to date by newsletters etc. There are plans for an orchid house and eco-centre. Work is being done with Scottish Natural Heritage. A retail centre is planned and it is hoped that this will sell produce from around the region. To achieve this, it is proposed that 29 lodges/chalets (ten-month habitation) will be built with control over access to the water. It was suggested that there was room for the core pathway, but that there would be a need for safety measures. It was stressed that this facility was for the

local community as well as visitors. A hotel with 30 beds is proposed and car parking for 300 cars. An application for planning has yet to be made. There was input from Justin from "Royal Orchids" who will have an interest in the proposed orchid house. His business, presently operating from Alloa, sells orchids worldwide.

Other Business

Gartwhinzean Hotel: There was concern expressed over the deterioration of the fabric of hotel, which appears to have suffered vandalism.

Kinross-shire Forum: Trudy and Ian attended a meeting on 25 August. The agenda included issues such as population growth, Housing in the Countryside Policy, recent planning decisions of the Council and the concern over lack of clarity in relation to planning matters, the A977 petition, and the Fossoway Long Term Development Strategy.

Kinross-shire Fund: Trudy attended a meeting the day before the CC meeting. Money is given to the fund by the organisers of T in the Park and applications are invited for funds, especially by the villages for improvements and benefits for the community. It is intended that capital projects be funded rather than ongoing costs/expenditure.

Best Kept Village Competition: It was highlighted that in order for the villages to be able to take part in the competition, there needed to be someone to take this forward as an application requires to be made to the Civic Trust and they in turn need someone as a point of contact.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC is on Tuesday 7 October at 7.30pm in Blairingone Primary School.



The Gartwhinzean Hotel: concerns expressed over the deterioration of the fabric of the building

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Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

News from the August Meeting

The CC met in the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam, on 18 August and was attended by five CCllrs, P&K Cllr Mike Bamacle, PC Lynn Petrie, eight members of the public and the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter Editor. Apologies were received from Trish Kitchin.

Referring to the Minutes of the previous meeting, it was pointed out that the number of objections lodged should be five, not ten as previously thought. However any objection lodged by the CC would not be counted in the total. Additionally Cleish Mill application for the erection of two dwelling houses has not been withdrawn.

Crime Prevention: PC Petrie said there was little to report apart from a series of break-ins to cars at Burleigh Sands; it was most important that nothing of value should be left in parked cars and that they should be securely locked at all times, not only at Burleigh Sands but at any beauty spot.

There had also been a break-in at Wood of Coldrain and some items stolen. Once again the message is make a note of any cars parked in suspicious circumstances together with registration numbers and report at once, not just an hour or two later.

Tracks and Trails: It is understood that consultation with the relevant landowners was continuing.

CCs Meeting with P&KC: The Secretary would continue to be the liaison. The group's feedback has now been completed and a report from P&KC is now awaited.

Planning - Procedural Changes: Three workshops have been postponed for late 2008 or early 2009; the subjects would include population projections and the ever present subject of housing in the countryside. However more information is needed by the CC.

Planning - new applications

Mill Hill - Blairadam - application for 4 stables and tack room. The worry is the increase of the number of vehicles including 4x4's and other related traffic, especially driving through Blairadam where children are regularly playing. The use of

the road from the Benarty road was also considered. It was proposed that the Blairadam community should discuss the matter and the CC would be prepared to support their concerns regarding access and increased traffic.

Windyknowe, Blairadam - no objection.

Two-storey house opposite the entrance to Blairadam Wood: the CC to ask for an extension of period for comment; when the plan is available it will be circulated to the CC members for consultation.

Planning - current applications

A number of applications is still pending including the following: Winchester, Hatchbank, Chance Inn Farm, Cleish Mill Farm, Cleish Mill and Birchwood. Cleish Mains Steading: a report is about to be published.

Land at Maryburgh north of Silver End Cottage: approved under delegated powers.

Boreland Farm, Cleish: appeal refused by Reporter.

Greenacres: this goes on and on and on.

The request by the Community for a master plan has been turned down as P&KC claim they have no resources for this. Instead the planners suggest a meeting to include the Council, the CC and travellers with an independent mediator. The CC was not in favour of such a meeting and would prefer a meeting with P&KC as a first step. They will also express their extreme displeasure with the way this matter, which has been going on for many years, has been dealt with.

Housing in the Countryside: A meeting of the Kinross-shire Forum will be held on Monday 25 August and will be attended by two members of the CC. At this meeting a Chairman will be elected.

A draft letter from Frank Willman on behalf of the Kinross-shire Forum to the Development Control Committee had been circulated to CC members; it was agreed that there was a danger that the letter as it stood might, with its heavy handed approach, antagonise the Council and that Cleish and Blairadam were reluctant to

endorse it as there were wider issues to be considered. It was agreed that the agenda for this meeting should include growth projections, the operation of delegated powers, and the lack of infrastructure as well as housing in the countryside.

Roads: Maryburgh Road: The Secretary had been informed that passing places would be too expensive and that there was the additional problem of a gas main on one side of the road and a water main on the other. Agreed that clarification should be sought as to exactly where. The Roads Department had in their letter made no mention of the state of the road, one of the points raised by the Secretary. A survey had been promised as soon as the Middleton Park development was completed; this will be pointed out to the Roads Department with a request to try harder, please, especially as this road is now a bus route.

A meeting with the Roads Department is due to be held in August.

Flooding on Cleish road between the village and Meadowhead: this is now becoming serious, and is not just the result of the wet summer. The gullies have not been cleared for a very long time which causes the flooding, and the water pouring across the road at Cleish Mains makes the road dangerous at all times, but especially in the winter when the water freezes. The Roads Department to be asked to attend to this.

Best Kept Village: Congratulations to all those who entered; the competition involves a huge amount of hard work by all the residents of the villages and hamlets and there is no doubt the standard is rising year by year. Even the amount of casual litter seems to be decreasing which is a step in the right direction. Well done, everyone.

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

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross Summer's End Market

Following the success of the Kinross Summer's End Market in 2007, Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation (KLEO) have taken the reins, and are putting on a bigger and better bonfire fest on **Saturday 25 October**, 4 - 7pm.

The evening is a celebration of the end of summer, full of lights, activities and shopping, guaranteed to keep the whole family entertained. Specialist traders from all over Kinross-shire and beyond will be selling unusual gifts, beautiful crafts and excellent food and drink, providing all sorts of shopping possibilities.

The market, featuring 40 stalls, is receiving financial support from Perth & Kinross Council Area Based Initiative seeking to encourage people to produce and spend locally.

At the beginning of the evening a huge bon fire is built up in the centre of the old market park (opposite Green Hotel, Kinross) to keep people snug and warm. Hot Food and Drink, Live music, Kids' activities, Halloween fun and Fancy dress including a Lantern Parade will take place during the evening.



Scary fancy dress at last year's Summer's End Market!
Photo: Craig Thomson, www.kinross.cc/photoLibrary

Following the market there will be a ceilidh in the marquee. This will be free to members of KLEO. Membership will cost £20 for a family, £5 for a single. Please visit Sporting Chance, High Street, Kinross for purchase.

KLEO is drawn from groups and individuals across the Kinross-shire Community. They would love some help with plans for the evening. If you've an hour to spare contact Bouwien on 01577 863107 or bouwien-niall@tiscali.co.uk. Donations for a tombola will be gratefully received. Please call Aileen on 01577 861477 or call at 42 High Street, Kinross.

Kinross's Summer's End Market is a great family evening out in the heart of Scotland. Why not put on your warm clothes and come celebrate the end of the summer with us? Keep Saturday 25 October free in your diary.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

August Draw

1st	No 9	Adele Inglis, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 23	Alistair Morgan, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 12	Mrs A Watson, Kinnesswood

Kinross & District Rotary Club



Over the last 12 months Kinross & District Rotary Club has raised £8190 from its various fund raising activities and the disbursement of these funds to local, national and international organisations has been agreed. Donations to local organisations include Disabled Sports Fið, CHAS, Musical Theatre for Kinross-shire Youth, Kinross Volunteer Group, Kinross in Bloom, Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Portmoak and St Serf's Clubs, Army cadets, Kinross Boxing Academy and Loch Leven United FC.

On 18 August Christine Short gave members an impressively researched, vividly illustrated and compelling account of the First World War contribution of Elsie Inglis and the Scottish Nursing Units she set up on both the Eastern and Western Fronts. In the face of official indifference and working in dreadful conditions, their skills and fortitude saved countless soldiers' lives. All agreed that the contribution of these women who went to war deserves to be much more widely known.

Carolyne Poller, a member of the Club, told us on 25 August that since infancy she had set her mind on becoming a teacher and as head of the English Department at Kinross High School and a teacher trainer at Stirling University she had achieved her ambition. On her first day at Kinross High she felt that she was destined to stay at the school for a long time and so it has proved. It was obvious to all that Carolyne is an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher whose students will be educated in life skills as well as English.

The speaker on 8 September was Councillor Willie Robertson. Willie, a past President of the Club, spoke of his life as a Perth & Kinross Councillor. He recalled that he had entered local politics as a result of his concerns regarding planning decisions which resulted in important historical parts of Kinross being demolished unnecessarily. Now involved in a number of committees, he continues to enjoy helping his constituents whenever possible and trying to ensure the Kinross area receives its fair share of resources.

Rotary International is made up of 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries. Its 1.2 million members form a global network of business and professional people who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world. The Kinross Club welcomes new members. If you are considering joining us, contact our secretary Kelvin Reay at reay849@btinternet.com for more details.

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Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

Summary of meeting held on 25 August

Present: Chair, Bridget Barker; Vice-Chair, Walter Cambers; Council Members: Janette Walker, Robin Millar, Ann Malcolm, Dave Cochrane, Gill Freeman, Michael Longstaffe, Lynne Dunne; Headteacher, Alyson Howe; Clerk, Sheila Herron. Apologies were received from Mark Koziel.

Workplan: Parent Information Leaflet - SH offered to work with WC on production of the leaflet and would liaise with WC after the meeting. **Parent Drop In** - SH has contacted Common Grounds and is awaiting feedback.

Homework Audit - This is a predominantly school-led audit. Nicky Drew has contacted JW and will lead. AH currently discussing with staff and aims to have a Parental Workshop next term. **Internet Safety** - RM advised that he will be contacting P&KC and local Community Police for support with this. **Calendar of Events** - to be ready for Meet the Teacher evening on 4 September. **Walking Bus** - AH confirmed Walking Bus to be in Health Week (week beginning 15 June 2009). ML leading this event and is working towards a prize draw for all pupils who had participated every day. **Participate in Rights Respecting School Award** - Nicky Drew (DHT) is leading this and it is on track. **Community Partnerships** - Looking at different ways of liaising with the community and other Parent Councils. **Music Groups** - MK not at the meeting. Update at next meeting. **Parent Forum** - to be held on 15 September 2008. Agreed that notification to parents, Agenda and Nomination Form was ok and could be put out on 26 August to Nursery through to P7 by the Clerk. It was suggested that there may be an issue with nominations to the Parent Council. If too many are received then a ballot will have to be held. Agreed that this would be addressed if the situation arose. All Council Members advised that they would be in attendance at the Parent Forum. BB advised that she would create a PowerPoint presentation, introducing others to cover individual subjects: Alice

Getley – Gardening, Mark Koziel – MSA etc. Parent Leaflet to be available for the Parent Forum.

Parental Involvement Grant: AM reported that she had been in touch with Alice Getley and Emma Broadhurst re the Grant. AG had provided a “wish list” of gardening items; the Council wholeheartedly agreed the list. EB will revert with suggested items. Dinner ladies have requested a plum tree. Council agreed in principle, AM to progress.

New School: Derek Morris had advised that the build was ahead of schedule. It was agreed to invite DM to November meeting.

HT Report: AH reported that all is well following the summer break. The new PIs have settled quickly. Setting Maths is due to start 26 August. A Support for Learning Teacher will be at MPS for the next four Mondays.

MSA: Due to Mark Koziel's absence, RM advised that the next MSA meeting was on Wednesday evening.

Other Business

Strike Action - ML asked if we could prevent school days lost due to industrial action. ML expressed concern that even though it was only one day last week, the action may escalate and too many days may be lost in education of our pupils. Following a lively debate it was concluded absolutely that the Parent Council would have no bearing on the opening/closing of the school if affected by industrial action. It is a situation totally out with the Parent Council control.

Classroom Painting - JW agreed to approach parents to support the P3/4 classroom being painted on 27 September.

Office Staffing - AM asked if the School Office had the same amount of staff time since June Brunton retired. AH confirmed that the additional hours were being picked up by Brenda Creigh and that the office staffing being reviewed.

Meetings for 2008/9: 24 November 2008, 12 January 2009, 9 March, 27 April and 15 June. All to be held on a Monday evening, 7pm at Milnathort Primary School.

A full copy of past, ratified, minutes are available in the school office. If you wish to contact the MPSPC please contact Sheila Herron on 01577 864015 or Sheila_herron@tiscali.co.uk

The Salix Dementia Trust

As it prepares for the next part of its expansion programme, The Salix Dementia Trust, a recognised Scottish Charity (SC032100), which is a company limited by guarantee, is looking for three new members for its Board of Directors.

The Board meets approximately six-weekly, often in Milnathort, and consists of people with an interest in dementia, whether professional or not. It does not require experience as training will be given. The Board membership limit is ten directors, so we have to work well together! Directors serve on a voluntary basis (over 90% of Salix's income goes directly to help people with dementia and their carers) but necessary travel expenses are paid.

One of our special needs, at the moment, is for a volunteer Press/Public Relations Officer to raise our profile. This person would be a member of the Board and take part in our normal activities as well as her/his special job. This would suit someone who has done something similar previously - or someone who would like to try it!

Anyone interested should telephone Constance on 01577 863824 for more details and job descriptions.

Kinross Garden Group

The Garden Group will commence its 2008/9 session on **Thursday 9 October**. The meetings will be held as usual in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2pm. Our speaker will be Mr Leslie Craib, Forfar who will give us a talk on “Growing Vegetables for the Kitchen”. The Membership fee remains at £5.00 and it would be appreciated if members could come along a little earlier to the first meeting to pay their subscriptions. New members will be made most welcome.

Kinross-shire Historical Society

The winter programme of meetings starts on **Monday 20 October** at 7.30pm.

Reminder - Meetings are now held in Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross.

The first speaker of the season is Mr Joe Giacomazzi, whose talk ‘Early Aviation in Bishopshire’ is on the history of the Portmoak Gliding Club. We hope that our members will be along in force for this interesting local history. Visitors are always welcome. *See also Notices, p.37.*



Kinross townsfolk rally round

Even the dramatic news that their air tickets to Canada were booked with Zoom could not dent the enthusiasm of 40 pupils from Kinross High School destined for a joint hockey/rugby tour to Vancouver in early October.

Families, friends, teachers and local businesses demonstrated full support for the school trip by attending the Sportsman's Dinner at the Windlestrae Hotel on 6 September. Eighty guests attended and twenty pupils helped serve on tables and take orders for wine. Guest speakers were Hamish More, the veteran MCC cricketer from Edinburgh and Willie Allan from Dunfermline, who entertained a willing audience.

A small raffle and a short auction helped increase tour funds by £2,000 and the evening was voted a great success. The Scottish Rugby Union donated a signed Scottish strip from this year's victorious Calcutta Cup side and a London agent sent the pin flag from the 18th Green at Carnoustie from last year's Open Championship, personally signed by the winner, Padraig Harrington.

Master of Ceremonies, Graham Hadley of Montgomery Hanson said that the event "proved the depth and sincerity of the people of Kinross in supporting sports students on the trip of a lifetime." And High School PE teacher, Helen Davidson, added that the evening had "given children a very welcome boost after what had been a challenging week for tour organisers." Head Teacher, Dick Keatings, closed the evening on a high note and thanked everyone for contributing to such a marvellous event.

Kinross & District Inner Wheel Club



The club resumed its programme of meetings after a summer break in July and August during which members had a very successful day at Ceres. They visited the Wemyss Pottery, followed by lunch, then a tour of the local Folk Museum.

Our new president, Alison Reid, welcomed members to the start of the new year, introducing the new District 1 Chairman Mary Leslie, who gave us an insight into how she became involved in Inner Wheel and her vision of her year in office.

One of our own members then gave us an update on Khazamula, a home for street children at Howick, KZN, South Africa, run by a Methodist Minister and helpers, to which this Inner Wheel has donated money in the last year. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks from President Alison.

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Probus Club



The first meeting of the 2008/2009 session was held on 3 September and the speaker was Mrs Ottilla Saxl. Her subject was "Nano Technology" and what an interesting subject

it was too! Nano technology was originally concerned with precision engineering, and the Institute of Nano Technology was founded with this in view. The name comes from the nanometre and one nanometre is one billionth of a metre. In fact scientists and engineers are dealing with things at the molecular size but with advances in microscopes and other scientific devices, measurement of this size can now be "seen". The ideas and devices of nano technology can be used in all sorts of ways but Mrs Saxl picked out four areas where nano technology is making a great difference:

1. **Clothing.** Ideas from nature. Look at a lotus flower leaf in a pond. The leaf does not get wet, in fact the water gathers in little globules on the leaf. This is due to the leaf's molecular structure, and can be copied in the manufacture of fabrics. Experiments are now being carried out to produce a fabric which repels dirt. Other fabrics can be made which are extra warm.
2. **Engineering.** Many modern devices are now very small. Look at present day mobile phones. They are smaller than they used to be but much more can be done with them. This down-sizing is due to nano technology.
3. **Medicine.** Molecules can now be made which stick to diseased parts of the body. This is being used in experiments in trying to diagnose cancerous tumours. The equipment required for medical tests can be reduced in size.
4. **Food.** Obesity is a modern problem. With the ideas and devices of nano technology the molecules of fat in food can be traced and efforts made to reduce the fat content. Another innovation due to nano technology is chocolate flavoured chewing gum.

Jim King gave the vote of thanks for a very interesting and illuminating talk.

Kinross-shire Residents Association

Open Day

The 30th of August saw Kinross-shire Residents Association have their annual Open Day at Kinross Church Centre and it was well supported by the local townspeople. Due to a lot of hard work by residents who baked cakes and biscuits and made teabread and sold countless cups of tea and coffee, and those kind people who donated gifts to our raffles, we made a good sum of money, which enables the association to continue in its activities. The group supports local interests and concerns and holds several meetings in the year. A thanks to the Committee, helpers, and those who dropped in for a bite. Thanks also to Mark Henry of P&KC.

Mike Twaddle, Chairman
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Faith and Light Community

This group, which began in Kinross 10 years ago, now meets in the theatre at Upper Springland Capability Scotland, Isla Road, Perth, on the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9pm for friendship and faith-sharing for people with learning and/or physical difficulties, their families and those wishing to be friends. New members, of any or no religion are always welcome. For more info please call Marg Meade 01577 863557.

Kinross-shire Round Table

Well the barrels will have been well and truly rolled out by the time this goes to press. It is the curse of the writer keeping to early deadlines that you sometimes have to be creative in predicting what is going to have happened after the deadline but before the newsletter is printed.

Sooo... I predict, with a degree of confidence, that someone will have won the Charity Quiz Challenge on the Friday night of the Beer Festival weekend and someone else will have come second. Well done to them. Better luck to everyone else next year. I also predict, based on the



Glasses raised for charity at the beer festival!

experience of the last two years, that around 350 happy souls will have raised a goodly sum of money for CHAS at the main night of the 3rd Annual Round Table Charity Beer Festival (to give it its Sunday name). A great many thanks go to all our sponsors and supporters, without whom this great event would not be possible. Their full details are on our web-site and we encourage you to repay their support appropriately.

In between planning, running and surviving the Beer Festival (well done to the sub-committee), we have not been quiet. Earlier in September we went sailing at Newburgh, sent a small team through to the Hydro Connect Festival in Inverary to run the Age Screening programme, visited the Edinburgh Fringe and went camping. This last event saw three caravans and three tents heading off on the wettest weekend in September to the wettest, windiest part of the Borders. Just our luck! Most stuck it out until after we had visited the Museum of Flight but, with no break to the weather in sight, the end result on Sunday morning was Caravanistas 2 – Tentists 0. Plans for next year may involve a weather shaman.

Our diary for October and November is looking full and should include a Pub Games Night, Halloween Party, our second Toddlethon for Children in Need in Kirkgate Park, on **Sunday 2 November** at 1.30pm, and preparing the Santa Sleigh for Light Up Kinross and the December frenzy that is the Santa Sleigh Collection in support of local good causes. We might also sneak in some wine-tasting and karting.

If any of the above sounds like the sort of thing you would like to become involved in, then give us a call. Round Table is an organisation for young men of 18-45 and has a sister organisation in Ladies Circle for young women. It is all about having fun and putting something back into the community at the same time.

Our full programme and details of events are available on www.kinross-shire.org.uk and you can email us on Table@macpherson.plus.com or call on 01577 864713.



Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, take advantage of our new winter programme to try out a walk with us. We're a friendly and welcoming group. Come and join us before short days and winter weather set in! This month we have two contrasting week-end walks and a gentle midweek walk particularly suitable for those new to walking.

Saturday 4 October: Utopia at New Lanark - 6 miles. Rustic walk from Model Industrial community along riverside and footpaths. Few steep steps to view waterfall.

Wednesday 15 October: Dunbarney Walk and Silver Walk, Bridge of Earn - 4 miles. A circular morning walk, taken at a fairly gentle pace along quiet roads, footpaths and woodland tracks. Optional stop at coffee shop. Children and dogs under control welcome.

Sunday 19 October: Ben Ever and Wood Hill - 9 km. (almost 6 miles). Circular walk combining two of the Hillfoot Glens, woodland walking and excellent summit views.

For further information on where and when to meet, as well as for general information on walking with the group and more on our winter programme, call Jacqui Ritchie on 01592 840451.

In January this year

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The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust Shield

The Competition for this Woodland Award was held in July and judged by Andrew Barrie, John Gallacher and Sir Robert Stewart. The Winner was Graigow Woods, with Highly Commended, Pittendreich Wood and Runners up The Muckleton and Thorntonhill.

The judges were very impressed by the high standards presented by all the entrants. They described Craigow Woods as "an excellent example of integrated woodland and agricultural management that could inspire others" and Pittendreich Wood as being "clear that the ongoing work has significantly increased the local biodiversity".

The Award ceremony for this competition will be held on **Thursday 6 November** at the Windlestrae Hotel at 7.30pm. The presentation will be followed by a talk relative to Woodland development and after there will be Wine and Cheese.

Kinross Forum

The Chairman attended a meeting of the newly formed Kinross Forum. The Forum is formed of all the Kinross-shire Community Councils, FORK and the Civic Trust. The Forum will meet on an ad-hoc basis to consider any matters which affect Kinross-shire as a whole. At the present the principle matters of concern are the proposed growth figures from the Scottish Government to be included in the amended Structure Plan. At the moment Kinross-shire has the highest proposed growth figures for the whole of Scotland and this is of very grave concern for everyone. The other matter is the Amended Housing in the Countryside Policy, December 2005, which the Forum has challenged as being illegal as the Council failed to follow government requirements in preparing such a new policy, particularly in relation to its policy on sustainability.

The objects of the Trust are to stimulate public interest in, and care for, the good appearance of the towns, villages and rural environment of Kinross-shire, to maintain the essential character and identity of Kinross-shire, to encourage high standards of architecture, amenity and planning, to help conserve buildings and monuments of historic interest and to eliminate and prevent ugliness in the form of bad design, neglect and pollution.

If you are interested and care about Kinross-shire, please come along to any of our events. We would be very pleased to see you. The Trust is always looking for people to help in running the Trust.

Contact: Alistair Smith, Chairman 01592 840215.

CHAS Shops

Dressing up at Halloween

Fancy dress items and props for your Halloween party will be on display at Bazaar 2, 76 High Street, Kinross during the month of October. Do you have any fancy dress items you would like to donate?

CHAS Christmas Cards

Check the CHAS website for more than 60 designs of CHAS Christmas cards for sale and let us know if you can sell our cards at an event or within your local community.

Volunteering

Join our CHAS volunteering teams this Christmas season in mail order, the Bazaar charity shops, the Gift Shop or at our CHAS events. Please contact Frances Todd on 01577 865557 for more details.



Kinross High School Parent Council

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The Kinross High School Parent Council formed on 1 August 2007 and combines the activities of the old Kinross High School Board and the Parents Teacher Association into a single body. Within the KHSPC the Events & Fundraising Committee looks after the activities of the old PTA.

The objectives of the KHSPC are broadly to represent the views of the parents of pupils at the school in the areas of education and welfare. We wish to work in partnership with the school to create a positive and proactive environment which supports pupils, staff, and parents.

The KHSPC meets six times a year, twice a term, and holds an Annual General Meeting in the summer term. The meetings are open to any parent or guardian of pupils attending the school and take place on Tuesday evenings at 7.15 pm at the High School. The remaining KHSPC meetings for this academic year are scheduled for the following dates:

4 November 2008

13 January 2009, 17 March, 21 April, 2 June

Parents and guardians of pupils attending Kinross High School are most welcome to join the KHSPC meetings.

The elected officers of the KHSPC for the 2008/09 academic year are:

Chair	Andy WILLIAMS	01577 861682
Vice Chair	Jaffey WEIR	01577 865780
Treasurer	Denis SWEENEY	01577 861651

The Clerk to the KHSPC is Helen GLOVER.

If you wish to raise any issue regarding the KHSPC and parental involvement in the High School please don't hesitate to contact one of the above officers. Alternatively you may write to the Clerk care of the school address noted above.

Potager Garden

Bowton Road, Kinross

This is to say THANK YOU for supporting our recent Coffee Morning. I'm glad to say we had a lovely time and yes, the cakes were really great! A special thank you to our cakes bakers and volunteers on the day who enabled this event to happen. We raised the grand sum of £95.00 to keep the Garden in tip top shape.

Raffle prizes were provided by:

The Complete Look Health & Beauty Salon – a manicure

Lyn Hayworth – Complementary Therapy

The Kirklands Hotel & Restaurant – Meal

Loch Leven Leisure Centre – three vouchers each offering five visits to use the facilities

The Green Hotel & The Windlestrae – Meals

Sarah Corsar, Phoenix Cards – Family Organiser

Our grateful thanks also go to David Sands, Grocers for providing refreshments. Elspeth Christie of the SNH delighted the children who attended with crafts and information about bats.

If you would like further information about the Garden, please do get in touch with Michelle Hardaker 01577 862622 or email dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk Contact details are also available in the Garden.



Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The speaker for September, Peter Rutherford, gave an extremely interesting and enthusiastic talk on his career in the Royal Marines Band. With musical illustrations, he described his journey of music and travel with the Marines. A very enjoyable afternoon.

Friday Walks: The Fish Supper Walk to Anstruther was attended by our biggest crowd for some time, and the weather turned out to be as good as the fish suppers. Some of our walkers were interviewed in Anstruther by Mark Stevens of BBC Scotland's radio programme "Out of doors". This was for a feature about the Fife Coastal Path, to be broadcast on a Saturday morning.

3 October: A "there and back" walk along the banks of the River Earn, between the Crieff Visitor Centre and Dornoch Mill. This is a repeat of the 6 mile stroll we did last autumn.

17 October: The Pitlochry Autumn Colours Walk, starting from the Dam, Pitlochry. Because this is at least 8 miles, and a fair bit away, we leave the Millbridge Hall at the earlier time of 9am.

31 October: A Muckhart Circular Walk, starting in Muckhart, going past the School, round the hill to Blairhill, the Millennium walk to Crook of Devon, and back through Naemoor Woods.

Hillwalkers: At last, decent weather prevailed for the group's meander round Boreland Glen on 29 August. This walk of eight miles with 800 feet of ascent, allows some excellent views over Kinross-shire as well as the controversial wind turbines now resident over Glen Devon.

On 12 September circumstances necessitated a change from the planned linear walk from Loch Tayside to Glen Lyon and instead we undertook a new walk in the Sidlaw Hills from Tullybaccart over Ardgath Hill and the Lundie Craigs. We completed this walk in very pleasant weather and with spectacular 360 degree views.

10 October: An old favourite, the linear walk along the Fife Coastal Path from St Andrews to Crail, a flat walk of about 11 miles.

24 October: A return to another well liked walk from Old Blair round Glen Banvie and the Falls of Bruar. This is a 10 mile walk with about 700 feet of ascent.

October Meeting: At the meeting on 2 October, the speaker will be Gavin Logan from Cupar on "Peruvian street children".



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



It was a full house at the first meeting of the new season, when the speaker was Dr Elizabeth Cummings. It was Dr Cummings who was responsible for last year's excellent exhibition on the Arts and Craft Movement in Scotland held in Edinburgh before travelling around the country. Members were delighted when she agreed to talk to the club on the subject, and with the aid of excellent slides, she demonstrated the architecture, furniture, bookbinding, embroidery, enamelling, jewellery, illustrations, stencils and murals which talented individuals produced. The Glasgow School of Art was truly ahead of its time, having a very enlightened attitude to female students. Dr Cummings' enthusiasm for her subject is truly infectious and her knowledge is simply breathtaking.

Common Grounds



The month of August saw the departure of our Shop Manageress Shirley Morgan after being with Common Grounds since our start some eight years ago. We send Shirley our heartfelt thanks and best wishes for her future.

Projects: This month's project is focusing on the local community in Lunda Sul, Angola. LEPRO (the world organisation which works to help those who are affected by leprosy) is to support the provincial health authorities to spread the message on how to prevent leprosy in Angola.

Events: After the success of the previous Pot Luck Supper, we are pleased to announce that we are holding another one on the evening of **Friday 3 October** at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 and are available from Common Grounds, everyone is welcome.

Fairtrade: We have Christmas Cards in stock, so come and buy early to avoid disappointment.

We continue to support Fairtrade and have a range of goods available. In addition we now have the latest catalogues so please come and browse and feel free to order through Common Grounds.

Book Club: Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month. Book Club members recently enjoyed a visit to the Edinburgh Book Festival where they heard stimulating talks and are looking forward to going to the events in the autumn at the A K Bell Library in Perth. The contact is Marlene Whyte on 01592 840371.

AGM: Common Grounds will be holding their AGM on **Friday 28 November** at 7pm in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort, everyone welcome.

Common Grounds is a wonderful opportunity to Volunteer and if anyone has a couple of free hours a week we would love to hear from you. We are open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 3pm in the Guide and Scout Hall, Milnathort. Please drop in for a chat or telephone one of the contacts below.

Contacts outside of opening hours are: James Henry (Convener) 01577 864452, Linda Freeman (Secretary) 01577 865045 and Pat Payne (Project Co-ordinator) 01577 862715.

Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade



Thanks to visitations to three local primary schools, an influx of new members have joined the Company for the new session.

Three officers attended the annual Brigade Council meeting at Tulliallan where the vote to officially accept girl members into the Brigade was passed overwhelmingly. This is to take effect as from January 2009.

The Kinross Company is preparing to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the BB over the weekend of **15&16 November** with a dinner dance at the Windlestrae Hotel on the Saturday evening and a church parade on the Sunday afternoon followed by a "Down Memory Lane" with photographs and other memorabilia on display at Kinross Church Centre. For further details contact Company Captain David Munro (01577 862126).

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Sports News

Kinross Road Runners



Kinross Road Runners continues to grow and we now have over 75 members of various ages and abilities. If you are already running, consider joining the Kinross Road Runners as the camaraderie and encouragement will motivate you with your running. We meet every Wednesday night at 7pm in the health centre car park adjacent to the leisure centre. Just introduce yourself and you will be made to feel most welcome. Alternatively, meet at the same car park on Sunday mornings at 9am and enjoy some good company on a slightly longer run. Kinross Road Runners have been very active over the summer months and there have been many outstanding runs. Hopefully the names and times below will speak for themselves. Of note was the mid week race at the Knockhill Circuit. Twenty Kinross Road Runners took part in torrential rain which produced outstanding performances by two of our older members. Well done! The two mile time trail record held by Stephen Crawford since Dec 2006 finally fell to Chris Pratt who has had a sensational season. Chris shaved two seconds off the time making the record stand at 11mins 7 secs. Why not test yourself and see how close you can go!

Glasgow Half Marathon

7 Sept 2008

Position	Name	Time
1066th	Ronnie Ritchie	1:39:48
1508th	Douglas Leitch	1:44:00
2165th	Isabella Carmichael	1:48:57

Glasgow 10k

7 Sept 2008

28th	Chris Pratt	37:22
2094th	Elaine Bathgate	56:11

Moray Marathon

7 Sept 2008

78th	Roy Paterson	3:55:23
115th	Roger Stark	4:27:12

Perth 10k

31 Aug 2008

38th	Peter Edgerton	41:45 PB
72nd	John Bayne	44:04 PB
156th	Jane Gibson	48:46 PB
169th	Valerie Findlay	49:48
182nd	Isabella Carmichael	50:36
261st	Anne MacIntyre	58:52 PB

Ochils 2000 Hill race

23 Aug 2008

46thth	Andy Johns	3:06:104
122nd	Judith Dobson	4:15:40

Knockhill Circuit race 3.9miles

22 Aug 2008

25th	Roy Paterson	23:25
30th	Martin Hill	24:10
32nd	Andy Johns	24:24
34th	Peter Edgerton	24:31
42nd	Patricia Milne	25:00 2nd Female
48th	Scott Findlay	25:40
52nd	John Bayne	25:51
53rd	Raymond Milne	25:55
63rd	Ronnie Ritchie	26:29
84th	Douglas Leitch	28:06
89th	Neil Hill	28:20
96th	Geoff Bilton	29:43
97th	Valerie Findlay	30:29
99th	Isabella Carmichael	30:51
107th	Linda Chalmers	31:18
115th	Ann Malcolm	32:51

Knockhill Circuit race 3.9miles

22 Aug 2008

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Position	Name	Time
124th	Sandy MacCalman	34:22
127th	Keith Logan	35:04
133rd	Sarah Eaton	35:59
134th	Norman Smith	36:09

Sheriffmuir 11 mile Challenge

17 Aug 2008

15th	Peter Edgerton	1:16:04 1st Male Supervet
17th	Andy Johns	1:16:26

Forth Road Bridge 10k

10 Aug 2008

20th	Chris Pratt	39:09
138th	Isabella Carmichael	48:59
142nd	Geoff Bilton	49:09
175th	Roy Paterson	51:23

Haddington Half Marathon

9 Aug 2008

202nd	Gordon Donnachie	2:21:18
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Crieff 10k

13 July 2008

46th	Peter Edgerton	43:57 PB
88th	Roy Paterson	47:51

Before you turn the page thinking that Kinross Road Runners are all deadly serious runners and there's no way you could be one them, please read this.

I first went along to Kinross Road Runners in December last year. I'd only done a little bit of running previously. I wasn't very fit and my sedentary office job meant the weight was piling on, which in turn was getting me down.

Persuaded by Bill Nouillian, one of KRR's coaches, I went along to my first Wednesday evening training session last December. Everyone was very friendly and took turns to run slowly with me!

Since then, I've caught the running bug I have gradually got fitter and a bit faster and have made new friends. The weight has dropped off and I feel better about myself.

I have run the Loch Leven Half Marathon and other shorter races. I was surprised that at these races, among the obviously very fit and fast runners, there are also beginners of all abilities and all shapes and sizes. The atmosphere is fantastic, with other KRRs and spectators to cheer you on, goody bags and grub afterwards. Best of all is the amazing sense of achievement when crossing the finish line.

Despite the name, we don't just run on the road – I've run in parts of Kinross-shire I didn't know existed!

Whatever your age and ability, if you been thinking about taking up running or you already run on your own, come along to Kinross Road Runners. As the evenings get longer and darker, coming to a club can give you the motivation you need to get and stay fit.

If I can do it, so can you.

We meet in the health centre car park at 7pm on Wednesday evenings. See you there!

Contact coaches Bill, b.nouillian@virgin.net or Roger, roger@highfield10.plus.com for more details.

Sarah Eaton

Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at

www.kinross.cc

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club



The start of the 2008 hockey season saw the weather put pay to not only the first training session of the new season (because of a waterlogged pitch, who would believe!), but also the pre-season friendly planned against East Kilbride Ladies. The first competitive strike of the ball therefore came with the Bell Trophy tournament on a very windy Saturday 6 September. Unfortunately, Wanderers withdrew at the last minute, leaving only four teams competing for the trophy; two Kinross teams, Madras and Perthshire. After the round robin element of the tournament, played in good spirit, the points table showed Kinross Firsts on 7 points, Perthshire on 6 points, Madras on 4 points and Kinross Seconds with 0. The final saw Kinross Firsts and Perthshire – as the two highest scoring teams – enter the fray again. Kinross emerged triumphant to retain the trophy for the second year, with the final score 1 - 0. The Trophy was presented to Elaine Kinnell, the captain of the Kinross First XI by Harry Byers, President of the Midland Hockey Union.



Kinross - the winning team

Congratulations to the First XI for winning the tournament and also to all of those who contributed to making the tournament a success; home and visiting teams, players and officials.

The first League matches were played on Saturday 13 September, with both Kinross teams playing at home. The Second XI had the earlier game, playing Madras. With new direction from Coach Sue McCutcheon, the Seconds formed a determined team and for the first 20 minutes successfully withstood the spirited Madras attack. The strength of Madras eventually showed through however, and the final tally of goals against reached 7. Some degree of honour was restored by a Kinross goal in the final 10 minutes, and all have taken heart from the immense fighting spirit shown in the first match.

The First XI started with a tough game against a strong Perthshire team bent on vengeance for their defeat in the final of the Bell Trophy the previous weekend. With several players unavailable through injury or other commitments (and several of those on the pitch nursing twinges and aches!) the Kinross First XI was a little under strength. By contrast the Perthshire team were in fine fettle, and were soon stretching the Kinross defences. Despite spirited individual performances the team could not keep the Perthshire attack at bay, Kinross were defeated 1 - 4.

Training continues each Wednesday evening between 6.30pm and 8pm at the all weather pitch at King George V Playing Fields. New players are always welcome (especially aspiring goalies and budding umpires!). For further information see our website: www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk

Orwell Bowling Club

No doubt all outdoor sporting folk are sparing a thought for those whose homes have yet again been inundated by the continuing deluges. The postponement/cancellation of so many events has impacted not only on caterers, but on green availability, resulting in a log-jam of games or matches still to be played with the end of the season almost upon us. Results of events successfully completed in August are as follows:

The Haig Cup on 10th was won by our President Gordon Morton who, together with cohorts Geoff Evans and Andy Hislop, both of Dalgety Bay, also won the Bells' Invitation on 24th. The mixed Friendly against Perth West End on 30th was closely fought, Orwell winning 76 - 73. Our Seniors having beaten Auchtermuchty away earlier in the season, lost to them at home (!) - our Patron Jock Taylor is determined to redress the balance next season. Honour was restored when Orwell won against Headwell at home. All the games have been played as always in good sporting spirit and in friendly, enjoyable company. Our annual Black Bottle competition is having to be played on one day - September 20th, as opposed to over four days as in previous years.

The Closing of The Green Game, Treasurer vs Secretary, will take place on **Saturday 27 September** at 2.00pm, for which sun and blue skies have been ordered.

Kinross Badminton Club



Hurray! The new season has started and while this Newsletter is in press we'll be into our first competition with the Kate Francis Mixed doubles on 25 September, but before that we have the AGM on 18 September.

Members of the Committee have been busy over the holiday period creating a website for the Club; please have a look at www.kinrossbadmintonclub.com

Anybody who is interested in playing badminton or looking for another way to keep fit, come on down, don't be shy, you'll receive a friendly welcome from our members and I'm sure you'll enjoy yourselves (first nights FREE). Contact Bill Macdonald on 01577 862592 or Mark Moran 01577 842239 or email: moran319@btinternet.com Do it now!!!

Kinross Curling School



If you know of anyone who is in a wheelchair or is visually impaired, we are holding a **Free Come and Try** on **Saturday 27 September** from 10am-12.15 pm.

Our first **Beginners Course** is on **Sat 18, Sun 19 and Sat 25 October**, when we will teach you all the basics you need to start curling, and join a club, so that you can enjoy the sport in a club atmosphere. The cost of the course is £50 per person. Clean soled trainers and a warm fleece required. We will be delighted to meet you at the ice rink and welcome you to our sport.

For further details please contact Ena Stevenson enastevenson@aol.com or tel 01383 850257.

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issues from September 2006 to three months ago available

Kinross Cricket Club

1st XI

The main factor affecting the 1st XI has been the awful rain. Only one match has been played since the beginning of August. This was the final league game against St. Modans and even then, poor light, drizzle and mist brought about the 1st XI's only league defeat this year. St. Modans posted 157 in their 40 overs and although Kinross got off to a good start, reaching 55 for 2 in 14 overs, the fading light caused all of our batsmen difficulties and we eventually finished 24 runs behind on 133 for 9. Simon Lopez top scored on 37 with James Ross following on 23. Whilst everyone was disappointed not to make it an unbeaten season, the whole club was delighted that the 1st XI finished top of division 3 and will be named league division champions and can look forward to promotion into division 2 next season.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI continued their excellent run of wins by beating Meigle by 96 runs, their largest winning margin of the season. Findlay Watt was man of the match, not only top scoring with 58, but also taking 2 wickets and 2 excellent catches. This is the fifth win for the second XI and they will finish a very creditable 7th in the league.



James and Peter Ross, who set a new club record as batting partners in the first League match of the season in April when Kinross 1st XI played Kinross 2nd XI

The club annual awards dinner is being held on **Saturday 15 November** at the Green Hotel. Please see the club website if you would like tickets: www.kinrosscc.co.uk

The junior awards were held on Wednesday 24 September at the Windlestrae Hotel. Ant Drew gave a review of the season and the following were presented with prizes.

Kwik Cricket Bronze Winner: Sara Cooke

Kwik Cricket Silver Winner: Rory Cooke

Kwik Cricket Gold Winner: Katy Robson

Inter Cricket Winner: Fred Culley

Under-11 Top Batsman: Calum Weir

Under-11 Top Bowler(s): Fred Culley and Gregor Stewart

Under-11 Top Fielder: Duncan Lewis

Under-11 Most Improved: Kirsty Clarke

Under-13 Top Batsman: Rory Weir

Under-13 Top Bowler: Mark McLaren

Under-13 Fielder: Max Koronka

Under-13 Most Improved: Grant Doig

Under-15 Top Batsman: Peter Ross

Under-15 Top Bowler: Peter Ross

Under-15 Most Improved: James Tree

Junior of the Year: Peter Ross

The 2008 season has seen significant improvements at all levels of the club with increased numbers and participation for all. The winter brings indoor coaching at Kinross High School and Dollar Academy for players aged 11-16 with specialist ladies and girls training at Craigclowan, Perth. In addition, more coaches commence their next level of coach education as part of the club's commitment to improvement. A full review of the year will be printed in the December edition of the Newsletter.

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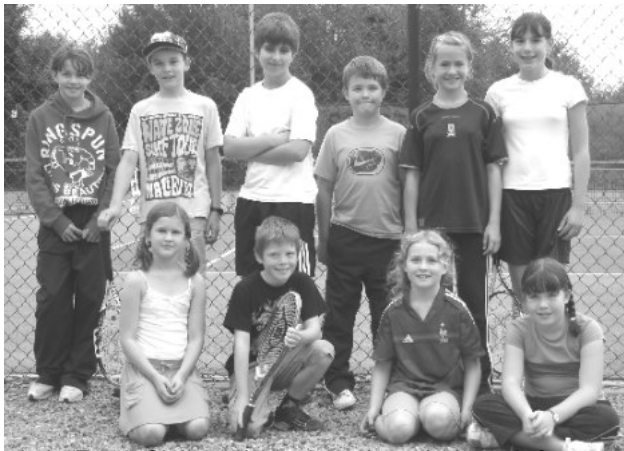
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Kinross Tennis Club

Well the tennis league season is now complete with the Perth & District matches finishing mid September. Both ladies and gents teams enjoyed their games and will have finished middle of their respective leagues.

The Tennis Tayside Henderson Vase competition (mixed league) has also completed and Kinross should remain in Division 3 next season after winning three, losing three and drawing the match with Craigmuir – probably the muddiest game of tennis we have yet played!

On 30 August junior members competed in a mini tournament to coincide with club championship finals day. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and received a goodie bag and certificate for their efforts, whilst the three sections winners, Rachel Campbell, Cameron McCloskey and Kirsty McCloskey received a medal. Special thanks to Gillian for organising the event, and to the other club members who helped on the day.



Junior Tennis Club members who took part in the end of season mini-tournament

The senior Club Championships ran fairly smoothly this year, albeit a lot of games seemed to be crammed into the final week and unfortunate last minute circumstances meant that two finals did not occur on finals day. The results were:

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners-up</i>
Gents Singles	Dougie Lennon	Ian Coulter
Ladies Singles	Gail Nelson	Maggie Byford
Gents Doubles	Jamie Hookham & Bob Young	Malcolm Strang-Steel & Stuart Wilson
Ladies Doubles	Tina King & Gail Nelson	Charmian Reid & Elaine Jessop
Mixed Doubles	Gail Nelson & Lex Aitken	Elma McCulloch & Dougie Lennon

On the social front..... a surprise 60th birthday celebration took place in the Kirklands Hotel for club member and past president, John Walker; we hope to enter at least one team in the Round Table Quiz Night on 26 September to raise funds for CHAS; and we are holding our inaugural **Ceilidh** in The Portmoak Hall on **Saturday 4 October** (tickets £8 including supper). Contact Sue on 01577 865617 for ticket enquiries. Junior Coaching continues on Fridays and Junior Club Night on Tuesdays; further information is available by contacting Gillian on 01577 861525. Senior Club Night continues on Wednesdays.

The club is always looking for new members and would encourage anyone interested in playing tennis, socially or competitively, to contact us. Tennis will continue throughout the winter thanks to our floodlights – please feel free to come along. Enquiries can be made to **Aileen Jones** on **07881 594093** or to any other club member.

Kinross Cycle Club

Kinross Cycling Club started turning its wheels this summer and is looking for keen cyclists to join to help get a much needed cycling club fully established in Kinross.



Cycling is an exhilarating way to get fit. It is also a low impact activity and a great way to cross train for other sports. Over the past few Sundays a group of six to eight riders have been enjoying Sunday morning spins on a variety of routes starting from Kinross. Rides take between 2 to 3 hours and whilst ridden at a brisk pace nobody gets left behind. On our rides we see plenty of other cyclists in ones or twos spinning their pedals on the pleasant lanes that surround Kinross. Hopefully you will consider joining our outings and enjoy the easy banter and camaraderie it brings. So don't be shy, give it a try!

Kinross Cycle Club meets at 9am every Sunday at Kinross High School.

Kinross Bowling Club

Unfortunately the outdoor bowling season is almost over again. The weather has been very unkind to us this year - rain, rain and more rain. Our ladies pairs on 3 August only just got started when the heavens opened and within ten minutes the bowling green was flooded. This had to be re-scheduled and is now on **21 September** (weather permitting). Our open pairs which was re-scheduled from 15 June to 31 August was again rained off - after each section had played three games and prize money was paid to the winning team in each section plus runners up in each section.

We managed to get a dry day for our friendly against Lochore and emerged the winners; an enjoyable day.

The "George Smith Trophy" was played on Saturday 6 September and was won by S. Stewart & G. Rennie with runners up A. Clark and Jim Cousar.

Finals are now ongoing and all we need is some dry nights to complete them.

The closing of the green is on Sunday 28 September with the Gibson Triples being played on that day; we look forward to seeing a good turnout.

We would like to thank all our sponsors - Purvis Plant Hire, Sidey Ltd, Meiklem Drainage and Kinross Round Table.

Also thanks to all ladies of the club for all the cooking and baking throughout the season, this is very much appreciated - also "the green team" for all the work on the green and surrounding areas.

Curling

Thursday After School Club

The above season begins on **Thursday 2 October** at the Green Hotel Ice Rink, from 4pm - 5.15pm. All enquiries and/or application forms (s.a.e. appreciated) to: Mrs Anne Porter, Middle Balado House, Balado, Kinross KY13 0NH. Telephone 01577 864018.



Kinross Volleyball Club

Indoor training has resumed at Kinross High School games hall on Monday evenings from 8pm to 10 pm.

The Perth District League resumes in November and members are preparing to defend the trophies they won last season in both Premier and Recreational Leagues.

Eilidh Child retains 400m hurdles title

At the Scottish Championships held at Pitreavie at the end of August, local athlete Eilidh Child retained her 400m hurdles title and in doing so twice broke the Championship best performance of 57.1 seconds, set in 2001 by Sinead Dudgeon. In the heat the clock stopped at 56.98 but the time was rounded up to 57.00 which also bettered her own personal best time of 57.11 set last summer at the European under 23 Championships in Hungary. In the final she was even more unlucky when, to her delight, the electronic clock indicated a winning time of 56.84. However due to a fault with the photo finish camera her time was rounded up to a 56.9 hand time.

On 6 September, in her last race of the season, she competed for Pitreavie at the BAL (British Athletics League) Plate final at Bedford and easily won the 400m flat in a new personal best time of 53.71, taking nearly half a second off her previous best time. In running the 400m in under 54 seconds, Eilidh managed to achieve the last of several targets she had set herself at the start of the year. In the end she finished third in the UK senior rankings for the 400m hurdles and 15th in the UK rankings for the 400m. In the Scottish rankings she finished first and third for the same events respectively.

With selection for the European under 23 Championships to be held in Kaunas next July a target, finishing seventh in the European under 23 rankings for the 400m hurdles is a notable achievement, particularly considering five of the athletes placed above her will be ineligible due to their age.

Although the 2008 season is over and Eilidh is currently on a three-week break from training, she is still as busy as ever having recently started her probationary year as a Physical Education teacher at Perth Grammar School. When asked about the 2008 season and how her new career might affect her athletics she said, "I had a great season and was able to achieve all the targets I set at the beginning of the year. I don't think my new job will affect me in any way as I will probably still have as much time to train as I did when I was at University." She added, "I am also very lucky that the track in Perth is right next to the school".

Eilidh went on to say "I would just like to thank all those who have supported me throughout the season including all the people in the Kinross area whose kind words of encouragement and enthusiasm have helped greatly, and I now look forward to more of the same next year".

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Kinross Squash Club



If you have played squash in the past or are currently playing but would like a few more challenging games, then do not hesitate to join the squash leagues or attend the monthly medal meet. You will find us a friendly bunch of players with a wide range of abilities.

The summer leagues have finished and the new leagues are now posted at the rear of the squash courts.

Numbers in the leagues are currently very healthy and we have 6 divisions of five or six players in each section.

Matches have to be completed towards the end of each month and players will move up or down the leagues accordingly. Winners of each of the divisions will be awarded a voucher for a free court.

If you wish to join the leagues please add your name to the results sheet which is pinned on the squash notice board. You will then be included in the next month's listings. We look forward to seeing you on court.

Winners of the August Leagues

Premier	Calum Johnson
League 1	Scott Finnie
League 2	Tim Corcoran
League 3	Steve Oliver/Allister Johnston
League 4	David Beaumont

Kinross United AFC



Fixtures

Sat 20 Sept	Five Cup 1st Round Kinross Utd v Strathmiglo Utd	2pm
Sat 27 Sept	Scottish Cup Buckhaven Town v Kinross	2.30pm
Sat 4 Oct	Scottish Cup Buckhaven/Kinross v Loanhead MW	2.30pm
Sat 11 Oct	League Kinross Utd v Leven Utd	2pm

We were pleased to be invited into the Kingdom Caledonian League this season. Although a tougher league, we are happy with our performance so far. The new pitch is now being used at The Myre and the local support is superb as always. Always looking for players or committee members. If interested call Sandy Fraser on 01577 865762.

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Kinross Rugby Football Club

The club had mixed fortunes in the first three league games.

Kinross 6 Mackie 15

Saturday 30 August saw Kinross host Mackie Academy FP's in the first league match of the season. The match at times felt like 15 versus 16 as the referee consistently awarded penalties in favour of Mackie. Two key refereeing decisions changed the result. Firstly a penalty awarded to Mackie which was quickly taken with the referee with his back to the play, talking to Kinross, yet still he awarded the try. The second incident was the sin binning of Ian Barnett for intent to stamp which was a poor interpretation of the new laws by the referee. These two decisions changed the result of a closely fought contest.

The Kinross lineout provided clean and quick ball for the backs throughout the game which produced some great attacking backs play which threatened to break the Mackie

of 23 points, yet this time this was reduced to a mere 9 points.

1. R Allan, 2. G Queen, 3. I Penny, 4. I Barnett, 5. G Wood, 6. D Lamont, 7. I Spence, 8 E Goudie, 9. C Carragher, 10. F Ross, 11. R Bruce, 12. D Wood, 13. T Coll, 14. J Leishman, 15. G Hardie, 16. C Love, 17. K Methven, 18. J Handyside

Aberdeen University 10 Kinross 15

A bus journey to Aberdeen, 6th September, with a match against the University had a number of twists before and after the match, a change of venue, no changing facilities and then no showers! The match saw Kinross again start slowly and Aberdeen University well deserved their 3 points from the early territory and possession. The remainder of the first half was all Kinross and we were unlucky to just get one converted try scored by Iain Spence this following a penalty scored by Gavin Hardie. Gavin Hardie slotted the conversion

match: Iain Spence

1. C. Glebochi, 2. K Tolson, 3. G Queen, 4. I Barnett, 5. C Love, 6. D Lamont, 7. I Spence, 8. G Harley, 9. C Carragher, 10. F Ross, 11. R Bruce, 12. D Wood, 13. T Coll, 14. B Weatherup, 15. G Hardie, 16. G Wood, 17. C Palmer

Kinross 0 Aberdeenshire 19

Saturday 13 September started with the official sponsor A-Plant presenting the season's new strips to Vice President Cameron Crawford (far left). A very big thank you to Colin Wight (far right) and the continued support of A-Plant is very much appreciated by all at Kinross RFC.

A difficult match, frustrating and decision after decision going in the favour of the visitors. Half-time saw the score 0 – 5 coming from a well worked overlap by Aberdeenshire scoring a deserved try. The half time score was a good representation of the play and with the second half it was believed Kinross were well in the game.

Two second half tries, the first from a quick penalty taken in front of and to the right of the referees mark, the second from a tackle on Chris Carragher where the Aberdeenshire player was within 5 metres of the penalty, turn over, a scrum, crossing and running a block, then a drive over the line. Finally, to rub salt in the wounds, a perfectly good debut try by Stuart Hunter in the last minute was ruled out for hitting the corner flag. The new laws change last year's decision of touch to a try when the flag is hit. A very poor refereeing display! Man of the Match: Dale Lamont.

1. E Goudie, 2. K Tolson, 3. G Queen, 4. I Barnett, 5. G Wood, 6. D Lamont, 7. I Spence, 8. G Harley, 9. C Carragher, 10. F Ross, 11. O MacKenzie, 12. L Carragher, 13. T Coll, 14. B Weatherup, 15. G Hardie, 16. C Glebochi, 17. C Love, 18. S Hunter

Kinross Cougars: In the youth section, the season got off to a winning start at the Dundee Eagles tournament with the club winning the fair play award. Well done to all the boys.

50 Club Winners: £50, Ursula Hintze and £25 Louise Livie.



Kinross Rugby Football Club (KRFC)

defence all afternoon. Captain Tom Coll made his comeback and put in some hard tackles in the centre of midfield which stopped Mackie in their tracks.

The Kinross back row worked well and ensured the opposition struggled to change possession into territory with much of the game played in the Mackie half. The speed and pace of the game from Kinross was a welcoming sight and a testament to the hard work put in by the players at training. The Kinross scores came from 2 penalties from Gavin Hardie. Man of the match: Dale Lamont.

On a positive note the overall performance was a marked improvement when the similar fixture at the end of last season saw a deficit

giving what now looked like a well deserved 3-10 lead at half time. With no time left on the clock, the University were awarded a penalty and with a poor kick Kinross failed to clear the ball and from the breakdown the University recycled the ball and went over for a try which they converted. Half-time 10-10.

The second half was fairly balanced but after 20 minutes and 10 minutes of play in the University half, Fraser Ross broke through a couple of tackles to score in the corner. The conversion missed, Kinross had a slender lead 10 – 15. The final 10 minutes were played with Kinross soaking up wave after wave of attack from the University but the defence held strong and a well deserved win. Man of the



News from the Rurals

CROOK OF DEVON - Mrs Margaret Arbuckle presided over the first meeting of the new session. Congratulating all those who entered the Kinross Show and did very well, especially Alice Johnson who won Community B best in show for her cream sponge, the rest of the business was concluded.

She then introduced Mrs Frances Drysdale who gave us an interesting and amusing talk on her visits to the Shetland Isles.

Competitions:

3 Pieces Traybake	- C Bennet
Flower of the Month	- S Lamont



Jams and cakes on display in the SWRI tent at the Kinross Show

GLENFARG - President Margaret Scott welcomed members and visitors to the opening meeting of Glenfarg WRI which was held in the newly refurbished Village Hall. After business she welcomed Betty Murchie and Margo King from Auchterarder, who demonstrated "Choc & Cheese" recipes with efficiency and humour. Lesley Murison proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Favourite Teapot	- M Cumming
Individual Cheesecake	- J Kirkland
Flower of the Month	- S Harley

CARNBO - President Eileen Thomson introduced Loch Leven Health Centre Practice Manager Jane McNaughton and Nurse Practitioner Lynn Pollock. They gave an enlightening presentation on the running of the Centre and the problems and benefits as the number of patients rise year on year. The new Health Centre should be open in about one year.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Molly White.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Elma Forrester
Prettiest Brooch	- Jessie Stirling

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in Cambo Hall on **Saturday 8 November**, 10am – 12 noon. Proceeds in aid of Marie Curie.

CLEISH - Mrs Margaret Kilpatrick welcomed all members, including two new members, to the September meeting. She thanked all who had participated in entries for the Perth Show and the Kinross Show, congratulating all who had received awards in the shows. Mrs Anne Bayne was presented with the Jameson Cup awarded for the most points gained in the Kinross Show.

When business was completed Mrs Kilpatrick welcomed our speaker Mr Douglas Watson, Chocolatier.

His talk entitled "The Food of the Gods" gave us a most interesting insight into the history of chocolate from the Mayans and Aztecs through Spain, Belgium, Switzerland and onto Britain in the early days of the Chocolate Houses in London. He introduced us to early flavourings from Chile and Spain. In short it was a most enjoyable evening with tastings and recipes enjoyed by all. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Kilpatrick. Tea was served and a small raffle held.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Marion Bisset
Chocolate Mouse	- Margaret Kilpatrick
Small Flower Arrangement	- Dorothy Morris



A highly unusual (and extremely impressive!) stand of knitted cakes and biscuits, entered into the Kinross Show by Glenfarg SWRI.

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Out & About



Vane Farm



Hiya peeps! OK, the auld grey matter wisnae in gear last month n ah fūrgoat tae pit sumthin in tae the ed (awfa sorry missus) before a departit on ma hols. Thanks tae Andrea fūr comin tae the rescue n gein ye sumthin tae read. I have bootit ma ain bahookie n severely reprimandit masel, onywey doon tae this month.

We hiv seen a lot o Ospreys this past wee whiley. Sum o them fleein throo n ithers hiv performed sum fancy fishin displays plungin richt in tae the watter sometimes comin oot wi a fish in the talons, gein the characteristic wee shoogle tae get the watter aff the feathers as they flee awa tae demolish the spoils oan a perch.

Alas in the next wee while they will be awa till next spring when they come back fae Africa again tae breed in sunny Scotia. Noo this kinda means that summer is comin tae an end, did it ever start..... ehheh naw !! So yin lot go, n the next lot arrive. We hiv hid reports the geese are headin this wey so a guess by the time yer readin this they will be makin a rackit ower heed as they flee oot fae the loch in the mornin (that's the alarm clock redundant then) which means it's autumn. At least we will see sum new ducks n stuff oan the reserve n loch as the winter migrants begin tae flood in. This is also a guid time tae start pittin up nestboxes so that yer wee birdie pals in the gairden can start tae investigate n pick a hoosie fūr next spring.

Talkin about "floods" ower the next few weeks we wull be clartin around wi the wetland as we aye dae at this time o year so ye micht see Donny digger howkin dirt n stuff about. A bit o watter has been escaping fae oor biggest watter body "the flood" so he will be bundin it up roond about tae try n stoap it gettin awa.

In the centre the "View Café" has gone green. Mibeas ye awe ready ken about this so apologies if ye do? A'll try n catch up eventually cos am kinda in the dark (nae surprise there then) about whit wiz in last month's bit fūr Vane. If ye dinny, we are noo organic, local n fair-trade. Visitors seem tae be ravin aboot the organic soup n breid we are noo servin! Nice selection o yummy organic cakes fūr yer delectation as weel, so why no gie it a go if yer in the centre. The next events comin up are "**Birdwatching for Beginners 4**" on **Saturday 18 October** from 11am – 1pm fōr big folks then 2pm – 4pm fūr wee folks along wi mum n dad. Efer that we hiv "**Feed the Birds day**" oan **Saturday 25th** whar oor Donna n mibeas me will give advice oan hoo to help wur feathered friends this winter. We micht even dae sum ithir birdie relatit things ennav fūr the weans n stuff.

A new event this year will be a **series o winter talks held at Vane** durin the week. Why no come along n fund oot aboot the fantastic wildlife oan yer doorstep, see sum nice pictures, ask ony questions ye feel like n stuff like that. The first yin o these will tak place oan **Wednesday 29 October**. The speaker will be Adrian Davies frae a company cried "Wild Outdoors". The talk will be oan "**Scottish Mammals**" an will stert at 7.30pm. All o these events apairt frae the feed the birds day are **advance bookin** so gie us a ring at Vane oan 01577 862355 to book yer places, first come first served type o thing.

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



Despite the weather, Discovery Day 2008 was well attended and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The Scottish Natural Heritage stall was busy with various games, information, and a display of the top ten entries to the Loch Leven Photography Competition. Congratulations go to Peter McLeod, Julie McLeod and Alan Lindsay fōr the winning entries in the senior category. Congratulations also to Kirsty Melton, who won the junior category with her image of a spider's web.

Elsewhere, three Ruddy Shelducks have recently been seen on the loch. This was a rare treat fōr those who caught a glimpse of the colourful plumage displayed by the vagrant trio.



*1st Prize Senior Category:
Poppy Landscape by Peter McLeod*

With the imminent return of Pink-footed

Geese, we are anticipating another autumn spectacle here at the reserve, and preparations are underway fōr various events taking place in the next month. Fōr a chance to see the geese at roost sites around the loch, come and join reserve staff on one of two scheduled Dawn Goose Watches. The walks are planned fōr **Sunday 12** and **Saturday 18 October** at 6.30am, meeting at the watchtower at the end of Kirkgate Park.



*1st Prize Junior Category: Spider's Web
by Kirsty Melton*

Our first Fungi Foray will be on **Sunday 5 October** from 2pm, when reserve staff will be joined by Tony Wilson fōr the British Mycological Society. The walk will be meeting at Findatie Car Park, taking you into

Levenmouth Woods. With a species record of almost 30 last year, we anticipate an interesting walk, and an opportunity to learn more about this fascinating seasonal group of organisms. The second Foray will be held on **Sunday 9 November** at 2pm, fōr another opportunity to see fungi before the frost sets in.

If you are interested in joining us on either of the Dawn Goose Watches or Fungi Forays, please contact the reserve office 01577 864439. If you'd like to meet SNH staff at the reserve, there will be a Meet the Wardens open session in the Boathouse Hide on **Wednesday 8 October** from 3-7pm. Why not drop in fōr a chat, or a look at the abundance of wildlife on display.

That's all fōr now folks.

Craig

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Farming



Farmers are constantly looking out for different and innovative crops to grow to improve the output, reduce the costs of their businesses, or to help improve soil fertility and structure. Oilseed rape has been a popular choice for arable farmers to provide a "break crop" between traditional cereal crops like wheat and barley, although it can be a tricky crop to harvest and the young plants are a delicacy for slugs and pigeons. Its deep roots can also cause problems in shallow drainage systems. Peas and Beans are useful as their roots store nitrogen extracted from the atmosphere by the growing plants, which is then available for the following crop to feed off. Plants which perform this task of "fixing" nitrogen have become increasingly useful especially since the price of industrially manufactured "bagged" nitrogen has more than doubled over the last 12 months.

Livestock farmers are increasingly turning to a plant which fixes the nitrogen from the air to help feed their grazing fields, although it is far from being a product of modern science. It is good old fashioned clover. Organic farmers in particular make great use of clover to feed nitrogen to the soil but it requires careful management of the growing crop of clover and the livestock grazing it. If the clover grows too dense and lush, cattle in particular can be in danger of bloat, which can cause them to suffocate if it isn't diagnosed and treated very quickly. Giving the cattle hay or straw to eat reduces the risk of them suffering bloat although persuading them to eat some can be tricky. To put it in human terms, if someone was to sit down at a table covered with chocolate biscuits, cream cakes etc, it is unlikely they would go looking for a hidden ryvita cracker to munch on, at least not for a while!

Cows aren't daft. They know what they like and when presented with an endless supply of something lush, green and tasty, they really go for it. The bellyache starts and before you know it, it's too late. Cows don't have Gillian McKeith to tell them what to eat and when and the consequences if they don't follow the rules.

Mind you, when you think of the size of Tupperware box she'd need for the "poo sample", it's probably just as well.

John

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Weather



August Weather Report From Carnbo

August turned out to be the worst of the three Summer months. Rainfall total was very high, with few days of prolonged sunshine, temperatures were not far from normal, but night time temperatures were high due mainly to the persistent cloud cover.

Rainfall for month	182 mm (242% of normal)
Heaviest fall	31 mm (6th)
Highest temperature	18°C (30th - very low!)
Lowest temperature	5°C (9th)
Average temperature	13°C
No days with maximum temperature above 20°C	
No days with maximum temperature below 10°C	
Lowest max temperature	11°C (6th)
Ground frost not recorded	
Sunless days	12
Cloud cover	75%
Thunder not recorded	

Highs and lows of Summer(?) 2008

Rainfall	372 mm (150% of normal)
Heaviest fall	36 mm (31st July)
Highest temperature	22°C (27th July)
Lowest temperature	2°C (21st June)
Average temperature	11.5°C (2007 12.5°C)
Total of sunless days	31
Thunder not recorded	

Main features of Summer 2008: the persistent cloud cover, especially during August; frequent heavy downpours of August, some of them heavy enough to produce flash flooding e.g. in parts of Fife and Dundee, and many other areas.

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Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	1 Mar-31 Oct Mon-Sat 1000-1700 Sun 1300-1700	£10.00	£7.00	yes(gdn)	0844 4932186 0844 4932186
Hill of Tarvit mansion & gdns, nr Cupar (NTS)	1 Sep-31 Oct Thu-Mon 1300-1700	£8.00		yes	0844 4932185
Grounds only at Hill of Tarvit	all year daily to dusk	£2.00		yes	0844 4932185
Kellie Castle & garden (NTS)	21 Mar - 31 Oct daily 1300-1700	£8.00	£5.00	partial	0844 4932184
Garden only at Kellie Castle	all year daily 0930-1730	£3.00		yes	0844 4932184
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	21 Mar - 31 Oct daily 1000-1700	£5.00		partial	0844 4932193
Scone Palace grounds only	21 Mar - 31 Oct daily 0930-1745	£4.50	£3.00	yes	01738 552300
Braco Castle gardens, Braco, FK15 9LA	1 Feb-31 Oct daily 1000-1700	£3.00	free	partial	01786 880437
Arnot Tower gardens, Leslie	6 May - 28 Oct Tues only 1000-1700	£3.50			01592 840115
Pittencreeff Park, Dunfermline	all year daily dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 726313
Cambo House, Kingsbarns, by St Andrews	all year daily 1000-1700	£4.00	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

Some of the gardens in the chart above and all of the gardens in the Special Days Open section are 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 charity named.

Special Open Days

The Annual Plant Sale and Fair takes place at Hill of Tarvit near Cupar on **Sunday 5 October** from 10am to 5pm. There will be a wide and interesting selection of locally grown plants and clumps of herbaceous plants at bargain prices. Also a Bring and Buy stall, a food and garden craft fair and a Gardeners' Question Time session. Light refreshments available. Admission to the plant sale is free. Standard admission prices apply to the mansion.

New to SGS, the Scottish Natural Heritage grounds at **Battleby, Redgorton** by Perth, PH1 3EW are open on **Sunday 5 October** from 1pm to 4pm, with a guided walk at 2pm. A collection of trees forms a designed landscape planted for autumn colour. As well as woodland, the 35-acre estate has lawns and a wildflower meadow. Route: 5 miles north of Perth, signposted from the A9. Admission £4 (40% to Trellis). Plant sales, refreshments, limited disabled access, dogs on leads welcome.

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Congratulations



EILIDH MCGREGOR, Lathro Park, Kinross and **MICHAEL OXNARD**, Bank House, High Street, Kinross were married on 20 August 2008 at Wedderburn Castle, Duns.

ROSIE BROOME, formerly of Mavisbank, Kinross and **DR SIMON HUANG**, formerly of Germany, were married on 29 August 2008 at Somerleyton Hall, Lowestoft. The couple will make their home in Norwich.

Steven Tawse and Josephine Vink would like to announce the birth of their son, **ROBERT JOHN TAWSE**, baby brother to Mia, born on 8 September 2008 at Forth Park Maternity Hospital.

Mark and Carolyn **ROSS** (née Main) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter **ABBIE ANN** on 22 August 2008. First grandchild for Linda and Tom.

Colin and Jillian **BELL** (née Frew) of Wilson Court, Kinross are delighted to announce the birth of their son, **MATTHEW ANTHONY**, on Sunday 14 September 2008 at Forth Park Hospital, Kirkcaldy. A brother for Olivia.

EILIDH MCGREGOR, Lathro Park, Kinross recently graduated from Glasgow University with a Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering.

TOM KITCHIN, formerly of Kinross-shire, has received another accolade for his restaurant, The Kitchin, in Leith, Edinburgh. The Kitchin has been named Restaurant of the Year, Scotland by AA Hotel Services.

JESSIE PORTER of Milnathort was given a special award by 'The Take a Pride in Perthshire' competition judges in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Milnathort in Bloom. Well deserved indeed.

*For more on the **Take a Pride in Perthshire** awards see Articles, p. 4.*

In the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, **ISHBEL MCFARLANE** of Burnbrae, Kinross, performed in the Edinburgh University Theatre Company's production of "Eight", which comprises eight monologues, written and directed by a fellow student. This production won three major awards: firstly, a "Fringe First" from *The Scotsman*, secondly the National Student Drama Festival Award which enables the play to transfer to London in late October, and thirdly, the Carol Tambor Award (known in the US as "The Best of Edinburgh") which provides an all expenses paid trip to perform "Eight" for two weeks in New York in January as part of an arts festival.

CLEISH PRIMARY SCHOOL has been praised by school inspectors in their recent report. Among points highlighted were the provision of stimulating and enjoyable opportunities for pupils to apply their skills across the curriculum; staff care for pupils' welfare, and the good or very good quality of teaching overall.

MOZOLOWSKI & MURRAY of Kinross has achieved Investors in People status. The company, which employs more than 50 people, specialises in the design and installation of hardwood conservatories. Investors in People is a national, externally assessed, quality standard that sets a benchmark for managing and developing people.

T IN THE PARK has won three awards at the inaugural Scottish Event Awards presented by The Drum. The festival held at Balado won the Green award and was named "Best Large Festival" as well as being selected as the Event Grand Prix winner.

Thanks



Sincere thanks must be given to **ORWELL OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE** for providing on 25 August the outing for local senior citizens. On a sunny afternoon, we travelled via Glendevon to Callander, then toured the beautiful Trossachs with its breathtaking views before going on to Stirling for high tea at the King Robert Hotel in Bannockburn. Our return journey via the Hill foats completed a delightful day.

THE FAITH AND LIGHT COMMUNITY for Perth and Kinross wish to thank **Joseph and Ann Giacomazzi** for providing the ice cream for all attending the Annual National Gathering which was recently held at Capability Scotland in Perth. This is the fifth year that they have kindly donated their homemade ice cream, providing the perfect ending to our celebrations.

FRANK HARLEY would like to thank the many well wishers for their cards and gifts on his retirement. from K. Trailers. A warm thanks to Robert and Freda Erskine and fellow workers for the send off he received from them.

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All Sunday morning services include a crèche (age up to three), Junior Church (three to Primary 7) and JamPact (Secondary age).

September

Sun 28 10.30am Morning Service.

October

Sun 5 10.30am Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

Sun 12 10.30am Morning Service.

Sun 19 10.30am Morning Service.

Sun 26 10.30am Morning Service.

Pram Service: Each Tuesday at 10am in the Church. All under 3s and carers welcome. Children's worship followed by coffee and juice. Contact Evelyn Cairns tel. 01577 863990.

Time to Pray: Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 7.30pm in the Church.

Midweek worship: Each Wednesday in the Reading Room of the Church Centre, 10.45am–11.15am.

Whyte Court: First Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm.

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

All are welcome to these services.

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

Crossfire: A fun evening (7.30pm to 9pm) on Sundays at the Church Centre for Secondary 1 age upwards. Contact Jaffrey Weir 01577 865780.

Premises to lease: The church welcomes the use of its premises by the wider community. It provides a suite of halls, meeting rooms and a kitchen at the Church Centre (contact Helena Cant, telephone 862923 or email helenacant@aol.com) and the main auditorium and two meeting rooms at the recently modernised church (contact Anne Miller, telephone 865610).

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Website: www.stjameskinross.co.uk

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

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

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

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

Church and Children's Sunday Club

Every Sunday at 10.30am

in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

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

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Rev Robert Pickles Telephone: (01577) 863461

E-mail: 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 Tuesday of the month at 4pm

Oasis Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15 - 11.45am last Friday of the month.

Fusion Portmoak Church New Room, Mondays 6pm

@spire Orwell Church Hall, 2nd & last Fridays 7.30pm

October

Sun 5 Formal Communion – Orwell

Fri 17 Church cleaning, both buildings

Sat 18 Church cleaning, both buildings

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

October Services

Sun 5 11.00am A joint service of worship and Communion at Lomond Centre, Glenrothes. Preacher Bishop David Chillingworth (no service at St Paul's).

Sun 12 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Family Communion Service.

Sun 19 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Family Communion Service.
Preacher Rev Ian Watt.

Sun 26 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Thu 30 9.45am, Service of Holy Communion with Prayers for healing.

Junior Church and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

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

Saturday Night Worship

(held once a month)

Next dates: **Saturday 27 September** 7.30 – 10pm

Saturday 25 October 7.30 – 10pm

Millbridge Hall, Kinross (parking available)

Heartfelt praise and worship Prayer for healing

Opportunity for testimony Refreshments

Books and resources Open to all

For further details contact Sarah Cosar 07795313864

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Sunday 10.30am Breaking of Bread

12.00pm Sunday School

5.45pm Prayer Meeting

6.30pm Gospel Meeting

Monday 7.15pm Prayer Meeting

8.00pm Bible Study

Wednesday 6.30pm Children's Club (term time)

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

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

Sunday Services	11.15am
Crèche	11.15am
Junior Church	11.15am

October

Sun 5	11.15am	Sacrament of Baptism
Sun 12	11.15am	Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 19	11.15am	Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 26	11.15am	Harvest All Age Worship

Fossoway Parish Church Church of Scotland

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

Sunday Services at 9.45am

"Wrigglers Group" (0-3 year olds), Junior Church and Teenage Group 9.45am

Tots Music: Friday mornings in hall, 9.30am-10.30am

Children's Yoga: Mondays 3-4pm, church hall

Housegroup/Bible Study group:

contact Margaret Hamblin (01577 850252)

Fossoway Church Choir rehearsals:

Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm-9pm

Wednesday evenings: Joint choir rehearsals

October

Sun 5	9.45am	Preacher: Reader Brian Ogilvie
Sun 12	9.45am	Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 19	9.45am	Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 26	9.45am	Harvest All Age Worship & Sacrament of Baptism. Newcomers' Lunch.

Acknowledgements

TOD – The family of the late Fay Tod sincerely thanks all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the kind expressions of sympathy following their recent bereavement. The cards, letters and telephone calls were so much appreciated.

Thanks also to Dr McCracken, Dr Osbourne and the Nursing Staff at Lochleven Health Centre for their care and attention, the Rev. Pickles for his most comforting service, and to all those who paid their last respects to Fay at Perth Crematorium. The retiring collection in aid of Rachel House, Kinross, raised £166.

LEGGAT – Babbie and family would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, cards and telephone calls received in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Rev Ray Gaston for his kind words and comforting service and to all those who paid their last respects to Jim at the Service at Perth Crematorium and for their kind donations given for Lynebank Hospital. Special appreciation to the Staff at Ward 2, Lynebank Hospital and to all the Doctors, Nurses and Staff at Loch Leven Health Centre.

Obituary

FAY TOD of 4 Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort, passed away peacefully at home on 15 August 2008 after a long illness. Fay was born in Dunfermline on 31 July 1925 to Isabella and Andrew Hunter and shared a happy childhood with her eight sisters and two brothers. Her Mum and Dad were farming folk and the family lived and worked on various farms in the Fife and Kinross area. Fay was educated at Queen Anne High School in Dunfermline.

During Fay's late teenage years her sister Mary met and married Jim Tod and as a result Fay met Jim's brother Dave, with whom she fell in love. Dave was called up to serve his country in the Second World War fighting in many locations including India, Burma and Java.

During that awful period, Fay too, like many other sweethearts and wives, was doing more than her "bit" for the war effort as she was employed in Rosyth Dockyard which was one of the major military installations in Britain and a prime target for the German bombers.

Like so many of that generation, Fay bravely got on with it, made the best of a terrible situation and waited for her Dave to safely return. They lived through difficult times and had to deal with things which hopefully we will never experience, but they got on with their lives, did what they had to and as a result we have the privilege to live in this country with freedom. We have so much to thank the older generation for and that should never be forgotten.

On Dave's return from the war Fay and he became engaged and, on 30 August 1947, they were married in Dunfermline. They settled happily into married life, with Dave back working on the farms including Burleigh and The Channel in Milnathort and finally moving to Bridgefauld Road in 1956 where they remained as a family for over 50 years. Their happy marriage produced their six children, namely Hamish, Isa, David, Linda, Janice and Avril.

Fay's beloved husband and children were the most important part of her life. She was the heart of the family and this deep love was returned by all of her children throughout her life. Fay was never judgmental or critical, always loving, encouraging and supportive. As long as she had a warm, comfortable, home with food on the table and her children around her, healthy and happy, then she was more than content.

Over the years there were sad times too but as ever Fay was there to soothe any worries, hurt and pain. She encircled her husband and children and their partners and families with unconditional devotion and love.

Steadily the family grew from their six children to the present total of 14 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren, all of whom will have their own special memories of Granny Fay.

On 17 August 2005 Fay's beloved Dave, her wonderful husband of 58 years passed away very suddenly, and a light went out in her life. She missed him so much but still remained strong, as ever a shining example to her family.

Fay was a wonderful woman as a wife, mother, mother-in-law, gran and great gran and is irreplaceable. Fay Tod truly was "One in a Million".



Playgroups & Nurseries

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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

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

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

Contact Carolyn Robertson 01383 831129
Venue - Portmoak village hall

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15
Contact - Lesley 01577 865191

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

LOCHLEVEN TWOS 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 Pam Jones 01577 864839 or Sophie Butcher 01577 863288 for further details

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - Lucy Lomas 01577 864868

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Moubray Hall, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

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



SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacre.co.uk



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

Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.00-11.30am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

Storycraft Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Storytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

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 Alisa 07796 213312 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: Alissa 830124

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Village Hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

9.30am to 11.30am during term time

A health snack is provided for children and tea/coffee and biscuits for carers.

First session free and £1.50 thereafter. All welcome.

Contact Claire on 07796 320182 or just come along.



Notices



Kinross-shire Round Table



3rd ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL

The Pier, Loch Leven

Saturday 27 September

Beers – Lagers – Stouts – Ciders – Perries

Music from local bands

Tickets £8 from Round Tablers and Sands the Ironmongers

Perthshire Open Studios ART EVENT

A chance to meet artists and purchase pieces of their work in local venues or studios.

Saturday 27 September to Sunday 5 October

10am to 5pm

Order a brochure from Karole Jackson on 01738 477834 or

visit www.perthshirestudios.com

Kinross-shire is on the Turquoise route.



Children's Hospice Association Scotland
Sharing the Caring

Rachel House Open Evening



Children's Hospice Association Scotland
Sharing the Caring

The Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) would like to invite residents of Kinross to visit Rachel House on **TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER** between 7.15pm and 9pm (last admissions 8.30pm).

This is an opportunity for local residents to see inside Rachel House when there are no families staying (barring emergencies), as well as learning more about the work of CHAS. There will be trained staff and volunteers on hand to answer any questions, as well as literature to take away and our new DVD will also be shown.

We look forward to welcoming you. Refreshments available. Enquiries to Alison on 01577 865222 or alisonrennie@chas.org.uk

Children's Hospice Association Scotland
Charity no SC019724 www.chas.org.uk

Lodge St. Serf No. 327



October

Wed 1st

Visitation to Lodge Thane of Fife No. 781
Cowdenbeath to confer a Fellow Craft
Degree, leaving from Masonic Hall at 19.00.

Tue 7th

Regular meeting at 19.15. Fellow Craft
Degree with candidate.

Tue 21st

Regular meeting at 19.15. Master Mason
Degree with candidate. Degree being worked
by Lodge St. John Corstorphine No. 788.

All Brethren welcome to attend all Degrees.

Also names being taken for **Children's Christmas Party**
on **Saturday 13 December**.

Website can be viewed at www.stserf327.co.uk

Dollar Music Society

We have an exciting series of concerts for the 2008-2009 season as listed below:

- 4 Oct Meadows Chamber Orchestra.** Programme to include Wagner: Siegfried Idyll; Dvorak: Aldhammer Album (for strings); Copland: Music for Theatre (piano); Schubert: Symphony No 5
- 15 Nov Amici Winds** (flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, bassoon). Programme to include works by Ibert, Debussy, Francais, Gershwin, Pieme, Parker.
- 7 Feb The Davinci Piano Trio** (violin, cello, piano). Programme to include works by Brahms, Mozart, Ravel.
- 14 Mar Ceol Alba** (flute, violin, harp, bass, piano). Programme to include Early French Dances, Scottish Pieces (Bruch), Piano solo, Mozart, Bizet.

Concerts take place in The Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy and start at 7.30pm. Admission: £7 per adult (children free). Concerts normally last about 2 hours and at the interval you can enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink. The standard ticket price at each concert is £7 for adults and you are most welcome to come along to one or more of the concerts, but you would gain substantial savings by becoming a subscribing member. Membership also means that you will receive advance information about concert outings and any other events as they occur during the year. Membership costs £19 (single) or £36 (family).

Dollar Music Society is a member of Making Music, and all our concerts are subsidised by Enterprise Music Scotland with funds provided by Scottish Arts Council. We look forward to welcoming you and hope you will enjoy our concerts. For more information please contact Andrea Ross tel: 01259 742014 or Sarah Herdman tel: 01259 742761.

Lancastria Association of Scotland COFFEE MORNING

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Saturday 11 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Lancastria Display, Stalls, Raffle, Lucky Ticket Draw

Tickets £2.50 or phone Fiona Symon 01577 863879

All proceeds to the Lancastria Memorial Fund

Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

*** Please note change of date!! ***

Dance Along With Jackie

on **Saturday 11 October** at 8.00pm

Entry £2 for non-members.

Annual Bus Outing Crafts for Scotland and Hobby Crafts

Sunday 26 October

SECC Glasgow

To book tickets and more details

by 16 October

Telephone Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785

Clocks Change

British Summer Time ends at 0100 GMT on

Sunday 26 October

Remember to put your clocks back one hour the night before

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

Monday 20 October 3.30pm to 8.00pm
Tuesday 21 October 5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

Kinross Floral Art Club

Thursday 23 October

At the Windlestrae Hotel at 7.15pm prompt
Demonstration by Mrs Evelyn Young entitled
'C is for Christmas'

New Members and visitors welcome



Kinross-shire Round Table Toddlethon for Children in Need



Sunday 2 November

1:30pm in Kirkgate Park

phone 01577 864713 for more details

Carnbo WRI COFFEE MORNING

in Carnbo Hall

on **Saturday 8 November**, 10am to 12 noon
proceeds in aid of Marie Curie

What's on around Loch Leven in October with SNH and RSPB

(see also page 29 for more information)

Sun 5 **Fungi Foray*** with SNH. 2pm Findatie car park.

Wed 8 **Meet the Wardens.** Boathouse Hide, 3pm-7pm.

Sun 12 **Dawn Goose Watch*** with SNH. 6.30am.

Sat 18 **Dawn Goose Watch*** with SNH. 6.30am.

Sat 18 **Birdwatching for Beginners**.** Bring binoculars if you have them. Adults 11am-1pm, Family session 2pm-4pm. RSPB members £3, adult non-members £4. Family: £8 members, £10 non-members (2 adults & 3 children).

Sat 25 **Feed the Birds Day** at Vane Farm, noon to 3pm.

Wed 29 **Scottish Mammals**** talk at Vane Farm, 7.30pm.

*For these SNH activities, phone first on 01577 864439

****BOOKING ESSENTIAL** on 01577 862355 (Vane Farm).



Healing Rooms Kinross

The Healing Rooms (part of an international organisation) takes place every Thursday from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Millbridge Hall. Healing Rooms is manned by a team of Christian volunteers from every denomination freely offering their time and prayers. Everyone is welcome and no appointment is necessary.

For further information please call 07766515950 or 07732485305 or visit www.healingrooms-scotland.com

Kinross-shire Historical Society



Meetings are held in Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month.

Subscriptions: Adult £6; Senior Citizen £5. Visitors £2 per talk. No charge for Under 18s.

Programme for 2008-2009

20 Oct Early Aviation in Bishopshire: A history of Portmoak Gliding Club. Joe Giacobazzi.

17 Nov Shipwrecks and protected wrecks in the Firth of Forth. Ian Archibald.

15 Dec "By Ruin'd Arnot": The story of Arnot Tower and the Lands of Arnot in SE Kinross-shire. Professor David Munro MBE.

19 Jan Kinross in the 1940s: Jim takes us on a walk through a very different Kinross. Jim Paterson, Gallowhill Farm.

16 Feb Guddling among the Graves (part 2): The background, history and practicalities of Scottish graveyards and their artistic importance. Dr Hamish Brown MBE.

16 Mar Risky Business: A history of General Accident Insurance and some amusing claims. Susan Payne.

Annual General Meeting.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

Charges as from 1 July 2008 are:

Perth, Dunfermline

£8

Stirling, Kirkcaldy

£8

Dundee

£15

Edinburgh

£15

Loch Leven Health Centre

£3 from all areas



If you would like to join us and help carry on this very much appreciated service, then contact our Co-ordinator, Ann Munro, on 01577 840196 for more information.

Blythswood 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 Blythswood 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 October

between 10.30am and 11am

at Somerfield's car park.

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945

mbs21@btinternet.com

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: Trudy Duffy-Wigman (01577) 840669,

duffy.wigman@btinternet.com

Portmoak: Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

Kinross Community Councillors

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

Perth and Kinross Councillors

Kathleen Baird, Easter Clunie, Newburgh, Fife, KY14 6EJ

Tel (home): 01337 840218.

Email: kbaird@pkc.gov.uk

Michael Barnacle, Moored, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ. Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

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Sandy Miller, c/o Perth & Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH. Tel (business): 01577 840462.

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William Robertson, 85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA. Tel (home): 01577 865178.

Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

Member of Parliament

for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanks.net

Email: constituency@gordonbanksmp.co.uk

For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

Waste Paper Kerbside Collection

Next uplift in Kinross, Milnathort and Glenfarg:

Thursday 23 October

You can recycle the following materials in your blue-lidded bin: Brochures, leaflets, magazines, newspapers, office quality paper and the contents of junk mail. Do not put envelopes or plastic wrappers in this wheedie bin. Place bin on kerbside by 7.30am on morning of collection.

Kinross Temporary Library County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

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

MSP for Ochil Constituency

Keith Brown MSP

will be holding regular

surgeries throughout his constituency area.

For information on dates, locations and to book an appointment time, please contact his assistant on **01259 219333**.

Keith can also be contacted by email at

keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

or by writing to **80 Mill Street, Alloa, FK10 1DY**

Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

MSPs for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

Claire Baker MSP (Scot Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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Email: Ted.Brocklebank.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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Elizabeth Smith MSP (Scot Cons) Tel: 0131 348 6762

Email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm

Saturdays 10am - 12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

Mobile Library – Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: 8 & 22 October

Blairingone	9.30am - 9.45am
Westerloan, Milnathort	1.45pm - 3pm
Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort	3.05pm - 4pm
Any queries telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949	

Regular Library Sessions for Children

Story Telling for pre-school children takes place in Kinross Library every **Tuesday morning** from 10.30am to 11am, and every **Wednesday afternoon** from 2.15pm to 2.45pm. No need to book, just come along.

Rhythm and Rhyme sessions take place on the **last Wednesday of the month** at 9.45am at LOCH LEVEN LEISURE. All babies, toddlers and carers welcome. No need to book.

Bookstart Book Crawl for children aged 0 to 4: on each visit to the library, children are given a sticker. After collecting five stickers, they are awarded a certificate.

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

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

Weekly Programme

Monday	Elderberries	1.30 pm		
Tuesday	Bingo	1.30 pm		
Wednesday	Morning Service	10.45 am,	Quiz Afternoon	1.30 pm
Thursday	Art Class	1.30 pm,	Film Afternoon	1.30 pm
Friday	Carpet Bowls	11.00am,	Scrabble	1.30 pm

Additional Events for October

Halloween Party Thursday 30 at 1.30 pm



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



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.

Are you suffering from Macular Degeneration?

A meeting is held by the Support Group at The Blind Society, New Row, Perth on the last Wednesday of the month. If you are interested or require further details, please contact **Hazel Rennie, telephone 01738 442358.**

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays** 9am to 7pm
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Aluminium & Steel Cans, Car Batteries, Cardboard, Engine Oil, Fluorescent Tubes, Electricals (inc Fridges, Freezers, Televisions & Monitors), Garden Waste, Glass Bottles & Jars, Inert Waste, Metal, Paper, Phone Directories, Plastic Bottles, Textiles, Wood.

School Holidays 2008-2009

	<i>start date</i>	<i>end date</i>
Autumn Holiday	Mon 6 Oct 2008	Fri 17 Oct 2008
Christmas Holiday	Mon 22 Dec 2008	Fri 2 Jan 2009
Spring Holiday	Mon 6 Apr 2009	Fri 17 Apr 2009
Academic year ends		Wed 1 Jul 2009

In Service Days

2008: Thursday 20 November, Friday 21 November.

2009: Tuesday 17 February, Monday 20 April.

Other Holidays

May Day: Monday 4 May 2009 (to be confirmed).

Friday 13 and Monday 16 February 2009.

Free Energy Saving Advice

Freephone 0800 512 012

Free, impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home, sustainable transport choices, small-scale use of micro-renewables etc. Advice to individuals, communities and small businesses.

Recently bereaved? Needing some support?

AMONGST FRIENDS

(Bereavement Group)

meets at the gathering room behind Portmoak Church
on the last Thursday of the month, 7.30pm-9pm

A warm welcome awaits all. For details phone

Hazel 01577 863461 or Marg 01577 863557

Diary

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Sat	27	Come and Try Curling for wheelchair users and visually impaired
Sat	27	Round Table Charity Beer Festival
Sat-Tue	27-30	Perthshire Open Studios art event
Mon	29	Milnathort Bridge Club resumes, 7pm, Loch Leven's Larder
Mon	29	Prize giving for Civic Trust Best Kept Village & Hamlet competition
Tue	30	Open Evening at Rachel House

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Wed-Sun	1-5	Perthshire Open Studios art event
Wed	1	Kinross Bridge Club resumes, 6.45pm, Kinross Church Centre
Wed	1	Kinross CC meets
Wed	1	Lodge St Serf visit to Cowdenbeath
Thu	2	Kinross-shire Fifty Plus Club meets
Thu	2	Curling After School Club begins for season
Fri	3	Common Grounds Pot Luck Supper
Sat	4	Kinross Tennis Club Ceilidh
Sun	5	Fungi Foray with SNH
Tue	7	Fossoway & District CC meets
Tue	7	Story telling for pre-school children
Wed	8	Meet the SNH Wardens
Wed	8	Mobile Library visits Blairingone and Milnathort fortnightly
Wed	8	Story telling for pre-school children
Thu	9	Milnathort CC meets
Thu	9	Kinross Garden Group meets
Sat	11	Lancastria Association Coffee Morning
Sat	11	Orwell Bowling Club Social Evening
Sat	11	Portmoak Film Society presents: The Kiterunner, 7.30pm
Sun	12	Dawn Goose Watch with SNH
Tue	14	Core paths plan available to view at Green Hotel
Tue	14	Portmoak CC meets
Sat	18	Kinross in Bloom basket and barrel work
Sat	18	Curling Beginners course begins
Sat	18	Dawn Goose Watch with SNH
Sat	18	Bidwatching for Beginners
Mon, Tue	20, 21	Blood Donor Sessions
Mon	20	Kinross-shire Historical Society meets
Mon	20	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Mon	20	Cleish & Blairadam CC meets
Tue	21	Blythswood Care collection
Thu	23	Floral Art Club meets
Sat	25	Summer's End Market
Sun	26	British Summer Time ends
Sun	26	crafts hobby outing to Glasgow
Wed	29	Rhythm and Rhyme for babies and toddlers

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Sun	2	Toddlethon in Kirkgate Park, organised by Round Table
Mon	3	Deadline for local Blythswood Shoe Box appeal
Mon	3	Official opening of Loch Leven Heritage Trail
Thu	6	Kinross-shire Civic Trust talk and Shield presentation
Sat	8	Cambo WRI Coffee Morning
Sat	15	Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade 125 year celebration Dinner Dance
Sat	15	Kinross Cricket Club annual awards dinner
Sun	16	Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade 125 year Re-dedication service
Thu	27	Floral Art Club coffee and 'Floreat Flora', 7.15pm Church Hall
Fri	28	Common Grounds AGM