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Letters

Editorial

We are getting to that time of year when we need to think not only about the festive season but beyond! Regular readers will know that there is no Newsletter at the start of January, instead we publish a joint January/February issue in late January. So if your community group is planning an event for the first couple of weeks of January and you want everyone to know about it, you'll need to make sure it gets into the December issue.

The relevant dates are:

Deadline for December issue: Monday 17 November, for publication on Saturday 29 November.

Deadline for Jan/Feb issue: Monday 12 January, for publication on Saturday 24 January.

Apology: We apologise for the error in last month's Newsletter where the wrong date was given for a staffed Core Path consultation session. It is still possible to comment on the plans, see page 37.

Congratulations to TRACKS and all those involved in the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, which officially opens on 3 November. We'll bring you coverage of the opening ceremony next month.

Speaking of great assets for Kinross-shire, congratulations also to the Kinross Curling Trust on the news that their bid to bring the National Curling Academy to Kinross has been successful.

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

Abbreviations Used

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15.10.08

I would just like to inform the readers that after sending a copy of the piece I put into August's Newsletter regarding parcels and packets no longer being left at Milnathort Post Office for collection, the manager at Kinross Delivery Office, Wayne, came to see me within a couple of days.

He informed me that the office was adhering to national instructions, that he appreciated the difficulty for some people to go to Kinross to collect parcels but stressed that it was just as difficult in bigger towns and in the city as in the country. My interpretation of what he was saying was that the Royal Mail was no longer a service but a business and operated accordingly.

Wayne also stated that he would not be in a position to reply to my letter to the Newsletter but if I know of anyone else who was unhappy I was to direct them to him personally and he will explain the situation. The telephone number for Kinross Delivery Office is 862295.

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News & Articles

Poppy Scotland

As happens every year, red poppies have appeared in many outlets in Milnathort. 2008 is the 80th anniversary of the end of the First World War and Poppy Scotland is asking the Scottish public to help raise two million pounds. Last year the money raised was a paltry 38p per poppy, but the people of Milnathort are far more generous. My thanks to the local businesses who make room on their counters for poppies and collecting tins. Any other local business people who would like a delivery of poppies, please phone me on 01592 840668. Wear your poppy with pride.

Helen Glover, Milnathort Poppy Organiser



Plea to Ex Service Personnel

Kinross CC has for many years organised the Remembrance Day Parade in Kinross. Since the demise of both the British Legion Club and the Ex Serviceman's Club in the town, the number of ex-service personnel attending the parade has been diminishing. The CC would like to appeal to any serving or ex-service personnel living in the Kinross area to attend the parade. A wreath has always been laid on behalf of ex-service men and women and it would be encouraging to see more of them take part in the parade. If you require more information please contact the CC Secretary, Margaret Scott, 21 Ross Street, Kinross, email: mbs@btinternet.com

Talk by local author

Perth and Kinross Libraries and Lifelong Learning invites you to a talk by local author Derek Flory, whose recently published book *Torn Apart* has been widely publicised in the press, radio and television. *Torn Apart* has had five-star reviews from many publications throughout Britain and abroad. It is a heart wrenching and true story of two inspirational women which appeals on many levels. Derek presents the story in an interesting and amusing way and brings the story to life. There is an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the talk.

The event will be held in the Loch Leven Suite, The Green Hotel, Kinross on **Thursday 27 November** at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £4 and are available from the A K Bell Library in Perth and at Kinross Library.



Local author Derek Flory

New Rates for Typed Adverts

As from the December 2008 issue, we are introducing two rates for Typed Adverts, depending on their size. See page 1 for full details.

For advertisers who run continuous typed ads and are billed on a six-monthly basis, our Treasurer will check the size of their advert and adjust the invoice accordingly.

New ice rink for Kinross - town wins prestige Academy and HQ bid

A state-of-the-art curling ice rink – home to a new National Curling Academy – will be located in Kinross, following a decision made by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (RCCC). As reported in last month's Newsletter, the bid to be the location of the proposed Academy and the new headquarters of the Royal Club had been whittled down to two: Kinross or Ratho, near Edinburgh.

On 16 October Colin Grahamslaw, Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Club said, "We are delighted to be able to announce Kinross Curling Trust as our preferred partner for this project. Kinross's historic location makes this a perfect home for the National Curling Academy and we are pleased that this decision will also have the benefit of securing the future of curling in Kinross for the long term."

At a meeting in the Green Hotel on 22 September, Jamie Montgomery, leader of the Kinross bid, explained to local curlers that the current ice facility at the Green Hotel has only about five years' life left. Built around 1976, it is very inefficient in terms of energy. Lack of insulation between the play surface and the ground underneath has created a problem with 'heave', as parts of the ground below are permanently frozen.

Following the RCCC's decision, Jamie Montgomery said, "The announcement that the Royal Caledonian Curling Club's proposed new National Curling Academy is going to be located in Kinross is extremely exciting and will be a huge boost to the town. The local area has long had a strong curling tradition centred on Loch Leven and Kinross Curling Club is believed to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest club in the world. The prospect of a state-of-the-art curling facility in Kinross, catering for both local curlers and national elite squads, furthers our aspiration to become the genuine curling centre of Scotland."

The proposed site for the new ice rink is the Market Park, opposite the Green Hotel. To minimize the impact of a new building on this open green space, the building would be as far to the south of the site as possible, on the golf club car park. New combined parking for the ice rink and golf club could be provided on the north part of the Park. The building will be owned by the Kinross Curling Trust and secured on a long lease. The Trust will be a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. Its board will be made up of at least eight trustees, two nominated by the RCCC and six elected by the members, who will be local curlers.

The building will house six sheets of ice (up from the current four at the Green Hotel) with full supporting facilities, offices, meeting rooms and a museum for the Royal Club's curling artifacts.

The RCCC announcement included the statement, "Funding is expected to be a mix of public funding, trust funding, loans and donations from local curlers. The Royal Club will be contributing towards the costs of the offices and the RCCC Charitable Trust will assist with the funding of the museum."

It is hoped the facility will be open in time for the 2010-2011 season.

Loch Leven Community Campus

As you can see when you pass the site of the new campus, the building is really taking shape. The construction phase is going very well and is in fact slightly ahead of schedule. The intention is that all the walls and roofs will be in place before Christmas so that the building will be watertight before the weather potentially gets really bad.

Behind the scenes, the Investment in Learning core team is putting the final touches to the design of the multitude of different spaces within the building in terms of the furniture and fittings.



*Under construction - changing facilities for the school Gym
Photo courtesy of Laing O'Rourke*

The Business Change team is engaging with both community user groups and partner services with a view to establishing the best way to access and use the new campus facilities.

Laing O'Rourke, the construction company, are organising a Construction Day in school for 30 October. This will be a fantastic opportunity for a number of our pupils to get an insight into the wide range of career areas which exist within the construction industry.

The new campus will open in just over a year from now and the 'countdown' in KHS has already begun. I hope that the excitement which will undoubtedly grow in the school will be mirrored in the local community, as we all look forward to using this fantastic new facility.

Derek Morris

Investment in Learning: In-school Coordinator

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For those who enjoy Craft Fairs, it normally means a trip to Perth or further afield. This month, however, Crafts4U Events are putting on a Christmas Craft Fair at the Green Hotel (entry is free). All the crafts showing are handmade in Scotland with many from the local area, including designer greetings cards, scarves, jewellery and art.

The Fair is on **Saturday 8 November** from 10am to 4.30pm and the Green Hotel will be putting on a Christmas Coffee and Cake special.

Crafts4U Events hope that this will be the first of many fairs to be held in Kinross, so why not support this local initiative and find some great Christmas gifts at the same time?

Grants for Insulation

If you receive certain benefits or are aged over 70, you should qualify for some kinds of free insulation work on your home. Other people may be entitled to grants allowing up to 75% of the costs to be covered.

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Loch Leven Heritage Project

by Felicity Martin

Hurray, the Loch Leven Heritage Trail is finished! The official opening on Monday 3 November marks the culmination of a great deal of hard work by many people from Kinross-shire and further afield. Do come along to the Kinross Pier at 11.30am to help us celebrate its completion and to meet those involved in making it happen.

The Trail is a real triumph for Kinross-shire – a lasting asset that is one of the finest developments of its kind in Scotland. It is rapidly becoming the envy of towns and villages throughout the country. Significantly, the project was initiated and run locally for local benefit.

In developing the project, TRACKS has brought together communities around the loch and provided strategic links with access networks developed by local groups. It has been very much a partnership effort, with many different groups and organisations participating in one way or another. TRACKS and its partners have succeeded in creating a resource that is accessible to all and that helps people to adopt healthier lifestyles. For the first time, there is safe, off-road access around Loch Leven for all who live in, work in or visit the area.

Moreover, the project has created an 'open air museum', providing this and future generations with the opportunity to enjoy and learn about the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Loch Leven area. The trail combines real sites and sights with imaginative artworks and interpretative materials. The result is a stimulating and informative experience for all who use it.



Workmen install an oak seat that has text and a bronze plaque
Photo: Neil Kilpatrick

Trail completion

The third and final phase of the physical Trail was finished last month and TRACKS has been waiting for the surfaces to settle and for goose screening to be put in place at Carsehall before opening it to the public.

A busy schedule of installations during October has seen the following put in place: marker stones; directional signage; monoliths with interpretative information; and seats, many fitted with interpretive text and bronze plaques symbolising elements of the local heritage. Also, the gateways have been built at Kinross Pier and Burleigh Sands, with the remaining one at Findatie due for completion in November.

Other enhancements that are on-going or still to do include a viewpoint over St Serf's Island from the Trail at RSPB Vane Farm and refurbishment of the Kirkgate Watchtower.



The Watchtower is being plastered and decorated inside, and a couple of features are being added to make it more of a landmark. A flagpole is being installed on top, so that a flag can be flown when events are being held in the park, and a night light is being put in the upper room, to symbolise the ancient presence of a watchman to look after the graves.

Already, an estate-railing fence has been installed between the Watchtower and loch, providing a more attractive border to Kirkgate Park than the previous post and wire fence. In addition, the old gate has been restored by Ratho Byres Forge and re-hung between the stone pillars. They are also producing new railing to go up the side of the Watchtower steps.

Trail leaflet

You should find a copy of the new Loch Leven Heritage Trail leaflet in this month's Kinross newsletter. Further copies are available from many outlets around Kinross, including the Tourist Office in County Buildings, the Boathouse Bistro at the Pier, Loch Leven's Larder, RSPB Vane Farm and some local shops.

Opening event

Monday 3 November promises to be an exciting day with Mark Beaumont, who is the Guinness World Record Holder for cycling around the world, completing the Loch Leven Heritage Trail with 15 young local cyclists. On arrival at Kinross Pier, Mark will give each of the youngsters one of the badges he has collected from around the loch. These represent Loch Leven's unique heritage sites and handing them over symbolises this local heritage being passed on to the next generation.

Councillor Willie Robertson will be the master of ceremonies, first introducing Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director, to the assembled company. After Neil has given some background about the project, Andrew Thin, Chairman of Scottish Natural Heritage will perform the opening ceremony.

The BBC are expected to be covering the event and other media have been invited. This will be a historic day for Kinross-shire. We hope you will be there.



New marker stone by the path to the Boathouse hide
Photo: Neil Kilpatrick

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Microlighting at Balado

So what else happens at Balado when "T in the Park" is not taking place? In September this year Pegasus Flight Training took the lead to continue aerial activities on the airfield. Formerly a WW2 Spitfire base, the airfield is now home to the latest in microlight aircraft. Established in 1999, Pegasus offer training and trial flights and operate all year round utilising five instructors and six aircraft when our Scottish weather allows. Marcus Dalgetty is the chief flying instructor and has now gathered over 5000 hours airtime in microlights. He is a CAA examiner and the operation is approved to run flying instructor courses for those seeking an alternative way of earning a living.



Microlight aircraft will operate all year round from Balado

The school uses the P and M Quik aircraft which are the fastest in open cockpit technology. Cruising at speeds of up to 100mph, you can quickly reach most corners of the country within a very short time indeed. The aircraft use 100 horse power engines that give them significant rates of climb but are also able to land in a distance less than 100 metres. With a five hour flying endurance, a full tank could take you as far as Kent in one go. From Balado Park you can fly to the west coast in around one hour which unlocks all the small strips on places like Gigha, Jura, Mull and Colonsay to name but a few. The resident club runs regular west coast trips and some of them just for one day. The two full time instructors, Marcus and Bill Davis, achieved 1040 miles in one day from Perth to almost Marseille, setting a distance record.

Pegasus also operate a hang glider towing operation which uses a microlight to pull a pilot and his glider to 3000 feet and then release them into the rising air currents. They also offer a tandem experience for those who would like to give it go.

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I am not a financial advisor. For overall financial advice you need to look elsewhere, but evaluating how you use increasingly expensive gas and electricity in your home is, I believe, probably one of the safest and most profitable investments you could make right now. Why?

Well, firstly, it isn't really energy in the sense of kilowatts of electricity or gas we want, but the service, the heat and light provided by the energy. So, if you are using more energy to get the same service, you are basically wasting money; a bit like driving a car in the wrong gear, or worse, with the brakes on. Energy efficiency is about getting the same, or more service for less money.

Secondly, your return on an energy efficiency investment will grow as energy prices rise. We live in a world with finite fossil fuel resources and growing competition for what remains. Whatever happens in the short term it's very likely that prices for those resources will rise significantly in the longer term. Investing in insulation, a better boiler, or draught reductions are like an insurance policy, or a hedge, against price rises.

Thirdly, the return you make on your investment means more money in your pocket, and less in someone else's, namely the utilities.

Fourthly, you don't pay any tax on your profits from energy savings. You do, however, pay tax on the energy you use. Who wants to pay more tax!

To start out you can do a DIY energy audit of your home. Type that into Google and you'll find lots of help and information. Or you can commission a professional energy survey which will identify opportunities specific to your home and the way you use it. This could involve specialised equipment such as a blower door for draught detection, a thermal imager which shows heat in a palette of colours, and comprehensive heat loss calculations which will identify the most cost effective measures.

I've emphasised here the money saving aspects to energy efficiency. There are also other benefits to be gained. These include increased comfort and other environmental impacts. If you are looking for an investment that is clean, green, safe and profitable, you don't need to look much further than your front door!

Andrew Ramponi

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Which way to Mongolia?

"6 guys, 2 bangers, 10,000 miles, 1 goal – Charity!"

On 18 July 2009 six members from **Kinross Rugby Football Club**, going by the name "Nutz n Boltz", will be attempting the Annual Mongol Charity Rally. This 10,000 mile trip will be made in two vehicles departing from Kinross and arriving in Ulan Batar, Mongolia some five weeks later. The only rule for the rally is – that we must attempt this ridiculous challenge in a vehicle with an engine no greater than 1000cc. The trip is very similar to that of Ewan McGregor and Charlie Boorman's epic trip on 'Long Way Round' although, once we leave Kinross, we will be completely unsupported, having to negotiate border crossings and deal with car repairs en route with no back-up.



The Nutz n Boltz team, from l to r: Duncan Wood, Mark Harvey, Carreron Crawford, Chris Carragher, Ian Harley, Liam Carragher

There is no designated route so to speak and in previous years teams have navigated their way as far north as the Arctic circle and as far south as Afghanistan. To date, we haven't confirmed our route but it looks as though we will try to pass through Turkey, Iran, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Russia to name but a few to achieve our goal, before crossing into Mongolia.

Our goal collectively as a team is to raise as much money as possible for charity. We are backing three charities: the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS), the Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF) and the Mercy Corps TAN project.

We plan to hold three fundraising events, starting with a **Race Night on 22 November**.

For a trip of this magnitude and this dangerous we are looking for huge support from the community of Kinross. Various sponsorship routes can be made, whether it be corporate or individual donations. We are also open to challenges en route no matter how ridiculous they might be – for the right price we are willing to do pretty much anything! We are still selling advertising space on our cars but a full corporate sponsorship guide can be found on our website and we have set up "JustGiving.com" for individual donations.

Alternatively, donations can be posted to Chris Carragher at The Orchard, St Ronan's Drive, Kinross, KY13 8AA.

Website: www.nutznboltzwebs.com

Race Night Tickets are on sale (£4 pp inclusive of nibbles) from KRFC bar or from Mark Harvey 07730515100.

Extended Citizens Advice Service

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau has extended its overall service by providing support to patients, their carers and/or relatives and individuals in a community in their dealings with the NHS and other matters affecting their health. The service is provided through the **Independent Advice and Support Service**, a project funded by Tayside Health Board.

Through the Independent Advice and Support Service (IASS), Perth Citizens Advice Bureau can help people to:

- Raise concerns informally to try to resolve issues with the people directly involved in providing their care,
- Complain about any aspect of their treatment or care, and guide them through the complaints process,
- Feed back any comments they may have about the NHS.

The Perth Citizens Advice Bureau also continues to support clients in other areas, which may have an impact on their health and well-being by:

- Helping patients to understand their rights and responsibilities with regard to NHS services,
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0870 124 3812 or simply advise to contact the local **Citizens Advice Bureau**.

Please note that the IASS caseworker may arrange an Interpreter or Translator through the NHS in order to enable access to the IASS and NHS complaints system.

Outreach service returns to Kinross

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau will start a new service in November 2008. A CAB surgery will be held fortnightly, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. No appointment needed.

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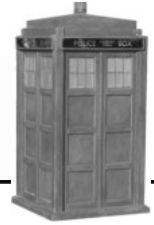
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Clock Change

By the time this article goes to print, the clocks will have changed and we will have less daylight in the evenings which means that potential thieves can hide under the cover of darkness for longer. We would urge householders to be more vigilant with regard to the security of their homes. Do remember, a house that looks unoccupied is tempting to criminals. Householders might be well advised to consider the following crime prevention measures.

- Set timers on internal lights.
- Fit or check external security lights.
- Lock ALL doors, windows, sheds, garages and other outbuildings.
- Put away garden tools and ladders.
- Install an intruder alarm AND REMEMBER TO USE IT.
- Set blinds and curtains to deter "window shopping".
- Mark valuables with your postcode and house number.
- Finally, be a good neighbour. If you see something suspicious, contact the police immediately!

For further information please contact your local crime prevention officer: PERTH & KINROSS 01738 892937.

Also in relation to this subject and with regard to road safety, drivers should be aware that children, particularly at weekends, will be out and about playing or coming from or going to their homes in darkness, and that they are not so easy to spot. Parents should ensure that their children are not out too late on their bicycles unless they have the proper lights fitted to them and are preferably wearing reflective clothing. Indeed, all cyclists should ensure that they have proper lights fitted to their bicycles if they are going to be out during the hours of darkness.

Winter Weather

So far this year we have not experienced winter weather in the form of frost and heavy snow, but we have experienced heavy rain and flooding as well as high winds. We would like to remind drivers, of all types of vehicle, to be careful and to drive at speeds and in a manner that takes into consideration the various weather and road conditions. Before embarking on a journey it is wise to check what weather might be encountered en route and to carry warm clothing, food, and other equipment that might prove useful should the weather turn nasty. If in doubt, don't travel. We would also like drivers to ensure that before setting off on journeys, even small ones, they warm up their vehicles and clear their windscreens of snow and ice. Vehicles can stall at junctions if they are cold, which is hazardous, and, apart from being an offence, driving whilst peering through a small aperture on a frosted windscreen is not a safe practice.

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Kinross Community Council

News from the October Meeting

Present at the meeting on 1 October were: CCllrs D Cuthbert (Chair), D Colliar, M Blyth, S Bathgate and M Scott (Secy). Also in attendance were P&K Cllr W Robertson, P C Child and nine members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs D Mackay, C Watson and I Jack and P&K Cllrs Miller, Barnacle and Baird. CCllr L Mackay was not present.

Police report PC Child had nothing to report. He noted two points raised by Cllr Robertson: a road safety issue and a concern about the woods by Talla Park.

Co-opted members: Mr J Richardson has provided evidence of eligibility. He and Mr Davies will be invited to the next meeting.

A977: Cllr Robertson has written to Keith Brown regarding his concern that there will be increased traffic volume but no additional funding. The CC agreed to stand by its statement that it is in favour of re-trunking, but would welcome the allocation of funding to improve the road. CCllr Colliar stated that if the road was re-trunked it would be maintained 24 hours a day during the winter as opposed to 18 hours at the moment.

Derelict Building, Swansacre: CCllr Cuthbert has still to draft the article for the Perthshire Advertiser. Cllr Robertson had asked the Council for an update but had not received one. However, he has heard that the Council is planning to remarket the property. He suggested the CC write to the Chief Executive.

Kinross Primary School: CCllrs Cuthbert and L Mackay had met with the Headteacher, Mrs King. It was explained to her that the feedback from the CC questionnaires indicated that the majority of people agreed that the Primary School should be moved into the High School site. Mrs King reiterated that she was against this move. One other concern was that the children are moved without any changes to the fabric of the building.

School sites/Kinross town development: Peter Marshall of P&KC could not attend the CC meeting. However, he feels it may be more appropriate to discuss the High School site at the Kinross-shire Forum, due to meet on 19 November. He also said there is little further he can add to the briefing he gave to the Kinross ABI Group last month. His colleagues in Education and Children's Services have no plans for the Primary School site and as such he does not feel that there are any planning issues which he could discuss in relation to

it. If the CC wishes to discuss the Primary School site and the operation of the Primary School, he suggests it would be more appropriate to contact the Director of Education and Children's Services. The CC had intended to address other issues with Mr Marshall in relation to the development of the town; it was agreed that this be explained and that he be invited to another meeting.

Gordon Banks MP had planned to attend the CC meeting but was called away. He will reschedule for next year.

Levenfields Path: According to P&KC there is no reason why the path could not be opened and have raised this with the builders. GS Brown, however, have refused on grounds of safety. Cllr Robertson has convened a meeting with the petition organisers and invited a representative from the CC to attend.

Grass cutting: CCllrs Cuthbert and Bathgate met with Nigel Taylor from P&KC's Grounds Maintenance Dept. CCllr Cuthbert reported that there is a reluctance within the Council to accept

contacted the Convener of Environment Services and stressed he was not at all happy about this situation. Nigel Taylor is to provide a list of the items to be addressed and with the assistance of Kinross in Bloom plants would be purchased for next year once a costing was available.

Grass area at McBain Place: CCllr Colliar stated that the Council has always cut this area. He said there had been a 3ft fence between the path in front of the houses and the grass area. It was in a state of disrepair and the Council eventually removed it. It has never been replaced and drivers park vehicles on the grass and drive over this area. The Secy was asked to write to P&KC asking if a barrier, e.g. a fence or row of shrubs, could be erected.

Bus service at Park & Ride: Cllr Robertson said P&KC has also written to the bus company asking for the decision to be reversed. The CC has not received a response yet to its letter.

Provost's Lamp: An acknowledgement has been received from P&KC.



The volume of traffic using and parking in Swansacre is becoming a concern

that there is any sort of problem with ground maintenance, although they did admit to being behind schedule. For example, CCllrs Cuthbert and Bathgate were shown a list of works in relation to Mill Street (pruning, spraying etc) and this has not been carried out. Cllr Robertson advised that on an achievement level Kinross environs (Kinross, Milnathort etc.) scored 27 out of 100 in August which was a very poor grade. CCllr Cuthbert mentioned that there has only been one spraying of weeds in the town this year and that in Perth the bulbs were planted on 4 June, whereas this was carried out in Kinross on 20 June. Cllr Robertson

Swansacre/Piper Row Residents: A delegation expressed concerns in relation to the volume of traffic and parking in this area. Charles Haggart of P&KC attended a meeting with them on 30 September and is to discuss certain points with the Council. A survey of this road is to be arranged and another meeting is planned for November. The main issues are: access difficulties for emergency vehicles, delivery lorries etc caused by non-residents parking; road users ignoring traffic signs at each end of Swansacre; lack of pedestrian footpath along various parts of the street and the pavement being obstructed by vehicles; problems with

exiting Swansacre onto Station Road due to obstructive parking in Station Road; lack of yellow lines along certain parts of route; amount of litter at the MOD Hall. Cllr Robertson suggested that a member of the CC attend the next meeting.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications: There were no objections to the following applications: 08/01648/MW Land Adjacent To The A977 To The East Of Balado Home Farm Modification of condition 10 (hours of operation) of previous consent (04/01322/MW).

08/01730/FUL 1 Dawson's Court, Balado: Installation of stove with flue pipe.

08/01707/OUT Site South Of Middle Balado House: Residential development (in outline): This is for outline permission for 4 houses to the rear of the property.

08/01834/FUL 12 Montgomery Way: Extension to dwelling house.

08/01864/FUL 10 Hatchbank Lane, Gaimey Bank: Extension to dwelling house.

Planning Applications Determined by P&KC: A list was given. Most related to alterations to domestic properties. Other applications, which were approved, include: Installation of new shopfront and ramped entrance and display of sign for Baynes Bakery; Change of use from industrial to storage for Lochleven Mills; Erection of a riding centre at Baltree Farm, Hatchbank (08/01200/FUL).

Training for New Planning (Scotland) Act 2006: Consultation on draft regulations has delayed this. Training for CCs is now expected to take place in early 2009.

Planning Act for Scotland: In 2007 a number of changes were made to the system, including an increase from 14 to 21 days to comment. P&KC has recently approved the appointment of an additional planning, admin and enforcement officer. They state that CCs can help to maintain the improvements to the service if they agree: to receive an email version of the Weekly List; to inform the Council within one week of the Weekly List being provided of the CC's intention to comment on an application by email; plans etc can be requested and posted out but P&KC recommends that the "Public Access" site

be used; the CC should submit its comments with 21 days of informing the Council of its intention to comment (or of the date on which the plans are sent out if requested). After discussion it was agreed that the preferred timescale would be 28 days to comment, especially as the CC only meets once a month. The Secy will send this comment to P&KC.

Report from P&K Councillors

Cllr Robertson stated that: Kinross-shire signs are now on the M90. The official opening of the Heritage Trail will take place on 3 November. Cllrs Robertson and Barnade are hoping that P&KC will agree to a 40 mile speed limit on the A977 approaching Kinross.

Correspondence

Fencing: BEAR have repaired the boundary fence and removed the mattress.

Draft Core Paths: Information was given on how to view and comment on the final draft.

Housing in the Countryside Policy:

Communication from P&KC seeking comments on a Strategic Environmental Assessment scoping report in relation to the 2005 policy.

Roads Dept Meeting: A letter following a meeting with Stuart D'All was received and covered various issues:

1. Criteria for the siting of safety cameras explained.
2. The effectiveness of vehicle-activated signs.
3. Additional yellow lines near the Muirs Business Centre would only push the parked vehicles along and create the "chicane" further along the street.
4. The Burleigh Sands road is part of a P&KC review of speed limits on A and B roads with an accident history or where there is widespread disregard for the existing speed limits.
5. The Sustainable Transport Officer has received two enquiries regarding the area immediately around the new school.
6. The mini-roundabout at Ochil View/ Station Road will be inspected, taking on board the CC's comments.
7. As stated in previous correspondence, it is not possible to have a roundabout at the junction of Springfield Road and the Muirs: give-way lines would have to be pulled back to accommodate a roundabout but then visibility would be restricted by

the high wall nearby.

8. P&KC remains in discussion with Cllr Barnacle over the A977.

Developer Contributions: Supplementary Planning Guidance. Documents can be viewed on the P&KC website.

Postwatch Scotland is merging with other bodies to form the new National Consumer Council.

Newsletter: A letter was received from Eileen Thomas, Newsletter Editor, requesting that Newsletter sub-committee meetings are minuted. It was stated that no minutes are taken at sub-committee meetings. Mrs Thomas, who was present, had contacted P&KC who confirmed that minutes of sub-committees should be taken, as indicated by a clause in the constitution. It was agreed that Cllrs Cuthbert, Colliar and Watson would check the constitution and alert the CC to any amendments required. In response to a query from a member of the public there was discussion as to the operation of the Newsletter, and the position regarding insurance.

Other Business

Dog fouling: The Secy will write to P&KC requesting that the dog wardens visit Kinross.

Millbridge Car Park: The Secy will write to P&KC asking if it would be possible to cut back the trees or erect another lamppost to improve visibility.

Kinross High School workshop: CCllr Cuthbert attended an event on 30 September which was a risk assessment for the new high school. This was billed as "public consultation" but notice had been very limited and only three members of the public attended. He has indicated his concerns to Maria Walker of P&KC. No-one from the Primary School had been able to attend. Cllr Robertson has written to ask for another meeting.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 5 November in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross at 7.30pm.

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.

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the October Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Lamont, Smith, Porter and Thomson to the meeting on 10 October in Milnathort Town Hall. Also in attendance were Minute Secretary E Rougvie, P&K Cllr Baird, PCLynne Petrie and eight members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Bennet.

Police matters: PC Petrie reported that there had been a couple of incidents in Milnathort involving youths aiming BB guns and catapults at people and cars. Those responsible had been identified and a report sent to the Procurator Fiscal. The weapons were in the possession of the police and were likely to be destroyed. PC Petrie said that luckily no-one had been injured but the consequences could have been very serious. PC Petrie told the meeting that Tayside Police were employing extra staff in order to improve performance at the communications centre. Already the percentage in terms of answering 999 calls within 10 seconds was above the national average. However, CCllr Giacopazzi expressed dissatisfaction with the speed with which non-emergency calls were answered. It had taken him three or four minutes to report a recent incident, by which time the situation had resolved itself.

Crossing patrol officers: Cllr Baird said that Milnathort once again had two crossing patrol officers, but there remained a shortage of people on the supply list who could fill in when necessary. Anyone in the community who is interested in joining the supply list should contact P&KC.

Traffic surveys: Cllr Baird reported that following the traffic surveys carried out in the village during the summer, a number of measures had been identified. These included upgrading the pedestrian facilities at Wester Loan with dropped kerbs, and installing build-outs at the New Road/Burleigh Road and South Street/Church Street junctions. No timescales for the

work had been put in place but it was likely that P&KC would address the CC before it began.

Planning matters: The following applications were noted: Alterations to house at 9 Burleigh Castle Steading; erection of a conservatory at 5 Wellfield; erection of a house with attached garage at Newlands Wood, Newlands Farm; extension to house at Abaco, Old Perth Road.

Change of use from agricultural to off-road training facility and associated works at Athronhall Farm (retrospective). The applicant was in attendance to explain the activities that took place on this piece of land, which were aimed at promoting safe off-road quad biking and motor cycling. He had many years' experience and operated to strict guidelines. The CC had no objection to the application and wished the applicant well.

Correspondence

Seggie Crossroads: CCllr Thomson had received a letter from a member of the public concerned about an application that had already been granted to re-build an existing house at Seggie crossroads. The house was directly adjacent to the roadside and the correspondent feared there was 'an accident waiting to happen' as six timber lorries had been seen to burst their tyres in the past few weeks. Since the application had already been passed, it was too late for the CC to comment, but members of the public are still able to see the plans or view them online.

Proposed takeaway at 104 South Street: CCllr Cottingham had a letter from the Scottish Government advising that the appeal against refusal of planning permission had been dismissed.

Flooding: CCllr Giacopazzi reported on a memo he had received from Peter Dickson, P&KC engineer, which outlined the reasons why the council had decided not to dredge the Back Burn. The burn was not silted up beneath the culverts at Wester Loan and New Road, and the flood prevention scheme had, if anything,

reduced the amount of sediment present at the culverts. There were a number of problems associated with dredging the burn and it was considered that completing the scheme was a better alternative. CCllr Giacopazzi, who accompanied Mr Dickson on a site visit on 27 August, said he had been surprised to see that there was no appreciable silting in the burn, although during discussion it was suggested that it could be that it had been washed away during the wet summer. CCllr Giacopazzi said he was still not satisfied with the measures that were being taken to prevent flooding and had been in touch with a reporter from the Courier to highlight the fact that the village had been forgotten. Cllr Baird will also raise the issue.

Bus stop: A letter was received from P&KC indicating that new bus stops were to be installed in Stirling Road.

Heritage Project: The CC received an invitation to the opening of the Loch Leven Heritage Project, to be followed by lunch in the Green Hotel. CCllrs Porter and Thomson will attend.

Association of CCs: A letter requesting that a co-ordinator be appointed. CCllr Lamont will fulfil this role.

Minutes of P&KC: CCllr Cottingham will read these on behalf of the CC, but anyone else is welcome to see them.

Developer contributions: CCllr Giacopazzi had received, in triplicate, a letter from P&KC about their proposals to increase contributions by developers to help pay for infrastructure, education and other costs. This was because the population of Perth and Kinross had grown and pressure was being put on the Council to provide the infrastructure needed to support new housing. CCllr Giacopazzi strongly criticised the policy in the light of the current financial crisis and the fact that there were half-completed sites all over the county as a result. He described it as a 'draconian tax' on developers, who in some cases were being asked to pay up to £40,000 per house. Only certain larger developers would be able to survive. There

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had been a 30-day consultation period, which had now ended, but CCllr Giacomazzi described it as 'a sham' and said that the questions had been worded so that the council would get the responses it wanted. Unlike other authorities, P&KC had not informed developers of their proposals and he said that the issue of developer contributions should be part of a Scottish Government policy, not imposed 'ad hoc.' After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Giacomazzi will compose a letter, to be approved by his fellow CCllrs, making the following points: that the consultation was a sham; that the proposals were being made at a catastrophic time for the building industry; that previous population projections could not be justified in the light of the fact that no houses were being sold, and that the issue should be part of a national policy. Following the discussion, Cllr Baird made reference to the council's £1 million deposit in the failed **Icelandic bank**. She said that the sum was at the lower end of the scale compared with other local authorities and no services would be cut.

Planning Aid for Scotland: An invitation was received to training sessions aimed at educating CCllrs in planning matters and

advising them how to address them. CCllrs Thomson, Lamont, Smith and Porter will attend, and CCllr Giacomazzi will book their places.

Planning Act: A letter was received from P&KC about the new Planning Act for Scotland, under which it's hoped to speed up the planning process. CCs will no longer be consulted automatically and are asked to give advance notification of their intention to comment on an application if they wish to do so, which was felt to be impractical. It was recognised that some CCs lodge objections frequently, but this is not the case with MCC, who already act in accordance with the council's recommendations. CCllr Cottingham will deal with the matter.

Other Business

Venue of CC meetings: CCllr Giacomazzi had had an e-mail from P&KC suggesting that future MCC meetings could be held in Kinross High School. The unanimous opinion of the CC was that this was not appropriate and if the idea was to save energy it was felt that this would be more than outweighed by the fact that people would have to drive to Kinross.

Tillywhally Wood: CCllr Lamont had located the plaque to mark the opening of

the woodland and will arrange to have it put up.

Loch Leven Campus: CCllr Smith reported on a meeting he had attended in Kinross High School about the new Loch Leven Community Campus, which was progressing ahead of schedule. More information was now available and there will be further meetings to discuss the issue of risk assessment. CCllr Giacomazzi hoped that people who wanted to use the campus for business or social use would not encounter too much bureaucracy, but P&KCllr Baird did not feel this would be the case and that it would very much be a part of the community.

Best kept village: CCllr Porter extended her thanks to all the people who had helped Milnathort win the Kinross-shire Civic Trust Best Kept Village award. She said that she felt very proud that local people had made such a significant contribution.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 13 November in Milnathort Primary School.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the October Meeting

A meeting was held on Tuesday 14 October at Portmoak Primary School. In attendance were Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Jim Shepherd, Mike Hally, Stuart Garvie, Charles Weedon, Alistair Smith, Margaret Wilson, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle and several members of the public.

Police Report

The Police had submitted a report stating that they had attended three incidents of interference of cars in Kinnesswood.

Chairwoman's Report

Phase 3 of the Heritage Trail will be opened on 3 November. Everyone is invited to attend.

and still insisted that the nearest Post Office was Ballingry. POL obviously ignored the lack of convenience of reaching Ballingry from Portmoak.

The Secretary had received a letter from **P&KC Development Control** informing the CC in improvements in the service provided.

The CC had received a letter from P&KC Planning regarding the **proposed training** for the New Planning Act. There has been a slippage in the Scottish Government's timetable, so the course will not now be held until February 2009 at the earliest.

The CC had received a letter from P&KC Planning regarding the **Amended Housing in the Countryside Policy** December

outline costs. These will be investigated further along with consultations with the appropriate landowners, sources of funding and reported back to the CC.

The CC has received a copy of the Core Path Network proposals for the whole of Perthshire and Kinross-shire.

Roads Matters

There had been a site inspection along with officials from P&KC Roads to determine the final positions of the proposed build-outs for the Traffic Calming in Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood. P&KC Roads will examine the proposal for high friction material at the top of the Howgait, Scotlandwell. A Kinnesswood resident queried whether any consideration had been given to the possible increase in air pollution due to traffic stopping and starting. The CC pointed out that P&KC had considered many alternatives and considered that the proposal was the best one, but the Secretary will write to P&KC Roads asking them about Air Quality.

The Secretary had received copies of letters to residents in Auchmuir Bridge and Wester Balgedie, regarding the application of high friction material to the road surfaces at critical bends in both these villages.

Planning Matters

08/01803/FUL Erection of a dwellinghouse Balneathill House, Easter Balgedie. Copies of letters of objection had been received by the CC. The CC will object.

08/01649/REM Erection of dwellinghouse with attached garage, Newlands Wood, Newlands Farm, Milnathort. This application is totally contrary to the conditions placed on the Outline Consent. The CC will object.

08/01927/FUL Erection of dwellinghouse, drainage works and associated works, Wester Balgedie Farm. The CC has already objected to this unchanged application which has also been rejected by the Council. The CC will object again.

Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle made the following reports: The Border signs for Kinross-shire have now been positioned on the Motorway signs, however there is no further budget left for any additional signs. P&KC are reviewing the current Wind Energy Policy and Guidelines.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be on Tuesday 11 November at 7.30pm in the Portmoak Primary School. Visit our Web Site at www.portmoak.co.uk



Meghan & Niamh Brown, the youngest "Kinnesswood in Bloomers", stand by the Flower Tots bed near Portmoak Primary School. Photo: Jim Finnie of "Take a Pride in Perthshire"

Kinnesswood in Bloom has won first prize in Beautiful Scotland. They would like to put up a sign displaying the result. The Secretary will contact P&KC Roads.

The Association of Scottish Community Councils is having a meeting for all CCs at the Scottish Parliament on 22 November. The Chairwoman reminded the meeting about the Kinross-shire Fund. So far there has only been one request for funding from Portmoak. The Fund can be contacted at www.kinross-shirefund.org or at the Scottish Community Foundation 0131 524 0300.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had received a letter from **Post Office Ltd** following the CC's letter to Adam Crozier. Despite being fairly lengthy, the letter revealed nothing new

2005. It had been pointed out to P&KC that they had failed to carry out a Strategic Environment Appraisal as required by Government procedures. P&KC now intend to carry this out and they are now advising the CCs of the preparation of a Scoping Report for the Appraisal. The CC has until 24 October to respond. The CC raised the question of the current validity of the amended Policy and will write to P&KC asking whether the policy will be held in abeyance until the SEA is complete and a new policy ratified. This would mean that any policy applying under the amended policy would be refused.

Paths Group

A report had been prepared on the Michael Bruce Way following a site inspection with the P&KC Countryside Ranger. A number of options were advanced with

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Fossoway and District Community Council

News from the October Meeting

The meeting on 7 October at Moubray Hall, Powmill was attended by CCllrs A Morrison, T Duffy Wigman, I Farquar, A Lavery and H Johnson. P&K Cllr M Barnacle and 18 members of the public were also in attendance. There were apologies from Hugh Wallace who was unable to attend and from Lynn Boulter and Lorna Stronach who have both resigned from the CC. The CC apologise for the change of venue from Blairingone School which was not available due to school holidays. There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: There have been several break-ins, mainly of outbuildings, building sites and farm buildings with thefts of such items as stihl saws and nail guns. Police are asking the public to look out for vehicles which might be strange to the area and to pass on details for investigation.

Neighbourhood Watch has fallen by the wayside in a number of areas and police are looking to re-vamp the scheme. There will be a check to ensure that police have a note of details of all co-ordinators. There seems to be a problem re communication which will be looked into.

CC vacancies: The CC has six months in which to hold elections for the two vacancies. The process will begin after Christmas, but anyone who may be interested is urged to come forward.

A977 petition: There have been about 1,000 signatories to the petition for the A977 from around 600 households in the area. Cllr Barnacle indicated that there should be more signatories from Balado and the petition will be submitted to Holyrood along with maps either this month or early next month.

The CC has received a document re **Developers Contributions** which it has had to deal with at short notice owing to deadlines. This is in relation to planning gain and levies on developers who are required to contribute to the community. The CC has expressed the view that the issues are different for rural areas e.g. in relation to roads, flood risk, affordable housing etc. It is proposed that there will be ring-fencing of funds and the CC has suggested that this should take account of the needs of particular areas.

Report from P&K Councillor Barnacle The Heritage Trail will open in November.

Border signage: There is now a Kinross-shire sign on the motorway.

T in the Park: Notes have been sent to the organisers of T in the Park and there will be a meeting in November to review the last event.

Housing in the Countryside Policy: The Council is reviewing this. Cllr Barnacle will ask for clarification on such issues as:

when does a group of houses amount to a "settlement", and how can engineers reports be made a requirement?

Appeals: The following are currently/have been the subject of appeals: Four houses at Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home.

"The Brae" at RB has been granted planning permission on appeal. There is an ongoing appeal in respect of Monarch Deer Farm. At the time of the last meeting, Cllr Barnacle had not seen the submissions from GS Brown. Cllr Barnacle has sent another letter to the Reporter re GS Brown who have said that the local plan was out of date, whereas this is not the case.

A Morrison said that the CC should write to supplement the comments made in respect of the Housing in the Countryside Policy, as the CC has a view that in respect of steadings, existing buildings should be used and that these should not be demolished to build "mini housing estates". Previous representations have been largely ignored and it has come to the attention of the CC that there is often an application made later for new agricultural sheds.

Planning

08/01561/FUL Formation of an Equestrian Centre including utility shed, indoor riding school, stables, erection of 4 chalets/cottages and 7 dwelling houses all with associated car parking, land at Easter Muirhead Farm, Blairingone for Mr Ron Brady: This is the second application (07/01798/FUL was the original application) for the further development of an established Equestrian Centre. Chalets are proposed for the accommodation of those attending courses and the houses are intended for management and riding enthusiasts' accommodation. A group of three existing cottages is to be retained. The existing equestrian facilities will be retained to ensure continuity of operations during the redevelopment which is intended to improve the facilities with a view to attaining the status of a Centre of Riding Excellence. Deferral is recommended by F&DCC to determine and agree the extent of mitigating measures necessary to ensure the viability of this development and safeguard the interests of local people who will be affected. The proposed Equestrian Centre improvements are otherwise welcomed in the interest of fostering business and employment in a rural area.

08/01562/FUL Extension to dwelling house, Atholl Cottage, Blairingone for Mr & Mrs J Reekie: F&DCC recommends approval.

08/01597/FUL Erection of holiday lodge, Cairnfold Bungalow, Blairingone for Mr W Shortreed: F&DCC recommends approval subject to amending the siting of

the lodge to avoid overlooking the bungalow and the removal of the existing mobile home, and the application of occupancy restrictions on the holiday lodge.

08/01641/FUL Erection of a race horse facility with 18 stables, training area with associated car parking and staff welfare facility/office accommodation, land South West of Middleton, Fossoway, for Ms S Pelman: This is a revised application for a race horse facility on this site which has relocated the buildings to avoid a water main. The development is described as a non-commercial race horse facility solely for the use of the individual owner. F&DCC recommends deferral to enable a resubmission once the concerns and apparent omissions which have impeded a balanced assessment of this application have been resolved.

08/01607/FUL Demolition of existing house and erection of two houses, Ivy Cottage, Powmill for Yellow Door Properties Ltd: This application is for the redevelopment of a key site at the centre of Powmill, where the present Ivy Cottage is in a derelict condition. The proposal would remove the single storey cottage and replace it with a 2½ storey block comprising two semi-detached 3-bedroom dwellings. F&DCC recommends approval only for a development which would site the new building back from the present building line by 3 metres, or thereby.

Other Business

Core Path Network: This is the last opportunity to make submissions which must be made in writing and which will be in the public domain. The deadline is 31 December 2008. There is a form on which submissions should be made and this can be obtained from Council Offices.

Lay-by: There was a question for Cllr Barnacle re the proposed closure of the second lay-by on the road to Cleish as there are still some incidents of "fly-tipping". Cllr Barnacle said that this lay-by had not been closed off at the same time as the first because it was thought that this might be a useful parking place for the path network. However, it was and remains Cllr Barnacle's view that the lay-by should be closed and this is likely to take place by the end of this year. This, despite some concern expressed that this might lead to drivers parking on the Aldie road.

Slow down signs: There was concern from a member of the public that "slow down" signs do not appear to be working properly; Cllr Barnacle was asked to raise this with the roads dept.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 4 November in Carnbo Village hall at 7.30pm.



Club & Community Group News

Kinross and District Pipe Band

It's been a while since we had an update, so here goes for a roundup of the 2008 season:

The Band has been really quite busy this year, starting with a performance at Edinburgh Castle in March - just after the Better Place to Live Fair. April then saw us competing at the Lothian & Borders Mini-Bands in Peebles - really just a first practice run before the season got underway.



Three young members of the Drum corps celebrate with shield at Bathgate. Amy Bryson, 10 (centre), and Cox brothers Alexander, 11 (left) and Lewis, 9

At the end of May we competed at Bathgate Highland Games on the Saturday, followed by the Markinch Games the following day, Sunday 1st June, and we were delighted to gain 4th place and 3rd place respectively for our first two "real" outings. Then at the end of June - within an hour of the schools breaking up - we all piled on a bus to Birmingham for the British Championships. We didn't manage to win anything against the much bigger bands attending, but it's safe to say we all had a great weekend away and notched up some valuable major competition

experience in the process.

July started well with us winning 3rd place at Cupar Games in our own grade 4, and a creditable 4th place in the Grade 3 competition. Another successful day, despite the now traditional soaking weather that Cupar seems to enjoy every year! And once again, the Band played at T in the Park for the third year running, this time playing at the opening of the camp site entrance on all three days.

As usual, August was a particularly busy month, cramming in competitions in Perth, the World Championships in Glasgow and the Cowal Championships in Dunoon, along with a couple of local engagements. And finally we rounded the season off in September with another engagement, a final competition at Peebles, and by the time this goes to print, we will also have added a touch of music to the Summer's End Market and Bonfire on 25 October.

We have had a very successful fund-raising year, starting with our very popular Pipe Band ceilidh in May, which we hope to repeat again next year. With the very generous donation from the Kinross-shire Round Table earlier in the year we are now going to significantly upgrade the Band uniforms, and we also want to extend our thanks to all the local businesses who have kindly sponsored us this year. So a huge "thank you" to: The Grouse & Claret, Kirkland's Garage, The Royal Bank of Scotland, Angela Gault (Dentist), Mr Chan's, Sporting Chance, Baynes, Bowers, The Doghouse, Adam Neilson (Electricians), Smith Street Motors, Henbury, Koronka, Hatrick Bruce, Alphavet, Milnathort Motors, Thomas Buchan & Son, Robertson's Farming Supplies, Forth Wines, and Lodge St Serf's. All donations are hugely appreciated, and allow the Band to continue to develop and grow within the community.

As always, the Band will be leading the Kinross **Remembrance Day Parade**, on **Sunday 9 November** at 10.45am, and again in keeping with tradition we will be serenading Santa up the High Street for **Light Up Kinross** on **Monday 1 December** just before 7pm.

Finally, the Pipe Band AGM will take place on **Monday 17 November** at 7pm, upstairs in the Salutation Hotel. All are welcome.

Scotlandwell in Bloom

Bloomin' Great Achievement for Scotlandwell!

From 69 finalists, 'hand-picked' from over 1,000 contestants, the judges of the RHS Britain in Bloom competition have awarded Scotlandwell a 'Silver Gilt' Award in this year's competition. To be nominated to even enter Britain in Bloom is an achievement in itself and Silver Gilt is certainly no mean feat. This achievement would not have been possible without the tremendous support given to the 'in bloom' committee from the residents of Scotlandwell. We have had tremendous support with time, money, ideas and enthusiasm and the committee would like to thank everyone who helped make it all happen. As the proverb says: "Greatness is but many small littles".

Deadline for all Articles
2.00 pm, MONDAY 17 November
for publication on Saturday 29 November

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



A successful school exchange took place in late September with Kinross families hosting over 30 French schoolchildren. The Kinross schoolchildren will travel to Gacé later on in the session to be hosted by the French families.

A joint meeting of both Kinross and Gacé committees was held during the exchange where plans were made for next year's visit to Gacé by the people of Kinross-shire.

The dates for next year's visit was confirmed as 26 July until 3 August and various travel options will be researched to accommodate those wishing to experience the many benefits of twinning. More details will be available at the **Annual General Meeting** to be held in the Reading Room of Kinross Church Centre on **Thursday 6 November** at 7.30 p.m.

Dick Crichton will give an illustrated talk on the Gacé area to give any newcomers a flavour of our twin-town.

Probus Club



The speaker for the meeting on Wednesday 1 October was Douglas Watson. His subject was "Chocolate, the Food of the Gods". His interest in chocolate comes from having a sweet tooth and one day he complained about the quality of chocolates now available in shops. So he was challenged to do better. Douglas attended two courses on the making of chocolate sweets; but first, a short history of chocolate. Traces of cocoa powder have been found in the archaeological excavations of the Maya civilization dating from 400 AD. The Aztecs conquered the Maya and took over the manufacture of the chocolate drink. In Aztec civilization the common people drank "Octu", a rough extract from the cocoa pod which is slightly alcoholic. The leaders and the priests drank what was called Chocolate, a more refined derivative of the cocoa pod, non alcoholic and flavoured with various spices including chilli. It was this connection with the priests and the religion of the Aztecs which started the notion: "Chocolate, the Food of the Gods". The Spanish acquired the expertise of making chocolate from the Aztecs but changed the flavour from chilli. At this point the speaker handed round small samples of chocolate for the members to taste. These samples had been flavoured with chilli, which the members found a bit bitter. So Douglas handed round a different plate of samples. This time the taste was cinnamon, a taste which the Spanish had acquired from the Far East. The Spanish also preferred the drink hot rather than cold and sweeter rather than bitter. From Spain the drink spread to the rest of Europe including Britain where it was popular. The manufacture of solid chocolate for eating only started in early Victorian times.

Douglas went on to talk about the types of chocolate and some of the lovely sweets he made in his own kitchen. Douglas finished his talk by saying that he had some home-made chocolates in bags for sale. These were exquisite examples of the finest sweets in the chocolate trade. Jim Ferrier gave the vote of thanks.

Roger Brown from Auchterarder was the speaker at the Probus meeting on Wednesday 15 October, and his subject was Karate. Roger is now an expert on the subject, but his introduction to this martial art was exceedingly strange. After the Second World War, Roger was employed as a teacher of ballroom dancing in Southampton but one of his pupils was a Japanese champion in the art of Karate. So Roger made a deal with his pupil; Roger would teach him ballroom dancing if his Japanese friend would instruct Roger in the sport of Karate. That was the start of Roger's involvement in the world of Karate.

Karate comes from two Japanese words meaning "empty handed" and means the participant defends himself without using any weapons. It has become an international sport with exact rules and methods of scoring, but it started off as a means of self-defence. If your assailant makes a sudden lunge at you, you use the momentum of his body to your advantage. Karate is an activity where co-ordination, fitness and agility are promoted. It was an exciting and interesting talk, and Allan Dearing proposed the vote of thanks to the speaker.

The Club has organized a visit to Stanley Mills for Tuesday 21 October and the members who are going were advised of the arrangements.

Kinross Primary Parent Council



The new school term has seen a burst of activity from Kinross Primary Parent Council.

The 'Bag2School' fundraising initiative took place on Wednesday 29 October, where unwanted clothing and soft furnishings were collected by parents and staff. When children attended school the following day without school uniform, there was concern that some parents had gone too far with their recycling; however, closer examination revealed that they were travelling to the school Hallowe'en party. Here the children brought along their turnip (or pumpkin) lanterns and enjoyed traditional Hallowe'en games whilst practising their 'High School Musical' routines to the school disco.

The next Primary School Parent Council meeting will take place at the school on **Thursday 11 November** at 7.30pm. All parents, staff and carers of children attending Kinross Primary School are welcome to attend this meeting. Further information about the Parent Council can be found at www.kinross-pri.pkc.sch.uk or by e-mailing kinross_primary@scottishparents.com



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



At the October meeting, members welcomed Yvonne Willcocks to talk about fans. With the aid of a stunning range of slides, Yvonne traced the development of ladies' fans since the first Elizabethan era. The Queen graciously accepted gifts of fans from admirers and, at the time of her death, owned no less than twenty-seven. The earliest fans were rigid, with folding fans being introduced to Britain in the sixteenth century. By the eighteenth century, fixed fans had disappeared.

They are extremely difficult to date because a new "leaf" could be mounted on old "sticks". Fans became artists' canvases, many featuring classical or Biblical scenes. Yvonne showed some examples of beautiful carving on sticks. A fan could even include a mirror. By the Napoleonic era, when dresses became simpler, fans became smaller to fit into tiny handbags while it was the end of the Boer War which saw the popularity of feather fans.

Yvonne touched on the many crafts involved in fan making and the language of the fan. She proved to be extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic about her subject.

Details of the Christmas party were circulated, and members who missed the meeting may wish to contact Brenda.

At the November meeting, Simon Crutchley will speak on Plants and People who have changed our lives.

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Common Grounds



As you will be aware, school holidays are a good time for us; we have enjoyed a whole two weeks of not having to dismantle and put away and have been busy with lots of Mothers, Fathers and Toddlers as we do enjoy lots of space for playing safely inside.

We are still happy to take in firewood in the shape of tree branches and logs but not composite boarding and such like. We have a supply of Christmas cards available to buy and you may order cards and gifts from the Tearcraft, Fairtrade and Shared Earth catalogues through us.

We had a most successful Pot Luck Supper on Friday 3 October; many thanks to all involved who made it such a great night, raising £150 for us.

We are desperately seeking a replacement Treasurer for our outgoing incumbent John Colebourn, who we wish to thank for all his hard work over the past years. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested please contact James (01577 864452) or Linda (01577 865045).

Projects: We raised funds for two projects in October: the Mazoe River Bridge Project in Zimbabwe, through Help the Aged, a project to help grandparents to look after their orphaned grandchildren; the second project is the Indi Nursery School in Kenya which needs funds to keep their building watertight and a new sewage system amongst other things.

Events: Watch the local notice boards in the coming months for live musical events at Common Grounds.

Fairtrade: Come and see our selection of Fairtrade goods, second hand books, locally crafted cards for all occasions and have a cup of something warm and enjoy some of our homemade baking.

Book Club: At the moment we have a full membership but please feel free to phone Marlene Whyte on 01592 840371 to put your name on the waiting list.

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

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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 winter programme to try out a walk with us before joining the Ramblers' Association. Walks are led by volunteer leaders from the group members. This month we have 3 weekend walks and an easy midweek walk.

Saturday 1 November: Moncrieffe Hill - 6 miles. An ascent through mixed woodland. Splendid views of the Tay and Carse of Gowrie from Moredun Top.

Wednesday 12 November: Limekilns-Charlestown circular - 3 miles. A pleasant walk through Broomhall Estate. This walk is suitable for new walkers.

Sunday 16 November: Comrie, Lower Glen Lednock Circuit - 5 miles. A riverside and woodland walk with some short climbs.

Saturday 29 November: Auchlinsky Hill - 7 miles. Tracks climbing through pasture and woodland to a hill viewpoint. Returning down rough grass track beside Glenquoy reservoir

These are all serious walks and, particularly at this time of year, require appropriate clothing and equipment including boots and waterproofs. Weekend walks are of up to 5 hours duration and a packed lunch/warm drink should be brought. For further information on where and when to meet, as well as for general information on walking with the group or joining the Ramblers' Association, call Jacqui Ritchie on 01592 840451 or see The Ramblers' website www.ramblers.org.uk

Kinross and District Art Club



Our recent 2008 Annual Art Exhibition was the most successful to date, with many comments on the high standard and wide variety of subjects of the pictures on show. The display of such colourful pictures was also appreciated and many visitors who bought a painting or two are now enjoying them in their homes. The raffle for club funds was also well supported and the winners were:

1st	Mrs Burnet	A painting commission
2nd	Mrs McTaggart	A food basket
3rd	Robin Lambie	A food basket
4th	Mr R Allison	A food basket
5th	Katy Paterson	A bottle of wine
6th	Mrs Lambie	A bottle of champagne
7th	Mrs Liddle	A painting

We are into our Winter session now, with some new members after the Exhibition and anyone with an interest in painting to add to their quality of life can join us every **Tuesday at 2pm** in the Millbridge hall, where they will be very welcome. We are also considering a **Morning Session 10am to 12**, and this may appeal to mothers who need to meet their school children after 3pm. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary, Bill Bray on 863361, or any member, and if we can get sufficient numbers who want to be inspired with other friendly artists of varying artistic abilities we will be able to arrange a morning class.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

September Draw

1st	No 7	Clare Abbott, Scotlandwell
2nd	No 28	Anna Mills, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 103	Portmoak Cubs

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

At the October meeting, the speaker, Gavin Logan, from Cupar, gave a most moving account of the plight of the Peruvian Street Children. After the talk there was a spontaneous collection of £102. "Watch this space".

Friday Walks: The weather in October has been quite kind to the walkers, and very warm as we walked along the banks of the Eam at the beginning of the month. By mid-October the autumn colours at Pitlochry were most spectacular, and nowhere nicer than at the Boating Station, where the café was still open. There, some of our ladies, who had been to "Mary Poppins" earlier in the week, were heard singing as they fed the ducks - "Feed the birds, tuppence a bag".

14 November: Round the reservoirs, from Craigmead car park - an old favourite along good paths, past the Holl, Ballo and Harperleas reservoirs, and a good 7 miles.

28 November: The Loch Leven Path - all the way from the Kirkgate Park to Vane Farm - 12.5km/8.5miles.

Hillwalkers: On 26 September we took a rare sortie south of the Forth of Firth and tackled the three tops of Turnhouse, Carnethy and Scald Law in the Pentland Hills. The weather stayed fair, if a tad breezy, and we managed to hang onto the trig point long enough to have a group photograph taken.

Unfortunately, yet again we had to cancel a walk due to adverse weather; this time it was the St. Andrews to Crail walk scheduled for 10 October which was the victim. We now intend to attempt this walk on **7 November**.

December Walks: On **5 December** we are planning to undertake the eight mile walk from South Queensferry to Cramond and back. This is our traditional Christmas Lunch walk, (well it's the second year we will have done this). We will try a new walk to end the year on **19 December** to the Falls of Achran near Kenmore.

Outing to Mary Poppins: On 15 October the members had a most enjoyable afternoon at "Mary Poppins" - a marvellous show.

November Meeting: At the meeting on **6 November**, the speaker will be Jim Noble of Seagull Trust on "Sailing for the Disabled".

Forth & Tay Disabled Ramblers

Forth and Tay Disabled Ramblers visited Loch Leven on Tuesday 23 September. Fortunately the sun shone - on their visit last year, members got soaked. They are looking forward to exploring new parts of the Heritage Trail now that phase 3 of the project is complete.



Forth and Tay Disabled Ramblers enjoy the Loch Leven Heritage Trail



Blythswood Care at Kinross High School

Since there now seem to be another two contact numbers appearing in the Newsletter for assistance with the Annual Shoebox Appeal, I would just like the readers to know the pupils of Kinross High School have supported this very worthwhile cause for over fourteen years. It forms part of their Community Service for participants in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and each year a new group of senior pupils bring their own innovative ideas for fundraising and collecting of shoeboxes. This year is no exception and at the time of the Newsletter going to print they are to conduct a presentation during the Morning Assemblies to encourage the younger pupils to become involved. They are also keen to have a Coffee Morning so 'watch this space'.

Nowadays youngsters so often have bad press but I can assure you this is not always the case.

Be assured Blythswood is very grateful for all the support generated in this area and also to the Newsletter for the publicity it affords this cause.

Thank you.

F.D.

Potager Garden

Bowton Road, Kinross

Hi, I've just had a wonderful time pottering at Potager - yes, it's blustery and I am glad to say that the sun is shining. I am making the most of an hour - it's time to move the cuttings to the cold frames and to batten down the hatches!

Talking of the cuttings, they are doing ever so well and should make fine specimens 'For Sale' in 2009. The cuttings need to be potted on to the next size pot - if you would like to come and help in a lovely light and dry greenhouse in a sheltered aspect, give me a ring - it really is a pleasure and luxury to have this facility in Kinross. There is only one community garden in the whole of Perth & Kinross - come and make the most of it.

The Garden is open on fine days during the Winter months, but will be closed if snow or frost is forecast. You are very welcome to come and relax in the Garden.

Although I am the contact at present, I have just recently become employed full-time and the committee is now in search of a Convenor, Secretary/Publicity Officer. There are wonderful opportunities for teaching Primary 5's of Kinross Primary School and The After School Club at Potager in 2009. Check out our website www.kinross.cc/potager and see where you fit in.

I am very grateful to the new volunteers at work in the Garden and would like to say 'We have room for more!' During the Winter months, till the end of April 2009, the Garden is being shared out. Each volunteer has agreed to care for a small area - would you like to join our team and contribute to a very special place? Come along to our meeting in November - contact Michelle for details.

The Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens invited Michelle to speak about the Potager Garden on 2 October. The event was held at SNH Battleby and was well supported. 30 people came to hear about the Garden and various ideas were shared. It was a very enjoyable opportunity and an excellent lunch was provided!

Best wishes, Michelle Hardaker

email: dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk

Please tel: 01577 862622 between 7pm - 9pm. Thank you.



Kinross-shire Round Table



Our third and, to date, best Beer Festival was an absolute blast. More than 400 happy locals had a great time over the two nights. This is largely thanks to the great work put in by the Beer Festival Sub-Committee and in no small part to the fantastic support we continue to receive from our main sponsor, The Purvis Group, and to Kinross Estates for kindly hosting us once again in the Pier Bistro and Boat Shed. Our thanks also to our glass sponsor, Ferrier & Mackinnon, and all our other sponsors and supporters, without whom the event would not raise so much for charity. Their details can be found on our website, www.kinross-shire.org.uk

On the Friday night we held an inter-club Charity Quiz Challenge in which 28 teams from as far afield as Crieff and Glenrothes went head to baffled head in the boatshed. The eventual winners were "Lehman Brothers" (aka Glenrothes Round Table). In true Tabling spirit they promptly handed their winnings back to the charity fund. The evening was rounded off with close investigation of the answers and the 27 ales on show.

The main event on the Saturday night had the boatshed jumping to the Sounds of Luxury Fitted Kittens and Gemma Fox while sampling the ales, ciders and perries selected for us by CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale). Those with an attack of the munchies were wonderfully catered for by the Café 98/Heaven Scent team. It was great to see so many happy people having a good time raising money for CHAS. The total sum raised is expected to be in the region of £5,000. So well done and thank you again to everyone.

The next event on the horizon is our second Toddlethon in support of Children in Need. This will be in the Kirkgate Park on **Sunday 2 November** at 1.30 pm for 2.00 pm for children up to 6 years old to toddle/walk/run/scamper around the paths. Information and sponsorship forms are available on our website and we hope to make forms available via nurseries and playgroups as well.

In between all this, ongoing Table activities will include helping at Glenrothes Round Table's Bonfire Night on 1 November, hopefully some wine tasting, preparing the Santa Sleigh for Light Up Kinross and the Santa Collections and karting against other local Tables.

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 e-mail us on Table@macpherson.plus.com or call on 864713.

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Kinross High School



Time to right a wrong

In June we celebrated with parents a large number of our pupils' achievements in a variety of categories. As part of that event we were happy, once again, to have the Parent Council recognise the good work of our pupils in the community through the Citizenship Awards. Choosing the lucky recipients of these is always a difficult task and this year was no exception. However after the event it came to light we had made an error. In the middle school category we had ignored two young men who have worked with CHAS in Rachel House for some time, overtaking a number of tasks and generally doing much good work. We did not intend to ignore them but had made the error of classifying them as 5th year when in fact they should have been 4th year. This is a problem with moving forward in June and very quickly referring to pupils by their new year group.

However I am now happy to announce to you that the Parent Council have struck two new medals and I was able to present these to **Michael Robertson** and **Laurie Wilson** last week. They were a little shy and did not wish this to be done in front of the school, but are willing for me to share this with the community through this newsletter. They represent the best of our pupils working voluntarily in their community for the benefit of others. I am particularly pleased that the Parent Council was able to support these extra awards and we will check more carefully next year. Well done Michael and Laurie.

Kinross High School Parent Council



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The Kinross High School Parent Council combines the activities of the old Kinross High School Board and the Parent 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 next KHSPC meeting is on **Tuesday 4 November** at 7.15pm at the High School. Parents and guardians of pupils attending Kinross High School are most welcome to attend the meeting.

The elected officers of the KHSPC for the 2008/09 academic year are: Chair, Andy Williams, 01577 861682; Vice-Chair, Jaffrey Weir, 01577 865780; Treasurer, Denis Sweeny 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.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

Loch Leven Fishing Pier; Robertson's of Milnathort;
Kinnesswood Village Store;
Fossway Stores, Crook of Devon

Portmoak Film Society

Kiterunner Flies At Film Club

In October, about 30 people, including several new members from Kinross, crowded into Portmoak Hall to see "The Kiterunner", the sensitively filmed adaptation of Khaled Hosseini's stunning bestseller novel set in Afghanistan. For those of us who read the book first, the film did not disappoint and for those who hadn't, I'm sure many will now want to do so. The kite flying scenes in particular were exhilarating but in the end, the film's success lies in the fact that it's just a cracking good story.

Unfortunately the marbles couldn't be found in time for our quirky audience appreciation rating system (more of this later) but an exit poll was taken and most people gave the film an "excellent" rating.

Yes, the organisers' A-Team was away on the night so the evening was not quite as well run as usual, with no tea and coffee afterwards and no marble count (sic), but thanks go anyway to Neil, Sue and Felicity as the B-Team who managed to show the film successfully, take in the money and clear up afterwards!

This month we are pleased to show "The Assassination of Jesse James" (short title) starring Brad Pitt in the title role - so all you BP fans are in for a big treat! Mark **8 November** in your diary now and come early to get the best seats! **The Hills Are Alive.....!**

To celebrate the Woodland Trust and Portmoak Community Woodland buying the field above the church, there will be a **Sing-along-a-Sound-a-Music on Saturday 22 November** at 7.30 p.m. at Portmoak Village Hall.

Never been to a Sing-a-long-a? Well, it sounds like something to avoid like the plague - but once you're there you find out it's the most brilliant, wacky night you could imagine. It's like the Burns Supper on steroids! Inhibitions last about 30 seconds before you're totally bound up in the crazy fun of the event. And there'll be a prize for the best fancy dress!

Tickets are £6 for adults and £2 for children, obtainable from Buchan's Garage, Kinnesswood shop, Loch End Farm Shop and Loch Leven's Larder. Or phone Karen on 01592 840379. Hurry, there are only 120 tickets to be had!

Finally a word of personal apology for the non-appearance of this column in last month's Newsletter - yours truly missed the deadline for once but it won't happen again! In the meantime, for any further information about your local film club, please come and visit our website at www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Kinross Garden Group

We started our Winter Talks Programme on 9 October with a talk on "Vegetable Growing" by Mr Leslie Craib of Forfar. 51 Members and visitors enjoyed his talk and were impressed with the display of leeks, onions, carrots, beetroot etc. he had brought along with him.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 13 November** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2pm. We will be delighted to welcome Mr Peter Timoney, Head Gardener at Scone Palace, who will give us a talk on "Growing Orchids Successfully".



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Kinross & District Rotary Club



Rotary is a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative which is the largest public health programme the world has ever known. It spans 200 countries, utilised 20 million volunteers and immunised over 2 billion children, probably sparing 5 million from disability and 1 million from death. In December 2007 the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded the Rotary Foundation a gift of £500 million, provided Rotary Clubs could raise an equivalent amount. Kinross Rotary Club has agreed to play its part in this fund raising campaign in the hope that polio can be totally eradicated in the near future.

Almost 400 Shoe Boxes have recently been distributed to the local primary schools. Originally started in 1994 as a means of sending Christmas gifts to children in Romania, the Shoe Box scheme, supported by Rotary nationally, now sends around 60,000 boxes throughout the year to orphanages, homes and hospitals in many different countries throughout Central and Eastern Europe.

Two shelter boxes have been purchased at a cost of £490 each. The shelter boxes contain a tent and ancillary equipment designed to enable a family of up to ten persons to survive for at least 6 months. The Shelter Box Trust provides emergency aid for victims of natural and other disasters. Since operations began in 2001, over 600,000 victims of earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, wars etc in 45 countries have been helped.

Dr Ian Pinkerton spoke to the Club on 22 September and what an interesting illustrated talk it turned out to be. Ian, a specialist in infectious diseases and a very talented speaker, shared his experiences of life with us, relating some of the many and varied events he had undertaken or encountered in his lifetime.

More interesting medical matters were related by Dr Stephanie Blackden, the speaker at the meeting held on 29 September. Stephanie's subject was Medieval Medicine and she told how for almost 1000 years all medicine was based on humoral pathology, the thesis that disorders in the fluids of the body are the basic factors in disease. With the aid of slides she went on to show medieval cures for the common ailments of the time and told how the treatments did not change until Harvey discovered the circulation of the blood in 1616.

Well known local retailer and Milnathort Community Council Chairman, Joseph Giacomazzi, addressed the Club meeting held on 13 October. His talk was titled Italian Immigration to Scotland and he explained that from 1850 onwards Italians had started to go abroad originally on a seasonal basis and travelling by foot. Joseph's own forebears had reached Milnathort via Fraserburgh, Dundee and Edinburgh. Aided by a thriving Milnathort at the time with its cattle markets and mills, they established a successful business based in what is now the local post office.

The Club has agreed to donate £1000 to the Kinross Partnership as a result of the successful charity golf competition held earlier in the year.

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Regular meeting Tuesday 4 November at 19.15. Fellow Craft Degree with substitute candidate. Also nomination and election of office bearers for the ensuing twelve months. Names being taken for Children's Christmas Party on Sunday 14 December. (Note changed from Saturday 13th).

Regular meeting Tuesday 18 November at 19.15. Fellow Craft Degree. Also names being taken for Children's Christmas Party on Sunday 14 December.

Armistice Day Parade Sunday 9 November. Brethren assemble in Parish Church Lane at 10.40 for march to Cenotaph at 10.50. Wreath will be laid this year by Right Worshipful Master Brother John Booth. Those taking part in Parade are invited to the Masonic Hall afterwards for refreshments. Brethren are requested to supply sandwiches, cakes and biscuits if possible. Masonic Hall will be open from 09.30 for any one wishing to donate food.

Saturday 15 November: Return of Live Band Face2Face at 20.00. Tickets £5.00 from 01577 863298 after 18.00. Proceeds from event are going once again to local good causes. In September this year the following organisations shared £1,000: CHAS, Diabetes Society, Glenfarg Old Folks Association, Kinross Boys Brigade, Kinross Church Day Centre, Kinross & District Pipe Band, Kinross Outreach Group, Kinross 2nd Rainbow Brownies, Lochleven Babies and Toddlers, Lochleven Health Centre, District Nurses, Lochleven Two's Club, Macmillan Cancer Support, Orwell Old Folks Association, Sara Thackery Memorial Trust, Scottish Cot Death Trust and Scottish Huntingdon's Association.

Forthcoming event: Sportsman's Dinner on Friday 17 April at 19.00-19.30pm in aid of local good causes. Speakers for the evening are well known QC Mr Donald Findlay who was a great success at our last Sportsman's Dinner, also popular entertainer Mr Paul Reid who does comedy impressions. Tickets from 01577 863298 after 6.00pm.

CHAS Shops

Christmas Gifts: A great selection of new donated Christmas gifts, decorations, stationery and novelty items will be on display at Bazaar 2, 76 High Street Kinross this month. Do you have any unwanted gift items you would like to donate to CHAS?

Sheila Fleet Jewellery: The CHAS Gift shop is now a stockist of the exclusive Sheila Fleet jewellery. Visit the Gift Shop for Christmas shopping with refreshments on **Sundays 23 and 30 November** and **7 and 14 December**.

Body Shop Party: The CHAS Gift Shop will be hosting another Body Shop party on **Wednesday 19 November** from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. CHAS will receive 25% of all orders on the night, 25% from all parties booked on the night and proceeds from the raffle. Places are limited, so please phone Joan McMaster on 01577 865557 to book your place.

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 in Bloom

I would like to thank all the people who have given up their free time this year to help maintain the tubs and hanging baskets around the town. Without them we wouldn't be able to continue to provide the town with an abundance of flowers which has greatly enhanced many parts of Kinross. We are a small committee who would like to be seen as having more of a facilitating role in that we would love some individuals/existing groups to be able to help us on key occasions. I have outlined some key dates where we could do with some help:

- Sat/Sun 25/26 April: Plant up the hanging baskets at Hattonburn.
- Sat 30 May: Move hanging baskets outside to harden off
- Fri 5 June (evening): Put up the hanging baskets (strong males required).
- Sat/Sun 6/7 June: Plant out the barrels and 3-tier planters.

As you can see, you don't have to be an expert in any horticultural field to be able to help us. Just a few hours of your time occasionally just to help make Kinross a 'Better Place to Live'.

The committee could also do with a secretary, so if you think you could help us with this or if you think you could help us with the planting days above, or even just giving us some planting advice, then please contact Aileen on 01577 861477 or e-mail aileen.sorbie@lineone.net

August's 200 Club

£20 78 Ann Porter. £15 31 Margaret Forrester.

£10 63 Alison MacDonald. £5 3 Ann Robbie.

September's draw was deferred until October's meeting.



Kinross-shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme



Autumn seems to have rushed in while we were all still waiting for summer to arrive! The colder mornings and early darkness are with us but they remind us we can look forward to a bright evening to come, our very popular **Burns Supper**. It will be held on **Monday 19 January** 2009 in the Windlestrae Hotel; this is just an early reminder and more information will be in the December edition of the Newsletter.

We have made one more small alteration to our charge list but it only affects the Outreach area clients when attending LLHC. Full list of charges below:

Perth, Dunfermline	£ 8
Stirling, Kirkcaldy	£ 8
Dundee	£15
Edinburgh	£15
LLHC Local Area	£ 3
LLHC Outreach Area	£ 4

We are as busy as ever and Ann Munro, our Co-ordinator, is very pleased to say she has some new drivers who have volunteered to help us. There are quite a number of clients who have not previously used our service getting in touch this year so a few more drivers is very welcome and do remember, if anyone else would like to join us, just contact Ann on 01577 840196.



Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade



An open letter to all in Kinross-shire

To all who are or who have ever been associated with the Brigade,

As you may know in 2008 the BB celebrates 125 years of service and the Kinross Company invites you to attend a special re-union weekend on **15 and 16 November**.

Founded initially in 1892 before going into abeyance in 1912, the Company was re-formed in 1940 by Roddy Beaton and has continued to serve the community from then reaching a total of 88 years service to date in our local area.

A great many boys have seen service within Kinross BB although quite a few have since moved away from the local area. If you can remember any boys from your time in the BB, please ask them to contact me so that a letter of invitation can be sent to them. We would like to see as many former members as possible make an effort to attend over this special weekend (It will be another 25 years before the next one)!

Programme

Saturday 15 November: Celebration Dinner Dance at the Windlestrae Hotel, 7.30pm.

A special three course meal including coffee and mints - cost £27 per person.

Sunday 16 November: Church Parade, 2pm. Assemble at King George V Park and march to Kinross Parish Church for 2.30pm. **Enrolment and Re-dedication** service which

will be followed by a march past and salute at the County Buildings before dismissal at Kinross High School playground around 3.40pm approximately. Church collection will be in support of the BB Charity for this special year - CHAS.

Down Memory Lane - Kinross Church Centre, 4pm until 6pm. A show of memorabilia, photographs, newspaper cuttings, magazines and films. If you have any items you wish to bring along, please do so. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served. What did the BB mean to you? Write your thoughts, stories or funnies in a sentence or more and send with the return slip below, or e-mail them to me - we intend to keep a record of these for posterity. Scanned photos or documents are also welcome to be emailed.

Yours sincerely

David G. Munro, Company Captain
Email: d_g_munro@hotmail.com

Other Kinross BB News

Three officers from the Kinross Company attended an historic annual Brigade Council meeting at Tulliallan in September where the vote to formally accept girl members into the Boys' Brigade as from January 2009. The voting for this motion was 250 for with 82 votes against. The Kinross Company is the only Brigade Companies in Scotland at the moment that accepts girls in its three sections: Anchors, Juniors and Company. One other Company in the west of Scotland has an Amicus Group which is for girl members over the age of 16.

KINROSS BB 125 CELEBRATIONS

Name Address

Phone no.: Email

I wish to participate in the above celebrations (please delete as appropriate):

Dinner & Dance - I wish to purchase ... tickets @ £27 each (cheques made payable to "Kinross BB")

Church Parade - I will /will not attend the parade and march past.

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Kinross-shire Civic Trust

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust Shield Presentation



Thursday 6 November, 7.30pm, Windlestrae Hotel

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 by Chris Stark of the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust on Woods for Nature and after there will be wine and refreshments. This will be an excellent and informative talk.

Visit to Cowden Castle and the Japanese Garden

On Saturday 27 September, members were led by Sir Robert Stewart on an adventurous expedition through the woods of Cowden estate to see what remains of the castle and house, and then to the landscape of the Japanese garden, which was created by his great aunt, Miss Ella Christie, in 1907. At the time it was considered one of the best examples of a Japanese garden in the West. In one night of vandalism in the 1960's all the buildings and the bridge over the lake were burnt down and the stone carvings smashed. The garden has never been restored, but the lake and surrounding landscape remain, still beautiful in the rain. Sir Robert was an excellent guide, and members were given a warm welcome by Lady Stewart as they arrived for tea very wet from the walk. Paintings and photographs of the house and garden, together with some of Miss Christie's books of her travels, were laid out for members to see what had once been there. A very interesting and happy visit, which was much appreciated by members.

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.

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The Milnathort Town Hall

Still urgently required: We are very pleased to welcome Lesley Sneddon to the committee as our new Secretary and look forward to the support she can provide.

The MTH still urgently require a volunteer to take up the position of Chairman in order to keep this important community facility in operation. The position doesn't require much time and there is an existing committee in place to support any new office bearers. So if you have always thought about putting something back into the community then now's the time. Please contact the acting Chairman to highlight your interest in the Chairman position or if you're interested in becoming a committee member: Murray Mitchell, 12 Burleigh Road, Milnathort, KY13 9SU. Mobile: 07872 318186.

Email: murraymitchell@mscharacterhomes.com

Hall improvements: The Committee is very pleased to confirm that the main hall will soon have new window and stage curtains. There are still many improvements required, however this, as well as the recent re-decoration, is a start. If there are any companies or trades people out there who could donate some of their time to the town hall improvements then please contact any of the committee members.

Lease: Discussions have taken place between the MTH Committee and P&KC with regard to establishing a mid-term lease agreement to secure control of the Milnathort Town Hall for a period of 10 to 15 years. The purpose of this is in order for the Milnathort Town Hall Committee to obtain management control of the hall for a period of time that enables significant improvements and refurbishment to be achieved. There will obviously have to be significant fund-raising which will be achieved through activities arranged and carried out by the Town Hall Committee and also by the committee approaching reputable organisations that can potentially support this worthy cause. This is all with the objective of improving this important local amenity for the people of the Milnathort and Kinross area.

Once there is an agreement in place with P&KC, the MTH committee will contact various organisations for funding.

If anyone would like to contribute to the Milnathort Town Hall fund or have any questions with regard to our plans or require more details regarding the current situation with the Town Hall, then please don't hesitate to contact the acting Chairman or one of the committee members.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



The Kinross-shire Historical Society met for its first talk of the winter season on 20 October at

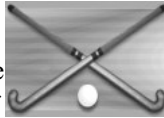
The Parish Church, Kinross. Mr Joe Giacomazzi of Milnathort gave a most interesting and entertaining presentation on the history of gliding in general and the history of the Scottish Gliding Union in particular. The SGU was based first at Balado Airfield immediately after the Second World War and is now at Portmoak Airfield.

He explained how gliders and launching techniques have developed over time and how the early records of a few feet for a few seconds have increased to hundreds of miles lasting for several hours. Much of the progress came from early enthusiastic members of the club such as Andrew Thorburn. Using computer simulation, the members were shown the route of the longest flight ever recorded within Scotland. *See also Notices, p.37.*



Sports News

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club



After a disappointing start to the league season for both teams, Saturday 27 September saw both teams out to win points. The 2nd XI played St Andrews University 2nds in the first match. Kinross got a score on the board first, and appeared strong. Unfortunately St Andrews managed to come back in the final ten minutes, and the final score was a draw at 2-2.

Kinross 1st XI also had a home match against Madras. The first half was evenly matched with both sides having good attempts on goal. In the second half Kinross found the accelerator, taking control to win with a final score of 5-2.

The matches due for 4 and 11 October were postponed, in view of the fact that several members of both 1st and 2nd IX teams were involved in a Kinross High School hockey tour to Canada. The enthusiasm and intensity of the youngsters on their return proved how successful the tour had been in building their confidence.

Saturday 18 October saw Kinross 2nd XI play Bonagrass Grove 3rds. A nervy start allowed Grove to take an early lead, but soon Kinross kicked into gear and began to swing the match back to a more even footing. Kinross heads never went down, but the last 15 minutes found Kinross embattled in our defending circle, and the depth of experience in the Grove team showed through. The final score of 0-2 was a fair reflection of the game as a whole.

The match between Kinross 1st XI against Wanders was an entirely different proposition! Kinross showed absolute dominance over a young Wanders team, and had two goals on the board within the first 10 minutes. The Kinross defence never looked seriously threatened, and the game developed into a masterly display of control, with a final score of 10-0 and the goal scoring credit spread nicely.

The following day saw Kinross Ladies face East Kilbride 2nds in the Preliminary Round of the District Cup on a very rainy, cold, windy Sunday. By the end of the match there were concerns about the risk of trench foot given the amount of water sloshing around in shoes, but Kinross had prevailed by 2-1. The first round proper sees Kinross Ladies play Watsonians 3rds at home.

Training continues each Wednesday evening between 6.30pm and 8pm at the all weather pitch at King George V Playing Fields. New players are welcome. For further information see our website at

www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk

Orwell Bowling Club

End of Season Report

During a summer when most greens saw many more worms on the green than bowls, every club must have suffered the inconvenience and disappointment of games started, then after only a few ends played, having to be abandoned, the risk of slipping being too great. However Orwell managed to complete most of their syllabus, our green playing well to the bitter end, thanks to much TLC by Greenkeeper John Fullerton; we ended the season 60 shots up against opponents. The Closing of the Green game Secretary Vs Treasurer on Saturday 27 September was played on a cold and dreich day, the Treasurer's team winning by 15 shots. Hot soup and sandwiches provided by the Ladies section ended the day with everyone in good heart. After two inclement summers, surely 2009 will bring the blue skies and balmy days back again??? Hope springs eternal in the human breast.

Competition Winners and Runners Up 2008

<i>Competition</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner Up</i>
Gents Champion	A Lloyd	S Greenhill
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Gents Pairs	A Lloyd & J H Taylor	D Winton & V McKechnie
Gents Triples	D Winton, W J Reid & B Cook	A Lloyd, J Taylor & J Longmuir
Gents Rink	D Winton, W J Reid, G Morton & A Lloyd	J Paterson, A Morgan, J Fullerton & D Rose
Senior Champion	W Smith	S Greenhill
Ladies Champion	D Foster	C Davidson
Ladies Pairs	S Fullerton & D Foster	J Jackson & I Cheney
Ladies Triples	J Menzies, J Reekie & R Howie	I Cheney, M Young & P Allester
Ladies Rink	I Cheney, J Tomney, P Allester & J Reekie	J McCann, E Webster, R Howie & A Wilson
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Kinross Volleyball Club

The new season has started well for the club with John Booth's Kinross BB team winning the Recreational League Cup with Kinross Kintronics also reaching the semi-final stage of the competition.

Kinross Scotrange defended the Premier League Cup, successfully defeating Dunfermline in the final to retain the trophy.



Kinross Scotrange retained their trophy by defeating Dunfermline

Training has resumed at Kinross High School games hall on Monday evenings from 8 - 10pm (Junior coaching from 8 - 9 pm). New members are always welcome - volleyball is a great social game as well as being a competitive sport to be enjoyed.

The Perth and District League resumes its competition in November with Kinross entering four teams in the two leagues:

Premier League - Kinross Scotrange and Kinross Kintronics
Recreational League - Kinross BB and Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade.

With all last season's trophies coming to Kinross it will be more difficult to retain them all (despite having won both cup competitions already) with every other team out to topple the champions during the league campaign.

Kinross Cycle Club

Kinross Cycling Club has kept their pedals spinning over the autumn months and intends to keep wheels rolling throughout winter.

Numbers are slowly growing but some new faces are always welcome especially if you are currently a keen road rider. Rides are quite sporting affairs that are ridden at a brisk pace for 2 - 3 hours covering between 30 and 40 miles. Routes are always scenic on quieter roads which provide occasional hills to challenge the fitter members. Kinross Cycle Club meets 9.00am every Sunday at Kinross High School.



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Kinross Tennis Club



We are well into autumn and winter may be coming up soon, but this does not mean the end of the tennis season. Some hardy souls are continuing to play, making the most of the few nice days we have had recently. Club nights will also continue on the Wednesday evenings (18.30 onwards) thanks to the new floodlights, and the lights for court number two should be up by the time you read this newsletter. Tokens for the floodlights can be purchased from any committee member. Sadly the end of junior coaching for this year does mean an end to junior club nights, but we hope to restart these in the spring.

Last month Kinross Tennis Club held a ceilidh in Portmoak Hall. The organising committee did a fantastic job - the home cooking and baking were second to none, the music and dancing were excellent and everyone who attended had a very enjoyable evening. Well done guys!

The Tennis AGM will be held on **Thursday 20 November 2008** at King George V Pavilion in Kinross. Please do come along to give your views on how you would like to see the club progress next year.

If you would like more information on Kinross Tennis Club please contact Aileen Jones on 01577 865 449.

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

The new season has started with Kinross remaining in East District Division 2 with 14 more league games to look forward to.

The results of the four league games already played are: lost to Grange 5ths 3-2 in the last minute of the game despite Kinross being the better side, lost to Edinburgh University 5ths 1-0, won against Edinburgh University 6ths 3-1 and lost to Alloa 3-1.

The next home games all start at 12.15pm on **1, 15 and 29 November** so why not come down and support Kinross.

Training is on Tuesday nights with Alan Dickie from 7.30pm to 9pm on the all weather pitch at King George V playing fields. New players of all ages are most welcome and despite losing a number of young players off to University, we have welcomed a number a new players already this season. The Kobras (juniors) train on Thursday evenings 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

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Kinross Rugby Football Club

Still looking for first home win!

Orkney 15 Kinross 6

A 7.15 start at the KGV saw a Kinross team make its way to Orkney with a confident spirit but with players carrying a few injuries. The squad included club sponsor Colin Wight as the travelling supporter and Ollie Cox as the 1st XV medic but when we arrived we were pleasantly surprised to see ex President Dougie Cruickshank had made the long journey to the islands to cheer on the team.

An impressive first half saw wave after wave of attacks threaten the Orkney try line. Fraser Ross, Owen Mackenzie, Iain Spence and Rab Allan all came close but after a long period camped in the Orkney 22, the only points came from a Gavin Hardie penalty. Part way through the 1st half Keith Tolson came off, but not before having put in some cracking hits with ball in hand. For the rest of the game Gerard Queen took over this mantle and played the battering forward from wayward kicks.

The second half saw the hosts now with the wind behind them play into the bottom corner and although the possession was about equal the territory was edged by Orkney and eventually they crossed the line twice, converting one of their tries. Nevertheless, all the Kinross guys should be proud of their efforts and we can look forward to the Blairgowrie game with a level of confidence if we maintain the effort and play from Saturday. Man of the Match: Rab Allan.

Blairgowrie 13 Kinross 15

The 1st XV headed up to Blairgowrie confident that with last week's performance, albeit a loss against Orkney, that similar possession could be translated into points. As the whistle went to start the game Kinross were playing up the slope and with the wind and then rain in their faces. Gavin Hardie got the scoreboard going with a clean strike between the posts and a well deserved 3 points from a penalty.

Blairgowrie eventually got going and were awarded a penalty shortly after in front of the posts which they cleanly struck. Before long Kinross were behind as Blairgowrie slotted a second penalty from the right of the posts. However, Kinross were confident and as if taken in slow motion Blairgowrie's centre Duncan Campbell intercepted and scored under the posts making the score 13-3 with 5 minutes of the half left.

From the restart Kinross had phase after phase as they pressed up the field, eventually awarded a scrum just inside the Blairgowrie 22 metre line. A pass from Chris Carragher and miss move saw Gavin Hardie run on an angle scoring under the posts which he duly converted. Half-Time 13-10.

The second half kicked off with some early pressure soaked up by Kinross, and then with good defence came attacking play, with Kinross camped in the Blairgowrie half for the next 30 minutes. Kinross eventually won a penalty just outside the 22 metre line, and when the whistle blew the final score was Blairgowrie 13 Kinross 15.

Well done to all, but a special note for Paul Webster and his first game for over two years, Gavin Hardie's first try and man of the match Chris Carragher for his overall performance on the day.

Kinross 3 Stirling University 12

Kinross, with a good away win at Blairgowrie were looking to take the third win of the season and what would be a first home win of the league campaign. Kinross made a good start and some early pressure leading to a penalty gave the team a 3-0 lead. This seemed to spur the University and they upped their game, putting Kinross under extreme pressure. The



University eventually ran in a good try with some slick handling moves but missed the conversion, giving them a slender lead of 3-5. The latter part of the first half resulted in some increased pressure by the University who finished off the half with an easily taken try, getting the 7 points with a conversion which just sneaked inside the left post. Half Time 3-12.

The second half saw the University looking to finish off the game but some solid defence kept the scoreboard the same. The last 30 minutes saw a much better performance by Kinross, although wave after wave of attack just did not get across the visitors' line. Final Score 3-12.

In terms of performances some solid performances by a few: Chris Carragher, Paul Webster, Chris Glebochi, Gerard Queen and Kieron Methven but throughout the team some below par games. Man of the match for his dynamic and impact breaks Keith Tolson.

Kinross 13 St. Andrews University 34

The match kicked off with Kinross showing their intent to take the game to St. Andrews Uni with some rucking and mauling with a level aggression that very quickly had the students pinned back. The pressure eventually told, with Kinross in the lead 13-10 at half time.

The second half got off to a bad start with a series of kickable penalties gifted to the University who then took a 16-13 lead. Kinross battled on to the final whistle, preventing a try bonus point for the University through some aggressive defence and near the end of the game pushing to score a consolation try. Final Score 13-34. Man of the match: George Harley.

Garioch 21 Kinross 25

The match kicked off with Kinross going into the offensive. The wind and hill favoured the home side in the first half and with some good back play it was not long before the home side had run in a couple of tries finishing off both under the posts. Kinross rallied and were awarded a penalty within kicking distance and Gavin Hardie slotted the points. The score was cancelled out within minutes as Kinross infringed at a ruck and Garioch slotted the 3 points. A half that had started promisingly finished with heads down and Kinross now losing 21-8.

In the second half Kinross had the bit between their teeth, and with great rucking and mauling were awarded penalty after penalty. The pressure was maintained and patience paid off when Chris Carragher broke through to score in the corner. Garioch raised their game again in the last 10 minutes but Kinross held out for a well deserved 21-25 win.

A few contenders for man of the match; Dale Lamont for the number of time ball was taken on the Garioch throw, Gordon Wood for his open and lineout play but for his two tries Connor Love edged the vote.

All new players and club members wanted - why not come and play for your local rugby club?

Kinross Cougars

Great results for the Minis at Crieff with each age group winning their respective matches.

The U16's played a match against Morgan on Sunday 19 October winning 35-17 with great performances by Adam Ramsay, Ross Marshall and Andrew Wilcox.

Kinross Cougars Tournament is on **23 November** with over 300 kids from Dunfermline, Falkirk, Howe of Fife, Crieff, Glenrothes and Kinross playing rugby at the KGV - starts 10.30.

100 Club Winners, £50, Douglas Cruickshank and £25, Mary Bayne.

Kinross Road Runners



Kinross Road Runners have been very active through the autumnal months and many PBs (personal bests) have been achieved, showing that all this year's training is now coming to a peak.

Within the running club we have members with a wide spread of abilities, ages and a good split between male and female. So why not give it a try and come and join your local, friendly running club. You will find other runners to accompany you at your pace and plenty of encouragement to continue your running over the winter months.

Devils Beef tub Hill Race 13 Sept 2008

Position	Name	Time
22	Sandy MacCalman	43:09

Stirling 10k 14 Sept 2008

58	Chris Pratt	36:44 PB
80	Stephen Crawford	38:01
100	Martin Hill	39:31 PB
153	Patricia Milne	41:11 PB
228	Roy Paterson	42:44
331	Pauline Malley	46:28
391	Isabella Carmichael	47:49 PB
405	Geoff Bilton	48:18
411	Valerie Findlay	48:30 PB
776	Sarah Eaton	62:40 PB

Morven Hill Race 20 Sept 2008

44	Sandy MacCalman	1:33:04
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East Neuk 10k 21 Sept 2008

75	Ronnie Richie	44:16
115	Douglas Leitch	47:58

Linlithgow 10k 21 Sept 2008

182	Pauline Malley	48:41
229	Isabella Carmichael	50:12

Oban Half Marathon 21 Sept 2008

4	Chris Pratt	1:27:53
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Pitlochry 10k 28 Sept 2008

10	Chris Pratt	37:40
15	Rashmi Sharh	40:54 PB
22	Peter Edgerton	40:54 PB
83	Douglas Leitch	46:26
98	Isabella Carmichael	47:38 PB

Loch Ness Marathon 5 Oct 2008

227	Ronnie Richie	3:31:56
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Stracarron Hospice 10K 5 Oct 2008

21	Andy Johns	39:58
111	Douglas Leitch	47:38

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Kinross Badminton Club



Now that the first competition of the season has been played (the Kate Francis Mixed Doubles) some members can now relax and take it a bit easier, while others can now look forward to representing the Club playing in the Perth & District Badminton League. The Club wishes the team good luck – we're sure they'll play well.

Congratulations to Nicola McGuigan and Callum Graham, who took the honours in the Kate Francis Competition, beating Fiona Dunning and John Wallace in the final 21–8. Unfortunately the format for the competition had to be changed due to a lack of ladies competing, but thanks to some nifty organising by our Treasurer Ian Coulter the competition ran smoothly (well done, Ian). Please feel free to come down and give the game a try – your first night's FREE. Contact Bill Macdonald on 01577 862592 or Mark Moran on 01577 842239 / Email moran319@btinternet.com or try our new website for more information regarding the club: www.kinrossbadmintonclub.com

Kinross Squash Club



The AGM was held last month and two of the club's stalwarts have stepped down from the committee. A very big thank you from all at the Kinross Squash Club goes to Alan Marshall who has acted as secretary for many years and to Jim Marshall (no relation) who kept the club on the straight and narrow with his excellent control as treasurer. Both players now get a chance to simply enjoy their squash without the extra duties of club management.

Club fees have been held the same for the 5th year in a row which hopefully makes it very attractive to be part of Kinross Squash. Senior membership is £15 and just £12 if you pay before the end of November. Juniors pay £10.

The first of this season's Kinross Squash Leagues have been completed and players will have either moved up a level or moved down. The leagues are very healthy and we are currently running 6 divisions so hopefully you should be able to play new opponents of a similar standard to yourself. To join the squash 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.

The first monthly medal of the year will be played on **Thursday 20 November** from 7pm till 9pm. Games are handicapped to give all a chance to win. These games can be played as competitively or as relaxed as you wish and provide the opportunity to pit your skill against a better player.

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. We look forward to seeing you on court.

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Fossoway Tennis Club - Crook of Devon

The season is closing in, although a net will be left up for those keen winter players. Back in April things got off to a good start with a much needed new net and the faded lines were re-painted. Junior coaching then kicked off which was a great success and junior practice sessions proved popular with lots of enthusiastic youngsters turning up regularly each week. Ladders were arranged to encourage match play. Twenty four juniors entered the club tournaments and almost thirty matches were played with some very close results. A bit of a challenge for a club with just one court! Some young players entered the Perth & District Tournament and enjoyed the experience. On the senior side, club nights, unfortunately, were rained off frequently this year but when they did take place it was nice to see some new members. It was also good that more gents played this season.

The Annual Prizegiving/Social and AGM will take place on **Friday 14 November** in The Stables, Crook of Devon. All senior and junior members are invited to this fun night with tasty food, silly games and usual fabulous raffle! The AGM is at 6.30pm and the social follows around 7.30pm. If you can't make it but would like raffle tickets please see Elizabeth at "The Inn". Hope to see you there!

Tournament results so far:

	Winner	Runner-Up
Mini Girls	Ella Maine	Ingrid Hill
Mini Boys	Callum Campbell	Shaw Grant
Mini Doubles	Ella Maine & Shaw Grant	Ingrid Hill & Callum Campbell
Most Improved Young Players:	Shaw Grant and Callum Campbell	
Junior Girl	Rachel Hepburn	Jodie Millican
Junior Boy	Final still to be played between Callum Hutchison and Ian Hill	
Intermediate Boy	Aaron McLaughlin	Conner Stuart
Gents	Brian Black	Andy Bowman
Ladies	Mary Paterson	Susan Grant
	Bronze: Anne Lee	
Junior Doubles	Rachel Hepburn & Michael Starkey	Jodie Millican & Tommy Starkey

Kinross Curling School

KCS are holding a couple of **Curling Clinics** on **Friday 14 November** at 5.45pm and on **Thursday 20 November** at 10am.

Our next **Come and Try** session is on **Saturday 13 December** at 12.15pm. All welcome.

After School Clubs: The Monday After School Club starts up again on 27 October, 3.30pm - 4.30pm, ages 8 - 12 years. The Thursday After School Club starts up again on 30 October, 4pm - 5.15pm.

The **Kinross Junior Club** has had its first session - next ones are 26 October, 2 and 23 November, 5pm - 7.15 pm.

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



Kinross Bowling Club

The bowling season has drawn to a close for another year. The last week of the season was about the driest since the end of July and we succeeded in playing all our finals.

Our ladies pairs (open) eventually played on 21 September after being re-arranged from August. The sun shone on us that day, with the winners from Kingseat Bowling Club - Sandra Barbara & Jennifer Hutton; Runners Up from Cambus Bowling Club - B. Scobie & Veronica Hislop. A very good day was had by all and thanks again to Sidey Ltd and Meiklem Drainage for sponsorship.

The closing of the green was on Sunday 28 September. The Gibson Triples were played on this day and won by Janet Mitchell, Bobby Brian and Kevin Reay.

This was followed by sandwiches and tea etc.

The presentation of prizes is to be arranged either for the end of October or the start of November. All members will be informed as soon as possible.

Again we would like to thank all our sponsors throughout the season.

Thanks to all the committee members, all the ladies of the club for all the hard work catering etc., the green team for keeping the green in good playing condition - despite all the rain.

Prize winners:

THE WINNERS:	Winner	Runner-Up
Senior S. Hand	Jim Cousar	G.M. Rennie
Presidents	Brian Park	B. Brian
Bess Hunter	Babs Park	J. Mitchell
Gents Pairs	P. Allcoat	J. Cousar
	G.M. Rennie	B. Park
Ladies Pairs	A. Bell	M. Boyle
	S. Rennie	Babs Park
Renton	P. Allcoat	G.M. Rennie
Mixed Pairs	S. Rennie	J. Mitchell
	B. Park	I. Christophers
Handicap	G.M. Rennie	P. Allcoat
Montgomery	G.M. Rennie	B. Brian
Barnes	P. Allcoat	S. Rennie
E. Ford	S. Rennie	J. Mitchell
J. Wallace	P. Allcoat	G. Rennie
Geo. Waddell Ford	G. Rennie	D. Hague
Cowie Shield	J. Malcolm	G. Rennie
Tuesday League	A. Clark	J. Reid
Wed. Night	A. Clark	P. Allcoat
G. Smith Cup	S. Stewart	A. Clark
	G. Rennie	Jim Cousar
Gibson Triples	J. Mitchell	B. Paterson
	B. Brian	I. Munnoch
	K. Reay	P. Allcoat
Ladies Champion	S. Rennie	B. Paterson
Gents Champion	P. Allcoat	I. Christophers
Saturday	S. Stewart	
	F. McDonald	J. Wilkie
Sunday	J. Reid	J. Wilkie
Clack & Kinross Ladies Pairs Winners	Ann Bell / Sheila Rennie.	
Clack Bowling Assoc. Senior S/H Winner	G.M. Rennie.	
Well done to everyone.		



News from the Rurals

KINROSS GROUP SWRI

25 Members from various Institutes in the Group attended a Tasters Day in Fossoway Church Hall on 18 October, 2008. Under the expert tuition of Mesdames F. Drysdale, D. Morris and J. Stronach they enjoyed their choice of two different classes to have "hands on experience" in Flower Arranging, Iris Folding and Crochet. A happy, relaxed atmosphere was enjoyed by all.

MILNATHORT - Mrs Jessica Munro presided at the September meeting. After business Mrs Ann Munro from Cambo gave a beautiful and interesting demonstration of Floral Art, telling us about the flowers and some history of Falkland Palace. The vote of thanks was given by Fiona Hynds.

Competitions:

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| Rhubarb Pie | - Ena Thomson |
| Holiday Photograph | - Nan Paterson |
| Flower of the Month | - Nan Douglas |

Mrs Jessica Munro presided at our October meeting. Two ladies from Celebration Crafts, Perth, demonstrated how to make Christmas cards. We all made one to take home. Fiona Hynds gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

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| Individual cold pasta supper dish | - Frances Shepherd |
| Birthday Card | - Frances Shepherd |
| Flower of the month | - Fiona Hynds |

GLENFARG - Margaret Scott welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting. Andrew Carter, a Yorkshire lad, entertained the ladies, giving a very informative and interesting talk about antiques. Afterwards he discussed and valued antiques brought by the members – a very worthwhile evening.

The next meeting is on Thursday 13 November in the refurbished village hall at 7.30 pm. "Christmas Goodies and Treats" is the subject for Lynne McPhillips. Visitors are very welcome.

Competitions:

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| Single flower photograph | - L Yull |
| Slice of quiche | - J Kirkland |
| Flower of the Month | - L Johnson |

POWMILL - President Mrs Janie Buchanan welcomed members including some new members to the meeting on Wednesday 15 October in Mowbray Hall, Powmill. After business items had been dealt with, Mrs Buchanan then introduced Mrs Frances Drysdale who gave a very enjoyable talk and workshop on Floral Arrangements and thanks to her help and patience with us we all managed to make a little table decoration. Mrs Buchanan gave the vote of thanks and a very nice supper was served by Mrs E Johnston and Mrs GTaylor.

Competitions:

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| Carrot Cake | - Mrs J Buchanan |
| Harvest Arrangement | - Mrs M Wilson |
| Garden Gem | - Mrs J Buchanan |

BISHOPSHIRE - The new session got off to a great start with speaker Mrs Jessie Pryde. An amateur opera fanatic almost all her life, she related anecdotes of her time with various operatic companies in Fife, and accompanied her talk with songs and recordings of her singing with Peggy O'Keefe. This was reckoned to be one of the best meetings we have had.

Competitions:

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| Recycled article | - Margaret Crighton |
| Tasty snack from leftovers | - Janette Gardiner |

At the October meeting, student Michael Derby spoke of his experiences working as a volunteer in an orphanage in India, and teaching English. He also told of his time with Camp America, helping with young people with disabilities. His talk was accompanied by slides, showing how happy the young people were. Michael would like to work in child care. The members were very impressed with his digital presentation and his enthusiasm for his work.

Competitions:

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| Mini pizza | - Janette Gardiner |
| Flower photo | - Jane Martin |

CROOK OF DEVON - Mrs Margaret Arbuckle presided over the October meeting. After business was concluded Mrs Arbuckle introduced Dick Crighton who showed us slides of some of the places he visited as a coach driver with Earnside Coaches.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs I Meechan.

Competitions:

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| Most Articles in Matchbox | - Mrs C Bennett |
| Flower of the Month | - Mrs S Lamont |

BLAIRINGONE - President Fiona Clark welcomed to our September meeting Mr Duncan Davidson, who gave us an enlightening talk on Moths & Butterflies.

Competitions:

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| Paperweight | - Fiona Clark |
| Jar of Jam | - Mary Croy |
| Flower of the Month | - Mary Croy |

President Fiona Clark welcomed Mr Joe Smith to our October meeting held in Mowbray Hall, Powmill. Mr Smith gave us an informative and humorous talk and slide show on "Scotsmen and women who invented the world".

Jean Broom gave a vote of thanks.

Competitions:

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| Shortbread biscuits | - Martha Warnock |
| Novelty socks | - Kay Farmer |
| Flower of the Month | - Fiona Clark |

CARNBO - President Eileen Thomson welcomed a large turnout of members. The speaker was Mrs Betty Murchie, a former Chairman of the Federation. She has been a member of the SWRI for 47 years and has enjoyed fellowship and friendship in all her posts. An amusing summary of her "Life in the Rural" was the theme of her talk.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs Carol Hutt.

Competitions:

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| Flower of the Month | - Mrs B Nicol |
| Jar of Homemade Jam | - Mrs F Drysdale |



Out & About

Vane Farm



Weel it's awfa like Autumn is wi us, if indeed summer ever startit. Trees are losin summer jekets wi leaves fleein past the windaes o the office in the blaw.

Goose numbers have gin up quite a bitty since the last wee story and oan a recent coont we hid gie near 17000 in the area. The air hiz certainly been fillt wi their evocative calls as they flee in n oot o the reserve n loch. Winter ducks are also oan the increase wi some nice mixed flocks o pintail, tufted duck, pochard, goldeneye, teal, gadwall, shoveler, goosander and the ever present mallard all visible. Whooper swans are increasin tae. Nae signs yet o smew n the like but they will pit in an appearance later in the winter nae doot. We are also getting reports o otters n red squirrel bein spottit oan the heritage trail alang by Findatie n the woods at Levenmouth, so worth keeping yer een peeled if ye are oot fur a daunder.

Donny oor digger man hiz finished bundin up the flood so when the boards gan back in the sluice we shid hae a big souster flood ower the winter. The Softtrack machine that wiz in last year hiz also returnt and is chappin awa at the thickest areas round the flood tae reduce the rushes which we hope will then be floodit by the larger watter area the flood shid produce, in turn makin them rot awa. We will also be cutting the banks alang the walkway yince the wild floors fur the bees n insects hiv finished bloomin – no be long noo, wi the caulder weather creepin up oan us.

In the centre the shop hiz startit the customer loyalty caird, so every time ye spend five pounds or mair oan selectit lines ye get a stamp oan the caird. Ye kin get up tae twenty five pounds worth o bawbees aff yer future purchases wance ye hiv saved up enough.

We are also noo sellin fur the the folks wi leanins green, Ecover products fur cleanin yer cludgies, haunds n that kinda stuff. The idea bein thit ye kin buy a bottle o whatever taks yer fancy tae start wi, or ye micht hiv some lvin aboot the hoose a'ready, then ye bring the bottle back wi ye n refill it, savin bawbees n plastic waste anaw.

Mair new gismos fur yer gairden, we noo hiv in stock the easy clean "ring pull" bird feeder. Nae mair footerin about wi screwdrivers, auld knifes or whatever tae tak the feed ports oot afore ye can gie it a skite through wi a cleanin brush.

Next events comin up. On **Wednesday 12 November** startin at 7.30pm in the visitor centre, **Claire Smith** RSPB East Scotland Sea Eagle Project Officer will be givin a **talk** on her work wi the impressive beastie that is the **White Tailed Eagle** and the release project on the east coast. A few hiv been reportit in the loch area recently. We are holdin a few talks on different subjects, no jist burds, durin the early winter months. Please contact us fur further details or tae book. RSPB members will be free and non members will be charged normal entry rates to cover costs. First come first served for bookins so we dinny get ower crowded oot.

Last, can I say thanks tae the reader (I aye kent a hid at least yin) wha in a moment o madness pit pen tae paper in the last issue's letter pages n gave this auld codger some words o encouragement. Yer a grand chiel – thanks fur the praise, the cheque's in the poast, nae guarantees as tae its validity mind!! The workmin hiv been bookit tae widen the centre doors fur ma swelt heed. See ya next month, ta ta noo. Colin

Loch Leven NNR



We've had a selection of unusual sightings around the reserve recently, including Hen Harrier, Sea Eagle, Gannet and a trio of Ruddy Shelduck that appear to have taken up residence here. The return of the Pink-footed Goose population has also caused a stir around the loch. The abundance of geese, ducks and swans around the reserve is always a pleasure to see, with the diversity of life being at its most apparent. The first Pink-footed Goose count of the year indicated a healthy population of 17,000 birds, although this number is expected to fluctuate throughout the season as some birds continue their migration south. The Dawn Goose Watches proved to be very successful, with approximately 5000 geese obliging a waiting crowd with a beautifully choreographed morning launch. Whooper Swans and an abundance of moulting ducks were also on display, and a Kingfisher flitting through the reeds at the hide topped a very pleasurable morning.

Our Fungi Forays have once again proved to be extremely popular, and we are now fully booked for the second walk at Burleigh. For those who attended the first walk in Levenmouth, we were treated to the highest count on record at the reserve, with 38 species being identified. The view of Otters on the River Leven was an added bonus, and certainly something to look out for if you are out and about there. There were a few cameras in action during the walk, and if anybody has captured a winning image, I would very much like to include it on our fungi database, with a view to developing a collection of images on the wildlife section of our website. If you really feel that it's a winning image, however, perhaps you'd better keep it under wraps for the Loch Leven Photography Competition 2009, which will be officially initiated in January.

With the final stage of the proposed Loch Leven Heritage Trail nearing completion, we are looking forward to full access around the north and east shore to RSPB Vane Farm from **3 November**. With the opening of Phase 3 of the track comes more ground to cover for patrols. As always, your presence and help around the reserve is valued. We'll be having an intensive **litter pick** around the reserve during the week of **27 - 31 October**. If you'd like to join us to help with our winter clean up, please call the reserve office on 01577 864439 and let us know when you'll be able to make it in that week.

Our last **Meet the Wardens** session of 2008 will be held on **Wednesday 5 November** from 12noon – 3pm, so for an opportunity to meet with staff at Loch Leven, drop into the boathouse hide for a chat.

Craig

Community Website

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

Farming



Sunset Song came to Perth Theatre in October and three generations of our family watched this adaptation of the novel by Lewis Grassie Gibbon. The central character is a young woman, Chris Guthrie, growing up in a farming family in the fictional estate of Kinraddie in "The Mearns" in the north east of Scotland at the start of the 20th century. It was a fantastic production, the brilliant cast made it dramatic and real.

We thought we were going to watch a story about a Scotland long gone but this play could have been set on a farm in 2008.

I am part of today's farming community and while I admit that agriculture has lost its terrifying drudgery and I do not know any families (apart from on Eastenders) that are as dysfunctional as the Guthries, I felt a closeness to this heritage. I could empathise with the feelings of hope and despair and would not be surprised if other farmers in the audience were overcome with these feelings too. The powerful adaptation challenged everyone to re-evaluate their relationship with the land.

You might wonder how it is possible to compare the mechanised farming of today - tractor driving, quad bikes, housed cattle, robotic milkers to the sheer backbreaking routine of looking after Kinraddie with nothing but your bare hands and a horse at the turn of the century?

It is the complex relationship that a farmer has with the land that he/she farms that has not changed. I can think of many local farmers that have dedicated their whole working life to one farm. The farm is a home, a duty, a safe haven, the land is the production line and production efficiencies help achieve greater productivity but the land must be nurtured and protected in the present and it has to be cared for carefully in order to pass it on in good heart to the next generation. Chris loved it and hated it all in one breath. I think our farmers will have felt like this.

In Kinross-shire many "family farms" remain. The family will be farming more acres than in times gone by, but these local farms are run by the family and provide for the family. Farming communities have adapted to new technologies and come a long way from the very hard times faced by previous generations but the ups and downs of the commodity prices and challenges of the weather were a battle for Chris Guthrie and these remain unchanged.

Fiona

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Weather



September Weather Report From Carnbo

September was a much drier and more settled month than the previous three months, this leading to the lowest rain fall since May, but unfortunately sunshine was still in short supply.

Rainfall for month	72 mm (62% of normal)
Heaviest fall	21.7 mm (15th)
Highest temperature	16°C (11th) (low)
Lowest temperature	2°C (28th)
Average temperature	10.5°C
2 days with maximum temperature above 15°C	
No days with maximum temperature below 10°C	
Lowest max temperature	10°C (30th)
Ground frost not recorded	
Sunless days	13 (high)
Cloud cover	62.5%
Further Statistics, East Scotland, Summer 2008	
Rainfall	175%
Temperature	+ 0.3°C
Sunshine	70%

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BENNIE – HARDCASTLE. Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of **CHRISTOPHER**, second son of Jim and Annette, Mawcarse Crossroads, to **SARAH**, elder daughter of Peter and Jen, Hawkshaw, Lancashire.

STEVEN PORTER and **SHARON GALLAGHER** were married on 22 August 2008 at Kinross Parish Church by Rev Joanne Finlay.

The marriage of **CATHERINE (KATRINA) LITSTER**, Kinross to **ALAN HAGREEN**, Farnborough took place on 19 September 2008 at Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline.

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 Jim.

Alex and Jim **PRITCHARD** are very pleased to announce the birth of their third son, **THOMAS YAUN** on Wednesday 10 September 2008.

Recent graduations from Perth College:

CAROL BREMNER, Kinross: HND Accounting.

SHARON GIBSON, Kinross: BSc Computing

ANDREW WARING, Milnathort: BSc Computing

JOHN-STUART HENDRY, Kinross: HND Computing (Software Development).

GRAEME HUNTER, Cleish: HND Computing (Technical Support).

ANDREW MASSON, Kinross: HNC Computing

RUTH LAMONT, Milnathort: HNC Information Technology.

AILIS NICOL, Kinross: HNC Information Technology.

ELAINE CORMACK, Kinross: BA(Hons) Child and Youth Studies.

JOANNE DERBY, Kinnesswood: HNC Early Education and Childcare.

PATRICIA IRVINE, Rumbling Bridge: Professional Development Award Early Education and Childcare.

LORRAINE HANNAH, Milnathort: HNC Beauty Therapy.

CAROLYN ADAMS, Kinross: HNC Hospitality.

STEWART BAILLIE, Kinross: HNC Engineering Systems.

PATRICK BYRNE, Kinross: HNC Engineering Systems.

JOHN STEWART, Kinross: HNC Engineering Systems.

CATHERINE SANGHA, Kinross: HNC Horticulture.

GRAHAM COTTINGHAM, Milnathort: HND Graphic Design and Illustration.

TIZIANA HETHERINGTON, Kinross: HND Graphic Design and Illustration.

DEBORAH WIDLEY, Glenfarg: HNC Visual Communications.

LIAM CHAPMAN, Yetts O'Muckhart: HND Music.

HOLLY HAMILTON, Kinross: HND Music.

ALAN BARBOUR, Kinross: HND Sound Production.

MICHAEL BURRELL, Kinross has graduated from Dundee College with an HNC in Creative Industries (Professional Writing Skills).

LORRAINE THOMSON, Kinross has graduated from Dundee College with a PDA in Childcare and Education.

DEBBIE SMITH, Milnathort graduated in June with a Post Graduate Diploma in Information Technology.

ADRIAN SHARP, Mawcarse Crossroads, Milnathort has been awarded the rank of Corporal after graduating as a Physical Training Instructor from the School of Physical Training at RAF Cosford on 4 September 2008.

NICOLA McGUIGAN won the ladies singles title at the recent Bank of Scotland Badminton Bonanza.

ROSIE LUCEY (16) of Kinross has received the Highland Spring Young Sports Person award. She participates in the tetrathlon, which is made up of various activities including horse-riding, swimming and running.

MARK WATSON of Kinross and his business partner Alasdair Allan have been named Fiè's top young entrepreneurs, winning the regional final of the 2008 Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust (PSYBT) Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. Alasdair and Mark founded their company Allmark Enterprises in 2006 with the help of the PSYBT. They became RE/MAX estate agent franchise owners, first opening a branch in Dunfermline, then in Kinross in 2007. They opened their third branch in Stirling in 2008.

T in the Park has again been recognised nationally by the public as the UK's best music festival. Winning the **4Music Festival of the Year** award for the first time, T in the Park beat off incredibly stiff competition from stalwart behemoths such as Glastonbury, Reading and Leeds and Latitude at the ceremony which was held in London's Brixton Academy on 18 September. The award was accepted on behalf of the event by T in the Park favourites, Glasvegas whose stunning Futures Stage set at this year's festival is set to become the stuff of T in the Park legend.

Thanks



CATHIE COCHRANE would like to thank the Newsletter and the authors concerned for the recent book competitions which she enjoyed entering. She was delighted to win a copy of *Torn Apart* and found the book fascinating.

SALLY JONES and **JOANNE KITSON** would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated home baking and raffle prizes, and to those who turned up to support their fundraising coffee morning at Orwell Bowling club on 26 September. The sum of £525 was raised for **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

Local image consultancy business **Integro** recently held a successful launch event, at the same time raising money for charity. The raffle prize of a complete image makeover was provided by Integro and Kinross Hairdresser Bower, and the Kirklands Hotel donated a meal for two. The raffle raised £225 for **Clic Sargent**, a charity which provides care and support to families who have had a child diagnosed with cancer. Marlene White and Adele Hamilton of Integro want to thank everyone who supported the event.

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland (Charity number SC012555)

Station Road, Kinross

website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

E-mail: kinpc@tiscali.co.uk Tel: (01577) 862570

Interim Moderator: Rev Joanne Finlay Tel: (01577) 850231

Locum: Rev Ray Gaston

Reader: Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602

Session Clerk: Mrs Linda Williamson Tel: (01577) 862789

15 St Mary's Place, Kinross

Please direct pastoral enquiries on matters such as illness to Margaret Michie. In the event of a bereavement please contact Rev. Joanne Finlay.

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

November

Sun 2 10.30am Morning Service, followed by informal Communion. After the service there will be a Traidcraft lunch and a chance to order Traidcraft items for Christmas.

Sun 9 10.30am Morning Service.

Sun 16 10.30am Morning Service.

Sun 23 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.

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

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 Levens: first Tuesday of the month at 4pm

Oasis Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15 - 11.45am last Friday of the month.

Fusion Orwell Hall, Mondays 6pm

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

November

Sun 2 Formal Communion - Portmoak

Sat 8 Men's Breakfast, Speaker - David Ferguson,

OMF Missionary in Japan

Sun 9 **Remembrance Sunday**

Portmoak - Service at War Memorial 10.50am

Orwell - Service at War Memorial 12.30pm

Tue 18 **Guild Open Night - Songs of Praise**

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

November Services

Sun 2 8.30am, Holy Communion.

11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 9 8.30am, Holy Communion.

Remembrance Sunday 10.50am, Act of

Remembrance followed by Communion.

Sun 16 8.30am, Holy Communion.

11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 23 Bible Sunday 8.30am, Holy Communion.

11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 30 Advent Sunday 8.30am, Holy Communion.

11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Other Services

Thu 27 9.45am, Prayers for Healing with Communion.

Fri 28 2-4pm, 7-9pm. Advent quiet day for Kinross-shire Churches Together. All welcome for one or both sessions.

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.

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

November

Sun 2 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Ray Gaston
Sun 9 11.15am Remembrance Sunday worship
 2.30pm Joint Housebound Communion
 Service - Fossoway Church
Sun 16 11.15am Preacher: Rev. David Reid
Sun 23 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 30 11.15am Sacrament of Lord's Supper

17 November Coffee evening with Hillfoots Singers

29 November St. Andrews Quiz Night

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

November

Sun 2 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Mary Henderson.
Sun 9 9.30am Remembrance Day Service at
 Institute Hall. Wreath laying at cenotaph.
 2.30pm Communion service for Housebound
 (church).
Sun 16 9.45am Preacher: Rev. David Reid.
 Sacrament of Baptism.
Sun 23 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay.
Sun 30 9.45am Sacrament of Lord's Supper

December

Sun 7 9.45am Advent Garland Service of Worship.

4 November Education Group Meeting 7.30pm

15 November Christmas Fayre, Institute Hall

28 November Women's Group

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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.

Saturday Night Worship

Last Saturday of each month, 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 Corsar 07795313864

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

Obituary

WILLIAMINA DICK, late of Grove Cottage, Crook of
 Devon. Minnie died peacefully at Annfield Nursing Home
 in Stirling on 16 October 2008, aged 94.

She is survived by two daughters and two sons, eleven
 grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

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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: Liam Saunders 0788 2147524

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

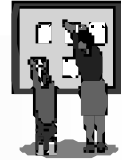
Village Hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

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 Toddlethon for Children in Need



Sunday 2 November

1:30pm in Kirkgate Park

phone 01577 864713 for more details

Orwell Bowling Club BINGO TEA

Wednesday 5 November at 7.30 sharp.
£1 entry - Bring Your Own Cup.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust Shield Presentation – Woodland Award



Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

Thursday 6 November
at 7.30pm



Presentation followed by Talk:
Chris Stark of P&KCT on "Woods for Nature"
Wine and Refreshments
Contact: Alastair Smith 01592 840215

Carnbo WRI COFFEE MORNING

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 9 November

A parade of ex-servicemen, cadets, Scouts, Guides and other organizations will leave Kinross Parish Church at 10.45am. A minister will lead a short ecumenical service at the war memorial, County Buildings, and two minutes' silence will be observed at 11am. After the laying of the wreaths, the parade will continue to the grounds of Kinross High School. All are welcome.

Traffic stoppage: Note, the following streets will be closed to traffic for periods of time during the parade and service: High Street south of Green Road; Station Road between the Parish Church and the High Street.



POSTCARD, STAMP AND COLLECTORS FAIR

Church Centre, 10am to 4pm
Saturday 15 November

Citizens Advice Bureau

Surgery held on
the second and fourth Tuesday of each month
at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross,
1.30pm to 3.30pm
No appointment needed. CAB services are free,
confidential, independent and impartial.
Any enquiries about the service, ring 01738 564304.

Dollar Music Society

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

- 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.

Fossoway Primary School Association CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Monday 10 November

7.30pm-10pm

Mulled wine and mince pies

Come along with a friend and do your Christmas shopping locally in a relaxed festive atmosphere!

Stalls with items including jewellery, books, candles, pashminas, handmade glass and wood items, cards, gift wrap, children's clothes, cosmetics and much more...

All profits raised will go to Fossoway Primary School

'PUDDING HEAVEN' & ART EXHIBITION

in aid of WALC (Walk Around Lovely Crook)
at the Institute, Crook of Devon.

The pudding club will be open on

Saturday 15 November, 7pm - 9pm.

Tickets available from Crook of Devon Post Office,
Fossoway Service Station and on the door.

Entry: adults £ 5, children £ 2.50 (this allows you three portions of pudding of your choice).

The Art Exhibition by local artist Angela Heidemann and friends will be open during pudding club hours and on
Sunday 16 November, 10.30am – 12.30pm. Entry free.

Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

Saturday 15 November at 8pm

featuring singer KENNY SMITH

Come and dance the evening away. Entry £3.50 by ticket only (available behind the bar at the Club).

Orwell Church Christmas Bazaar

Milnathort Town Hall

Saturday 15 November, 2 - 4pm

Usual stalls
Tea & mince pies
All welcome

Children 1st Christmas Fair 2008

Wednesday 19 November, 9.30am to 2pm

The Windlestrae Hotel
The Muirs, Kinross

Refreshments	Disabled Access
Christmas Stalls	Homebaking

Does anyone have used/unused **CARDBOARD
PACKING BOXES?**
Can collect.

Please contact Barbara
The Doghouse, 118 High Street, Kinross
01577 863063

ROSS 2000 Annual General Meeting



will take place on
Wednesday 26 November, 7.00pm
70 Muirs, Kinross

Kinross Floral Art Club

Coffee Evening Thursday 27 November

At the Church Hall, Kinross at 7.15pm prompt

Demonstration by Mrs Elizabeth Coyle entitled
'Floreata Flora'

Price of tickets £5 plus raffle & tombola
New Members and visitors welcome

Kinross Girls and Boys Brigade COFFEE MORNING

Church Centre, Kinross

Saturday 29 November from 10am to 12 noon.
Bottle Stall, Raffle, and a chance to pick up your Christmas
cards and gifts from the CHAS Stall and Fair Trade items
from the High School Fair Trade Group. Come and join us
on this popular annual St Andrews Day-ish event.

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renewables etc. Advice to individuals, communities and
small businesses.

Blythswood Care

Somerfield's Car Park

18 November between 10.30 am and 11 am
Further details from 862258

Core Paths Final Consultation

P&KC's Draft Core Paths Plan is available for final
consultation. This is a system of paths which the Council
believes will provide reasonable public access throughout
Perth & Kinross and is presented in the form of maps.
Copies can be viewed at Council offices and libraries - in
Kinross at the **County Buildings** and **Library** at 21 High
Street. The maps can also be viewed on the Council's
website at www.pkc.gov.uk/countryside
Response forms are available. The deadline for comments is
31 December 2008. All comments will be made public.

Kinross-shire Churches Together CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

in Kinross High School

Sunday 14 December at 3pm

Church and School choirs together with instrumental
ensembles and carols for all

All welcome. Doors open at 2.30pm

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

- 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.

ARRANGE A HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



Many domestic fires could be avoided if people
were fully aware of the dangers within their own
homes and had a means of early warning from fire
in the form of a domestic smoke alarm. Smoke alarms cost from as
little as £5.00 and are available from DIY stores, electrical shops
and many supermarkets and high-street retailers.

WHY NOT ARRANGE A HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT?

Tayside residents can arrange for a firefighter to come to their
home and assess any fire hazards that they find. During the visit
the firefighter will give advice on how to make your home safer,
what to do in the event of fire and what to do if you become
trapped by fire.

They will also fit a smoke alarm in your house, free of charge, if
you don't have one and explain how to maintain it correctly.

To arrange a free Home Fire Safety Visit, call Perth and
Kinross's Community Fire Safety Team on 01738 622226.

Community Councils

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mbs21@btinternet.com

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Milnathort: Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025

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Fossoway & District: Secy: Trudy Duffy-Wigman (01577) 840669,

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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
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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

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Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

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Waste Paper Kerbside Collection

Next uplift in Kinross, Milnathort and Glenfarg:

Thursday 20 November

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

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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.

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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: 5 & 19 November

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 November

25th Anniversary Concert Tuesday 18 at 2 pm

Please note that the coffee bar will close at 11.30am and reopen at 1.30pm
on Tuesday 18 November



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>
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.

Marie Curie Cancer Care GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE

As the 60th Anniversary of the Charity is nearing its culmination, this is to let you know the Christmas Gift Wrapping will take place again in the St. John's Centre, Perth. Beginning on **Friday 19 December** through till Christmas Eve. If anyone would like to help with this please contact Jackie Johnston, Community Fundraiser, Tel: 0131 561 3948, Mobile 07798 638156, or email jackiejohnston@mariecurie.org.uk

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