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# Letters

## Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the Newsletter for 2008, and a happy new year to all our readers.

There's an exciting start to the year as work begins on, as Councillor Willie Robertson puts it, "the biggest ever project in Kinross-shire's history". We have three pages of coverage on the new High School build, starting on page 5. We are grateful to builders Laing O'Rourke for the use of their graphics. We hope to provide occasional updates on progress in future issues.

The "Small Ways to Save the Planet" dotted around this Newsletter are tips issued by the Scottish Government. If you don't subscribe to the theory of global warming, then regard them as "small ways to save on your bills", which will presumably we all wish to do!

Speaking of saving money, if you have unwanted gifts cluttering up your cupboards, remember you could advertise them for sale on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc). Listing in the Classified Ads section is free to anyone living in Kinross-shire and it might be an easier way of disposing of large items than e-bay. Listing is for 21 days and there is an upper value limit of £500. At the time of writing there are items of furniture for sale and one user is happy to give away his filing cabinet in exchange for a £20 donation to charity.

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

Turn off all lights, including fluorescent ones, when they are not needed, and make good use of natural light.

## Dog Fouling

24.11.07

I feel compelled to add my voice to the many who are disgusted with the habit of many of the people who walk their dogs on the new path system around the loch leaving a trail of bagged dog poo along the side of the path or thrown into the trees. To everybody who is doing this please be aware that this is illegal and will result in a fine if caught. Also try and consider the other path users who certainly don't want to follow your trail of "bags" everywhere we go.

A Milne

Cameron Avenue, Kinross

## Thank you

10.12.07

As we start 2008, the staff of WRVS would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful volunteers in the Kinross area for the hard work they do for the people in their communities.

WRVS provides meals on wheels, books on wheels, community transport, hospital and good neighbours services in all communities within Perth & Kinross; services which would not be available to those who are homebound, isolated or in hospital without that time and hard work so generously given by our volunteers.

We hope you all have a happy and peaceful 2008.

All in WRVS

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## Dental Surgery

10.01.08

Thanks to all our patients for their support and co-operation during our recent extensive refurbishment.

We are delighted with all the positive comments the new look has received.

The practice is also pleased to welcome Dr Meera Patel to the practice from February. Meera qualified from St Bart's, London in 2003 and has recently been shortlisted for UK young dentist of the year.

Angela J Gault B.D.S.

Dental Surgery, 75 High Street, Kinross

Seen on the "Bulletin Board" on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) in December:

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**T in the Park Local Ticket Availability 15.01.08**

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Locals will, of course, continue to be able to apply for tickets through Ticketmaster etc at the time of the national launch which will be announced in the media, probably in early February.

Any possibility of a release of T in the Park tickets from our store is liable to be at very short notice, and only if allocation is made available to us by the ticketing company, which will definitely not be at the time of the national launch.

To give the best possible notice of any availability to local residents, we have an email information service available. If you would like to join this mailing list and receive an email regarding information as to when these tickets would be on sale, together with relevant details, email your request to the following address (not a web site):

[tickets@sands-ironmongers.co.uk](mailto:tickets@sands-ironmongers.co.uk)

Please include your name, address and a contact (land line) phone number. Any emails received without these contact details **WILL NOT** be logged. We regret we cannot accept any firm bookings for either type or quantity of tickets.

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**Thanks to the people of Kinross 6.01.08**

Through the Newsletter we would like to thank the many people in Kinross who sponsored my steam locomotive and visited the SMET railway at Methven, near Perth at our Charity Steam Day in July 2007.

Part of the money raised from the steam day was to support an orphanage in Laos and we have just returned from there having signed a contract to refurbish the orphanage showers, using the remaining money to buy some essentials for the orphanage.

In order to show the many people who kindly contributed how their donations were used, we have posted all the details on a small website that we have created, [www.scolaorg.org.uk](http://www.scolaorg.org.uk)

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# News & Articles

## Worth checking in to

The Windlestrae Hotel is completing a £350,000 upgrade. Many of the 45 guestrooms have been refurbished with a more modern look and updated facilities, and the public bar has been completely revitalised.

The Macmillan Suite, which is suitable for meetings, weddings or other celebrations, has been redecorated and The Fairway Restaurant also has a clean, crisp new look. 'Rushes' bar benefits from a complete facelift, with new fixtures and fittings and an improved menu, ideal for hotel guests and locals looking for a relaxed and sophisticated venue – perfect for lunch, supper or to watch your favourite sporting event.

The Leisure club has new changing facilities and gymnasium design, meaning the facility can now accommodate more members and guests. Twenty-six new cardiovascular machines have been installed, some offering TV and iPod docking stations.

Bruce Robbie, General Manager of the Montgomery Hotel Group who own and operate the Windlestrae Hotel, said, "This refurbishment, encouraged by our leisure club members, local residents and guests, signals the regeneration of the hotel to bring it back to the standard and quality it was once recognised for. The new contemporary look and modern facilities ensures the Windlestrae will once again become a firm favourite for local people and visitors to this historic area."



*The Windlestrae Hotel*

*Photo: Dave Cuthbert, www.kinross.cc photo library*

## Sus It Out

Sus It Out is a project that helps community groups to be aware of the principles of sustainable development and to incorporate them into their own operations. To achieve sustainable development we need to be aware of the impact of our decisions today and in the longer term, and to make decisions that are right for ourselves, our society, our economy and for the environment.

To find out more about the project, visit [www.susitout.org](http://www.susitout.org). Sus It Out is a project of the Future Scotland Partnership, funded by the Scottish Government and managed by the Scottish Civic Forum.

**Deadline for all Articles**  
**2.00 pm, MONDAY 18 February**  
**for publication on Saturday 1 March**

## Concert Success

It was a full house at Kinross Parish Church, when the East Fife Male Voice Choir returned to Kinross in a concert organised by the 50 Plus Club on behalf of the Kinross Day Centre.

The choir took every opportunity to showcase their harmonising talents, particularly in the up tempo spiritual "Cottonfields", with Margot Scott's syncopated piano accompaniment. These harmonies were also well to the fore in their rendition of "Softly As I Leave you".

"Autumn Leaves" was particularly haunting, while "Unchained Melody" was delightfully understated, a vast improvement on a frequently overwrought song. During "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder", conductor, Jim Broadley allowed the baritones and bases to let rip before soloist, Len Kidd, treated the audience to "The Stars Are Brightly Shining" and "Bird Song At Eventide". As mellow as hot chocolate.

The second soloist was Kenny Wilson with his guitar, who performed his own moving tribute to the victims of the Michael Colliery disaster, "Men O' Darkness", then led the audience in singing "These Are My Mountains".

A highlight of the evening was the choir's own version of "Highland Cathedral", with words by Ernie Dick - words which more than did justice to the haunting melody.

As ever, the choir presented an eclectic programme, ranging from the Kings of Swing to Perry Como through Burns and Mozart.

## Better Place to Live Fair

### Kinross High School – Saturday 8 March

The 2008 Fair is shaping up to be a hive of activity for Kinross-shire citizens young and old (not to mention the "in-betweens"! ). In addition to show-casing the wide range of organisations, clubs and societies in our area, the Fair boasts a range of other attractions, including the announcement of the winners of the "Healthy Living Wordsearch" competition for primary school children, displays by the Lochleven Baton Twirlers, The Kinross Pipe Band and more.

Bookings for stands are coming in very quickly so if you wish to take part and let the community know what your group or business does, call Pauline (862685) or e-mail [admin@kinross.cc](mailto:admin@kinross.cc) for an application form. A stand costs £7.50 and we provide the venue, a table and chairs and all advertising.

The refreshment area this year will be organised by The Fairtrade Steering Group and will feature fairly traded goods. The group will also be manning an activity corner for children.

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# Community Campus becomes a reality

## “Biggest ever project in Kinross-shire’s history” gets underway

Work is due to begin on the site of the long-awaited new Kinross High School on 11 February. The school will be built on the northern edge of Kinross, on fields which were part of the Lethangie estate. The site is bounded by the B996 (Kinross to Milnathort road) and the road which leads to Burleigh Sands. Considerable changes have already

AMRO Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen (Helaba).

All schools in the Programme are to be “community schools” and to reflect this, each development will have a campus name as well as a school name. Here, the school will continue to be called Kinross High School, but the whole

open meetings, public displays with boxes for comments, stands at local exhibitions and questionnaires circulated locally. The outcome of the consultation process was a 23-page requirements list, which was submitted to Perth and Kinross Council. I am hopeful that the Council included most of the requirements in their school specification; if so, then the facility will be a marvellous addition to community space in Kinross-shire. At the very least, the new school is a desperately needed facility as the current one is inadequate for the current school roll.” Through the Investment in Learning Programme, P&KC aims to:

- Provide quality accommodation and resources for school and community use;
- Encourage adults, parents and families to visit the campus during the school day to: support their children’s or their own learning; contribute to community activities, and use the facilities in the evenings, at weekends and during the school holidays;
- Provide enhanced support on-site for children, young people and families with special educational needs and learning/behavioural difficulties;
- Contribute significantly to the quality of life, culture, health and fitness of young people and local communities through the provision of arts, sporting, and community services; and
- Enable more flexible access to learning through continued investment in IT.

With on-site work about to begin, local



*The site of the new High School, looking south towards Kinross*

taken place nearby in the last year or so, with the construction of the Burnbank Meadows houses and alterations to the road junction.

The first three months of the school project will involve:

- Installation of the site hoarding and fencing.
- Site accommodation set up.
- Removal of a section of the stone wall on the Lethangie Road for rebuilding at a later date (part of the planning conditions).
- Site enabling works.

The new school is part of P&KC’s “Investment in Learning Programme”, which will see six new campuses built throughout Perth & Kinross, financed by Public Private Partnership (PPP). The other new campuses are to be located at Blairgowrie, Aberfeldy, Crieff and two in Perth. The Investment in Learning project contract was awarded to the Axiom Education consortium, which consists of ABN AMRO Infrastructure Capital Management (equity), Laing O’Rourke (design and construction) and Mitie FM (facilities management); funding for the project is being provided by ABN

campus will be known as the “Loch Leven Community Campus”. A new library incorporating a museum will be built on the campus.

Other facilities planned include a lecture theatre, dance studio, fitness suite, indoor climbing wall and numerous outdoor sports pitches.

Dave Cuthbert, former Chair of the Kinross High School User Group said:

“The Kinross High School User Group spent several months in 2004 consulting the people of Kinross-shire about what they wanted from the New High School campus. This consultation included



*An artist’s impression of the new site, looking south* courtesy of Laing O’Rourke

Councillor Willie Robertson said:

"I am delighted to see this, the biggest ever project in Kinross-shire's history, getting under way. We are badly in need of the facilities which will be provided on this site. I am grateful to all those in the community who have worked so hard on this project and look forward to seeing its completion."

Head Teacher of Kinross High School, Mr Keatings, is looking forward to increased community involvement in the school. Asked by the Newsletter to comment, Mr Keating writes:

"A long time coming, I hear you say, but very soon we will be looking at the growing structure of our new school. It will be an exciting time for all of us and I repeat, all of us. I have always considered Kinross High School to be a community school and so I now look forward to growing and improving the partnership between the school and the community. I hope we will expand the educational aspect to involve more directly even more of you, on a daily basis. I certainly expect our facilities to attract even more of you, also on a daily basis and I also hope that the venue can become a social hub for the type of events both local and national that

would benefit our community. Now is the time to celebrate the beginning of this new venture and look forward to the tremendous opportunities it presents."

Local Councillor Kathleen Baird is also looking forward to all the new school has to offer, saying:

"The Loch Leven Community Campus will be a wonderful and much needed asset to the pupils of Kinross High as well as to the whole community. The opening in October 2009 will bring new opportunities for all ages of the community to share resources. Co-operation from all parties will be vital to the success of the community facilities." She added:

"I hope that during the construction period when no doubt there will be additional heavy traffic on the road, residents will not be inconvenienced too much".

Construction traffic will access the site from Lethangie Road, entering onto one of the new access points for the new school. Construction company Laing O'Rourke intends to produce a regular newsletter to distribute to nearby homes so that those who live or work in the vicinity of the new campus are aware of

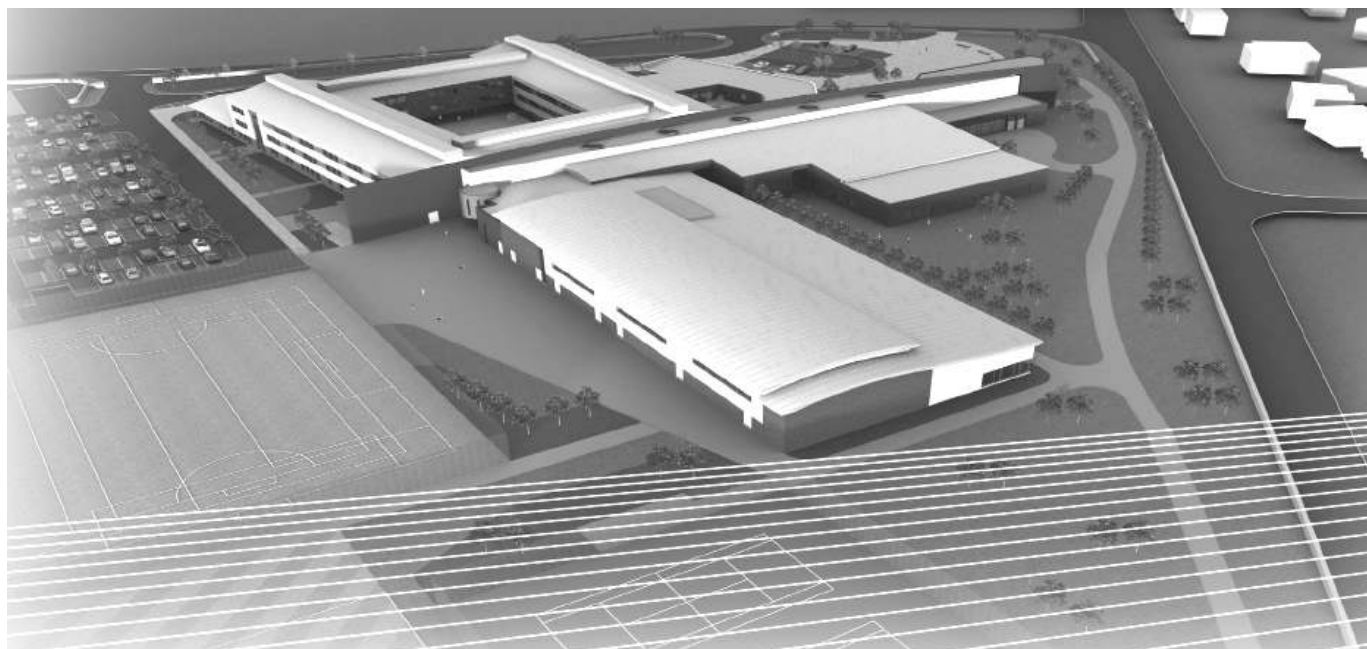
some of the construction programme activities, and neighbours have been given a contact point for any queries they have. In their first newsletter, project leader Andy Somerville says:

"Laing O'Rourke is delighted to have been appointed as principal contractor for this development.

"We will do our utmost to monitor and minimise disruption and noise, but we are conscious that most building operations are by their very nature likely to cause elements of both.

"We are acutely aware that good communication can overcome most issues that arise when a new building project commences in a residential area. We are sure you will have many questions which, if left unanswered may cause you and other local residents concern."

Laing O'Rourke is a major contractor in the Scottish market and has a significant portfolio of projects in retail, residential, leisure and public buildings. Derek Morris has recently taken over from Alan Fraser as the In-School Co-ordinator for the new Kinross High School project. Mr Fraser has joined the Council's Investment in Learning team as full time education advisor.



*Looking down on the new High School*

*Artist's impression courtesy of Laing O'Rourke*

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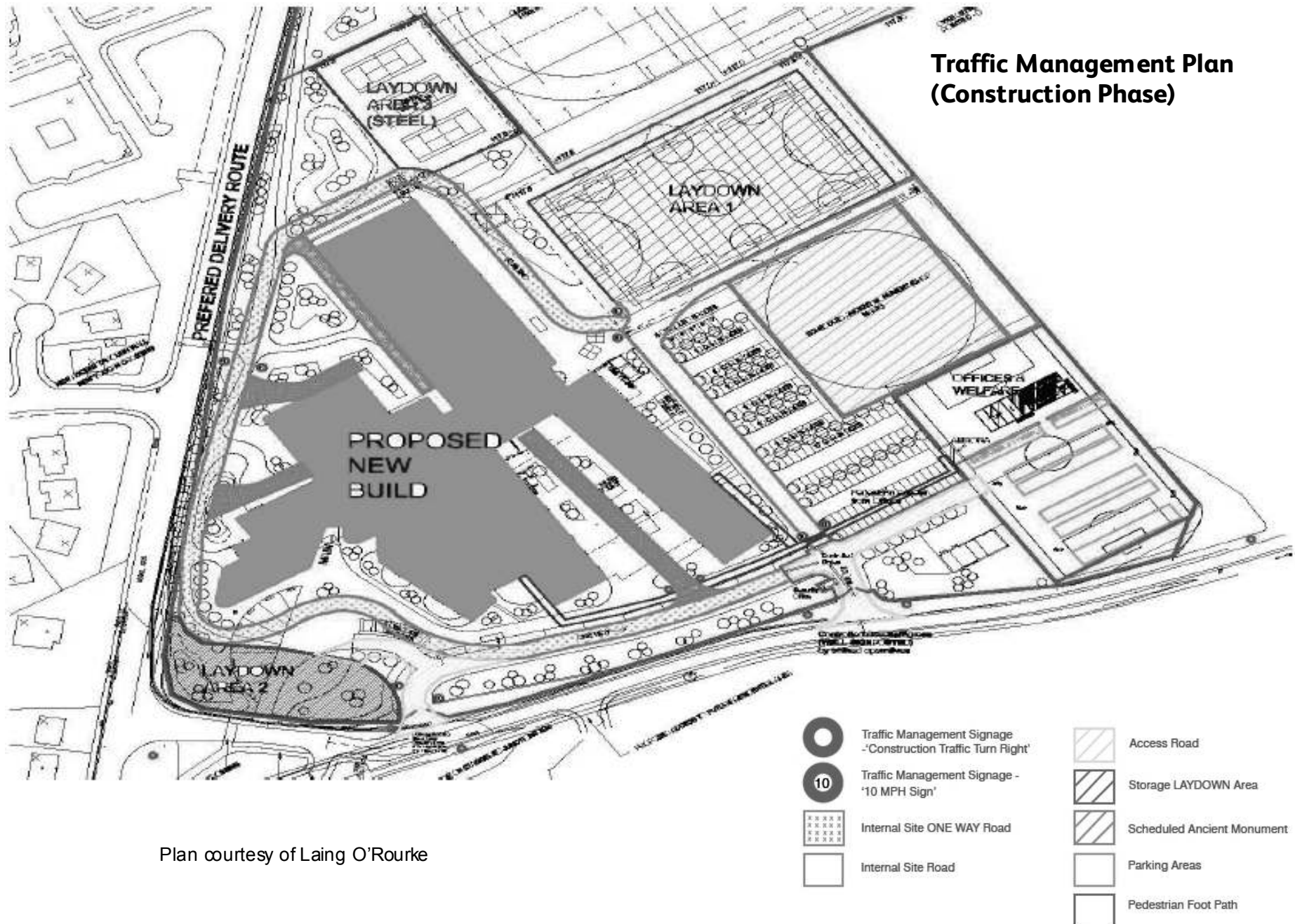
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## Traffic Management Plan (Construction Phase)



Plan courtesy of Laing O'Rourke



# The Milnathort Town Hall - progress report

## A BIG thank-you ...

The Santa Sleigh collection on 14 December was a great success and the Milnathort Town Hall (MTH) Committee would like to thank the Milnathort community for their generosity and support for the money donated.

Thanks also goes to the collectors, who did a fantastic job and walked quite a few miles to reach almost every door in Milnathort. They were:

John & Amy Broadhurst	Sheila Wardell
Matthew Kilday	Janice & Alissa
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Tracy, James & Matthew Gow	
Kathleen, Ben, Sally & Joe Mitchell	
Dan, Dora, Gregor & Bruce Smith	
Alistair, Kerry & Michael Ferguson	

Please, please accept my apologies if I've missed anyone. Another important thank you goes to the Kinross-shire Round Table who have so generously donated the proceeds of the Milnathort Santa collection to the Town Hall fund.

## Progress ...

Detailed proposed specifications for the ante-room are being drawn up in order to discuss and agree the layout and specifications of the fixtures, fittings, flooring and decoration. Once the specification has been agreed then the spec will be issued to a minimum of three contractors for pricing. It is also the plan to highlight on the dilapidated notice board, the proposed changes and specification for all to see.

## Recruitment ...

Good news on recruitment as we've had some enquiries and offers of support which the committee are very appreciative of. We are still actively looking for both committee members and also people who might not want to be on the committee but would be happy to provide support and assistance on occasion. We would very much appreciate if someone would be interested and willing to carry out bookkeeping tasks etc.

The feeling of being part of the community spirit involved in improving the MTH and preserving this local facility is very rewarding.

If you are someone who would like to contribute to our community in a small way and would like to become involved in this worthwhile cause then please see the contact details at the end of this report.



## Support from local businesses...

Unfortunately there has been no interest from local businesses so far. However, we would like to encourage support from any local company who wishes to contribute in some way to the social and historic aspect of the area and in return will obviously receive the appreciation of the MTH and Milnathort community through this publication, and also by means of a permanent plaque being created and displayed which would be relative to the donation made. It is an opportunity for local businesses to show their contribution to our community.

Two examples of smaller projects being undertaken are the renovation of the light above the front door to get it back to a good and working standard, and the replacement of the notice board outside the front door with a large notice board.

## We ask for your support...

There is still a long way to go and we ask for your continued support in helping this worthy cause.

We intend to give the Town Hall a 'fresen up' in January or February and to do this we are looking for able bodied people to let us know if they would be willing to help paint the main part of the hall. Tea, coffee, biscuits etc will be provided, and some good banter. If you know the right end of a paint brush and would be interested in offering a few hours of your time, then please contact Kathleen Mitchell on 01577 862805.

There are also future fund raising events planned at the Town Hall so please look out for information on the Town Hall notice board (which you will appreciate still needs replacement!).

Various organisations are being contacted. However YOU can also help the town hall fund by supporting this cause through at least one of the following ways:

- By offering some of your time to help out with activities;
- By direct donation. Any amount is worthwhile and very much appreciated;
- By attending the fund raising events in the Town Hall arranged by the committee;
- By hiring and using the hall for children's parties, discos, birthday parties, meetings, sport and fitness pursuits etc;
- By checking the clubs, classes and associations that currently use the MTH and join one if it is of interest. There are various dance classes from Scottish Country Dancing to tap and modern, plus Shotokan Karate classes and for all ages, and other associations and clubs.

But one way or another, please support the improvement of this important local amenity. After all, it's there for you.

For further information please contact Murray Mitchell, Chairman, on 01577 862805 or 07872 318186 or email [murraymitchell@mscharacterhomes.com](mailto:murraymitchell@mscharacterhomes.com)

Regards

Murray Mitchell

Chairman of the Milnathort Town Hall Committee

## Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website  
**[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)**



## Recycling Centre improvements

Improvement work is underway at the Recycling Centre at the Bridgend Industrial Estate in Kinross. A particularly welcome feature will be the opportunity to deposit cardboard for recycling.

The work began on Monday 7 January, and should be complete by early March. Additional containers for cardboard, timber, scrap metal and inert waste are to be provided. New access ramps to the containers will be built, and improvements to road markings and signage will also be carried out. After the improvements, there will be a total of six 40 cubic metre skips and ten "bell" containers for the collection of paper, separated glass, textiles, cans of engine oil, aluminium foil and yellow pages.

P&KC hopes to maintain public access to the Recycling Centre during the six to eight week period while the upgrading takes place. However, it is possible that temporary closures may have to take place. Members of the public are asked for their patience during this time to allow the work to be completed as quickly as possible. The work will be undertaken Monday to Friday and the site will remain open at weekends.

The facility at Bridgend is designated a "Recycling Centre" but there are also two Recycling Points within Kinross: one at Old Causeway car park (Millbridge Hall) and at Somerfield supermarket's car park. Paper, cans and glass can be recycled at these locations. The nearest alternative Recycling Centre is Friarton in Perth.

Any queries can be made to P&KC's Customer Service Centre on 01738 476476 or e-mail [recycle@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@pkc.gov.uk).

## Broxden Park and Ride extension

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## Road safety concerns

A Kinross-shire resident has described as an "uphill battle" his efforts to get P&KC to acknowledge that one of our rural roads is dangerous.

Professor Richard Hall wrote to P&KC in April 2007 to point out that the single track road between the A977 at the east end of Drum and the A91 between Cambo and Muckhart, known locally as "The Loop Road", had many big ruts along both edges, which made passing difficult. The in-filling was actually carried out reasonably promptly, though Stuart D'All, Council Roads Engineer, said in a letter that "unfortunately when these type of remedial works are carried out we find that this encourages drivers to move even more into the verges, however we will monitor the situation."

Professor Hall wrote again in June 2007, expressing his concern at the speeds at which cars travel on this road, as it is used by walkers and horse-riders, and asking if it would be possible to erect horse-riding signs or adopt traffic-calming measures. As this was a traffic matter rather than an engineering one, his query was passed to Jillian Murray, Principal Engineer (Traffic & Road Safety) with P&KC. In her reply dated 8 August 2007, Ms Murray wrote:

"Although I appreciate your concerns, I must highlight that this road forms part of the rural road network and is therefore subject to the national speed limit of 60mph. There are many roads with similar characteristics within Perth & Kinross Council area and some of these are also subject to the same types of use as Loop Road.

"With regard to safety, this section of road has a good accident record and I am not aware of any problems. The road was inspected and there is no evidence to suggest that a significant number of pedestrians or equestrians use it and it is therefore unlikely that the provision of warning signs would be justified. Furthermore, given the geometry of the road, forward visibility for drivers is good.

"On the issue of speeding vehicles, I have copied our correspondence to Inspector Ken Brown of Tayside Police who is responsible for the enforcement of speed limits."

On 14 September 2007 Professor Hall wrote to Ms Murray to report a "near miss", when two fast-travelling vehicles passed each other where a pedestrian was standing. He asked if this might affect her decision and also asked what other action she would suggest to concerned users of this road. To date he has not received any reply to this letter.

Councillor Mike Barnacle has tried to get P&KC to adopt measures to improve the safety of Kinross-shire roads. He has called for an overall 50mph limit, outwith settlements, on all roads in the authority area that are not trunk roads.

In fact following a government directive, P&KC is reviewing speed limits on A and B classified roads. The Loop Road, of course, will not be included in this review.

When Councillor Barnacle brought up Professor Hall's concerns about the Loop Road with Ms Murray, her response was that the road is "similar to others" and that there is "no justifiable reason to erect signs."

When asked by the Newsletter if he regarded Ms Murray's response to Professor Hall's letter to be adequate, Councillor Barnacle said "No".

### *Small Ways to Save the Planet*

Switch off your TV, your computer and any other electrical equipment when you're not using them. Don't leave them on standby.

# Police Box



## Anti-Social Behaviour

During the recent wintry weather, when we had snow lying in the area, we were required to attend a number of reports involving youths throwing snowballs. These incidents, unfortunately, did not merely involve youngsters having a bit of fun by engaging in a snowball fight but involved complaints of snowballs being thrown at house windows and at moving vehicles. In both cases the potential to cause damage is high and in the case of snowballs being thrown at moving vehicles there is a threat to personal safety. Several snowballs striking a car without warning could easily cause an accident to occur whereby occupants of vehicles and innocent pedestrians are injured. It is very likely that we have not seen the last of the snow this winter and should we get more we would urge the younger members of the community to seriously consider the consequences of throwing snowballs in a manner that could cause a danger or annoyance to other members of the public. We will continue to take these complaints seriously and any offenders identified may find they will be reported for crimes that include culpable or reckless conduct, assault or vandalism.

## Parking at Schools

Despite reporting on this subject on several other occasions, people dropping off and picking up children at schools are still ignoring road markings and signs and causing danger to other road users. In particular we have received further complaints that this continues to be a problem at the Bowton

Road entrance to Kinross Primary School and this, and other locations, will be monitored and any offenders will be reported. In order to do so we intend to engage the assistance of the P&KC parking wardens.

## Recent Crime Figures

On a happier note, throughout 2007 our detection of crime rates in the Kinross section have been higher than the national average and above the targets set for the Tayside Police area. However we do not intend to stop there, and hopefully in 2008, with the continued help of the community, we can improve these standards and further reduce the crime that is committed in the area.

## CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone Number 0800 555 111

This telephone number is a free phone number unless you are using a mobile phone, which any member of the public can contact at any time, if they have information relating to criminal activity of any sort. It is, if you wish, confidential and you cannot be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous. Community Liaison Officers (details shown below) can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 01577 863571.

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

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

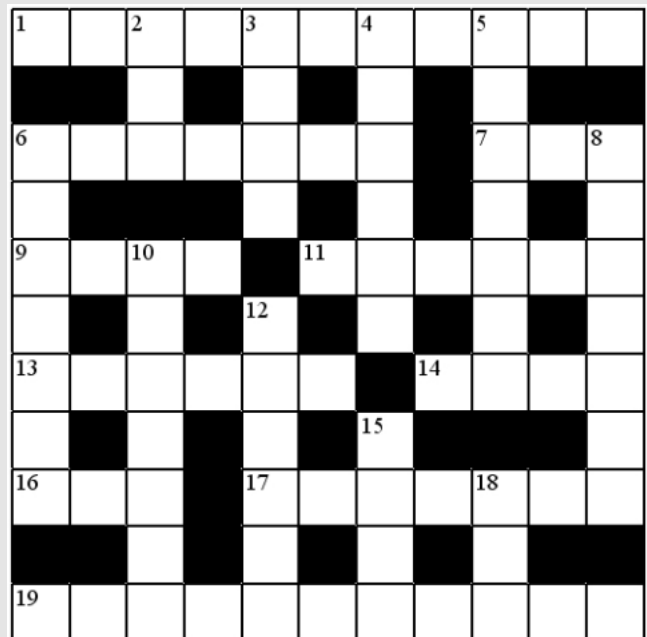
(Answers on our Day Centre page, at the end of the Notices Section)

### ACROSS

1. Nebula unfit to make dolphins happy. (7,4)
6. Send hat by mobile phone (7)
7. Man's best friend goes back to deity (3)
9. Old penny makes one a 3d. (4)
11. Stop backs about in railway junction. (6)
13. Progressive, but hides fearsome female. (6)
14. Crafty person hides the style of printing (4)
16. Carp on about artless troika. (3)
17. Yet I have been reported here, the day before sleep. (7)
19. Come in since there is infinite knowledge. (11)

### DOWN

2. Burnout after bout leaves vase (3)
3. Might find the answer if goes up quietly. (4)
4. It is up in mid-day idea. (6)
5. Text you are learning about, then see why, but quickly! (7)
6. Combine in debt to make a 3d. (7)
8. 500 is heading religious group cut in pieces. (7)
10. Non PC Capricorn makes dead meat. (7)
12. Value donkeys heading south. (6)
15. Yet I have been reported on 17a. (4)
18. Someone has a long period of time. (3)



# Community Council News



All Community Council meetings are open to the general public.

## Kinross Community Council

Present at the meeting held on 5 December 2007 were: CCllrs D Colliar, D Cuthbert, J Drummond, D Mackay, C Drummond, S Bathgate, M Blyth, I Jack, C Watson and M Scott. In attendance were P&K Cllrs Baird and Robertson, PC Ronnie Child and four members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr L Mackay and P&K Cllr Miller.

### Police Report

The investigation into the broken shop windows is still ongoing, with the matter yet to reach conclusion.

Neighbourhood Watch is operational; the administrator is Gail Gain, Community Safety, Perth and Kinross.

CCllr Blyth reported that speeding vehicles in the Muirs were of some concern and asked that the Police address this matter, possibly by the siting of a camera.

The skate park next to the Leisure Centre is used regularly by a group of boys who were planning to improve the area. The Police were asked if they could keep an eye on the park.



*The Kinross skate park*

The Police welcome support from the community and ask that they contact them with any information they may possess in relation to crimes. Should you witness any incident please contact the Police promptly to assist in the detection of the crime.

PC Child was thanked for providing this report.

### Minutes of Meeting held on 7 November 2007

The minutes having been circulated prior to the Meeting were nominated by CCllr Watson and seconded by CCllr Blyth, following correction of the following:

1. In relation to the reference to the Town Hall, the word "representatives" is deleted and replaced with the word "papers".
2. The reference to "Classloch" under Planning is amended to take account of Mr Lawrie's statement this evening that the Burleigh Development was completed within the footprint of both old and new buildings. Cuthill Towers also followed this format and both developments were not in breach of the policy.
3. The reference to the dismissal of the Enforcement Officer is amended. The reference should read that the

Enforcement Officer had recently been removed from this office, however he is still employed by the Council. CCllr Watson also mentioned that, in relation to the development at Classloch, he had been advised that the applicants were not registered.

### Matters Arising from Meeting of 7 November 2007

It was confirmed that the letter to Fossoway CC had been forwarded.

### Planning Matters

07/02335/FUL Tigh Na Collie, Bellfield: removal of condition no. 3 re-incorporation of south facing window to garage (in retrospect).

07/02432/FUL 5 Muir Grove: extension to house.

07/02142/FUL Land at Chance Inn, Kinross: erection of two houses. It was noted that one entrance lies between Chance Inn Cottage and the road and the other entrance is from the main road.

07/02247/ADV 132-134 High Street (Raj Mahal): display of a sign.

07/02459/REM Gellybank Cottage, Kinross: erection of a single storey dwelling house and domestic garage (reserved matters).

None of the above were of any concern to the CC.

07/02538/MOD **12 Tallapark**, Kinross: modification of existing consent for alterations and extension. It was noted that this property is in a conservation area and has been altered previously (to the front of the house), and it was questioned whether the owner had applied for the necessary permissions. It was agreed that we should write to P&KC enquiring as to the position.

07/01228/OUT **Land south of the A977** at Balado: Letter received from P&KC answering our query in relation to the sewage system. P&KC confirm that the sewage system proposed for the site is a private sewage system, which will be capable of serving the village. A Section 75 Agreement attached to any consent will ensure that the private system is maintained to ensure continuing phosphorus mitigation to the Loch Leven Catchment Area and that it will connect to the public waste water treatment system if and when that opportunity becomes available. The number of houses proposed is slightly over the number identified in the local plan, however not greatly over the notional capacity and this would not be a major concern in any determination of the proposal. P&KC ask for confirmation as to whether or not the CC will be supporting the proposal. The applicant was present and advised that the application (in outline) was for the erection of a total of around 35/36 houses. The Local Plan records the number as 30. The plan provided was an artist's impression only. CCllr Jack objected to the application on the grounds that the properties are too close, stating that the houses and land should be in proportion. No other comments were made to this application.

05/02457/FUL **Scottish Motor Auctions**, Bridgend, Kinross: Letter received from P&KC (with supporting plans) in respect of the above application, asking for our comments. The development is for the erection of 197 units, three storeys high. The CC recently wrote to the Council asking that a decision on this application be deferred until a review of the Development Plan for the south end of the town is complete. Cllr Robertson advised

that constraints were in place in relation to drainage and Scottish Water would require to rectify the position; this is usually addressed once an application is approved. The outflow for the processed sewage is currently into the Loch. Consideration is being given into piping the sewage from Kinross to Levenmouth. The Chairman also pointed out that this site has been identified as a high risk area in relation to flooding. Cllr Robertson confirmed that a meeting with Peter Marshall had taken place. Cllr Baird was also in attendance at this meeting. The Council view is that the developers should be involved in this process. Cllr Baird had asked that the whole of the town should be taken into account in the Development Plan, to cover transport, roads, the High School site etc. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that we should write to Mr Marshall to invite him to a CC meeting to discuss the proposals for the south end of town, as also the existing High School site. Prior to this meeting the CC will put together a Plan listing the areas to be addressed and suggested proposals to improve the development of the town. The CC will also write to P&KC asking for a postponement in relation to our comments until after the January meeting.

**Affordable Housing** Cllr Robertson stated that the question of affordable housing and small areas of serviced land should be addressed as both these are in short supply in Kinross. He mentioned that he had also asked the Council for a copy of the Development Brief in relation to the High School site.

**Planning Applications Determined:** 07/02140/FUL 80 Bowton Road, Kinross: demolition of rear extension and erection of a new extension – Application approved.

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

Cllr Robertson had written to P&KC in relation to the flooding in Station Road. A puddle of water lies at the area of the zebra crossing. Scottish Water apparently would not allow the Council to link in to the drain and there is nowhere for this water to run off. The CC is to raise this matter with the Council.

The drains are to be cleaned out again from Station Road down to the High Street. As cars park in this area, Cllr Robertson has asked that 'no parking' signs be displayed immediately prior to the work commencing.

Cllr Robertson advised that the report circulating that the Council services at the County Buildings were to be moved to the new High School was erroneous and that no decision has been reached.

Having checked the position, Cllr Robertson reported that a

pipe leads from the development site to the Myre burn. A condition of the contract was that no water should be allowed to run into the Myre burn. Cllr Robertson has written to P&KC in relation to this matter.

It was questioned whether it would be possible to provide dog litter bins along the nature trail. This would be impractical, as someone would have to empty the bins.

CCllr Jack queried if the chewing gum could be steam cleaned at the High School site. We are to contact Environmental Services and ask that they include this request in their programme.

CCllr Watson mentioned that changes had been made in the method of applying for outline and detailed planning permission. A fee is paid on submitting the application, however consent of Scottish Water is required and this is not considered until P&KC approves the application. It was suggested that we write to the Planners asking for an explanation as to this policy.

It was commented that the statement from the Council in relation to the speeding on the A977 was unbelievable. It is understood that four fatalities have occurred on this road and in the last six months one major accident. It was noted that speed cameras are placed on the road on a regular basis, however signs are displayed warning the public as to their presence. It was agreed that we should write to the Council asking if they can substantiate their statement. We are also to write to Tayside Police requesting statistics on incidents on this stretch of road.

#### **Correspondence**

**T in the Park** – The Chairman had received a communication from T in the Park informing of a meeting on 14 January regarding the road structure plan for the 2008 Festival.

**D C Thomson (Courier)** – An email was received from Paul Reoch, D C Thomson, informing of a complaint received from a Mr Paul Grant from Milnathort. The basis of the complaint was in relation to the Newsletter report covering the banners at Somerfield and the painting of the building in the conservation area. Mr Grant had read the CC report as referring to Somerfield being in a conservation area, this is not the case and the CC were in fact referring only to the situation regarding the banners. The paragraph in the CC minutes related to both the banners at Somerfield and the painting of the building in the High Street (conservation area). Mr Grant also referred to the dismissal of the Enforcement Officer and pointed out that this was not correct. The CC were advised that the Enforcement Officer

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was removed from his post, however understand that he still works for the Council. Cllr Baird stated that the minutes were circulated in draft form and approved at the following CC meeting.

**P&KC Minutes** of Meetings from 19 September 2007 to 7 November 2007. These were handed over to the Chairman. It is possible to have the minutes delivered by email and we are to request this.

**Public Holidays:** Notification of suggested dates for public holidays for 2008 which are: 1 and 2 January, 24 March, 19 May, 21 July, 1 September, 6 October, 25 and 26 December.

**SEPA View** (Autumn 2007). The magazine provides details of the three types of authorisation regulated by SEPA in accordance with the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2006. These are (One) General binding Rules (GBRs) which cover low risk activities, such as constructing minor bridges and removing sediment around culverts etc. Included in these GBRs are rules designed to minimise the risk of the activity. Provided the person carrying out the works complies with these rules, there is no need to contact SEPA; (Two) Registration requires the person carrying out the works to register with SEPA. It takes around one month to receive an authorisation. This includes dredging in canals and urban watercourses, bank protection and certain types of bridges; and (Three) Licences which are reserved for higher risk activities, where SEPA needs to undertake an assessment of risk to the affected river, loch or wetland and set conditions appropriately. Licences can take four to six months to process.

**Sus It Out** – Circular and leaflet giving details of how to participate in an awareness raising activity for community groups and local voluntary organisations.

**Archived Material** – Mrs Eileen Thomas has now delivered a number of archived records to the Chairman. These cover the period from 1977 onwards. The Secy mentioned that further files and correspondence had been handed over to her covering the years from 2004 to 2007.

**High School site:** Letter received from Sarah Cuthbert who attended the recent open meeting in relation to the new High School, which was organised by P&KC. At the meeting Cllr Hayton had stated that the existing school is not included in the Local Area Plan and was to be sold to raise capital. The Chairman stated that the plan first mooted was to transfer the library/museum and primary school into this site once a new school was built. Our local Cllrs have

stressed to Peter Marshall that the community should be consulted in relation to this matter and confirmed that no decision has been reached, however Council policy was to sell off sites no longer required for education purposes. It was suggested that this area could be utilised for car parking facilities; if such a plan came to fruition the car park would most probably be metered. The Primary School is overstretched at the moment, housing portacabins, and any future building development in the town would create further problems. We are to reply to Mrs Cuthbert's letter advising that the CC would endeavour to be included in consultations on the future of the site.

**Town Hall** – CCllr Cuthbert advised that they may have to withdraw from the case and would hope that the Council will meet the legal costs. However, another option may be open to them and this will be considered.

#### **Other Business**

**Light Up Kinross** – The Chairman thanked Margaret Blyth and the sub-committee for their efforts in organising the switch on of the Christmas lights. An electrician serviced the lights prior to their display. The tree was sponsored by the Kilted Christmas Tree Company.

**Village Halls** – The Chairman reported that an article appeared in a newspaper recently in relation to the village and town halls in Perth and Kinross. The Town Hall is in the centre of the town and, if renovated, would be a focal point for the community and ideally suited for housing civic receptions, dances etc.

**Future of Kinross** – The CC are to meet to plan a structured route to follow in determining how the community would perceive the development of the future of the town.

Date of next meeting: 9 January 2008.

In closing the meeting the Chairman thanked all those present for their support over the past year.

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

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the December Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Porter, Smith, Bennet, Smith, Lamont and Cottingham to the meeting held on Thursday 13 December 2007 in Milnathort Primary School. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Robertson and Baird, Sgt Rankin, Minute Secretary E Rougvie and four members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Thomson.

**Police matters:** Sgt Rankin said there was little to report, but he outlined the police plans for the festive season. These included high-profile foot patrols; a crackdown on drink drivers and a campaign to try to prevent young people buying alcohol, which was being run in conjunction with local licensees. He urged anyone who saw groups of young people hanging around to let the police know. It was quite acceptable to call 999 in such circumstances. P&K Cllr Robertson reported that a wall had been vandalised at Burleigh Castle, and Sgt Rankin said the police would investigate.

**Planning:** The following applications were noted: proposed alterations of existing commercial unit and alterations and conversion of existing house to form two houses at 30-32 South Street; alterations and extension to house at Springbank, Old Perth Road; alterations and extension to house at 5 Wester Loan.

Change of use from car sales showroom and office to hot food takeaway (fish and chip bar) and first floor flat at 104 South Street: There had been a number of objections to this application, two of which were read out. The main issues were the inappropriateness of its location in a residential area; concerns about road safety; lack of parking; noise and litter pollution; the fact that it was contrary to the Local Plan, and that another fish and chip shop was unnecessary in the village. After discussion, the CC agreed to lodge an objection.

**Flooding report:** P&K Cllr Robertson said that the flooding report by Professor Hey had been sent to everyone who had been affected in December 2006 and had been considered by the Council. The report had concluded that the flooding had been a one in 200-year event, but had said little else that wasn't already known. It was agreed to discuss the matter further when Scottish Water had addressed the drainage in the centre of the village.



*The Milnathort flood: a one in 200-year event*

**Matters arising:** CCllr Giacopazzi reported that he had had an e-mail from the applicant who was seeking outline planning permission to form agricultural related businesses on land to the north of Old Perth Road. They wanted to address the CC on the subject as the CC had lodged an

objection. However, it was felt to be too late for this and they should have attended the November meeting.

**Congestion near the school:** CCllr Bennett said that she had spoken to the parents' council about encouraging children to walk to school. It was planned to introduce a 'walking bus' in the spring but further discussions were to take place about walking to school in the winter.

**Town Hall:** Mrs Rosemary Tolson was present to give the CC an update on Milnathort Town Hall. To date, the committee had raised £11,000 through fund-raising and donations, and had £16,000 in the bank. About £100,000 was needed for renovations, and other sources of funding were being investigated. The first phase of the project would be refurbishing the kitchen area, which would cost almost £26,000, followed by the toilets, corridor and main entrance hall. Plans would shortly be available to view and progress would be reported in the Kinross Newsletter. Since the town hall was a B-listed building dating back to 1856, the improvements would be sympathetic. Mrs Tolson added that it was important that people in Milnathort realised that it was their town hall, and didn't just belong to the committee.

**Kinross-shire Fund:** CCllr Giacopazzi reported that the fund had raised £65,000, of which £30,000 had been transferred to a long-term endowment fund. Funding was available for local groups and a number of grants had already been given out. Trustees were also being sought to join the committee.

**Correspondence:** Notice from Environmental Services about Christmas collection arrangements. Agreed to put it on the village notice board.

P&K Education & Children's Services re mobile library service review. Noted.

P&K Council minutes. Noted.

Letter from Rekk, manufacturers of youth shelters. It was agreed to explore the possibility of acquiring one of the shelters for the village. CCllr Giacopazzi suggested that his donkey field may be a suitable location.

**AOB:** Dog fouling: CCllr Bennet reported that there was large amount of dog dirt around the school, which the dog warden thought had been left by the same dog. Its owners could face a £1000 fine, and anyone who can identify them is asked to contact any CC member. There was another dog in the Balfour Street area and, again, help is needed to identify the owner.

P&K Cllr Robertson reported on the following issues: the council enforcement officer had been asked to visit the new development near Hays Court, but hadn't yet responded.

Work to upgrade the civic amenity site at Kinross would begin on 7 January and last for 40 days.

Grant funding was in place to upgrade the path through the community woodland at Burleigh.

Mr Douglas Alexander advised that a meeting would be held about T in the Park in the Green Hotel on 14 January 2008.

### News from the January Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Porter, Smith and Lamont to the meeting held on 10 January. Also in attendance were Sgt Rankin, P&K Cllr Robertson, Minute Secretary E Rougvie and D Alexander as a member of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllr Baird, and CCllr Thomson joined the meeting at 7.40pm.

**Police matters:** Sgt Rankin reported that 64 drivers had been arrested for drunk driving in Tayside during the festive

drink driving campaign, and four were reported for driving while under the influence of drugs. The figures were almost the same as last year, which indicated there was still a problem. Anyone who is suspicious that someone might be driving while under the influence is asked to call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

During Operation Homesafe the police had seized a large quantity of alcohol from minors, which had prevented subsequent incidents of vandalism.

Christmas and New Year had been relatively quiet and trouble-free, and the new police shift pattern had helped because during the overlap period there had been eight to 10 officers on duty instead of two, as had previously been the case.

During the recent cold snap, 25 accidents had been reported to Kinross police station in one day, and Sgt Rankin warned people to take care when the roads were frozen over.

Sgt Rankin is to be the liaison officer for T in the Park.

**Matters arising:** CCllr Giacopazzi reported that he had received an e-mailed apology from P&KC following the confusion that had arisen prior to the December meeting, when the CC were told they could not have access to the school.

**Planning matters:** Modification of building type to two houses at Mawcarse – noted.

#### Other Business

**Snow clearing:** P&K Cllr Robertson said that a resident had approached him to say that they'd been told that if they cleared snow from the pavement outside their house they would be liable if anyone fell. However, this was not the case and the liability always lay with the Council, not the householder, although a private driveway was a different matter. P&K Cllr Robertson also agreed to arrange to have the salt boxes filled in Marshall Place. In response to concerns that Viewfar Road and Linden Park were dangerous, he said that the Council had a priority list in terms of clearing roads and pavements, and it simply wasn't possible to cover everywhere.

**T in the Park:** CCllr Giacopazzi said he was to attend a meeting about T in the Park in the Green Hotel, Kinross, on 14 January. CCllr Lamont agreed to accompany him.

**Recycling:** CCllr Robertson agreed to ask again about establishing a facility for recycling fluorescent tubes and low energy light bulbs. CCllr Giacopazzi was concerned that they contained a lot of mercury which would eventually find its way into the food chain. P&K Cllr Robertson is also to attend a meeting about the possibility of making Kinross-shire a plastic bag-free zone. He said there had been a

problem with the Council's plans to introduce two bins for every household to encourage recycling because the new Scottish government had not allocated the money needed.

**Dogs:** CCllr Cottingham said he had been to the path round Loch Leven, where people were picking up after their dogs, but then leaving the bags lying on the ground. Other CCllrs commented that they had seen plastic bags hanging from trees along various walks, which was worse than not picking up the mess. CCllr Thomson also raised the issue of some types of dogs causing alarm to walkers and joggers by running up to them or chasing them, and it was agreed they should be kept on a lead.

**Kinross walk:** Following a request from D Alexander, it was agreed to write to P&KC and to Kinross CC about the possibility of joining up the path between the A91 and Gallowhill Farm Road to create a complete walk.

**Flooding:** P&K Cllr Robertson reported that work to replace the bund in Milnathort was planned for March. CCllr Giacopazzi expressed his frustration about not being able to clean out the silt from his field because SEPA would not allow it. They said the eco-system of the water course would be destroyed, but CCllrs felt that a lot more was being destroyed because of flooding caused by silt deposits. Concerns were also expressed about the problems caused by widespread mono-blocking, which prevented natural soakaway.

**Hays Court:** P&K Cllr Robertson reported that an enforcement officer had visited the building site at Hays Court but had yet to deliver his findings.

**Trees at Marshall Place:** After discussion, CCllr Giacopazzi said he would find out informally whether Websters owned the trees which were affecting the light of some houses in Marshall Place.

**The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 14 February 2008 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Primary School.**

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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the December meeting

A meeting was held on Tuesday 11 December 2007 at Portmoak Primary School. In attendance were Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Sue Mitchell-Henry, Jo Morrell, Jim Shepherd, Alistair Smith, Margaret Wilson, P&K Cllrs Mike Barnacle and Sandy Miller, WPC Petrie and a considerable number of members of the public.

#### Police Report

The police are carrying out their usual National Safety Programme between 7 December and 4 January.

#### Chairwoman's Report

P&KC are asking for recommendations for the Mobile Library improvements.

There have been concerns about large buses reversing at the car park at the Portmoak Primary School, as well as parents and children dangerously crossing the car park. The bus company has reverted to using smaller buses, which will hopefully solve the problem of the reversing buses, and Head Teacher Margaret Wilson will ask the School Travel Group to look into safer traffic management during pickup and drop off of students. They are also looking at the Safer Routes to School programme.



*Portmoak Primary School car park*

#### Secretary's Report

The Secretary had received a letter from P&KC Public Space Management, regarding the Core Path Networks that are being proposed throughout Perth and Kinross and an Informal Public Consultation that the Council are conducting between 30 November 2007 and 31 March 2008. P&KC are asking for public response to the Core Paths Proposals in the communities. Responses have to be to Perth and Kinross by 31 March 2008. Plans are available for inspection in Kinross.

#### Planning Matters

**07/02083/FUL** Change of use from offices to holiday accommodation/office accommodation Pittendreich House, Wester Balgedie, for J and D McIntosh. This was for the change of use of this modern office building. There were proposals for the alteration of the internal layout to the building. There were no objections.

**07/02325/FUL** Proposed erection of eight dwellinghouses, including five new-build houses, conversion and extension of two existing steading buildings and alterations and extension to existing farmhouse, Wester Balgedie Farm, Wester Balgedie, Kinross, for Gray Construction Ltd c/o Erdal Architects, 129 Timber Bush, Edinburgh. Many of the residents from Wester Balgedie attended the meeting to

express their objections to this application. Although they are not averse to the area being developed sympathetically, they considered this proposal was totally out of character with the Outstanding Conservation Area of Wester Balgedie on several grounds including overdevelopment with the number of houses, non-compliance with the designated Conservation Area, intrusions into the designated land and open-space set aside for the preservation of the village setting, houses should be single storey only and traffic impact due to the additional vehicles from the proposed development through the narrow lane in Wester Balgedie. The CC agreed to object to this application.

**Stephens Planning Application, Kinnesswood.** The Secretary had received five letters of objection to the 18-house proposal. Other objections had been lodged directly with Stephens. Stephens had considered and informed the CC that they had decided to revert to the 9-house application.

**Youngs Moss, Scotlandwell.** Mr McCormack, who owns the field Youngs Moss, attended the meeting. He informed the meeting that although he had recently withdrawn his application for a house in the field, he now intended to re-apply for the house.

**Levenmouth Farm, Scotlandwell.** The Chairwoman said that this application would be appear before the Development Control Committee on Thursday (13 Dec).

**Portmoak Airfield, new hangar.** The Chairman of the Scottish Gliding Union attended the meeting to inform the CC that the SGU hopes to construct a second hangar next year, similar to the one that they had built in 2004.

#### Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Miller informed the meeting that he had attended a site at Wester Balgedie with some of the residents to see the area for the proposed Planning Application for eight houses. Cllr Barnacle said that he would be having a meeting with the Development Quality Manager to discuss a number of planning issues in Kinross-shire. This would include the recent letter written by Portmoak CC to the Development Control Department.

Cllr Barnacle referred to his letter of September 07 to the Roads Department on a number of issues, including the A911. He had been informed that the Roads Department would be preparing design solutions for the A911 in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell by March 08, with implementation in 2008 – 09, funds permitting.

CCllr Mrs Mitchell-Henry asked what were the proposals for the A911 at Auchmuir Bridge.

The Chairwoman proposed that the Roads engineer be asked to come a special meeting for the public to submit the proposals before they are implemented.

At the moment, P&KC Roads are reviewing road speeds generally.

#### Other Matters

Mr Simon Wilson of Wilson Homes attended the meeting regarding the padlocking of the gate to the new path running down the side of the Portmoak Hall. He was adamant that he would be liable for any accidents. P&KC were of the opinion that he would not be. The Chairwoman proposed that both sides should get together to resolve the matter and will endeavour to arrange a meeting between the two.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC was due to take place on Tuesday 8 January 2008.

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## Fossway & District CC

### News from the December Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 4 December 2007 were: I Booth (Chair), T Duffy-Wigman, L Boulter, L Stronach, I Farquhar, H Wallace, P&K Cllr M Barnacle and 17 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from A Morrison and P&K Cllr Miller. Declarations of Interest: Cllr L Boulter indicated that she was neighbour to one of the Planning Applications.

**Community Policing:** There was no representation from Tayside Police.

**Resignation:** Unfortunately, due to ill health, our much respected Honorary Secretary CCllr Fred Saunders has tendered his resignation. It is with deep regret that we accept this and would like to take this opportunity to wish him a very speedy recovery and thank him for his exemplary service to the FDCC. Best wishes Fred.

**Reallocations of Duties:** Honorary Secretary – Trudy Duffy-Wigman. Minute Secretary – L Boulter, L Stronach. Treasurer – A Morrison. There will be no change to the Planning Secretary – I Farquhar.

**Notice of Intention to co-opt:** There is a vacancy for a Councillor's position and we ask for any person interested to contact our Chairperson Isobel Booth on Isobel.booth@btinternet.com or Secretary Trudy Duffy-Wigman on duffy.wigman@btinternet.com. This person should reside within the communities of Blairingone, Powmill, Crook of Devon, Cambo and the surrounding areas.

### Matters Arising

**Pitcairnie Development:** FDCC has received two letters from Susan Veitch of P&KC in response to letters FDCC sent. The first letter advised that she is aware of S Carswell letter to DCC and that she is in process of replying to these letters. S Veitch letters in response were available for public viewing. At the moment no action has been instructed.

**Powmill** (Relocation of southern village sign): We have received a response from P&KC Senior Engineer Frank Will indicating that the relocation of the sign has been added to the programme of work for next year. There are no funds available for this to be done this year.

**Carnbo:** Jim Renton's team from P&KC have done as they promised and reviewed the potential for additional uplifts at Carnbo. They have identified capacity for garden waste collections and will contact residents and issue brown bins in the near future. Regrettably there is no additional capacity for paper collection, so no blue bins. Carnbo has not been discriminated against; there are many areas locally where there are no blue and brown bin collections. Progresses have been made but until money has been released from Edinburgh P&KC's hands are tied.

### P&KC Business – Councillors' Reports

**T in the Park:** At a meeting on 27 September 07 a sheet of suggestions was circulated. Some of these suggestions were not written in the minutes. Complaints have been made and a site meeting has been requested. Cllr Barnacle to respond in due course.

Cllr M Barnacle had proposed an extension of the 30 mph speed limit at Crook of Devon. This has been rejected.

20 mph signage in process of going up in Crook of Devon, but this has been delayed due to speed limit discussions.

Cllr M Barnacle has written to the Roads Department. This letter covered many areas. Cllr Barnacle has had a very

detailed response which he will copy to the FDCC.

**Devonshaw Quarry:** There has been some interest from Landowner's agent re holiday park site following Cllr Barnacle's site meeting during the summer. The worst case scenario would be to leave it as it is. There is a possibility for countryside development within this disused quarry.

Road works at the Institute are for the on-going sewage works. Cllr Barnacle has noted many complaints from residents about dog fouling on the roads and pavements towards the Fossway Primary School. We would like to remind dog owners of their responsibility to clean up after their pets.

### Planning

07/02078/FUL – Plot 2 Land south of Craigton Farm Road, Rumbling Bridge. FDCC recommends deferral to allow further development of the application.

07/02115/FUL – Erection of a dwelling house Eastfield, Fossway for Mr A Miller. This is the second application at this site for a new build out with the settlement boundary. FDCC recommend refusal.

07/02366/OUT – Erection of four dwelling houses and new road access at Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home.

07/02367/FUL – Formation of a car park, Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home for Balhousie Care Group. FDCC recommend deferral to enable further consultation and consideration of options which would include the Nursing Home development and better use of the available land while preserving the amenity of a most valuable site to the community and to visitors to the Rumbling Bridge area.

07/02376/OUT – erection of a one and a half storey dwelling house to replace a redundant chicken shed, Carsehall, Drum. FDCC recommend refusal because the proposed development is contrary to the KALP.

07/02513/OUT – Erection of a dwelling house and barn at land adjacent to Cairnfield Bungalow, Blairingone for Mr Shortreed. FDCC recommend approval, conditional upon the removal of the barn and mobile home, the placement of stock holding the paddocks as shown on the drawings and that the house occupancy be conditional upon the agricultural activity at the site.

07/02369/FUL – Installation of a Recycling Point comprising bells for colour separated glass, cans, paper, litter bins and a community information board. Crook of Devon Institute, Station Road, Crook of Devon for the Environment Service. FDCC recommend approval subject to improvement of access road.

Cllr Barnacle advises that Station Road is not adopted by the Council. We are unsure who owns Station Road. P&KC do not have the budget to adopt this road. Lots of traffic uses the road and a scheme is required to be drawn up over the upkeep of it. Input from frontages are needed otherwise the upkeep of Station Road will be an ongoing issue.

07/02386/LBC, 07/02387/MOD – Modification of consents to previous applications for alterations and amendments to layout of church to form a dwelling house, former church. Main Street, Blairingone, for Profile Projects. FDCC recommend approval subject to listed Building Consent issues being satisfactorily resolved.

07/02304/FUL – Erection of a double garage and store at West Steading, Rumbling Bridge, for Mr Angus McFarlane. FDCC recommend approval subject to the wood burning installation being furnished to avoid the escape of hot embers and the east gable window and south facing roof windows being removed.

### General correspondence

We have received leaflets from Tayside Speed Camera Partnership reminding us about the need to keep to the speed limits in all our villages.

The Honorary Secretary updated the meeting on all incoming and outgoing correspondence. These were all made available for the public to view at the meeting.

There was a letter from the Fossoway after school club (FFF – Fossoway Fun Factory). The FFF budget has been cut and the committee is struggling to keep the club going. With the new childcare strategy scheme it is increasingly difficult to employ carers as at least one carer should hold degree level qualifications to run the club. FFF is considering combining with Cleish Out of School Club as half the funds are already going towards the hire of the Institute. The greatest problem that has been encountered is the reluctance of Fossoway Primary School to house FFF after school hours. Numbers are falling at FFF and after discussions with many potential clients it has been discovered that many parents are put off sending their child or children to this after school club as it is not hosted in the school building and children have to be transported along the very busy A977 which is only set to get busier due to the new Kincardine bridge opening in the future.



*Fossoway Primary School*

Cllr Barnacle recognises that there is a whole host of issues including transport, qualifications and funding. FFF is struggling with support from the authority. The benefits of using Fossoway School would be no need to pay for rental of accommodation and that the children are already onsite which takes away the need for worry of transportation along busy main road. It has been suggested that FFF would double their intake of children should the Primary School become available to them. Mrs Ann McKay, Committee Member of FFF, advises us that the Head teacher of Fossoway Primary School has agreed in the past to a breakfast club at the school, however this has never progressed. The Head teacher has said that allowing an after school club to operate at the school would limit after school activities. However since this was said a few years ago the school has dropped from six classes to five classes. FDCC is to write to P&KC on the viability of using Fossoway Primary School as accommodation for Fossoway Fun Factory after school club.

### Other Business

Mr Paterson, a resident of Crook of Devon, mentions that it takes some time at the pedestrian crossing in Crook of Devon before the walk sign illuminates. He states that other pedestrian crossings take just 15 seconds from pressing the

button until the walk sign illuminates.

Speeding along A977 through villages continues to be a problem. Cllr Barnacle has written to Minister of Transport asking for speed cameras and speed mitigation measures to be in place before the opening of the new Kincardine Bridge. He highlighted the urgency. The reply was that there was a shortfall of funding and request for funds have been rejected.

Residents themselves should write to the Minister of Transport with their traffic concerns.

Residents say that there is no point in having speed limits if these limits are not enforced and that the only real way of dealing with speeding is the use of Average Speed Cameras. Cllr Barnacle is to investigate the possibility.

Douglas Alexander, owner of the Balado site in which T in the Park is hosted, has given the FDCC a summary of proposals for T in the Park and asking for public input. However as this was not on the Agenda and the fact that it was at the end of the meeting this could not be dealt with. It will be dealt with next meeting.

### News from the January Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 January were: I Farquhar (Chair), T Duffy-Wigman, A Morrison, L Stronach, L Boulter, H Wallace and 14 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from I Booth, P&K Cllr M Barnacle and L Petrie of Tayside Police.

### Matters Arising

It has come to the attention of the FDCC that during the CC meeting of December 2007, there was a member of the public using a recording device. We remind the public that no recording device or camera may be used without the prior permission from The Chairperson. Any person doing so will be asked to leave the meeting.

**Notice of Intention to co-opt a Councillor:** A member of the community has come forward after our last meeting: Hazel Johnson from Rumbling Bridge.

### T in the Park

We have received notes from the meeting dated 29 September 2007:

Big Day Out agreed to investigate the potential of: Opening on Thursday for limited numbers; Reinforcement of car park entrances and temporary roadways; Park and Ride options locally and further a field; Advance car park sales to limit car parking and reduce traffic; Directing cars to specific car parks according to direction travelling to the event; Increase shuttle bus sales; Investigate later start for entertainment on Friday; Additional signage directing traffic to various routes on egress from car parks.

Big Day Out will review: Designated toilet stops; Procedure for checking agreed toilets on route are in place on time; Rules and Regulations for bus users; On site contingency car parking arrangements; Litter pick up area with P&KC; Impact from other events; Areas covered by local resident liaison team; Published communications with local communities; Communications with private coach operators.

Further discussion is to take place regarding the best way to communicate with Fossoway following last year's problems. Potentially attend a Fossoway CC meeting in late spring when plans are in place to be confirmed.

The next meeting is 14 January. The Chair asked the members of the public on ideas that we need to emphasise at this coming meeting. These included an effective contingency plan. Although one had been in place at last

year's event, it clearly did not work and the residents and FDCC call for an effective contingency plan to be in place and for this to be reviewed before event takes place this year. Adverse weather, heightened security, free flowing of emergency vehicles are the main elements for a contingency plan that residents would like to see vastly improved. Residents also worry over Thursday opening; however D Alexander assured the meeting that no entertainment would take place until Friday evening. This Thursday opening is designed to reduce the back up of traffic over the weekend. Better communication with the public is called for.

The Chair summarised that someone should do a proper risk assessment and suggests professional guidance re risk assessment and contingency planning. The Chair thanked D Alexander for his input.

#### **Kinross-shire Fund**

Trudy Duffy-Wigman will be the FDCC Cllr attending meetings of this fund, which gets some money from T in the Park. Anyone with any ideas or questions can get in touch with her on duffy.wigman@btinternet.com

#### **Core Path Network**

We have received an invitation for an informal consultation on the Core Paths plan proposals. A formal statutory consultation will follow around April 2008. Unfortunately the plans for our Ward are not available at present. We should have this on the Agenda for the next meeting in February and have the maps and comment forms available for the public to comment on.

#### **P&KC Business - Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Barnacle has had a meeting about our roads. He will make a presentation to the meeting in February regarding this meeting.

Planning applications: If opposing or approving a planning application, we are reminded that it takes five letters to the Planning Department before the application will go forward to the Development Control Committee. A letter from FDCC only accounts for one letter and has no greater weight than an individual letter. However it is reminded that FDCC do speak for the Community and not for just one person. We will seek clarification on this matter.

A member of the public has made us aware of further problems on the roads following Scottish waters repairs on the road between Cleddon cottage and opposite Gartwhinzean Loan. FDCC will pass this on to Cllr Barnacle and make him aware of this continuing problem.

#### **Planning**

07/02537/FUL – Steading Development for six new dwellings at Pitfar (Farm), Powmill for Trilogy. FDCC recommend refusal on account of the inappropriate nature of the development, being an unsuitable overdevelopment of an isolated and substantially derelict farm.

07/02613/OUT – Workshop Development and temporary siting of a residential caravan at Craiglaw Poultry Farm, Powmill for Miss K Ballinger and Mr J Low. FDCC recommend approval, subject to consideration of the traffic implications and related improvements.

07/02630/FUL – Alteration and extension of an existing dwelling, Bon Accord, Rumbling Bridge for Mr W Kinghorn. FDCC recommend approval, subject to an engineer's report on any measures necessary to ensure the stability of the existing building during construction and upon completion.

07/02363/FUL – Demolition and rebuilding of the west-most part of the Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home, Rumbling

Bridge for Balhousie Care Group. FDCC recommend deferral to consolidate the three current applications in one, to enable an assessment of the feasibility of retaining the current building façade to include provision for a lit pedestrian crossing to the A823 and to reassess the parking provisions at the Nursing Home.

07/02361/OUT – New build development of three dwellings at a site adjoining Rantrie Knowe, Drum for Mr and Mrs Kerr. FDCC recommend deferral for a thorough assessment of the flood risk at the site and the implications for flooding elsewhere should there be any alteration to the ground conditions of the site.

07/025528/MOD – New build development for two new dwellings facing Mill Cottage, Crook of Devon for Mrs M Bisset. FDCC recommend refusal for this development and any other development in the area until a strategic study flood risk to the area has been completed.

07/02648/MOD – Modification to a previous consent to raise floor level and change roofing material at Plot 2 adjacent to Churchmouse Cottage, Carnbo for Mr H McLaren. FDCC recommend approval.

#### **General Correspondence**

All correspondence both incoming and outgoing were made available to the public for viewing.

#### **Other Business**

FDCC apologises for not having the minutes or agenda on the notice board in Crook of Devon last month. This was caused by the notice board key refusing to operate. Minutes and agenda were late in all notice boards due to an untimely computer problem.

D Alexander asked whether FDCC had received a letter from Kinross CC, advising us that it was sent in November. This was only received by us at the beginning of January due to the letter being incorrectly addressed.

**The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 February in Carnbo at 7.30pm (Annual General Meeting).**

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## Cleish & Blairadam CC

### News from the December Meeting

The CC met in Cleish Village Hall on Monday 3 December and was attended by all six CCllrs, P&K Cllr M Barnacle, the Editor of the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter and seven members of the public.

**Crime Prevention:** Nobody from the Police force had been able to attend and nobody had anything to report on this matter. However the need for vigilance is still important as ever.

**Tracks and Trails:** Around Cleish this appears to have stalled. It would seem that final details are being sought from the landowners.

**Loch Leven Heritage Trail:** The next stage, from Findatie to the north end of Levenmouth including the new Levenmouth Bridge, was opened on 3 November on a beautiful sunny day when a large gathering joined in walking all or part of the new section. It was generally agreed that this is a fantastic facility and already is being much frequented. Congratulations to everyone involved.



*The new section of the Heritage Trail Photo: Felicity Martin*

### Planning

**Nivingston:** Both applications will eventually go to Committee, probably not until January or even February.

**Pending:** Windyknowe, Birchwood and Sunnyside Farm.

**Appealing:** Greenacres - both application; Templeton Meadows - two houses; Tillyrie Farm Milnathort - erection of 5 wind turbines; Kinnaid - erection of detached dwelling house.

**New: Cleish Mains** - Neighbour Notification has been received. The CC is asked to pay attention to the design and comment as they think fit. This application for one house has been submitted. **Flockhouse Farm Cottage** - no adverse comment. **Chance Inn Farm** - although not within our area it is possible to make comment.

**Housing in the Countryside Policy:** There was a request for a meeting of the CC with all four Cllrs and a member of the Planning Department where there could be a discussion of the general interpretation of the Policy. Cllr Barnacle said he would prefer a meeting with all the rural CCs and after discussion agreed he should put this in motion as soon as possible. It was emphasised that this would not be a public meeting but that there would have to be discussion with all bodies should a change to the Policy be recommended.

### Roads

**Speeding through villages:** The police had been told about this at the previous meeting but it was generally agreed that this was a difficult problem, especially the 20mph limit in

Cleish when all the children were safely in school and at weekends. However there is no doubt this is an ongoing problem, especially as most of those breaking the limit come from outwith the immediate locality.

**Keltybridge to North Road:** It was reported that the verges are all ploughed up, especially to the north of Maryburgh although the developer has tarred the internal road at Middleton Park. He said that all heavy work should have been completed by Christmas and hoped this would mean the end of heavy traffic.

However there are still traffic issues and passing places are requested - perhaps these could be installed when the road is being reinstated. There still remains the problem of the road dip - is there a commitment to make this good? - the toby has now sunk. Part of the pavement at Keltybridge has now subsided. It was pointed out that not all the pavements in Keltybridge are adopted - perhaps they should be. House owners should be asked about this.

**Lights at Middleton Park:** These have now been replaced and the new lights are a great improvement. Mr Thomson was thanked.

**Sewerage in Keltybridge:** This is still a problem; all households affected have had leaflets put through their letter boxes but without much improvement. Scottish Water and SEPA are all that is helpful, but the matter is really the concern of the residents. Please do not flush anything other than human waste and toilet paper into the system - no nappies and no anything else.

**Grant:** The Treasurer still needs the assistance of someone to sign the papers before the CC can receive their grant. So far all our pleas have fallen on deaf ears - surely there must be someone in our large area who can offer their services - only an hour's work is required.

**Christmas Trees:** There was a proposal that the CC might contribute towards the expense of a Christmas tree for each village. Richard Jeffrey offered to investigate this; it was agreed that a contribution of £50 per village should be made available.

**Bridge over Gairney:** This repair has been completed most expeditiously. Fred Whalley was thanked for arranging this.

**Objections to Planning Applications:** Cllr Barnacle reported that if five individual objections and one from the CC are received to any application, the Planning Officer must send them to the Planning Committee and not use delegated powers. He also reported that the proposal for small Area Committees will be considered by a Working Group.

**Tayside Fire and Rescue Service** are undertaking a review of this service and a document will be reviewed by the CC.

**Dates of future meetings:** 11 February Tabernacle Hall; 17 March Cleish; 19 May Tabernacle Hall; 23 June Cleish.

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# Club & Community Group News

## Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade



Thanks to everyone who helped at our Christmas Coffee Morning where just over £700 was raised. Guess the teddy's birthday was won by Emma Bathgate and guess the weight of the cake was won by James Cormack.

Thanks are also due to everyone who contributed towards the Canadian Camp at the bag packing sessions at our local Somerfield Supermarket including the management and staff at Somerfield's for their assistance. A total of £1350 was collected over the two Saturdays.

The Company is gearing up for the next rounds of National Competitions. The chess team play away in Edinburgh, the badminton team play at home against 1st Kilsyth and the quiz team play away at Forfar with all of these ties having to be played by the end of January.

Regarding battalion competitions the annual scripture search and 5-a-side football competitions will have been completed in January with preparations underway for multi-sports, drill and P.E. competitions in February.

## Portmoak Paths taking shape

### Public Meeting on 4 March to report on progress

Twelve months ago we reported in the CC Newsletter, the progress being made by Portmoak CC's Paths Group. The Portmoak Paths Group was the first in Perth & Kinross to consult upon the development of a network of footpaths across the parish following the Rights of Access legislation. The community's 'Core Paths Plan' was submitted to P&KC in 2004 and in the years since the Paths Group has been making this plan a reality.

There have been three main objectives behind the work of the Portmoak group:

- To create a new safe all access 'off road' (i.e. away from the roadside) path connecting the villages - from the Balgedies, via Kinnesswood to Scotlandwell.
- To connect and rebrand the paths within the parish - highlighting the historical and natural beauty of the eastern side of Kinross-shire, in particular naming the paths the Michael Bruce Way, after the local poet.
- To create connecting paths to and from the round the loch Heritage Trail and up into the Lomond Hills regional park.

On **Tuesday 4 March** the CC Paths Group is holding a recall public meeting to report on progress made on all three objectives. This will include plans for the formal opening of the Michael Bruce Way in June.

The public meeting, which is open to young and old, will take place at Portmoak Primary School from 7pm to 9pm.

## Save NHS Dentistry Campaign

At a business meeting of the Campaign group in January, it was decided to accept the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee's invitation to respond to some agencies after their November meeting discussed our petition (No. PE1018) on the provision of locally accessible NHS dental services. The Committee will discuss these and our response at its next meeting on 19 February. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825.

Because of recent developments, such as NHS Tayside's decision to build a new 20-strong dental centre at Broxden to be completed in September 2009, and also because many of our group members have now received dental treatment on the NHS, either in Kinross or Perth, it was decided that the group should not meet so frequently in future. Its main purpose now should be to monitor developments that have been flagged up with us by the Perth & Kinross Community Health Partnership, such as the opening of the "Linkline" - enabling residents to register their need for an NHS dentist - and the dental strategy for Perth & Kinross-shire up until the opening of the new Broxden centre. We also decided to ask the CHP for better communication with people in our area via the "Newsletter" on these matters, as so far, apart from once, we have provided all the information! On a wider note, we are still interested to hear of any problems people might have getting on an NHS dentist's list, and if you hear of any NHS dentists going private, please let us know as this still appears to be an on-going problem in Scotland, particularly in Tayside and Fife. Please contact Felicity as above if you hear anything relevant!

Because we will meet less often, we don't yet have a date for the next meeting, but keep your eye on the Newsletter for further information! We have quietened down a bit, but we are still here!!

## Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



A **Haggis Drive** will be held in Millbridge Hall on **Wednesday 30 January** starting

at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of £1 for the fun evening. All families welcome.

French Twinning President Michel Brodin is looking for any old photographs, movie film and video clips from past twinning events to compile a twinning history presentation on DVD. Anyone who has any of the aforementioned should contact secretary David Munro (tel. 862126) and copies will be made with the originals returned to their owners.

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## Portmoak Film Society

Three films to review this time because of the double issue! "Rabbit proof fence" had a good turn-out despite the sleet and snow in December. Most people were amazed at the perseverance of the girls concerned and the story took on more meaning when we met the girls as old ladies at the end. A lot of the discussion after the film was about the ill-treatment of native people.

Our Christmas Family Film, organised at very short notice, was "Fly Away Home". It was great to see grand-parents as well as parents bringing along children for the film. The storyline and filming were captivating and there was a round of applause at the end!

The January offering, "Babel" was a multilingual film shot in Morocco, Mexico and Japan, combining four different stories. Whether it succeeded as a dramatic entity was open to debate, but 77% of the audience gave it a good or excellent rating anyway.

The next film is "Volver" by Spanish director Pedro Almodovar, starring his muse Penelope Cruz. It screens on **Saturday 9 February** at 7.30 p.m. and Cruz and her co-stars are on fine form as ordinary women just trying to cope with whatever life throws at them!

For your forward planning, the **8 March** film will be "American Cousins". It tells of the culture clash which happens when the mafia arm of the family flees to Glasgow to take refuge with their Italian chip-shop owner cousin. Laughs abound at the fish-frying competition and the inevitable Scottish country dancing event!

It's good to see more people from Kinross and Milnathort coming to the Portmoak Picture Palace (as we like to call our local cinema!), some of whom are using the bus service or sharing cars to get here. Ethical movie-going with a low carbon footprint!

We hope you'll join us for the last few films of the season - it's still worth it at £3 per film for a membership card. These can be purchased through Stuart on 01592 840638 or at the Pottery in Kinnesswood.

For further info see our recently revamped website at: [www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk)

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## Kinross & District Rotary Club



The Community Service team sprung into action at the Potager Garden in Bowton Road on

17 November to tackle some outstanding chores in the garden. Michelle Hardaker and her team do a great job in providing pleasant surroundings where people can learn about and enjoy gardening. The garden is open every day from April to September and anyone willing to help should email Michelle at [dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk).

The following weekend members and friends helped clear a large area of undergrowth at Portmoak Priory. This is part of a project to restore the site of an 11th century monastery discovered in an area adjacent to Portmoak Gliding Club.

Around 500 "shoe boxes" were dispatched to families in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. The boxes contain items which we take for granted but are unavailable or scarce locally and are often the only presents received. The Club expresses its thanks to all who contributed to the scheme and especially the Primary Schools of Kinross, Milnathort, Cleish and Portmoak.

Neil Robertson from Kinnesswood gave a very interesting talk on his mountaineering experiences in Scotland and abroad at the 19 November meeting, illustrating his talk with some spectacular slides of the Scottish mountains and recent climbing expeditions. Present at the meeting were the Rotary Assistant District Governor, Sandy Matthews and ten visiting Presidents from the local zone.

The wider effects of climate change were discussed by guest speaker Norman Elkins, when he spoke to the meeting on 26 November which included six visitors from the Kirkcaldy Club. A meteorologist by profession, Norman had a particular interest in the effect of climate change on birds and illustrated his talk with some thought provoking examples of how the changing climate was affecting their food supply and subsequent breeding patterns.

At the first meeting in December Malcolm Mapp was confirmed as next year's President. His senior Vice-President will be David Reid and Junior Vice-President, John Matthew. Secretary and treasurer next year will be Kelvin Reay and Bill Harley respectively. The Club agreed to support 23 year old Alistair Allan from Powmill who is hoping to spend two months in Nepal undertaking infrastructure improvements under the auspices of Global Vision International.

As in previous years a team of Rotarians assisted at the "Light up Kinross" on 27 November.

A group of 20 Rotarians visited the Harviestoun Brewery on 4 December where the intricacies of the modern brewing process were explained and the outcome sampled.

Rachel McClure, a 23 year old Rotary sponsored student studying a post grad master's degree at Stirling University gave an inspirational talk to the Club on 10 December. Rachel described her upbringing in Madison, Mississippi and the many contrasts to be found in the southern states along with the effects still being felt in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina.

There was a record turnout at the Christmas Dinner held in the Windlestrae Hotel on 17 December. The members and their partners and guests were well entertained by a group from the Kinross Theatre Group who performed some well known songs and carols.

Nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award should be forwarded to Barry Davies, President, c/o Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross by **31 January**.

## Probus Club



The title for the talk on 21 November was "Canine Concern Scotland", and the speaker was Mrs Christine Watt. She came to the meeting accompanied by Donald, her husband and Henry, their dog. The main aim of Canine Concern Scotland is to organize visits of dogs to hospitals and care homes for therapeutic reasons and to help people who are scared of dogs. There is no doubt that dogs do benefit certain elderly people and in particular Alzheimer sufferers. However, not every dog is capable of being what the society calls a "Thera-Pet". The dog needs to be friendly and well behaved. It is no point in having a dog who barks and jumps up in a hospital or care home. So if someone thinks they have a wonderful dog who would benefit people in hospital, they first contact the local representative of Canine Concern who assesses the dog, and sees if it is suitable. Canine Concern Scotland then contact "Disclosure Scotland" to see if the owner's name appears on any Offenders list. This usually takes about eight to nine weeks. The Society only ask for a £1.00 registration fee and a £6.00 membership fee, which just about covers the insurance costs. Every visit to a hospital or care home is insured, but there has only been one claim during the 19 years the Society has been in existence and that is for a broken crystal vase, not one case of a dog biting anybody. Harry McLelland gave the vote of thanks and the Probus Club showed their appreciation by a round of applause. Henry, the speakers' dog, got a special round of applause.

On 5 December members were entertained with a fascinating lecture by Dr Leslie Bisset on the Botanic Gardens of Dundee University which have been called "the thinking person's garden". It is much more than just a collection of plants but is more a demonstration of some of the strategies used by plants to ensure their survival in different environments and to find ways to pollinate and propagate their species.

The Gardens were established in 1971 on a site of 9.5 hectares, south-facing, with well-drained soil and they have been developed to reproduce some of the environments found in nature from mountain top conditions to heathers at lower levels and then to forest and to nutrient rich soils in the valleys and finally to water gardens. Each of these areas includes a mixture of different plants, not segregated, but left as they would exist together in nature.

Our lecturer was born in Aberdeenshire and began his working life as a gardener but then joined the staff of the Botanic Gardens of Edinburgh University and moved to Dundee in 1971, becoming the Curator of the Dundee Gardens in 1980. His knowledge and enthusiasm for his subject certainly came through and he went on to show a number of beautiful slides. These were firstly examples of some of the survival strategies used by plants that face extreme conditions in nature and Dr Bisset went on to explain how they have adapted their structures to make it possible to cope with these extremes. He then went on to show how pollination and dispersal of seeds takes place, again using a wide variety of different processes, sometimes using bees or insects to transfer pollen between the flowers and then to spread it into the environment. Wind blown seed can travel as much as 2,000 km, so dispersal can take place over vast distances.

Dr Bisset concluded his talk by answering some questions. Ian Nicholson proposed a vote of thanks for a very interesting and informative talk and this was warmly applauded.

## St Andrew's Fundraiser success

**Cancer Research UK's** Milnathort Committee of Lisa Leslie, Anne Manson, Pam Dougall and Nikki Gibson held their second grand ball, a Saint Andrew's Ball, at Fingask Castle, Rait, on 1 December. Joining them for the evening was guest speaker, Mr Ryan Bowd, Senior lecturer at Leeds Metropolitan University and P.R. Officer for the late Jane Tomlinson's charity. He gave a moving account of their fund raising cycle trip across America.

The two hundred guests were treated to a champagne reception, dinner and ceilidh. Thanks to their generosity and their fantastic auctioneer, Mr Alistair Logan, a magnificent £15000 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

All the committee members have lost either friends or relatives to cancer and were determined to continue to raise awareness and money for Cancer Research UK Scotland. They were amazed by the generous raffle and auction prizes donated. These included original art work by local artists Amelia Gow and Nicci Kitchen, a VIP Day at RAF Leuchars and luxury packages at the Gleneagles and Old Course hotels. Heartfelt thanks go to everyone for their support and generosity.

## Kinross High School

**Congratulations** to the following pupils whose achievements in a variety of areas were recognised by P&KC at a recent ceremony in the Perth Concert Hall: Daniel Pickering, Jacob Dobson, Chris Malley, Andrew Warren, Felicity Anderson, Emma Bissett, Lynsay Drysdale, Hannah Fuller, Alice Gunn, Margaret Henderson, Tom Nurik, Hollie Watson, Kristie Miller, Eilidh MacLachlan, Kerry Ferguson, Leslie Simpson, Rosie Lucey, Jenna Merrilees, Catriona McShane, Ewan Stewart and Thomas Ralston.

**Blythswood Shoebox Appeal:** Thank you very much for the generous donations for the 2007 campaign. After a frantic three weeks of collecting, sorting, wrapping and packing, we managed to send off 200+ boxes to Romania and Bulgaria.

**Stock Exchange Challenge:** Congratulations to Amy, Christy, Charles, Jamie and Peter for taking third place in the stock exchange challenge in Dundee on 22 November 2007.



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



December meant the Christmas party and, as ever, Joe had a Festive Challenge. Members and guests tackled topical collages featuring Donald Trump and Camilla, fortunately not together. Some racked their brains with varying degrees of success to solve a logical problem, while others constructed crossword clues which were hilarious and occasionally risqué. The buffet, supplied by members, was, as ever, colourful and delicious. Our thanks to Madame President for her hospitality.

### Subscriptions to the Newsletter

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For further details see [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org) or phone Ann Harley on 01577 864512 or email

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## Diabetes UK (Scotland) Kinross Voluntary Group

Due to a lack of support, the group will no longer be holding monthly meetings at the Millbridge Hall. The group will continue to exist and hopes to hold some kind of open day later in the year, notification of which will be in the Newsletter and around Kinross.

We will continue to offer support to anyone who feels they need it, and Diabetes UK will continue to send us all new information, which will be distributed as it arrives.

The committee thanks all those who have supported the meetings over the last 15 months.

If you wish to contact any member of the group please feel free to contact the numbers below.

Vivian (Area Liaison, Volunteer Diabetes UK) 01738 635826 or Linda 01577 861217.

## Kinross & Ochil Ramblers

Do you think of Ramblers as ancient, earnest and bobble-hatted? Well, think again!

Our walking group, set up two years ago, is affiliated to the Ramblers' Association. We have a wide age range amongst our members, we're friendly and fun and not a bobble-hat in sight. We provide a varied programme of walks on a fortnightly basis throughout the year, usually alternating between Saturdays and Sundays.

Come along and try out a few of our walks before deciding for yourself if you'd like to join us.

Here's what's coming up:

**Saturday 9 February:** Kingsbarns to Crail - 6 miles. A walk along coastal paths visiting Cambo Gardens to view snowdrops.

**Sunday 24 February:** Ben Y Vrackie - 6 miles. A steady climb to Loch a Choire. Then, conditions permitting, a steep climb to the summit with panoramic views. (Sufficient fitness and full hill-walking gear required.)

**Saturday 8 March:** Loch Venacher and Loch Drunkie - 11 miles. Easy circular walk on good paths throughout along Loch Venacher, around Loch Drunkie and back.

**Sunday 23 March:** Sma' Glen and Loch Freuchie 10 miles or 7.5 miles depending on the weather. Easy walk from Sma' Glen car park along River Almond to Auchnafree. Ascent to 400m through Lochan Glen descending to Loch Freuchie. For further information, including where to meet, contact Jacqui Ritchie on 01592 840451.

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Wednesday Under 8s 6.15-7pm

Wednesday Over 8s 7.00-7.45 pm

**Wednesday Adult classes start January 30,  
stretch and jazz 8-9pm.**

**Branches also in Portmoak and Crook of Devon.**

Newcomers welcome. Call Rachel Webb on 01592 840834.

## Common Grounds Charity No. SC031582

First, the Volunteers wish all customers, friends and supporters of Common Grounds a productive and peaceful 2008, with an additional big thank you to the Scouts and Guides for continuing to allow us to make use of the Church Street Hall and its facilities.

At the AGM in November Volunteers were given a very positive message that their work continued to be a success and had, given the now reduced opening hours, made donations to projects comparable with past years. The incumbent office bearers were all re-elected for the 2007/8 year.

**Projects:** Over the December and January period we have raised money for two projects: the Beryl Thyer Memorial African Trust and the (RUDA) Support Group. The former is working in Cameroon with children suffering from a malignancy called Burkitt's Lymphoma, the latter is to be used to complete the construction of a school in Tanzania.

Any old hand tools for the 'Tools with a Mission' project are still needed and can be handed into the Hall during opening times.

On **19 February** we are having another 'soup and a roll' Project lunch. 12.30 start, in the Church Street Hall, payment by donation. The speaker is Dr. Peter McCormick, from the Beryl Thyer Memorial Trust, who has first hand knowledge of their work in Cameroon.

**Fairtrade:** Fairtrade goods always available on sale.

**Book Club:** Is at present fully subscribed. Contact for the club is Marlene Whyte telephone 01592 840371.

**Pay Us a Visit:** Why not drop in for a quiet chat and a warming cup of tea or coffee, served with home baking. Come in and admire the new floor and décor installed over the Christmas break.

Common Grounds is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm in the Church Street Hall, Milnathort.

Contacts outside opening hours are - Shirley Morgan on 864745, Jim Henry on 864452 or Pat Payne on 862715.

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### November Draw

1st	No 27	Helen Martin, Hatchbank
2nd	No 71	Patsy Green, Easter Balgedie
3rd	No 12	Mrs A Watson, Kinnesswood

### December Draw

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## Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

Summary of minutes of meeting held on 3 December 2007 at Milnathort Primary School.

**Present:** Chair – Bridget Barker; Vice Chair – Walter Cambers; Council Members – Janette Walker, Robin Millar, Lynne Dunne, Ann Malcolm, Dave Cochrane, Gill Freeman, Headteacher – Alyson Howe, Milnathort School Association Representative – Mark Koziel, Clerk – Sheila Herron.

It was noted that this was the first formal meeting of the MPSPC. The Council are now officially registered with P&KC and are insured as this.

There is a new **School Travel Plan Coordinator** who is available to offer advice and support for any plans schools wish to introduce. Gill Freeman and Lynn Dunn advised that there is no news so far.

Mark Koziel advised that **Grants for Schools** are available from Banks and other institutions. Staff, with children at school, could usually apply for these grants. MK would be happy to help complete any forms as necessary.

AH reported that **Meet the Teacher** night held in November was very well attended and was considered, by all, to be a huge success.

With the Council remit of working in Partnership with Communities and other organisations, potential **Co-opted Members** would be invited to join Council meetings as and when necessary. The potential Co-opted members will also be invited to request attendance should the need arise.

The Council felt it important to have easy, open **communication** with Parents/Carers/Community. In future, a notice of meetings and agendas would be posted in the school and publicised as widely as possible. Summaries of meetings would be submitted for publication in the Kinross Community Newsletter. In order to try and involve as many as possible that wish to be involved an **information leaflet** with questionnaire would be issued to parents/carers sometime in early 2008.

It was agreed that the Council would subscribe to the Scottish Parent Council Association at a cost of £45 per year.

BB advised that Parent Councils were becoming more involved with schools through **School Improvement Plans**. AH welcomed this and suggested several ways in which links could be made with the community. AH is well aware of the work/life balance however hopes to be able to invite parents/carers to help within the school on an as and when basis.

Concerns had been expressed by parents re **parking** outside the school. AH to contact the police.

The pathways, surrounding the school, are being used as **toilet areas by dogs**. Owners are not clearing the fouling. This can have a fine of £50 imposed if the owner is caught. As this is a community issue, members of the community are urged to contact Environmental Health and report any incidences.

**Meetings for 2008:** 4 February; 17 March; 12 May; and 23 June. All to be held on a Monday evening, 7pm at Milnathort Primary School.

A full copy of past, ratified, Minutes are available in the school office. If you wish to contact the MPSPC please contact Sheila Herron on 01577 864015 or [Sheila\\_herron@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Sheila_herron@tiscali.co.uk)

## Swansacre Playgroup News



Swansacre Playgroup had lots of fun during the Christmas term making decorations and handprint calendars for relatives. Santa made special appearances at the Christmas parties and sent out wonderful replies to Santa letters he received via Swansacre. Our shopping evening was packed full of gifts, cards and even children's clothes this year and was sponsored by COMPLETE LOOK; a very big thank you to the girls for adding a bit of pampering to our shopping. Thank you to all who supported us. Our mums and staff had a great time out 10 pin bowling in Dunfermline followed by a Chinese buffet - congratulations to Joanne Kitson who won spectacularly on the night. Our Christmas celebration ended the Christmas term with everyone who attended having a very festive time!

We are still running StoryCraft on Monday afternoons for 3-5 year olds (without parent) and Wee Swans on a Friday afternoon for 18+ month children with a parent. Our Rising 5s is full on a Wednesday afternoon but we plan to open another session either Mon / Tues or Fri. Please contact Swansacre (862071) or Bouwien (863107) if you would be interested in any of these clubs. Our Craft Club (Thursday 7.30-9.30pm - strictly without children!) has been well supported and continues to be well attended this term. Please feel free to drop in at Swansacre, with or without a craft and see what we are up to or call Kate (865215).

We will be holding a Spring Fair again this year, as yet the date is not confirmed. This will follow in the footsteps of last year's very successful Fair, please watch out for posters in the coming weeks.

## Kinross Garden Group



Our December meeting, attended by 59 members and visitors, was addressed by Gladys Wright of the Scottish Crop Research Institute who gave a talk entitled "The Living Garden".

70 Members and Visitors enjoyed a Festive Lunch in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross on Thursday 10 January.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 14 February** in the Millbridge Halls, Kinross at 2pm. Colin Shaw from Vane Farm will be giving us a talk on "Encouraging wildlife into our Garden".

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## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the December meeting Michael Bullough, Chairman of "McEwens of Perth" gave an interesting and most enjoyable talk on the history and growth of this well known department store.

On 10 January the members enjoyed their New Year Party, with entertainment being provided by "The Third Generation".

**Friday Walks:** On our walk round Tentsmuir in early December, we found that the winter storms had uprooted dozens of trees, and completely changed the beach where we usually watch the seals. One of our group was determined to have a massive piece of driftwood and persuaded some of her friends to carry it all of the way back to the bus - a good three miles. This is now a feature in a local garden.

Due to torrential rain overnight, the walk from Gleneagles to Blackford had to be cancelled, but the Sair Heid Walk went ahead in spite of the snow. Warbecks in Falkland was packed when we all returned from our festivities at the Tyndal-Bruce Monument, ready for the hot soup and sandwiches.

**8 February:** The Linn Mill walk from Gartmorn Dam - this is a circular walk along cycle paths and country roads with only slight climbing, and about six miles.

**22 February:** Our annual walk from Aberdour to Inverkeithing, stopping for a while at St Bride's Church. This is a short one-way coastal walk, and not much over five miles.

**Hillwalkers:** On 7 December we were delighted to have a dry day for our walk from South Queensferry to the old Cramond Ferry, now unfortunately defunct. We almost had a full turnout as some members have returned from various trips to places far and near, including Australia and India. We also enjoyed a convivial post walk festive lunch at the Hawes Inn.

On 21 December the weather consisted of heavy fog and frost. This led to a change of plan and instead of the walk round Moncrieff Hill, we walked the Loch Leven Trail from Millbridge to Loch Leven Larder, where we were able to thaw out with some hot coffee before our return trip.

During February, we will have three walks: on the 1st we will walk from Castle Campbell to Glen Devon and back, a distance of 9 miles. On the 15th we are planning a coastal route from Limekilns of approximately 8 miles and finally, on the 29th we will venture onto a new walk to include the second phase of the Loch Leven Trail and Portmoak Moss.

**February Meeting:** The speaker on **7 February** will be Stuart Bonnar, Coastal Warden, on "The Fife Coastal Path". **The Elderberries** enjoyed their Christmas lunch in the Green Hotel on 10 December.

They meet in the Kinross Day Centre every Monday at 1.30pm for table top games, quizzes or bingo on alternate weeks. We are looking for some new members, as unfortunately some of our older members have moved onto higher places. If you are between 60 and 90 years come along and spend a couple of hours with us, to give your carers a rest. We also run a few bus trips during the Summer months. For further details contact Zena McRae, tel 864342.

It is with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Margaret Palmer, one of our founder members, on 10 January.

## Kinross-shire Historical Society



At a well attended meeting on 19 November, Duncan Gilfillan, an ex NCB Surveyor gave a very well-presented talk on the history of mining, concluding with a poignant reminder of the Aberfan disaster. The vote of thanks was given by Eric Campbell.

On 10 December, a cold night, a very full audience including numerous visitors enjoyed Professor David Munro's talk on the suitably chilly topic of "South with Shackleton". Having retraced some of Shackleton's journey, David was able to give a very personal account of the tremendous hardships endured by Shackleton and his crew.

See Notices p. 36 for details of next meeting.

## Inner Wheel Club of Kinross & District



Inner Wheel met on 10 December for the last meeting of 2007. After a Christmas Meal, Lyn Haworth, our speaker spoke on the "World of Crystals" and we all went home hugging a crystal which we hope will put an end to all our aches and pains!

Members met on Friday 11 January for a soup and sandwich lunch in the home of our President, Linda to celebrate 'Inner Wheel Day'. Earlier in the day, two members of Inner Wheel accompanied the ladies on duty for Meals on Wheels and delivered to the elderly pot of bulbs or plants.

Our January meeting was a business meeting, catching up on Christmas and New Year mail, but we are off on an outing to the theatre in early February in Edinburgh.

## Milnathort School Association

We are delighted to report that our Christmas Bazaar held on Saturday 1st December was the most successful ever and we raised almost £1200. We would like to thank all those individuals and local businesses who kindly donated items for the raffle and bottle stall and helped us to raise such a fantastic amount. Thanks also to everyone who came along on the day and spent so generously, as it is only with your support that we can continue to raise funds to provide additional equipment for the school.

We are now actively planning our next fund-raising event - an Auction evening to be held on **Saturday 1 March** at the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort. There are sure to be some interesting items up for auction and a good night was had by all last year, so look out for further details nearer the time.

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# Sports News

## Kinross Cricket Club



The club was delighted to be awarded £5000 from the Kinross-shire Fund for covers for the new wicket at Kinross House. These covers will enable the playing surface to be kept dry if there is rain the day before a match, ensuring that play can go ahead on our newly developed grass wicket, giving an enhanced match experience on the turf surface.

Teenagers, Peter Ross and Scott Weir have been selected to tour South Africa with the Scotland under 15 team this March/April. Nick Farrar, age 13, has been selected to represent Scotland at the 2008 ICC European Development Program Centre of Excellence at the La Manga Club, Spain in April. Alex Scott-Gray has been selected for the Scotland under 15 training squad and Drew Weir has been selected for the under 17 training squad. This continues Kinross Cricket Club's excellent selection record for national squads, teams and training programs and inspires our next generation of young cricketers on to great things in the future. A fantastic achievement for such a young club.

**Ladies indoor winter coaching** has started at Craigclowan School, Perth from 7-9pm every Thursday night until 13 March. New members are very welcome. Please e-mail [secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk) for more information or just come along. Sessions cost £2.50.

**Men's indoor coaching** has also started and dates and venues are shown below. New members are very welcome.

### February

**Wed 6th** Queen Anne High Sch, Dunfermline, 8pm-10pm

**Wed 20th** Queen Anne High Sch, Dunfermline, 8pm-10pm

### March

**Wed 5th** Queen Anne High Sch, Dunfermline, 8pm-10pm

**Fri 14th** Duloch Leisure Centre, Dunfermline 7.30-9.30pm

**Wed 19th** Queen Anne High Sch, Dunfermline, 8pm-10pm

**Fri 28th** Duloch Leisure Centre, Dunfermline 7.30-9.30pm

No experience or equipment is necessary to join the club – just something comfy to wear, trainers and a drink. Come on ... give cricket a go.



Kinross Cricket Club Women's Team

## Kinross Badminton Club

Sixteen players took part in the Macdonald Quaich competition, with the eventual winners Mark Moran and Patrick McHugh. Runners up were Alison Walker and Ian Coulter.



## Kinross Volleyball Club

Kinross Volleyball Club training has resumed at Kinross High School games hall on Monday evenings after the Christmas break with junior training from 8 till 9 p.m. and adult training from 9 till 10 p.m.

The six Kinross teams are having mixed fortunes with Kinross Scot Range doing well in the Perth & District Premier League and Kintronics doing well in the Perth & District Recreational League.

Recreational League Positions (max 10 points for a win):

	Pld	Won	Drwn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
<b>Dunfermline</b>	12	9	0	3	542	491	<b>82</b>
<b>Tay Pearls</b>	12	8	0	4	526	427	<b>81</b>
<b>Perth Juniors</b>	10	7	0	3	458	339	<b>68</b>
<b>Kintronics</b>	10	6	1	3	441	364	<b>65</b>
<b>Rodney's Trotters</b>	10	5	0	5	429	381	<b>65</b>
<b>See Me</b>	12	6	0	6	451	464	<b>64</b>
<b>Kinross BB</b>	10	6	1	3	446	327	<b>63</b>
<b>Motley Crew</b>	12	2	3	7	507	492	<b>52</b>
<b>Better Blockers</b>	12	3	0	9	174	544	<b>37</b>
<b>Kinross BGB</b>	10	3	0	7	381	475	<b>35</b>
<b>Scotrange II</b>	10	2	1	7	376	427	<b>29</b>

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## Kinross Road Runners

### Happy New Year!

Now is the time to make all those New Year resolutions become reality. All of you who are shedding those extra pounds and getting fitter by jogging along the pavements and tracks around Kinross are more than welcome to come and join like-minded souls at Kinross Road Runners. We meet in the car park near the Leisure Centre every Wednesday night at 7.00pm and the sessions last until 8.00pm. We are a mixed bunch with about a 50/50 split of men and women of various ages. You certainly won't be left behind. So, whatever you have in mind, from just getting a little fitter, to running a Marathon, we can offer plenty of support and encouragement. We look forward to meeting some new faces in 2008.

In December Kinross Road Runners held their Christmas handicap 10km race. This was held on a bright and mild Sunday morning, starting and finishing from Milnathort Town Hall. Runners were given start times based on their performance over the year so as make the race even with all having a chance of winning. Roger Stark was chief handicapper and time keeper. He also laid out a magnificent, accurately measured 10km route utilising many of the off road tracks and trails in the area. The overall winner was Kate Ives, coming home in just over 40 minutes. However, many members must have been saving the best till last in 2007 as the following runners achieved PBs (personal bests) for the 10km distance: Chris Pratt, Ross McConnell, Steve Little, Tricia Milne, Andy Johns, Sandy MacCalum, Peter Edgerton, Christine Myerscough and Joanne Koziel. Well done to all!

At the post-race feast presentations of annual awards were made.

Club champions were:

Male **Steven Crawford**  
Female **Hazel Porter**

"Athlete of the Year" as voted by the members was:  
**Chris Pratt**

Judith Dobson once again organised a Boxing Day run along the byways around Crook of Devon and treated all finishers to tea and coffee and some tasty seasonal fair. On 2 January, 14 hardy souls worked off the excesses of the festive season with a very sociable Hogmanay run around Loch Ore Meadows.

A very cold but bright and sunny Saturday 12 January morning saw 7 members undertake the 5km BUPA Great Winter Run in Edinburgh. This started at Holyrood and skirted behind Arthur's seat, giving splendid views of the city. Trish Milne had a fantastic run, just failing to catch her daughter Natalie by one second.

Special mention must go to two juniors, Gregor Malcolm and Sarah Myerscough who survived the cold of an early start to complete the 2.5km Tesco Junior Winter Run.

And now! A big note for all your diaries:

The date of your own local **Loch Leven Half Marathon** is **Saturday 17 May. Be there!** (See also Notices, page 37).



## Kinross Squash Club

### Happy New Year!

It's difficult to exercise at this time of the year with the cold wet weather. However, squash is a game that is played on warm courts here at the Loch Leven Leisure Centre. It requires lots of short bursts of intensive play all contained into 40 minutes. What an excellent way to support your New Year resolution to get fitter!

The squash leagues are open to players of all ability and are an outstanding way to improve your game by playing a variety of opponents. If you fancy joining the squash leagues please add your name at the bottom of the leagues result sheets on the squash notice board which is located at the rear of the squash courts at LLLC.

Nobody has managed to defeat awesome Archie in the premier league in 2007. Can you do it in 2008!

The winners of the December league were.

Prem league	Jim Marshall
League 1	Jim Carver
League 2	Crawford Heriot
League 3	Tim Corcoran
League 4	Kevin Gudmundsson
League 5	Christopher Martin
League 6	Morag Johnston



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### Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job  
vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more,  
visit **[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)**





## News from the Rurals

**CROOK OF DEVON** - In December members enjoyed a lovely Christmas meal at the Inn in Crook of Devon.

Mrs Margaret Arbuckle presided over the January meeting. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year, she then introduced Margaret McGregor who gave us a very interesting slide show narrated by her late mother on living and working on the former Alloa Inch Farm on the River Forth. Isobel Mechan gave the vote of thanks.

Competition:

Unusual Thimble - S Lamont

**POWMILL** - President Mrs Ruth Briscoe welcomed members and visitors to the meeting in Mowbray Hall on Wednesday 21 November. She then introduced Lynne McPhillips who gave a talk and demonstration on Christmas Goodies and Treats. Lynne showed us how to make, decorate and wrap chocolates for Christmas presents and also decorated a delicious chocolate cake.

Vice President Mrs M Thorn gave the vote of thanks and a lovely supper was provided by Mrs F Black and Mrs S Buchanan.

Competitions:

3 Custard Creams - Mrs E Johnston  
Decorated Stone - Mrs E Johnston  
Garden Gem - Mrs M Thorn

President Mrs Ruth Briscoe welcomed Powmill and Blairingone members to our Christmas Party at the Lomond Country Inn, Kinnesswood on Wednesday 12 December. After an excellent meal we were entertained by Mrs Ruth Briscoe reading a piece, which we could all relate to, entitled "The Death of Common Sense" by Lori Borgman then Mrs Maz Thorn read "The Journey of the Magi" a poem by T.S. Elliott.

We finished the evening by singing Christmas songs accompanied by Maz on her guitar. I am sure everyone would agree that we had a very good party. President Mrs Ruth Briscoe and Blairingone President Mrs Mary Ramsay both gave votes of thanks.

Competitions:

4 Chocolate truffles - Mrs W Sim  
Christmas Card - Mrs E Johnston

**CARNBO** - President Rosemary Hudson accompanied a number of the members to the Sinbad Pantomime in Perth Theatre for their Christmas outing. A most enjoyable evening was had by all and the President wished all members a very Happy Christmas and looked forward to seeing all members in the New Year.

**BLAIRINGONE** - Members enjoyed a Christmas meal in the company of the Powmill WRI ladies at the Lomond Hotel, Kinnesswood on 12 December. Entertainment was organized by Powmill ladies.

The joint children's Christmas party with Powmill WRI was held on 22 December. Lots of games were played, then Santa arrived with a parcel for each child.

At the January meeting President Mary Ramsay welcomed Miss Ann Hughes from Kinnesswood who gave a super demonstration on the proper way to make Cornish pasties.

Competitions:

Shortbread - M Warnock  
Christmas Card - M Warnock  
Flower of the Month - A Murray

## Congratulations



Bill and Barbara **BELFORD** are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter **VAILA** to **DARREN BRYCE** of Inverkeithing.

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of **LYNNE GADZIEJEWSKI** to **IAIN PENNY**.

**CARRIE-ANNE STUART** of Milnathort and **MR DAVID BRASH** of Edinburgh became engaged on Christmas day.

Pete and Morna **HUNTER**, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, **LAURIE KATE**, on 15 November 2007. A little sister for Eilidh and Angus.

Alma and Robert **BIRRELL** would like to congratulate their daughter **SARAH** who graduated from the Adam Smith College on 16 November 2007 with an Advanced Diploma in Interactive Graphic Design. Well done we are very proud of you.

## Thanks



A big thank you to the members of **MILNATHORT OLD FOLKS COMMITTEE** who gave a lovely party for a large number of our over 70's. An excellent meal was followed by a very enjoyable concert, and the evening was topped off by a visit from Santa laden with gifts. Everyone had a very happy time.

**KINROSS QUILTERS** would like to thank all the kind folks who bought last year's raffle tickets for CHAS. We raised £600 which will certainly help our local Hospice. The quilt was won by Miss K Shephard, Crook of Devon, and the cushions won by Craig Macdonald, Perth. Many thanks again for all contributions Try again this year.

**LIGHT UP KINROSS:** The Committee wish to thank all who participated at the Light Up on 27 November. Unfortunately there is not enough space to list all the names in detail. The assistance we received both before and during the evening is very much appreciated. Thank you all once again.

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# Out & About



## Vane Farm



Hello people, and a guid new year tae ye all, hope you have recovered from yer festive frivolities and are rarin tae go in 2008.

As mentioned in the last bit a did we have been attackin the rushy areas o the reserve wi a verve. We got this grand machine in called a Softtrack. "Oooh, Softtrack!" (sorry, lapsed intae chewin the fat there). Anyway this wondrous wee machine runs on rubber tracks and can dae bits o the wetland that were previously almost inaccessible cos the weight is spread oot and it kinda floats on watter, well almost. It cuts it, blows it up a chute intae a carryin box oan the back and removes the vegetation.

This is better for the wetland management because it takes the rush away from the surface and saves it re-fertilising the ground as it rots down. Some rush is good for the birds as cover and breeding areas, but too much can have a detrimental effect, so that's why we chap it doon every year. On the birdie front we have had a good selection lately with loads o teal, wigeon, pintail, whooper swan, goosander, the rarer smew and a few shelduck which are also a bit rarer on the loch during the winter. Geese are still well in evidence with a Greenland Whitefront seen recently in the pinkie flock.

The new CCTV camera has been getting laldie fae the kids big and small and has given us some really close up almost eye to eye pictures, including a recent nasal saddled teal. A nasal saddle is a coloured tag which goes ower its hooter, well beak, and is easier tae read than leg rings which arnae cos they are under watter maist o the time, so unless ye are a passin scuba diver or an otter yiv nae chance! Anyway it arrived at Loch Leven all the way from Portugal.

Our new events programme for this year will be startin on **Saturday 26 January** with the first in a series of four during the year of "**Birdwatching for Beginners**". The first one will cover Garden Birds in conjunction with the RSPB's **Big Garden Birdwatch** weekend and on **Sunday 27th** we will be doing the reserve **BGBW count**. This is a free event, so why not bring the bairns along to give us a hand and see how many birds we can spot.

Details of these and future events and costs are available from Vane or by phoning on the usual number 01577 862355.

Some new staff have migrated in tae the centre with Karen Fairbairn joining the shop team as a part time centre assistant. We will be advertising for some more soon, so if ye fancy workin wi the centre team gie us a shout. Richard is yer man for enquiries. The shop also has a new range of bird care products newly in, so howk along and hiv a gander.

Think that's it fur this month, see ya next time. T a t a,

Colin

## Loch Leven NNR



The new year is now in full swing, and plans and projects are developing by the hour at Loch Leven NNR. Towards the end of last year there was a real push to develop a volunteers' group with more regular involvement around the Reserve, and accordingly, we have several upcoming activities, which we hope will involve and inspire its participants.

The first is a Tree Sparrow day on 19 January, where we will focus on the conservation of our Tree Sparrow population. This will involve nest box construction and necessary maintenance of last year's boxes. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to install their own nest box and have access to information regarding the success of theirs and other nest boxes through our website. If you are interested in helping us with Tree Sparrow conservation, please get in touch with us at the Reserve Office on 01577 864439.



*The elusive red squirrel can be found on the reserve*

In February a team of volunteers will be receiving Water Vole survey training, before embarking on the first year of intensive Water Vole monitoring on the NNR. As a key Biodiversity Action Plan species, population monitoring is essential. The work our volunteers will be carrying out is vital if appropriate management strategies are to be implemented, like ditch fencing and trapping of the invasive Mink, a predator of Water Voles. Members of the public will also have the opportunity to come and see Water Vole habitat on our forthcoming 'Meet the Water Voles' events in March and April.

The volunteers' meeting was a success in November, with two guest speakers, Bob Weston and Ken Neil, entertaining our group with well-delivered presentations about Water Voles and Red Squirrels. We are now planning another meeting on Thursday 28 February, where Claire Smith from the RSPB will be telling us more about the recent reintroduction of Sea Eagles on the east coast of Scotland. Further developments are underway with the Growing up with Loch Leven project. Primary school pupils will shortly be embarking on a transitions project in preparation for high school life, so we look forward to welcoming them when they arrive.

For now, I hope you are all settling into life in 2008, and we look forward to sharing the NNR with you over the course of the coming year.

Craig

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## Farming



### A resolution to eat the seasons?

Is your New Year Resolution to lose weight, eat more healthily, spend less or cut your carbon footprint? Many of us will resolve to stick to one of these pledges in order to become better people in 2008. I often read with great admiration, articles on individuals that have made life-changing resolutions and stuck to them. Losing five stone or training for a marathon requires lasting willpower. The commitment often stretches right through one year and well into the next, the resolution actually becoming a way of life. For those of you, like me, who are inspired by these stories but never actually turn life around in one big step, you may like to consider some small changes that will make a difference to your lives and that of others.

Ever considered only buying the food that is in season? Foods that are produced during their natural season are fresher, tastier and cheaper as they are using the weather and other natural conditions to their advantage. That is the reason why strawberries are best in July, lamb is tastier in early autumn, and asparagus is tender and juicy in May. It is also why we should all be tucking into a hearty plate of broth in the New Year. This is the month to make best use of carrots and turnips, onions and leeks. These root vegetables are being lifted out of the soil from fields around Kinross and Fife, washed and then transported straight to the vegetable counter throughout winter.

Could you also reject the choices offered by the supermarkets throughout the rest of the year? Waiting for the soft fruit season to begin in Scotland means not tasting a strawberry or raspberry until the Angus or Fife berries are ready in June, and enjoying asparagus only during May. Leaving the imported alternatives on the supermarket shelves is the only way the supermarkets will change their policy of bringing in these choices from around the world.

Making a resolution to buy what is in season is not an excuse to change your wardrobe every few months, but rather a commitment to learn to make best use of what our local environment can provide for us. It should be guaranteed to provide a varied and tasty menu for the whole year; you will probably eat more healthily, spend less and reduce your carbon footprint, but I'm afraid I can't guarantee any help with weight loss!

Fiona

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## Weather



### November Weather Report From Carnbo

The unsettled weather of late October continued throughout November, but with no extreme events. Although rainfall was frequent, total rainfall was slightly below average.

Rainfall for month 100mm (82% of average)

Heaviest fall 16.6mm (19th)

Highest temperature 13°C (1st)

Lowest temperature -3°C (23rd)

Average temperature 4.8°C

6 days with a maximum above 10°C

Ice days not recorded (maximum temperature below 0°C)

Ground frost 16 nights

Air frost 4 nights

2 days with snow falling 8th and 23rd

### December Weather Report From Carnbo

December this year was the opposite of December 2006 being much colder and drier, the mild, very humid air streams experienced last year were absent, thank goodness, ground and air frost recorded most nights.

Rainfall for month 114mm (96% of average)

[Dec 2006 rain fall 249mm (210% of average)]

Heaviest fall 18.5mm (27th)

Highest temperature 12°C (4th)

Lowest temperature -7°C (17th)

Average temperature 2.3°C (2006 5.3°C)

1 day with maximum temperature above 10°C

3 ice days recorded (16th, 20th, 21st)

1 snow day, lying 2cms

### Vital statistics of 2007 weatherwise

Total rainfall 1257mm (96% of normal)

Heaviest fall 49mm (18th August)

Highest temperature 21°C (23rd August)

Lowest temperature -7°C (17th December)

Average temperature 7.6°C (2006 7.8°C)

Days with max above 20°C 3 (very low)

Ice days 3

Ground frost 121 nights

Air frost 42 nights

Snow days 16 (very low)

Summary of Seasons 2007:

A very wet, mild Winter. A dry mild Spring, especially April. A very wet, cool Summer. A cold, dry start to Winter 2007-2008.

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Website: [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)  
E-mail: [kinpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kinpc@tiscali.co.uk)

### January

**Sun 27** 10.30am Service, led by John Munro.  
Theme: Called to follow: Radical Disciples.

### February

**Sun 3** Transfiguration. 10.30am Service led by John Munro. Informal Communion.

Theme: Changed from glory into glory.

**Sun 10** First Sunday in Lent. 10.30am Service led by John Munro. Theme: Called to serve.

**Sun 17** 10.30am Service, led by John Munro.  
Theme: God's Blessing – pass it on.

**Sun 24** 10.30am Service, led by John Munro.  
Theme: Encounters on the Way.

**Pram Service:** Each Tuesday at 10.00am in the Church.  
All under 3s and carers welcome.

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

**Whyte Court:** First Tuesday of the month, at 2.30 p.m.

**Causeway Court:** Last Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

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**Kinross Church Centre:** This suite of halls is the property  
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**Saturday break:** Most Saturday mornings, tea, coffee and  
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**Enquiries:** Session Clerk: Mrs Linda Williamson, 15 St  
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## Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

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<b>Session I</b>	<b>Tue 12 Feb</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<i>Our Father</i>
<b>Session II</b>	<b>Tue 19 Feb</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<i>Thy will be done</i>
<b>Session III</b>	<b>Tue 26 Feb</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<i>Our daily bread</i>
<b>Session IV</b>	<b>Tue 4 Mar</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<i>As we forgive</i>

In Kinross Parish Church

<b>Session V</b>	<b>Wed 12 Mar</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<i>In Heaven</i>
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**Service at Ashley House:** first Thursday of the month at  
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**Services at Levensen:** first and third Tuesdays of the  
month at 4pm

**3 Feb** Communion at Portmoak

**2 Mar** Communion at Orwell

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Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: [www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk](http://www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk)

### February Services

**Sat 2** 7.00pm, Candlemas Vigil Service of Light.

**Sun 3** Last Sunday of Epiphany.  
8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

**Wed 6** Ash Wednesday, 10.30am, Holy Communion  
with imposition of ashes.  
7.00pm, Penitential Service

**Sun 10** Lent I, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am, Sung Eucharist with Baptism.

**Sun 17** Lent II, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am, All ages Morning worship.

**Sun 24** Lent III, 8.30am, Holy Communion.

Sunday School and Crèche during the 11.00am Service.

**Thursday Morning group Bible Study.** Everyone  
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Oxnard, telephone (01577) 864213.

## St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

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

**February**

<b>Sun 3</b>	11.15am	Preacher: Minister
<b>Sun 10</b>	11.15am	Preacher: Minister
<b>Sun 17</b>	11.15am	Reader: Brian Ogilvie
<b>Sun 24</b>	11.15am	Sacrament of Lord's Supper

**Tuesday 5 February** 7.30pm - Kirk Session meeting.

**Sunday 10 February** - Housegroup 7.30pm

**Monday 25 February** - Guild: speaker, Rev Marion Keston

**Fossoway Parish Church****Church of Scotland**

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

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am

**Crèche, Junior Church and Teenage Group** 9.45am

**Tots Music:** Friday mornings in hall,  
 9.30am-10.30am; 11am-12pm

**Community Choir:** Wednesday evenings, 7pm-9pm

**February**

<b>Sun 3</b>	9.45am	Preacher: Minister
<b>Sun 10</b>	9.45am	Preacher: Minister
<b>Sun 17</b>	9.45am	Reader: Brian Ogilvie
<b>Sun 24</b>	9.45am	All Age worship with the Brownies

**Thursday 7 February** 7pm - Congregational Board.  
 7.30pm - Kirk Session meeting

**Sunday 10 February** Housegroup 7.30pm

**Tuesday 26 February** Women's Group:  
 Theme: Compton Vale Prison

**Mondays** 3-4pm - Children's Yoga - church hall

**Fridays** 9.30am - Tots Music - church hall.

Housegroup/Bible Study group - contact Margaret Hamblin  
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**Kinross Gospel Hall**  
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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)

**Obituary**

**DAVID JOHN STEWART**, formerly of Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort, died on 5 January 2008 at Woolgoolga, New South Wales, Australia. Born 16 May 1941, loving husband of Linda.

**Obituary**

**MR DAVID BIRRELL REID HUTT** died on 17 November 2007 aged 71 years.

David was born in Kelty, the third eldest of a family of eleven. He moved to Milnathort when he was around four years old.

On leaving school he had various jobs till he started at Kinross Post Office, where he worked for 34 years.

David was a devoted family man and enjoyed his garden.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, daughter Linda, sons James and David, six grandchildren and nine brothers and sisters.

He is sadly missed by all.

**Acknowledgements**

**HUTT** - Margaret and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers received following the sudden death of David.

Many thanks to Rev. Robert Pickles for his help and support and service at church and graveside.

Thanks also to Mr and Mrs Stewart, funeral directors, for their help and kindness.

The collection at the church raised £641.46 for Rachel House.

**HERKES** - Linda and Stoward wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following Annie's death. The care and attention she received from the local doctors, nurses and carers was very much appreciated. Special thanks to all those caring for Annie in her last months at Ashley House and of course to Margaret Michie for the lovely service at the crematorium.

**FOSTER** - Valerie and Alan would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their messages of sympathy, cards and flowers received following the passing away of Valerie's mother Joan, aged 92 years. We particularly wish to thank the very helpful and wonderfully caring District Nurses, Dr Lyons and Dr Allott of the Loch Leven Health Centre for their support during the last two weeks of Joan's life. Thanks also to Denis Madden for his comforting service, to the Dunfermline Co-op Funeral Directors and Crematorium and to all those who contributed to Alzheimer's Scotland in lieu of flowers.

**PALMER** - The family of the late George Palmer wish to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Rev. Dr. John Munro for his comforting service and Gordon Stewart Funeral Directors, Kinross for their caring and professional services and to all who paid their last respects at Kinross Parish Church and Perth Crematorium and who donated so generously to the British Heart Foundation. Margaret Palmer would like to thank most sincerely the following organisations who expressed their sorrow at her sad loss in many different ways: Kinross & District Probus Club, Kinross & District Volunteer Group, Kinross Over Fifties Club, Kinross Parish Church Guild, and a special thank you to Kinross Smiddy Singers for their superb rendering of Highland Cathedral at the Church service.

**The Newsletter regrets to learn of the subsequent death of MRS MARGARET PALMER, who submitted the above acknowledgment.**

# Playgroups & Nurseries

## PORTMOAK UNDER 5's

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

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

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

Contact 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 TWO'S CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross  
Thursdays 9.30 to 11.15am

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

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

## FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - 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](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)



## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071

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



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

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

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

**Storycraft** Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Storytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

**Rising Fives** Wed 1.00-3.15pm

This is complementary to Nursery

**Wee Swans** Fri 1.15-2.45pm

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

For more information please contact Bouwein 863107 or Playgroup 862071.

### Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1pm-3pm

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

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



## MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contacts: Alissa 830124

## GLENFARG VILLAGE PLAYSCHOOL



Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

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

We have a great outdoor play area too!

Monday / Wednesday / Friday Mornings  
9:30 - 12:00

Places available for 2 - 4 year olds

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



# Notices

## Portmoak Community Woodland TRADITIONAL BURNS SUPPER

**Saturday 26 January 2008**

Portmoak Village Hall

### Immortal Memory – Lesley Riddoch

Come along and enjoy a 'traditional' Burns Supper, complete with haggis, neeps, tatties and drams.

A guaranteed night of great Scottish entertainment with a local flavour.

Tickets £19.00 (includes three-course dinner, coffee, whisky miniature and entertainment not to be missed).

Contact Karen McDonnell 01592 840379 for tickets and/or further information.

## Rotary Club of Kinross and District

presentation of

### Citizen of the Year Award 2007/8



The Rotary Club's "Citizen of the Year" award is presented annually to an individual (or team of individuals) for a significant positive contribution to community life in Kinross and district.

The Rotary Club motto, **Service above Self**, should be the basis of such an award and nominations received will be judged on this criterion.

Nominations can be made by individuals or organisations and should be received by the Rotary Club before **31 January 2008**. The Council of the Rotary Club will consider all nominations received and the presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award will be made in June 2008.

To nominate someone for the award, please write to the Secretary of the Rotary Club with the name of the person you are nominating and the reasons why you believe that person should be **Citizen of the Year**.

No letters of nomination will be returned and the Council's decision, which will be final, will be made known as soon as possible in the Newsletter. All correspondence will remain confidential.

Barry Davies, President

Please address all nominations to:

David Reid, Secretary  
Rotary Club of Kinross and District  
c/o Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

## Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

**Monday 25 February** 3.30pm to 8.00pm

**Tuesday 26 February** 5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

**Contributors – please send your item  
well before the deadline if you can**

## Kinross-shire Historical Society



Meetings will be held in a new venue this session, at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month and the second Monday of December. Subscriptions: Adult £6; Senior Citizen £5; Visitor £2; under-18 - no charge.

**18 Feb** **Guddling Among The Graves.** Historic background with some amusing stories.

Dr Hamish Brown MBE.

**17 Mar** **The Battle of Killiecrankie.** Minor skirmish or major battle? Grant Carnegie  
**Annual General Meeting.**

## Orwell Bowling Club BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

on

**Saturday 9 February**

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Entry £4.00 per head - Tickets available from the bar

## Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

on

**Saturday 1 March**

Bingo at 8.00pm then

Dance Along to Bill Smith's music

£2.00 per head for non-members.

## Kinross Floral Art Club

**Thursday 28 February at 7.15pm**

at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

Demonstration by Steve Ludlum  
entitled 'Winter Warmers'

New Members and Visitors Welcome

## Charity Concert by Dunfermline Strathspey and Reel Society

in Kinross Parish Church on

**Friday 8 February at 7.30pm**

Tickets, £5.00, are available from  
Helena Cant, telephone 862923.

The concert is in aid of Equal Futures which is a registered charity supporting people with disabilities and their families to plan for tomorrow and ensure a good life today.

EF works with families throughout Central Scotland.

See website [www.equal-futures.org.uk](http://www.equal-futures.org.uk)

## Grants and Funding Websites

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

[www.scottishscf.org](http://www.scottishscf.org)

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



## Lodge St Serf No 327

**Tue 5 Feb** Regular meeting at 7.15pm. An Entered Apprentice Degree with a substitute candidate.

**Tue 19 Feb** Regular meeting at 7.15pm. An Entered Apprentice Degree.

**Sat 8 Mar** **Better Place to Live Fair** from 10am to 1pm in Kinross High School, High Street, Kinross, when Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Tom Bradley and Past Provincial Substitute Grand Master, Bro. Andrew Baillie will be in attendance. It is hoped that members of the general public will come along and see how Lodge St Serf No 327 works. There will also be an **"Open Doors" Day** at The Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross following the Fair, from 2pm to 4pm. All are welcome to attend and see the workings of Lodge St Serf No 327 when Office Bearers will be in full Regalia with the Lodge Room set out for a proper meeting. Refreshments will be served.



## Retained Firefighters are required at Kinross Fire Station



- Would You Like an Added Interest in Life?
- Would You Like to Serve your Local Communities and be paid for doing so?
- Would You Like to be a Member of a Highly Respected Emergency Team?
- Do You Live and/ or Work in Kinross?

If you can answer 'YES' to all of these questions, are over 18 years of age and in good health, whether **MALE OR FEMALE**, **TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.**

Further details and application forms can be Obtained by contacting Community Safety Headquarters on **01382 825295** or at Kinross Fire Station.

Closing Date for receipt of application: **29 February 2008**

## Powmill WRI

Open Meeting

**Wednesday 19 March at 7.30pm**

Mowbray Hall, Powmill

## IMPRESSIONS OF ANTARTICA

An Illustrated talk by Paul and Caroline Boyce

*All Welcome*



## Annual General Meeting

to be held in the Green Hotel on

**Tuesday 25 March at 7.00pm.**

## Perth & Kinross local Action Group for Dementia

The Action Group meets every 6 weeks or so at Murray Royal Hospital in Perth. The aim of the group is to discuss (and try to influence policy) so that dementia sufferers and their carers have a chance to improve support care services. Anyone who has dementia, or who is a carer and who would like to know more, is invited to contact:

Anne Naylor (Involvement Officer for Alzheimer Scotland)

Tel: 01224 644083/644077, Email: [anaylor@alzscot.org](mailto:anaylor@alzscot.org)

Mary Cowie, secretary Perth Branch for Alzheimer Scotland

Tel: 01738 553497

Katharyn Barnett, Dementia Action Group member & carer

Tel 01577 863323

## Loch Leven Half Marathon

**Saturday 17 May 2008**



Would you like to run in the Loch Leven Half Marathon?

And would you like some advice on schedule and diet?

Then come to Lathro Park Car Park on

**Sunday 26 January**

**Sunday 3 February**

**Sunday 10 February**

at 9am and ask for Roger.

J. Roger Stark (DSc Biochemistry and Nutrition and UK-Athletics Coach)

## J. MILLER

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## Blythswood Care

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

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

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

The next collection will take place on

**Tuesday 19 February**

**between 10.30am and 11am**

at Somerfield's car park.

## Situations Vacant

Looking for a Job?

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

## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945

mbs@scott21.fsife.co.uk

**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Mrs M Traylor (01383) 830059,

prvtraylor@ukonline.co.uk

**Milnathort:** Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025

joseph.giacomazzi@btopenworld.com

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

duffy.wigman@btinternet.com

**Portmoak:** Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

### Kinross Community Councillors

Susan Bathgate	42 High Street	864742
Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	862678
Dave Cuthbert (Vice Chair)	Highfield Circle	861001
Carole Drummond	Hatchbank House	850214
John Drummond	Hatchbank House	850214
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	70 Muirs	862685

### Perth and Kinross Councillors

**Kathleen Baird**, Easter Clunie, Newburgh, Fife,

KY14 6EJ. Tel (home): 01337 840218.

Email: kbaird@pkc.gov.uk

**Michael Barnacle**, Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon,

Kinross, KY13 0UZ. Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

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**Sandy Miller**, c/o Perth & Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth,

PH1 5PH. Tel (business): 01577 840462.

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**William Robertson**, 85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross,

KY13 9XA. Tel (home): 01577 865178.

Email: wrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

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

www.gordonbanks.net

Email: constituency@gordonbanksmp.co.uk

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

### Recycling of Waste Paper

P & KC Kerbside Collections

**Kinross, Milnathort & Glenfarg**

**Thursday 14 February**

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

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

### Kinross Temporary Library County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

#### Opening Times

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

## MSP for Ochil Constituency

### Keith Brown MSP

will be holding regular

surgeries throughout his constituency area.

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

Keith can also be contacted by email at

**keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk**

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

## Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

### MSPs for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

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

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

**Ted Brocklebank MSP** (Scot Cons) Tel: 0131 348 5610

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

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## Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Tuesdays 7 pm - 9 pm

Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm

Saturdays 10am - 12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

## 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.

## Mobile Library - Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: **30 January, 13 & 27 February**

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. 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.

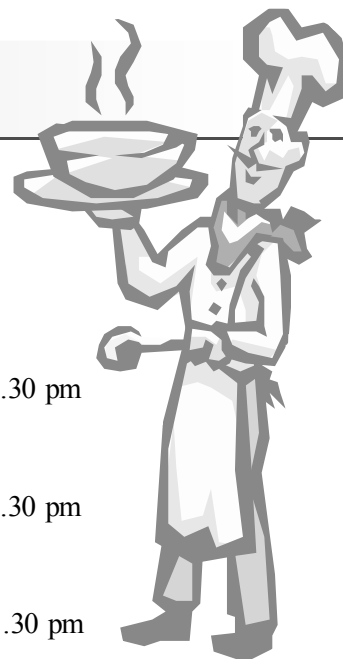
**Bookstart Book Crawl** for children aged 0 to 4: on each visit to the library, children are given a sticker. After collecting five stickers, they are awarded a certificate.

# Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

## Programme For February 2008

Elderberries	Monday	4 11 18 25	1.30 pm
Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	5 12 19 26	10.30 am
Bingo	Tuesday	5 12 19 26	1.30 pm
Morning Service	Wednesday	6 13 20 27	10.45 am
Quiz Afternoon	Wednesday	6 13 20 27	1.30 pm
Tea Dance	Thursday	14	1.30 pm
Art Class	Thursday	7 21 28	1.30 pm
Film Afternoon	Thursday	7 21 28	1.30 pm
Scrabble	Friday	1 8 15 22 29	1.30 pm



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

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

**Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm**

Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm  
Tel: 862219



## Crossword Answers

### ACROSS

1. Bluefintuna
6. Handset
7. God
9. Dace
11. Points
13. Ogress
14. Type
16. Koi
17. Everest
19. Omniscience

### DOWN

2. Um
3. Fish
4. Notion
5. Urgency
6. Haddock
8. Dissect
10. Carrion
12. Assess
15. Yeti
18. Eon

## Local School Holidays and In-Service Days

### Main Holidays

**Spring** Sat 29 Mar 2008 to Sun 13 Apr 2008

### Other Holidays

**mid Feb Hol** Fri 15 Feb 2008 & Mon 18 Feb 2008

**Easter weekend** Fri 21 Mar 2008 & Mon 24 Mar 2008  
(Easter Sunday is on 23 Mar 2008)

**May Day Hol** Mon 5 May 2008

**In-Service Days** Tue 19 Feb 2008 Tue 6 May 2008

## Kinross Recycling Centre Bridgend Industrial Estate

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

### Opening Times

	<b>April - Sept</b>	<b>Oct - March</b>
Mon	3 pm - 7 pm	1 pm - 4 pm
Tue	closed	closed
Wed	3 pm - 7 pm	1 pm - 4 pm
Thu	closed	closed
Fri	3 pm - 7 pm	1 pm - 4 pm
Sat	9 am - 7 pm	9 am - 4 pm
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