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# Letters

## Editorial

We enjoyed meeting lots of people from clubs and other organisations at The Better Place to Live Fair in March, and we can now put more faces to the names we see in the Newsletter each month. Well done to the organisers for another great event.

Our cover this month continues the theme of community participation as we highlight the annual Best Kept Village Competition. Details of how to enter and more about the activities of the Civic Trust can be found on page 22.

We don't know if it is the Better Place to Live Fair effect, but we have a fuller than usual Club and Community Group News section this month. In fact it is a bumper 44-page issue again.

Despite the difficulty of fitting everything in at times, we would like to hear from more individuals. After last month's Newsletter – which contained the interesting juxtaposition of the Kinross CC questionnaire asking for views on what should be done with the existing High School building next to a CC report stating that the CC had already endorsed the local Councillors' suggestion to P&KC that the Primary School should move there – we expected more letters than we received. The letters page is there for you to air your views on issues and provides a forum for public debate.

Sorry, no farming column this issue (should be back next month) and no crossword again due to lack of space.

## Letters Policy

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## Town Hall Court Case

18.03.08

The Kinross Town Hall and Library court case has come to an end. We would like to thank all those who shared the workload of the Kinross CC Town Hall sub committee and helped us with the research into the obscure world of common good, excambions, sasines and the like, and most importantly gave us moral support.

Special thanks to Ruth Croman of MacNabs solicitors in Perth, who guided us through the Sheriff Court procedures with unfailing patience, and the sweetest of smiles!

Thanks also to those who supported us in general, for example with the Library anniversary march and words of encouragement.

Dave Cuthbert and Eileen Thomas

(See also Articles page 5)

## A Dog Owner's Perspective

1.03.08

As a professional dog walker and owner of two dogs, I am becoming increasingly alarmed at the volume and strength of 'anti-dog' feeling being expressed in the Kinross Newsletter.

On the subject of dog-fouling, I feel compelled to point out that biodegradable poop bags have been available, in pet shops and on-line, for some time now. I appreciate that P&KC are very well-intentioned in providing free plastic poop bags to dog-owners, but presumably this means owners are less likely to purchase more environmentally-friendly bags? I wholeheartedly agree that there is no excuse for not placing poop in a designated bin, but feel that more bins are probably the only realistic solution to bags being dumped elsewhere.

I consider SNH's demand that dogs on the Heritage Trail be kept either on-lead or 'at heel', other than at the Kirkgate, Burleigh or Findatie, very unrealistic. Firstly, most dogs require much more off-lead exercise to maintain physical and psychological health than a five-minute run-around at one of the above locations. Secondly, although in an ideal world every dog would be well-trained and obedient 100% of the time, this is very far from the reality. Walking 'at heel' on a loose-lead or off-lead is one of the most difficult things to teach a dog. I have yet to meet a dog who would remain 'at heel' off-lead for the entire duration of a walk. Perhaps the Crufts obedience winner could achieve this? A large proportion of the Heritage Trail was fenced on both sides before it was opened. Would it not make sense to extend this to the entire length of the path, so that it is simply not *possible* for a dog to stray from it? I am very reluctant to say this, but if SNH do not consider that this measure would adequately control dogs, then why on earth was this path created in the first place? Surely this problem was not difficult to anticipate? About 75% of people I encounter when on the Trail are dog-walkers.

Voicing a hostile attitude towards dog-owners does nothing to improve the current situation. Instead, positive and realistic measures need to be taken. I would be very interested to hear the views of other dog-owners. It is time we defended ourselves!

Mrs Claire Murison

Shire-End Farm, Forgandenny, Perth, PH2 9DR

*Copy of a letter to the Chairman of Kinross CC (slightly abridged)*

Dear David

**8.03.08**

### **Kinross CC/Secondary & Primary Schools**

I read with great interest in the Newsletter that the CC were writing to P&KC supporting the retention of the High School with adaptation for primary school use and the sell off of the existing primary school site. As a surveyor I had long thought that this was the best option for the town and schooling for a number of reasons. I was meaning to write to the CC regarding this but this has been accelerated by my daughter bringing home a letter from Mrs King (Primary School Headteacher) expressing her displeasure at the note of your proposal in the Newsletter. What I thought odd about Mrs King's letter was that it was supposed to look official but was **not** on school headed paper. Clearly therefore the views expressed in the note are her own personal views and not official from the school. Within the letter parents are however invited to write to you in your capacity of CC Chairman.

To give some background, I attended Kinross Primary School (now Kinross High) and all of my family have been or are being educated in Kinross. I therefore have known and been in and around the Primary School for the last 15 years and the High School for 10 years as a parent. I am aware of the shortcomings of both complexes from walking around them and from anecdotal evidence from my children.

I have been a surveyor for 29 years and am fully aware of the problems now being experienced across the country of buildings of similar age and construction to the primary school. Many schools and colleges built in the primary school style are now being replaced due to their high running costs and ongoing and inherent repairing liability. It is fully accepted that monies have recently been spent on the Primary but that is equally true of the High School. These monies must be spent on operational properties in terms of safety, comfort and for educational reasons.

My primary reasons for supporting a move of the Primary School to the High School site are as follows:

- The High School is of historical importance to the town,
- The High school has character
- The High school is in the centre of the town and now closer to the areas of existing and future housing development.
- The High School site has better accessibility and capability of segregating teacher and pupil traffic.
- The buildings are of better quality and capable of adaptation at reasonable cost for primary school need.

- Cost in use both short and long term will be lower at the High School.
- There would be enhanced site security and no requirement for pupils or staff to move outside between buildings.
- There would be no requirement for the temporary accommodation for the nursery and music classes.
- Games facilities would be improved.
- The character of the town centre would be maintained.
- Parking for staff and visiting parents would be improved.
- Traffic on the High Street at this point is slower than Station Road. High Street has a lights controlled crossing.
- Traffic problems encountered on a daily basis on Bowton Road etc would be removed.
- The Primary school playground is very prone to flooding.
- There will be an ongoing and continuing maintenance and repair programme due to the inherent problems with the existing design and structure of the Primary School.
- The Primary School site is more suited to housing being in a housing area.
- With additional house-building the Primary School will have to be extended on what is already an inappropriate site.

It would be a complete travesty if the existing High school building were lost to the community whilst the Primary school is inappropriate, costly and poorly sited to satisfy the educational needs of the primary children within the town. The existing Primary School will need to be permanently extended to satisfy continuing needs. It is accepted that a degree of adaptation, demolition and refurbishment would be needed at the High School following its vacation, however the longer term costs and needs of the community must be considered and balanced out. The overall result is in my view a gain to the town and maintaining the integrity and character of the town centre. This is a fantastic opportunity to improve the educational facilities within the town as well as its architectural heritage and must be grasped with enthusiasm.

I hope that the majority of people, not only parents, on giving this matter full consideration endorse this view and write or email their support to you and the CC.

I am copying this letter to the Newsletter, Director of Education, Kinross Primary Headteacher and Parent Council for information.

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# News & Articles

## Better Place to Live Fair

The event which is jointly organised by the Kinross-shire Partnership and Kinross Community Council was, this year, funded by the Area Based Initiative, Perth & Kinross Council.

A record 54 stalls provided information and interest with a strong Environmental focus. There was an opportunity to support the demand for allotments, join a plastic bag free campaign or support fair trade. For the sporting, there was information on tennis, cricket, volleyball, baton twirling and basket ball. Many local groups were represented with interest for old and young alike. There was also the chance for some retail therapy with many beautiful items for sale. Visitors streamed through the packed halls following a welcome from Kinross High School Rector, Richard Keatings. Keith Brown MSP helped with the raffle and endorsed hopes that the event would continue to grow and celebrate the diverse Kinross-shire community.



*Campaigning for reusable bags at the Better Place To Live Fair*

The refreshment area was run by the local Fair Trade Steering Group, very fitting as Kinross-shire is the first Fair Trade County in Scotland and the event was held during Fair Trade Fortnight.

The organisers are very grateful to the people who donated towards the raffle, The Grouse & Claret, Complete Look, Forth Wines, Todd & Duncan, David Sands Ltd, Loch Leven's Larder, Jock's Bar, Hanson Partners, Kinross Estate Company, Maxxium UK, Kinross Cricket Club and Jack & Jill's Nursery.

Once again Kinross Primary School supported the event by taking part in a "Healthy Living" Word Search beforehand. The lucky winners were: Douglas Mair (P4), Mark Barron (P5A) Lewis Chrystal (P5B), Jennifer Weir (P6A) and Christy McGregor (P7C). The children were also asked to design a Healthy Living poster on the back of their competition entries. All those submitted were displayed on the walls of the corridor providing interest and colour as people walked into the event.

A special "thank you" to Clare McCance the CL&D Worker and her team. In dreadful weather they put up the Street Sport equipment only to have to take it down again. The wind and rain were just too much for it to be safe (or fun) to use. Many, many thanks for trying so hard, you must have all been soaked and frozen.

The organisers would like to thank everyone involved for helping to make the day such a success, despite the dreadful weather. There are far too many people to name but they include the Kinross Newsletter, janitorial staff of the High School, the stallholders, people who donated to the raffle and those who sold the tickets and all the people who helped set up and clear up the halls. A very big "thank you" to everyone.

Photographs of the event now appear on the local website, [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) - follow the link on the Home Page.

## School seeks tree trunks

Arm-gask Primary School in Glenfarg is appealing to local landowners for donations of hardwood to help with the creation of an outdoor learning area.

The plan is to build an outdoor classroom, with seating and planting, to provide pupils with an area in which to read and learn.

Some Perth College students have already agreed to help out and have made the classroom their main project for the year.

However, acting head Sue Gordon explains, "The only problem is that we can't find any trees of the right type to make the seating and the work is due to start in April."

"We need hardwood tree trunks, like oaks, to make sure that they will last for years and years. Also, the trunks have to be about 18 inches in diameter so they will be the right height to sit on when they are laid down."

Arm-gask is hopeful that there may be a local landowner who can help.

The school may be able to transport the trees itself as a few of its parents are farmers with tractors.

Anyone interested in lending the school a helping hand can contact Arm-gask on 01577 830263.

## Kinross-shire Entertainments Group?

Following the success of the Summer's End Market in October last year, a group of us feel that Kinross-shire would benefit from further events of a similar nature. With this in mind, we are planning to form a group which will plan, co-ordinate and deliver similar events in Kinross-shire.

We invite interested parties to an initial meeting of this group, which will be held on **Wednesday 23 April** at 7.30pm, in St Paul's new Meeting Room on The Muirs.

We hope to create a management team which will make the organising of such events a relatively painless and efficient process. Our initial thoughts were to organise a couple of markets along the lines of the Summer's End Market and a New Year's Eve Ceilidh.

The aim is to create business opportunities for local companies, groups and charities, as well as bringing entertainment to the people of Kinross-shire.

We hope you will join us on the 23rd to help make this happen. If you would like more information or to confirm your attendance, call Susan on 01577 864742 or e-mail [sa.bathgate@virgin.net](mailto:sa.bathgate@virgin.net)

## Town Hall court case concludes

The court case concerning P&KC's wish to sell off Kinross Town Hall and the Carnegie Library has reached a conclusion.

Having gained several concessions, Kinross CC has withdrawn its objection to the council's action. Although this means that P&KC is now free to sell the buildings, the concessions gained mean that the Kinross Common Good Fund should benefit much more from the sale than would originally have been the case had the council's petition to the Sheriff Court gone unopposed.

The council closed the buildings in January 2002 and a month later made the formal decision to sell them. In November 2003 it marketed the buildings and accepted an offer of £185,000 from a developer, Wilson Homes Ltd. However, Kinross CC and some individuals had been making the point that the buildings had been gifted to the people of Kinross in perpetuity. In effect these people were claiming that the buildings were "common good".



Common good is an ancient concept, dating back to the early burghs of Scotland. Common good describes all the property (land, buildings and moveable goods) of a burgh not acquired by statutory powers or held under special trusts. Although the burghs were abolished in the 1970s, the Local Government (Scotland) Act makes special provision for common good, and if a question arises as to a council's authority to dispose of such property, the council has to apply to the Sheriff Court for a ruling on the matter. The Act does not necessarily stop a local council from selling common good buildings, but if the Sheriff grants permission, there may be special conditions attached, such as a requirement to provide a suitable alternative.

It took until August 2005 for P&KC to present a formal document to the Sheriff Court requesting authority to dispose of the buildings. In its petition, P&KC acknowledged that the Town Hall was common good, but claimed that the Library was not. It also wanted recompense for the

cost of setting up the temporary library at the County Buildings. P&KC therefore proposed that approximately £118,500 of the £185,000 sale proceeds should go into its general funds, and only £66,500 (approx) into the Kinross Common Good Fund. Kinross CC and around twenty individuals wrote to the Sheriff opposing P&KC's request for permission to sell the buildings but asked that, if the Sheriff did grant permission to sell, then all proceeds should go into the Kinross Common Good Fund.

Dave Cuthbert and Eileen Thomas appeared at the first court hearing on behalf of Kinross CC and Sheriff McCreadie suggested that the CC represent all the objectors, if they were agreeable. The CC was named official respondent in the case. Ruth Croman, solicitor with MacNabs of Perth, kindly offered to help guide the CC through the Sheriff Court procedures free of charge. The Sheriff granted continuations of the case for two months, to allow the CC time to contact the other objectors and for P&KC to make documentation available to the CC.

Little did we know then that there would be many continuations, and that the case would take two and a half years to conclude!

A Kinross CC Town Hall sub-committee was formed. This included several of the individuals who had written to the Sheriff. They helped Dave and Eileen plough through great piles of documents, some supplied by P&KC and some arising from Freedom of Information requests.

In January 2006 the Sheriff agreed to the case being sisted (suspended) while the solicitor representing P&KC and the solicitor representing Kinross CC jointly obtained the opinion of a QC on several matters relating to the case, e.g. whether the Library was part of the common good. The opinion was to be binding on both sides. Unfortunately, due to the busy lives of Senior Counsel, the opinion was not obtained until August of that year, though it was very favourable to the CC's stance, and took the view that the Library is indeed part of the common good. P&KC then took several months – until December 2006 – to

revise its position in the light of the QC's opinion and have this ratified by various council committees.

Further delays were caused by the second P&KC solicitor to have been in charge of the case resigning his post in January 2007 (the first having resigned a year earlier). Frustrated with waiting for P&KC to present revised pleadings, Ruth Croman asked for the sist to be lifted in Spring 2007. Around this time P&KC employed legal assistance from outwith the council, including an Advocate.

Both sides re-wrote their pleadings in mid 2007, but P&KC's new legal team requested that the case be postponed until financial close on the new community campus was reached. This happened in October 2007. This meant that P&KC could claim that they were providing substitute community facilities, thus strengthening the likelihood that the Sheriff might grant permission to dispose of the Town Hall and Library.

Negotiations between the two sides continued and after various concessions had been made, the CC's Town Hall sub-committee agreed to withdraw its objection. On 18 February 2008 a joint motion was presented to Sheriff Fletcher. A court interlocutor dated 25 February disposes of the action. The court has granted P&KC authority to dispose of the Town Hall and Library on the following conditions:

(a) The petitioners (P&KC) resile from the sale agreed with Wilson Homes Limited and re-expose the subjects for sale on the open market.

(b) The proceeds of sale, after deduction of the marketing and conveyancing costs associated with the sale and one-half of the legal costs incurred by the petitioners, will go into the Kinross Common Good Fund. Maintenance costs are also being deducted, as unfortunately the local councillors on the Common Good Fund Committee agreed in December 2006 that all maintenance costs incurred on the buildings from that date should come out of the Common Good Fund.

To continue with an outright objection to the proposed sale of the buildings would have entailed an adversarial court case, which would have delayed a resolution by several more months. The CC could not afford to hire professional representation for this and if the CC had lost, may have been liable for P&KC's legal costs, which would have risen substantially in those circumstances. Even if the CC had succeeded in getting the Court to refuse P&KC permission to sell the buildings, the council would not have been obliged to spend money refurbishing them. P&KC's only responsibility would be to keep them wind and water-tight.

However, if Kinross CC had not responded to P&KC's original Sheriff Court petition, the Common Good Fund would have only around £65,000 to show for the loss of the buildings. Based on the original purchase price offered, that should rise now to about £150,000 and possibly more.

## News from the Health Centre



### Services Within Loch Leven Health Centre

We thought that it might be useful to run a series of articles on some of the more common conditions we see at the Health Centre. This month we focus on the lung disease COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and the COPD Clinic which is run by one of our nursing team, Liz McCrory. The COPD clinic is one of two clinics we offer for those with respiratory problems, the other being the Asthma Clinic run by Liz McCrory and Janette Petrie.

COPD is a general name used to describe certain conditions where people have difficulty breathing because of long term damage to the lungs. Typical symptoms are a cough with sputum production, wheezing, and most importantly, breathlessness. In most people with COPD, a productive cough is often more noticeable than the onset of breathlessness. This shortage of breath occurs because there is narrowing of the airways due to a loss of elasticity and thickening of the airways walls. This increases the effort required to breathe.

The biggest single cause of COPD is cigarette smoking. Typically COPD occurs in people over 35 who are, or who have been, heavy smokers. It can also result from Chronic Asthma. Other causes are exposure to airborne pollution and exposure to fumes or particles at work (welding fumes, coal dust). These are, however, more uncommon.

Whilst a person's past medical history, including their family history, may indicate COPD, the best way to confirm COPD is by carrying out a test called spirometry. This measures the amount of air a person can expel from their lungs in a single expiration. Results are recorded on a machine called a Spirometer and a printout is obtained at the end of the test.

Two different tests are carried out and each is done both before and after using an inhaler. For the first test, which is repeated twice, the patient will be asked to take a long deep breath and then exhale in one long and steady breath into the mouthpiece of the Spirometer. For the second test, the patient will be asked to exhale as quickly as possible into the mouthpiece and for as long as possible. This test is carried out three times. The patient is then given a few puffs of a safe inhaler, usually Salbutamol, which will be given through a device called a volumatic. Approximately 20 minutes later both tests are repeated. The results of the tests will be discussed with the patient at the end of the appointment, and a referral to a GP will be made if necessary. Patients who are asked to make an appointment for a spirometry test should note that the appointment takes 45 minutes.

After diagnosis, over 90% of patients with COPD are managed by their GP and do not have to be referred to hospital. This provides a much more local service for the majority of patients. A recall system is run to ensure that patients are invited back at appropriate intervals for follow up appointments. These appointments last for 20 minutes. Patients who receive an invitation to the clinic are encouraged to attend so that problems can be discussed and the nurse can give advice on the management of the condition.

Information leaflets on Asthma or COPD can be obtained from Loch Leven Health Centre.

## The Rotary Club of Kinross and District



### "Citizen Of The Year" 2008 Mrs Susan Bathgate

The Rotary Club's annual award of the title of "Citizen of the Year" is being made to Mrs Susan Bathgate, in recognition of her initiative, tireless efforts and leadership as Chair of the Friends of Kirkgate Park. With an enormous commitment of personal time over a period of four years, she has played a leading role in extensive consultation, collaboration with Perth and Kinross Environmental Services staff, the preparation of a Master Plan and the organization of fund raising on a large scale, which led to the completion of the first phase of the park project in July 2007 at a cost of approximately £400,000. As a result of her efforts the community of Kinross will benefit from an attractive and well used recreational amenity for many years to come.

The Rotary Club received several very meritorious nominations for the award, all of whom commanded very serious consideration before the final decision was made, and the club wishes to thank all those who submitted recommendations.

As in previous years, Susan Bathgate and the others whose names were put forward are a reminder of how fortunate the community of Kinross and District is in the number and quality of the people we have among us who day by day and year by year give their time, energy and talents unselfishly for the benefit of others.

Mr and Mrs Bathgate will be guests of the Rotary Club on Monday 21 April, when the Award certificate will be presented.

### Property on Community Website

The community website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) now features lists of property for sale and rent in Kinross-shire. All four local estate agents – Andersons, MacBeth Currie, J G Wilson and ReMax – are advertising property on the site, with links to their own websites if you need full details. The lists are in asking price order and are updated daily.

On the [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) home page click on "Local Adverts" and a drop-down menu gives you the options: Classified Ads, Situations Vacant, Homes for Rent, Homes for Sale, Commercial Rental and Commercial Sales.

### Biking Doctor

Dr Roddy Pattison is getting on his bike! On Sunday 18 May, he will be taking part in the Etape Caledonia ([www.etapecaledonia.co.uk](http://www.etapecaledonia.co.uk)), cycling 81 miles in aid of CHAS and Rotary International (Kinross).

If you'd like to sponsor him, sponsor forms are available at Loch Leven Health Centre. If you see him out and about (luminous yellow top, blue helmet, purple bike), give him a toot!

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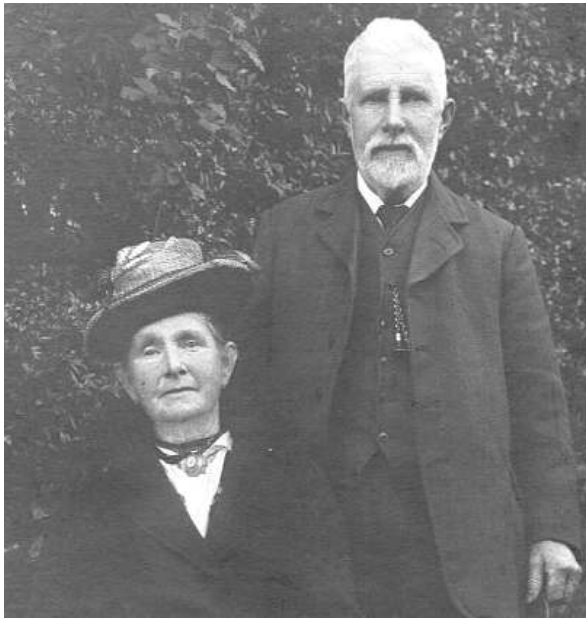
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# Look Familiar?

Wendy MacPhedran, who lives in Scotlandwell, has been researching her family history and would be delighted to hear from Newsletter readers who knew her relatives. This is what Wendy has discovered so far:

**John and Ann Small** (pictured below) lived at 12 North Street in Hillside Cottage from 1909 until they died in 1936 and 1937. They are buried together in the Orwell Churchyard. Ann's father was **James Beveridge**, weaver, and her mother was **Margaret Horn**, whose family was originally from Glenfarg. So far, I've identified seven consecutive **Henry Horn(e)s** who lived in Milnathort and Glenfarg from about 1722 to 1921.

The photograph below right shows John standing outside Hillside Cottage in the mid-1930s. He had been a house painter and painted gold-leaf names above many doors in Milnathort while in his retirement.



John and Ann's three daughters all lived in Milnathort at some point. Some local people remember them – **Jane (Jean) Gay Small** married in her 50s to **Colin McPhail**, but was widowed soon thereafter and lived the rest of her life at Hillside Cottage. **Margaret (Meg) Horn Small** married **Alec McKerrell**, and they lived together at Roseneath Cottage on Victoria Avenue. They are also buried in the Orwell Cemetery.

The picture below of a group posing at the old Milnathort Train Station is: (a visitor), Alec McKerrell, Jean Small McPhail, and Margaret (Meg) Small McKerrell.



If you remember any of these people and would like to share a story about Wendy's relatives, please contact her in Scotlandwell at 01592 840779 or [wendymacp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wendymacp@hotmail.co.uk).



# Loch Leven Heritage Project



Work on building phase 3 of the trail, along the east side of the loch between the Pow Burn and Levenmouth Wood, began last month with cutting back brushwood along the line of the path. This was done before birds started nesting to minimise disturbance to wildlife.

While the final section of path is being laid, work is continuing apace on the interpretation aspects of the trail, which have included the installation of carved handrails on the Levenmouth Bridge.



*The newly carved handrail on the bridge over the River Leven Cut*  
Photo: Felicity Martin

## Levenmouth Bridge

If you haven't yet visited this part of the trail, it is worth going down to Findatie and taking the bridge across the cut into Levenmouth Wood, where spring flowers are now appearing. As you cross the bridge, you will see words that encapsulate the story of the River Leven Cut. A team of three artists created the handrails that bear this text.

Creative writer Michael Glen wrote the words. His six phrases concentrate on key points of Loch Leven's history: the lowering of the loch, which created more arable land; the replacement of the river by the digging of the cut that then served mills downstream; and – most recently – the construction of the bridge.

Calligrapher Susie Leiper was asked to design lettering for the bridge that would be appropriate to the messages conveyed and the bridge's setting in the environment. She produced letterforms based on those by Ralph Beyer, an architectural letterer who worked on cathedrals, churches, universities and public buildings, including Coventry Cathedral, in the latter half of the 20th century.

Lower case lettering is combined with very blocky, visually intriguing letters that highlight the 'title' of each phrase. There is a lovely repetition of names associated with Leven – bridge, cut, loch etc. – and the contrasting upper case letterform highlights these names.

Michael and Susie's ideas were turned into concrete form by carver Roger Hall, who painstakingly hand carved the lettering into each of the oak handrails.

## The Watchtower

The original plan for the Loch Leven Heritage Project included the renovation of the Washhouse beside the Well at Scotlandwell. However, as well as being costly and at

some distance from the trail, this has proved unsuitable because no purpose could be agreed for the restored building. Instead the focus has turned to the Watchtower at the extreme east end of Kirkgate Park.

TRACKS asked Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT) to look at the Watchtower and the feasibility of improving it and its environment. The building, which is owned by Perth & Kinross Council, is a listed building although its origins are rather a mystery.

The Watchtower is popularly believed to have been constructed as a building to house a watchman guarding fresh burials in the adjacent graveyard. However, since it bears the inscription 'Erected AD MDCCCLII' (1852) this seems unlikely as the grim trade of the Resurrectionists – who stole bodies for medical dissection – effectively stopped some twenty years before this date with the passing of the Anatomy Act.

An 1827 survey by Alexander Martin and Ebenezer Birrell that is reproduced in David Munro's book 'Loch Leven and the River Leven – A Landscape Transformed' (1994) shows a small structure on the edge of the 'burying ground' in the position of the Watchtower. So was the original building replaced in 1852 by a folly – a higher tower designed to be a feature in the landscape?

More recently, before Historic Scotland moved the ferry embarkation point from Kirkgate Park to the Pier, the Watchtower was used as a waiting room for visitors to Loch Leven Castle.

PKHT have suggested a number of measures that would significantly enhance the important medieval graveyard, Kirkgate Park and the Heritage Trail. These included removing the sea of tarmac that leads up to it, so that only a small area of parking is left at that end of the park. Other improvements outlined involved work to walls, railings, gates and fences, and the installation of interpretative signs to outline the historical and cultural heritage, which includes the Bruce Mausoleum in the graveyard.

It is envisaged that The Friends of Kirkgate Park would hold the key to the Watchtower. If a small flagpole were installed on the roof, they would be able to signal when the upper room, which has splendid views over the loch, is open to visitors. A further touch could add to the spirit of the place. That is the installation of a solar powered, time-clocked lamp to burn at night in the upper room – it would be seen as a tiny glimmering light on the peninsula.

TRACKS are discussing these proposals from PKHT with several stakeholders: The Friends of Kirkgate Park, Kinross Estates Company, Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Scotland and Perth & Kinross Council. The project team hope to agree details so that the work can be done this year while the trail is being finished.

If you have information or suggestions about the Watchtower, or can shed light on its background history, please contact Andrew Driver at PKHT: email [ACDriver@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ACDriver@pkc.gov.uk); tel. 01738 477082.

*You can see more photos of the carved handrails and proposed watchtower improvements on our articles online page at [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)*

**Deadline for all Articles**  
**2.00 pm, MONDAY 21 April**  
**for publication on Saturday 3 May**



## Kinross Learning Centre April Programme

Kinross Learning Centre's spring programme kicks off with a range of classes including holiday languages, crystal healing, crafts and art appreciation, as well as the ever-popular computing, digital photography and drawing and painting classes, so there should be something for everyone.

Brand new 10-week course for this term – learn how to draw your own comics, complete with valiant super heroes and the most dastardly of villains!

Italian and Spanish are available at a range of levels, but for anyone planning this year's summer vacation, the eight week holiday courses will provide the vocabulary you'll need to get by in typical holiday situations.

A two week Scanning and Photo Restoration class is also included – you'll learn how to restore old or damaged pictures to their former glory, preserving memories for generations to come.

**To find out more or to book your place, please contact Kinross Learning Centre on 01577 863863, call into the centre at Swansacre, Kinross, or email [pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk)**

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Digital Photography - Beginners	Wednesday	16/04/08	2.30-4.30 pm	10 weeks	£60
Scanning & Restoration	Wednesday	16 & 23 July	7 - 9 pm	2 weeks	£20

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Get ready for your summer holidays! French, Italian and Spanish at various levels will provide vocabulary, grammar and the confidence to deal with everyday situations.

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## Local Dad jumps for charity

Scott Widley from Glenfarg is soon to take part in a bungee jump at the Xscape Centre in Braehead to raise funds for the Scottish Spina Bifida Association (SSBA). Scott's daughter Murrin, a P3 pupil at Kinross Primary School, suffers from spina bifida and hydrocephalus, and the SSBA supports families who are affected by these conditions.

Scott explained, "The SSBA currently receives a mere £10,000 of statutory funding, and has to raise £450,000 every year to continue offering its present level of assistance. Without the fundraising efforts of individuals, the association would not exist and many people would have no assistance in making the right choices for themselves and their families."

The patron of the SSBA is Gordon Ramsay, who is personally involved in some of the events including a 2008 Gala Dinner at Stirling castle. Details of these events can be found on the SSBA's website [www.ssba.org.uk](http://www.ssba.org.uk).

Scott says "Although in a wheelchair, Murrin is one of the happiest (or should that be cheekiest?) wee girls around. My aim is to raise a minimum of £500 to go to the SSBA. Although a small amount in comparison to the amount needed each year to keep the association afloat, it is by the action of many individual fundraisers that the association manages to keep going."

The bungee jump takes place on 19 April. Anyone who would like to sponsor Scott can do so by going to his webpage at [www.justgiving.com/scocious](http://www.justgiving.com/scocious)

Alternatively, anyone wishing a sponsor form to collect sponsors should contact him via the e-mail address [scocious@hotmail.com](mailto:scocious@hotmail.com) where he will also be able to answer any questions.

Scott added, "I thank everyone in advance of any support you feel you can give me, and assure you that the association feels the same way."

## Core Path Deadline

The last chance to comment on P&KC's proposed Core Path Network is **Monday 31 March**. Maps can be viewed online at [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk) or at Pullar House in Perth, **The County Buildings** in Kinross and the **Kinross Library**. Comments forms are also available at these places.

Under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 it is the duty of local authorities to draw up a system of paths (core paths) sufficient for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access throughout their area.

The comments will be taken into account when preparing the Draft Core Paths Plan, which will be the subject of a formal statutory 12-week consultation period expected to begin in June 2008.

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## Kinross man wins Speedway Medal

Lee Lawrence of Kinross has won a Cycle Speedway British Championship Medal, 39 years after first taking up the sport.

Lee was part of the Edinburgh Falcons team which won the British Veterans Cycle Speedway Championship. His brother Ian, an Individual Veteran Champion, was also on the team, along with Alan Evans, Dave Frith and Tony Birch, the latter two being former British Junior Champions. Lee said, "Having followed my elder brothers into the sport at the age of eight, I could hardly have imagined that I would be competing at the age of 47 and least of all, winning my first British Medal!"

Lee gave up the sport in 1988 but started up again in recent years after meeting Alan Evans through a contact at Velux, Glenrothes, where he works.

Edinburgh Falcons is the only club of its kind left in Scotland, but Lee wants to encourage more participation: "We are hoping to arrange a session in Kinross during the Spring for people who are interested in trying out the sport. Please visit our website at [www.edinburghfalcons.co.uk](http://www.edinburghfalcons.co.uk) and fill in the contact form to register your interest."



Lee Lawrence (right) with his brother Ian (at left) collecting the British Veterans Cycle Speedway Club Champions trophy

## Tourist Office move

The Newsletter understands that the Tourist Office at Turfhill will not be re-opening. However, it is planned that Visitscotland will provide a Tourist Information Service from the County Buildings, Kinross, to be opening very soon for the summer season.

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## Recent crime in the Kinross area

During March, Kinross and its surrounding area was subjected to a mini crime wave whereby a number of houses were targeted and several opportunist crimes, including sneak-in thefts and breaking into garages, were committed. However, we are happy to say that the person responsible was identified and he has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

The sneak-in thefts that occurred each involved the perpetrator entering through an unlocked back door into the kitchen area and stealing whatever valuable property was on hand, which in most cases was a handbag and contents, including purses containing cash. Sneak-in thefts of this type are all too common and can take only seconds to commit, so we would urge you to be diligent at all times and whenever possible keep doors locked and place your valuable possessions in safe places, out of sight of any would-be criminals.

## Shed and garage security

Again with regard to the recent crimes we referred to earlier, and with the gardening season now with us, we would just like to take this opportunity to remind you about shed security. In recent years, gardening machinery such as lawnmowers and strimmers have been targeted and those stored in garden sheds have been the most vulnerable. A few simple modifications may be all that's required to prevent such thefts, for example a more secure lock or a simple to use shed alarm may be all that's needed. If anyone requires further information or advice in relation to any matters of

security, they should contact us at Kinross.

## Young children travelling in vehicles

Recently our Road Safety Officer was carrying out cycling proficiency tests at Kinross Primary School when she witnessed a number of vehicles arriving at the school and was shocked to see that children were being carried in these vehicles without the use of car seats or other purpose built restraints. Whilst it is an offence to allow this to happen, what is much more important is that the safety of the children concerned is compromised and they could be seriously hurt if the vehicle has to brake suddenly or it is involved in a collision. We will certainly be checking the area at the appropriate times and will deal with any driver who is allowing this to happen.

## CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone Number 0800555111

This telephone number is a free phone number unless you are using a mobile phone, which any member of the public can contact at any time, if they have information relating to criminal activity of any sort.

It is, if you wish, confidential and you will not be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous. Community Crime Officers can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 01577 863571.

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

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# Community Council News



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## Kinross Community Council

### News from the March Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 March were CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), C Watson, D Mackay, M Scott, D Cuthbert, S Bathgate, C Drummond and J Drummond. P&K Cllr W Robertson and seven members of the public were also in attendance. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs I Jack and M Blyth and P&K Cllr K Baird.

**The Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (6 Feb) were proposed by CCllr D Mackay and seconded by CCllr Drummond, under correction of the following:

1. CCllr Bathgate advised that the reference to Kirkgate Park being in a **conservation area** was incorrect and that the statement in relation to the HL Fund was erroneous. This should read that her understanding of the position is that P&KC would have to explain and prove that that money had been spent for social and economic reasons, rather than investment in a conservation area, and that the area being allocated these funds was deserving of this.

2. CCllr Bathgate stated that she did not remember the CC agreeing to write to P&KC in relation to the **school sites** and could not recall this matter being discussed around the table. She believed that the letter from the four Cllrs also included the Chair of Kinross CC. She was also concerned that this would impact on the questionnaire which included a question asking for the community's viewpoint as to how to utilise the High School site. It was pointed out that no decision would be reached in the short term. Following discussion, it was agreed that the first two words "After discussion" should be deleted from the Minutes.

It was noted that following our last meeting a letter was forwarded by the CC to Children's Services endorsing the communication submitted by the four Cllrs. Cllr Robertson advised that P&KC agreed this week to review the possible relocation to the High School site. This proposal was considered previously but found unviable. The CC will keep this issue under constant review.

### Police Report

PC Child stated that there was nothing to report this month. The local Police are unable to provide statistics in relation to the comparisons requested in respect of drink driving etc. over the festive period. However, a request for this information can be made in writing to Dundee. CCllr Colliar advised that this data is published in the newspaper. The CC were interested in the figures for the Kinross area and it is difficult to separate this from the information for the region.

CCllr Mackay questioned whether anyone had been charged with the damage to the cars in Green Road. This incident happened some two to three weeks ago. PC Child was not certain on this, however did not think so. He will check this out.

### Matters arising from the previous Minutes

**Planning Matters:** Cllr Robertson reported on the meeting held on 13 February with representatives from the CCs and

Planning representatives. The topic was the Housing in the Countryside Policy and the way this is being implemented. Peter Marshall came to the meeting to explain the current position of P&KC and future plans in relation to planning matters. CCs are quite concerned about the Planning issues and P&KC are proposing a number of changes in the Policy. P&KC will ensure that the policy is more rigidly applied. Peter Marshall confirmed that mistakes have been made in the past and, in retrospect, matters would have been handled differently. A Strategic Environment Assessment is to be held in the summer, followed by a submission to the Committee in September, and a consultation will be arranged with all Community Groups with a request for feedback on the proposals.

In relation to the five objectors (raised at our last CC meeting), it was suggested that we should raise this matter with P&K Association of CCs who will be meeting soon. Cllr Robertson advised that the change in policy was brought into force in an effort to speed up the planning process. Previously, if a CC objected, the application would have gone before the Development Control Committee; this has now been changed. Cllr Robertson continued by stating that in rural areas only one or two people may be affected by an application as the sites can be more remote. He is not in agreement with this change in policy which reduces the power of CCs in planning matters, at a time when the Scottish Executive are proposing to delegate more powers to CCs.



*The Housing in the Countryside Policy is generating much debate...*

*Photo: Pauline Watson, kinross.cc photo library*

Cllr Robertson referred to the proposed amendment of the Building in the Countryside Policy and commented that there was no reason why a good steading could not be developed. Currently, people are taking modern sheds and stating that this is a building which should be converted to housing; the Policy was not about this. Neither was it adopted for flattening fine sandstone dwellings and putting up modern development. The 125% issue was discussed; this also relates to individual houses in the countryside.

CCllr Cuthbert advised that the Local Plan takes precedence over the Housing in the Countryside Policy and that the latter should be put on hold and the Local Plan used until a new Policy is in place.

CCllr J Drummond questioned whether the CC still has the

right to request an extension in the deadline for any comment. The CC are to check this out with P&KC. We are to write to the Chief Executive raising our concerns as to the planning procedures and the letter should be copied to the four Councillors.

The Secy read out a letter received from P&KC in relation to the changes in the planning procedures. The Scheme of Administration was circulated to the CC prior to the meeting. This Scheme specifies when a planning application has to be determined by the Development Control Committee rather than being delegated to the Council's planning officers. It was noted that when an application is delegated there are procedures in place to ensure that the decision always involves at least two officers. The planning case officer prepares a recommendation for a more senior officer who decides the application. Feedback is welcome and we will discuss this at our next meeting and follow this with a response.

CCllr Watson questioned why the Swansacre building was back on the market for sale. Cllr Robertson explained that the original sale did not proceed; the building is in a state of disrepair, the dry rot has recurred and the building will have to be braced. P&KC have employed a Company to brace the building; once this work has been carried out the property will be placed back on the market for sale. Outline consent for residential use is available (four flats), which makes it more attractive to Housing Associations, and this is the route currently being followed by P&KC. CCllr Colliar asked if the dry rot in the neighbouring properties had been treated. It was assumed that this had been dealt with. It was hoped that the building would be marketed by the end of March and that it would achieve a speedy sale. CCllr Watson asked if there was anything that could be done to make the price more realistic. Cllr Robertson replied that Housing Associations look for the price to be next to nothing and that the repair works to bring the property up to standard would be costly. The Chairman asked if it would not be more realistic to demolish the building and clear the site, rather than brace the building. It was reiterated that P&KC have arranged for the work to be carried out. CCllr Colliar mentioned that it would be fourteen years next month since this issue was first discussed by the CC.

**Fly Tipping / Litter on Motorway:** Clearance of the Motorway has been carried out over the last fortnight.

**Litter (Somerfield):** Environment Officers have visited this site and there is to be a clean up of the entire area. Cllr Robertson has asked that they also include the Motorway Services location. The litter at Somerfield is partly caused by the children visiting the store at lunch time. This is an eyesore at the entrance to Kinross. It was noted that there is an initiative at the school to educate children re litter control, but unfortunately this was not proving successful. A member of the public mentioned that there is a litter issue also in Sutherland Drive and an area at Davies Park is riddled with litter (motorway side), i.e. drinking glasses, broken glass, the shed has been demolished, sleeping bags have been lying in this area following T in the Park. Cllr Robertson advised that Community Services have this included in their programme for spring. He will remind them of this. It was noted that an area at Davies Park is not Council property but the responsibility of BEAR Scotland. Both Cllrs Robertson and Barnacle have approached BEAR Scotland in the past asking that they attend to this. The trees on the motorway side of Davies Park are the

responsibility of BEAR Scotland and the area inside the fence (housing the drinking den) is the responsibility of P&KC. A farmer leases the area of ground which housed the shed. Cllr Barnacle wrote previously to the Scottish Government asking that P&KC take over the responsibility of the motorway area adjoining Davies Park but this proposal was rejected.



*Litter is an eyesore in parts of Davies Park...*

### Planning Applications

08/00096/FUL Fruix Farm, Gairneybridge: Change of use from agricultural storage to general storage units (Class 6). The CC received a letter from P&KC asking for comments on this application. The Chairman advised that this property lies on the boundary between our CC and Cleish and that the buildings will be in the Cleish area and, therefore, not under our jurisdiction. In line with the above no discussion was held on this subject.

There were no objections to the following four applications: 08/00192/FUL Livlandean, Easter Balado: Removal of timber garage and replace with larger domestic garage. 08/00004/FUL Turfhill Depot, Kinross: Installation of 15 metre telegraph pole for the mounting of two radio antennas. 08/00321/FUL 13 Tummel Place, Kinross: Alterations and extension to dwelling house. 08/00360/MOD Roselea, 10 School Wynd, Kinross: Modification of existing consent (05/00324/FUL) change of house type. 08/00187/FUL Baltree Farm, Hatchbank, Kinross: Erection of a Riding Centre, Kennels and Cattery. An application in this regard was withdrawn on 29/11/2007. This is a resubmission. P&KC asked us to comment on this application but omitted to enclose the plans and other papers with their covering letter and despite emailing them for this information the plans were not received.

08/00186/FUL Land to the east of Baltree Farm, Hatchbank Road, Gairneybank: Erection of four dwelling houses. P&KC asked us to comment on this application.

08/00278/OUT Land North West of Hatchbank Farm: Erection of 12 affordable houses and formation of 3 house plots and community woodland. We are to write to P&KC asking for an extension to the deadline for comment and requesting copies of the plans and other documentation.

These applications are all unrelated but all are accessed by a single track lane which is totally inadequate for the volume of traffic which will be using the road should these developments receive approval. The four houses would be built adjacent to the proposed cattery and riding centre.

CCllr C Drummond objected to these applications on the grounds that access is via a narrow single track road which is opposite the entrance route to Hatchbank Steadings. She

commented that there would be in the region of 180 animals at this proposed centre, creating problems with traffic travelling to and from the premises. There were no plans to modify this road. The traffic would be unbearable and the noise levels would also be inappropriate. It was noted that there are existing houses in near proximity to this site. It was agreed that the CC should write a "holding letter" to P&KC with our objections, however we should ask for the plans for perusal with further comments to follow, should this be necessary. CCllr J Drummond commented that he had raised this point with the applicant and had been advised that the road was the responsibility of P&KC. It was noted that P&KC can enforce the developer to improve the road.

The four proposed dwelling houses are on the site of a former woodland area. CCllr J Drummond stated that this was contrary to the Local Plan and it was agreed to object to this application on the grounds again that access is via a single track road and that the proposed development is contrary to Policy 64 of the Local Area Plan (not fitting in with the area of existing housing).

On the other side of this road is planned the construction of 12 houses plus three building plots. This is the same application that we objected to 6 months ago - the only difference is the introduction of the Community Woodland. The last application was rejected. Again, this is contrary to the Local Plan and access is via a single track road. The Secy reported that the CC had received copies of two letters of objection in relation to this development. It was agreed that we object on the same grounds as the last application, however the CC are to submit individually signed letters. The CC totally support the construction of "affordable" housing in Kinross area, however this site is not suitable for the reasons above and also there are no facilities, including a bus service.

#### **Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn**

07/02538/MOD 12 Tallapark: modification of existing consent for alterations and extension - approved.

07/02034/FUL Kellieside, Kinross: formation of new access road - approved.

07/02142/FUL Land at Chance Inn, Kinross: erection of two dwelling houses - refused.

07/02548/FUL 22 Beveridge Place: erection of single storey extension and formation of room above existing garage - approved.

07/02180/OUT Land to rear of Station Road, Kinross: renewal of planning consent (04/01098/OUT) erection of dwelling house (outline) - approved.

07/02781/FUL Land to rear of 106 High Street, Kinross: renewal of Planning Consent (03/00541/FUL) the erection of dwelling house - approved. We wrote to P&KC asking that a clause be included in the conditions imposed in this application to allow for access for maintenance of the exterior of the Town Hall Building. Our comment has not been included on the Council website and there is no reference in the Council Report. We are to write to P&KC enquiring as to the reason for this omission.

08/00320/FUL Land to the rear of 174/176 High Street, Kinross: erection of dwelling house. Due to the current problems with drainage, may not be any possibility of obtaining permission at this time. This is still pending consideration. The application will be covered in the list provided for next month's meeting.

**Windfarm:** Land at Tillyrie Farm, Milnathort, Kinross,

Planning Appeal by John Lawrie (Tillyrie) Limited. Communication from P&KC advising that the appeal has been dismissed by the Reporter and that the planning permission has been refused.

12 Tallapark, Kinross: In answer to our query to P&KC they have advised that this application was approved on 7 February. Full Planning Permission was granted in 2004 for the erection of a modern extension onto the front elevation of the property. The application now approved was to modify the scheme. The Council report states that the modifications are minor and harmonious with the previous approval. The application covers the works which have already been undertaken on the site.

#### **Reports from Councillors**

CCllr Robertson having left early, and no other Cllrs being in attendance, no report was presented this evening.

#### **Correspondence**

**SEPA** - Notification of Information Seminar on 1st April.

**ASCC** - Communication received from the Association of Scottish CCs inviting us to nominate one of our members as a representative for the P&K local authority Area. CCllr John Drummond offered to stand for this position. We also received an invitation to attend a meeting for all CCllrs in our region at P&KC Chambers on 10 May. A question time is planned with an all-party panel of mid Scotland and Fife MSPs.

**Scottish Veterans' Residences** - Invitation received to an Information and Awareness Presentation on 20 March.

**Gritting and Snow Clearing** - Letter received from P&KC asking for comments on the service provided this winter - to be added to the next agenda.

**Kinross Conservation Area** - Rachel Haworth, as promised, forwarded a number of leaflets/booklets which were distributed amongst the members of the CC. Copies of the Conservation Area Plan and an update list of the buildings included in the conservation area were also enclosed. CCllr Bathgate suggested that the list be published on the KCC website and this was agreed.

**Planning Meeting** - Copy letter received from FORK (Friends of Rural Kinross-shire) addressed to CCllr Robertson commenting on the content of the meeting held in February and suggesting a further meeting with the same parties (but without planning officials).

**Flooding at Zebra Crossing (Station Road)** - P&KC advise that an application was refused by Scottish Water to connect a new gully into their sewer. As an alternative an order has been issued to connect a new gully at the location of ponding into an existing gully pipe opposite. Whilst not the

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ideal situation, it will ensure the ponding has a route to drain to when the flow in the sewer system drops. It should be noted that in times when the sewer is running full, many of the gullies connected will appear to be blocked and only clear when the sewer flow level drops. This will not be resolved until such time as Scottish Water upgrade their sewer capacity. CCIr Bathgate queried why a Civil Engineer was not instructed to resolve this problem.

**Chewing Gum, High School Area** - Although P&KC agree this area would benefit from gum removal, the budget removal is very small and intended to cover the whole of P&K area and has been fully used up this financial year. If funds become available it would be hoped that some gum removal can be carried out in Kinross as in the past. They advise however, that clearance of tar base substances, such as the pavement outside the school, is not so effective as on monoblock etc.

**Outline and Detailed Planning Permission** (procedures) - P&KC confirm that a planning fee is paid on submission of a planning application, and when planning permission is granted, Scottish Water is under no legal obligation to grant a connection to their drainage system. When consulted about a planning application, Scottish Water will normally advise P&KC if there is a constraint in terms of water supply so this can be given consideration as part of the planning process. However, whether or not the Planning Authority decides to grant consent, it is up to Scottish Water whether a connection with an approved development can be permitted. The reason for this is that the consents are governed by different pieces of legislation, in the same way that the grant of planning permission does not guarantee the granting of a Building Warrant, a Roads Construction Consent or a Licence from SEPA. It was mentioned that, although included in Scottish Water's programme of works, it may be some years before the current sewage system is upgraded. CCIr Watson stated that it was unjust that applicants were asked to pay for the planning permission (he knew of a case recently where the applicant paid £700) and then the application may be rejected due to the constraints currently in place. It was agreed that we should write to Scottish Water inviting their representatives to attend one of our meetings to discuss the issues in Kinross in relation to drainage.

**Speeding on the A977** - P&KC, having obtained the most recent data available from Tayside Police, advise that the collision figures for the previous 5 years reveal there have been 8 injury accidents between Balado Crossroads and the Kinross interchange with no fatalities.

Kinross Services: 3 serious injuries and 1 slight injury

East of B918 Mawhill Road: 1 slight injury

West of B918 Mawhill Road: 1 slight injury

Balado Crossroads: 1 serious injury and 1 slight injury

Resources permitting, accident remedial measures are normally investigated where 3 or more injury accidents have been reported at the same location over a period of three years or less. The area near the entrance to Kinross Services has had 4 injury accidents and numerous damage-only collisions during this time period. Some additional signage and retexturing works were carried out in this area a few

years ago. P&KC continue by stating that it has been suggested in the past that there should be a speed limit on the A977 for a distance of several hundred metres immediately to the west of the motorway junction and this will be looked at again as part of the Council wide review of speed limits which the Scottish Parliament has instructed all Councils to carry out by 2011. They advise that there has been only 1 fatal accident on the A977 over the last 5 years and that was in 2002 when a passenger alighted from a public bus in Drum and stepped into the path of an oncoming vehicle. Tayside Safety Camera Partnership carries out enforcement activity along this section of the A977 in an effort to encourage drivers to travel at a more appropriate speed. It was noted that the Roads Department are to erect warning signs which may help in the reduction of speed.

**Core Paths Planning Consultation** - the draft plan was available for perusal along with the response form.

#### **Other Business**

**Provost Lamp** - CCIr Mackay mentioned that the lamp is in need of repair; the side is hanging off and the glass is broken. It was agreed that we should write to P&KC and ask them to repair this.

**Town Hall** - CCIr Cuthbert provided an update. The concessions offered by P&KC have been accepted. It was agreed that flowers be purchased for both Eileen and Ruth (the lawyer) and that a card be sent conveying the CC's thanks for all their efforts in this campaign. David Cuthbert will attend to this. The Chairman stated that the CC's gratitude should also be minuted to David and Eileen and the members of the sub-committee who worked very hard to get as far as they did.

**Uneven roads** - CCIr Scott again raised the matter of the uneven roads and the fact that during wet weather people walking up the High Street are soaked by passing cars as the water lies in culverts.

**CC attendance** - CCIr Bathgate suggested that we should contact Laura Mackay and offer transport, if required, to and from the meetings. The Chairman advised that Laura lives away from home at College during the week and it may be that she is unable to attend due to this fact.

It was agreed that CCIr Mackay would send a sympathy card to CCIr Blyth on behalf of the CC in relation to her recent loss.

**Peter Marshall** - the CC had invited Mr Marshall to attend the meeting this evening. He intimated that he would prefer to be in receipt of more information as to what we would like to discuss with him before he comes to our meeting. It was agreed that we await the return of the questionnaires, collate the information, and then once we have answers we should be in a position to provide him with the information he has requested. He has also offered to include officials from Planning, Roads etc. It was agreed that the timescale for return of the questionnaires should be towards the end of April/beginning of May.

**The next meeting, including the AGM, is scheduled to take place in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday 2 April at 7.30pm.**

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the AGM and March Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Lamont, Cottingham, Porter, Bennet, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on 13 March in Milnathort Primary School. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Robertson and Baird; PC Ronnie Child and Inspector Ken Brown, Tayside Police; minute secretary E Rougvie; Gillian Robertson of P&KC road safety department and 18 members of the public.

**AGM:** The minutes of the 2007 AGM were proposed by CCllr Porter and seconded by CCllr Cottingham.

**Chairman's remarks:** "The repercussions from the flooding event of 2005 continue. Professor Hey's report to P&KC, which may well have been secured at the request of the Flood Prevention Group and this CC, concludes that the 2005 flood was probably of the magnitude of a 1 in 200 event (.05% annual chance of recurrence). Those of you who attended the meeting at Kinross High School may recall that I asked Bernadette Malone, Chief Executive of Perth and Kinross for action on three counts; firstly, that an expert report be commissioned to look into long term solutions to the flooding threat. This was done. Secondly, that the burn should be dredged under the Town Hall and New Road to remove silt. While this was favourably received at the time, the Council has now concluded that silt removal is 'not a sustainable solution'. Presumably being flooded every few years is sustainable! A hydrologist (not acting for the Council) has recently remarked on how badly



*The burn flowing out from the culverts opposite Milnathort Town Hall*

the burn is silted under the culverts. Thirdly, I asked that any planning applications for the centre of Milnathort be judged against the known flood risk. Since then, the Planning Committee has approved a very large building at Wester Loan on a site which has twice flooded in recent years. The Committee was asked where the displaced water would go in the event of a flood, but no answer was forthcoming. The planners relied on SEPA's approval, and SEPA relied on Prof. Hey's report. So it's official; only one more flood in the next 200 years. But, just in case, the Council is installing a pump in the Back Loan! At least the Council managed to distribute sandbags in early course when the burn rose dramatically in January.

On the matter of planning, the Pitdownies development, which was provided for in the current Area Local Plan, gained approval in outline at the February Planning Committee meeting. Before anyone asks, no number of houses was specified; this will emerge when a full application comes forward.

The other continuing planning controversy relates to P&KC's policy on building in the countryside, promulgated in 2005. The intent of the policy, following the directive of the Scottish Government, was to allow a little more flexibility in development in the countryside. A senior planner has estimated that in the first year the new policy has allowed an extra 30 houses to be built in the whole of Perth & Kinross. This is deemed unacceptable by pressure groups opposed to building in the countryside and the issue is being reviewed. Milnathort CC will be consulted in due course. I would say that, unlike the Kinross-shire CCs which represent rural areas, our CC has not been faced with public controversy when deciding on steading development applications. There is also the consideration that there are fewer developable steadings left. Time will tell.

On the subject of consultation, it is worth mentioning that the importance of CCs in general in the planning process has been downgraded; no longer will an objection from any CC automatically send an application to planning committee. This change, implemented without any consultation, is intended to reduce the number of cases going to committee – a classic case of democracy being sacrificed for administrative expedience.

It is encouraging to see that work on our new high school has finally begun.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Milnathort in Bloom for their continued efforts to enhance our village."

Joe Giacopazzi

**Treasurer's report:** Accounts for the period 1 April 2007 to 13 March 2008:-

Opening balance: £502.19. Income: bank interest 35p. Total income: £502.54

Expenditure: (brought forward) Cree8 £30, Milnathort in Bloom £150, Minute secretary £240, Scout Hall £20, Town Hall £16.

Total expenditure: £456

Closing balance £46.54

CCllr Bennet, treasurer, will find out if the CC will be receiving grants from P&KC for the past four years.

**Police matters:** PC Child reported that there had been several acts of vandalism to cars in South Street and New Road, which had mainly taken place in the evenings and weekends. Extra patrols were being put in place.

There had been a number of 'sneak-in' thefts in the Kinross and Cleish areas, involving handbags and purses being stolen from kitchens. Lines of inquiry were being pursued, but people were reminded to keep their back doors locked in the evening.

CCllr Cottingham asked about an accident involving a cyclist that had been reported in the newsletter. PC Child said that no bad driving was involved, it had simply been a lapse of concentration on the part of the cyclist and he had come off his bike.

Inspector Brown, who is enforcement officer in charge of the road policing unit in Perth, reported that he had deployed patrols in New Road following concerns about irresponsible drivers. As a result, a number of 'boy racers' had been given warnings. Inspector Brown said that his unit would work with P&KC to try to find a way forward and that the traffic department would continue their enforcement measures.

**Road safety:** CCllr Bennet reported on a site meeting held with a P&KC road safety engineer on 3 March to discuss areas of concern relating to road safety. The following

suggestions will be considered:

Town Centre: traffic volumes and vehicle speeds to be assessed in accordance with 20mph zone policy.

Consultation to be held about refreshing road markings, particularly give way markings and zebra crossing to be refreshed.

Stirling Road: Traffic patterns, vehicle speeds and vehicle categories to be assessed for possible traffic-calming measures.

Pedestrian crossing at primary school (where school crossing patrol currently operates): pedestrian survey to be conducted for assessment of zebra crossing. Also discussed were pedestrian build-outs and increasing times the crossing assistant is present. The timing of the 20mph zone lights flash also needs investigating.

Pedestrian facilities approaching The Cross: pedestrian build-outs and associated road markings to be considered to narrow carriageway and increase visibility.

The Cross: Traffic patterns, vehicle speeds and vehicle categories approaching The Cross to be assessed for possible replacement of mini-roundabout with signalised junction.

New Road: Changing existing zebra crossing to pelican was discussed. Parking restrictions to be reviewed around the junction with Victoria Avenue and the provision for pedestrians to be looked at.

Wester Loan: Consider relocating dropped kerbs towards The Cross to improve visibility for pedestrians and approaching drivers.

South Street: Pedestrian survey for assessment of zebra crossing to be conducted. Consider pedestrian build-out on east of South Street near junction with Church Street to narrow carriageway and increase visibility. Consider relocation of bus stop.

New school development: Conditions of planning application to be checked to ensure suitable crossing facilities are in place.

It was agreed that P&KC would bring forward their ideas to a future discussion. In the meantime, anyone with input should contact CCllr Bennet at [l.bennet@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:l.bennet@tiscali.co.uk)

**February meeting:** Minutes of the February meeting were proposed by CCllr Thomson and seconded by CCllr Porter.

**Core paths group:** CCllr Bennet reported that there had been 15 notes of concern from landowners regarding the core paths that have been selected. The draft plan was available for consultation until 31 March. CCllr Thomson has a copy of the SNH management plan consultation document for Loch Leven Nature Reserve.

#### **Planning matters**

The following applications were noted: Alterations and extension to house no.1, Mawcarse Farm Cottage; alterations and extension to house no.2, Mawcarse Farm Cottage; formation of 10 plots for houses and formation of former layout to create settlement centre on land north west of Gwendoline Row, Drunzie.

Relaxation of opening hours at Heaven Scent, 19 South Street: This application prompted a lengthy discussion, with two members of the public objecting strongly on the basis that since 2005 they claimed they had been subjected to unacceptable noise and odours from the premises, especially when evening functions were held. The CC agreed that while they welcomed a growing business in the village, there would have to be safeguards in place with regard to smells and noise before they could support the

application, since it appeared that current conditions were not being met.

Site of former Ochil Hills Hospital, proposed variation of condition 12 of previous planning application: CCllr Cottingham confirmed that this related to reducing the width of the development and didn't cause any concerns.

#### **Correspondence**

P&KC correspondence: A letter asking for the CC's opinion on their snow clearing and gritting operations. Noted.

A letter indicating that the CC must have a data controller. CCllr Smith with pursue.

Head of Planning re Structure Plan: noted.

Development Control re changes to the planning system. Noted, with a comment from CCllr Giacopazzi that it ignored the fact that the role of CCs in the planning process had been downgraded.

Scottish Government survey about the Association of Scottish CCs. CCllr Giacopazzi will respond.

Convention of Community Councils. Noted.

Other correspondence: An invitation from SEPA to a seminar on 1 April about dealing with waste. CCllr Giacopazzi will register for more information and CCllr Thomson will attend the event.

A letter from the Scottish Government asking the CC to use electronic communication as a means of saving paper. CCllr Giacopazzi will register.

#### **Other Business**

Responding to previous concerns, P&K Cllr Robertson reported that the new houses being built behind Hays Court were at the correct level.

Cuthill Towers: A member of the public raised concerns about road safety at Cuthill Towers, which he said was supposed to be connected to the Core Paths network as a condition of planning consent, but there was no path. After discussion, CCllr Bennet agreed to look into it and encouraged as many people as possible to visit the Core Paths website and give their views.

**The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 10 April in Milnathort Town Hall**

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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the March Meeting

A meeting was held on Tuesday 10 March at Portmoak Primary School. In attendance were Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Sue Mitchell-Henry, Jo Morrell, Jim Shepherd, Alistair Smith, Margaret Wilson, Cllrs Mike Barnacle and Sandy Miller, Sgt Rankine and several members of the public.

#### Police Report

The Police reported that there were no major incidents in Portmoak in the last month. However there had been a spate of house break-ins in Kinross in the previous weekend and they were also advising the public about car break-ins at Burleigh Sands car park.

At the January meeting of the CC, Sgt Rankine had agreed to follow up the series of car accidents that had taken place at Wester Balgedie, by the bend at the bus stance. Sgt Rankine had asked the Tayside Traffic Police to look at the road. They have reported that the bend is a 50mph one and in the dry should be no particular problem. However they would recommend that a surface such as Shell Grip be applied to the bend. Sgt Rankine agreed to pass this letter to P&KC Roads. The CC had some scepticism about this and felt that more stringent measures were required. Cllr Miller said that he has asked for more detailed accident figures from the Police, but that he has not received them yet.

#### Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman reminded the meeting that there would be elections for Community Councillors in May this year and urged anyone interested to consider standing for election. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Alistair Smith on 01592 840215.

#### Secretary's Report

**Stephens Land.** The Secretary had received a further letter from the CC's solicitor, enclosing plans for the site. The CC will consider and respond in due course.

**P&KC Winter Gritting of Roads.** The Secretary had received a letter from P&KC Roads asking for the CC's comments on the past winter gritting. Replies have to be received by 31 April.

**Association of Scottish CCs.** The ASCC is seeking nominations for positions for the coming year. Nominations to be received by the end of March. The CC will consider.

#### Paths Group

The CC has considered the Paths Group and has decided that it has fulfilled its remit and therefore has resolved that it should be disbanded. Some members of the public stated

that the Group still had work to do, but the CC disagreed with this. The CC recognises that the Paths group has done an excellent job in creating the Core Paths Network, which is about to be established by P&KC. They assured the meeting that the CC would continue to pursue matters relating to the paths in the community. Indeed it is already doing so in relation to two outstanding issues with regard to the path between Woodmarch and the Hall and the path down the side of the Hall.

There will be a **public meeting on 29 April** to consider the best way forward for Paths in the Community.

The Chairwoman summarised the results of the public meeting on the Core Path Network, which was held the previous week. This was well attended and there had been a very good response. The CC will forward its own views on the Network to P&KC.



*Main Street, Kinnesswood. A review of traffic calming is to be carried out in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell*

#### A911

The Secretary confirmed that P&KC Roads have appointed consultant engineers Atkins to carry out a review of the A911 and other associated issues, including traffic calming in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell, which the CC has repeatedly raised including its last letter in October 2006. The Secretary will arrange an initial meeting with P&KC Roads, Atkins, the CC and Cllrs Barnacle and Miller, to establish the brief.

#### Planning Matters

**08/00138/FUL** Extension to house, 6 Bishop Terrace Kinnesswood. There were no comments.

**07/02806/FUL** Erection of a conservatory to rear of

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property, Levensgleng Nursing Home, Glenlomon. There were no comments.

### Planning Application decisions

Three houses at West Bowhouse have been granted permission under delegated powers, despite the CC pointing out that this is right on a very bad bend and fast section of the A911. The consent includes for two bus bays very close to the bend.

A single house at Tait's Garage, Scotlandwell has been granted consent.

A single house at Young's Moss, Scotlandwell has been granted under delegated powers. The CC will write to P&KC Planning objecting to this granting as it considers the interpretation of a 'brown field' site has been far too liberal in this case.

Twelve houses at Levenmouth Farm have been rejected by the Development Control Committee.

### Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Miller reminded the CC that they may have to consider what they would consider as acceptable in the situation that a new application was submitted for Levenmouth Farm.

Cllr Miller has also been pursuing the accidents at the bend at Wester Balgedie and he will report back to the CC when he receives any information.

Cllr Barnacle reported on the Levenmouth Farm application. He stressed that it was important to have a path from the B920 through to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

Cllr Barnacle asked that the CC respond to the Mobile

Library Service and say how the service was performing.

Cllr Barnacle is receiving a number of calls from the other CCs, FORK and the Civic Trust to have a further meeting on the amended Housing in the Country Policy and other matters. If he receives sufficient responses, he will be pleased to arrange another meeting.

Cllr Barnacle will be asking for a survey of HGVs using the A911, as there are more complaints about the number of these vehicles using this road.

### Other Matters

CCllr Morell had been asked to raise the matter of the number of potholes that have appeared in the road from Wester Balgedie and Glenlomon; these include holes in the middle of the road as well as the edge breaking up.

There are problems with cars parking around the exit from the School Bus parking area. Parents are parking on either side of the exit, making it very difficult to see either way.

A local landowner complained about the damage that had been done to the Tetley Trail after the recent very heavy rains. The channel had been dug up to prevent the rain falling down into properties below the Trail. P&KC Countryside Ranger Service will be called in to help.

**The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be on Tuesday 8 April at 7.30pm in the Portmoak Village Hall. This meeting will include the Annual General Meeting.**

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## Fossoway & District CC

### News from the March Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 March in Moubray Hall, Powmill, were: H Johnston, I Farquhar, A Morrison, T Duffy-Wigman, L Boulter, L Stronach, H Wallace. Also in attendance were: Cllr M Barnacle, Sgt D Rankin of Tayside Police and 30 members of the public. Apologies were received from I Booth, due to ill health. A Morrison will chair the next two meetings. There were no declarations of interest.

**Community Policing:** Sgt Rankin reported that there had been a break-in attempt of a vehicle at Rumbling Bridge. Also an attempted break-in at the Crook of Devon Post Office. Fortunately on both occasions DNA has been left behind and the police are currently investigating this.

Sgt D Rankin is also the Community Liaison Officer for T in the Park. The plan this year is to have Police Officers located in Cambo and Crook of Devon during Friday and the weekend of T in the Park. Sgt Rankin is to hold surgeries about T in the Park and wishes the community to talk to him with any suggestions in the build up to the event and not to approach him with just a few weeks' notice.

A couple of vehicles have been broken into at Burleigh Sands car park and handbags taken. This is ongoing and appears to happen between the hours of 10am and 11.15am during weekdays. He asks the public to be vigilant and lock any valuables in the boot of their car.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Approved with one amendment. Cllr I Farquhar proposed a change. During last month's meeting the Chair asked D Alexander to discuss any issues he may have during the meeting as opposed to bringing up problems that he feels he has with FDCC in the press at a later date. The Chair stated clearly that FDCC have no further wish to have any further discussions on these matters with D Alexander and asked the public if that was the will of the meeting. This was received with applause from the audience as they strongly agreed with the Chair. D Alexander was asked by the Chair on two occasions if he would like to comment on the amendment and he declined on both occasions.

**CC Business:** FDCC would like to apologise for the late notification of venue for this month's meeting. It was believed that Fossoway Primary School would be holding the meeting, however it appeared that there was to be no one available to open the school. FDCC are to write to P&K Council seeking clarification on how this should work. FDCC receives £300 per annum. This sum is used mostly on hire of venues for the meeting. This money does not cover our costs.

### Matter Arising

**T in the Park:** A meeting is to be held on 25 March, venue still to be confirmed.

**Long Term Strategy:** There is to be a series of meetings regarding the Long Term Strategy for our area, to be held as follows: 5 March – Blairingone; 13 March – Moubray Hall, Powmill; 20 March – Fossoway Primary School for Crook of Devon and Drum; 26 March – Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home.

### Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle reports that Council Tax has now been frozen for 3 years. Inflation has not been taken into account. There is to be no increase for Councillors. Road budget has been cut due to inflation. This is an on going process.

Proposed Parliamentary Boundary changes: North

Perthshire and South Perthshire and Kinross. Cllr M Barnacle proposes it to be named South Perth and Kinross-shire.

Cllr M Barnacle had a meeting with Roland Bean expressing concern over potential growth plan and infrastructure. More affordable housing is required.

With the situation of Post Offices closing, Cllr M Barnacle is deploring the fact that central government are not doing anything to stop the closures. When we are aware of the situation regarding the Crook Of Devon Post Office we may raise contention and coordinate a petition for this. At the moment we have no indication as to what is happening.

A member of the public thanks Cllr M Barnacle for his successful attempt at getting the pot holes in Powmill fixed. P&KC fixed these and billed Scottish Water for this as Scottish Water had failed to address the problem they created.



*Crook of Devon Post Office*

### Planning

08/00067/FUL Alter the terms of Condition 17 of planning consent 05/02389/REM to delete "Prior to commencement of construction" and allow minor alterations to external elevations, Pitcairnie, Cambo for Wilson Homes Limited. There is presently a long running concern among several of the residents of Cambo related to the Housing development at Pitcairnie. Conclusion: Recommend deferral for an examination and resolution of the concerns raised by members of the community of Cambo arising from changes at the works perceived to adversely affect the development and neighbouring dwellings. Tom Read, a Cambo resident, advises us that SEPA has lodged an objection to the current application.

08/00085/OUT Demolition of existing house to form two residential plots, Greenparks, Church Road, Crook of Devon, for Mr Adrian Seller. FDCC recommends refusal.

07/02805/FUL Erection of a new dwelling house, Greenparks, Crook of Devon, for Mr A Sellers. FDCC recommend refusal because the conditions applied to the extant approval will still apply notwithstanding the applicants proposal that the site is now two plots.

08/00117/FUL Installation of a septic tank for six dwelling houses, Pitfar Steadings, Powmill for Trilogy LP. FDCC recommends deferral to enable consideration of a more sustainable and more robust sewage collection, treatment and disposal system and to await a decision on the related development for housing.

08/00118/OUT Proposed housing development (in outline), Monarch Deer Park, Crook of Devon for G S Brown Construction Ltd. FDCC recommends refusal because the

current KALP designates the site for “village setting” pending adoption, or otherwise, of the Strategy Group Plan for the area, in turn, requiring prior community, landowner and developer consultations, and for a full investigation of the flood risk implications at the site. FDCC would strongly recommend that individuals or groups within the villages of Crook of Devon and Rumbling Bridge, with strong views in favour or in opposition to this proposed development, meet to consider the fuller implications of such a development and to consider their responses.

**Change of Requirements at Development Control Committee:** The Council recently amended its “Scheme of Administration” which specifies when a planning application has to be determined by the Development Control Committee rather than being delegated to the Council’s Planning Officers. The changes are to ensure that the Committee concentrates on determining the more significant or controversial applications leaving the applications which are less significant or less controversial or in accordance with the Development Plan to be determined more swiftly by officials rather than being delayed for a Committee decision. Delegated decisions are always looked at by at least two Officers. Previously when five or more letters of objection were received, the application would automatically go to Development Control Committee. This is now not the case. Other changes that have taken place are: The period for comment from CCs has been increased from 14 days laid down to 21 days; Extending the content of the Officers’ reports so that it is easier for objectors, applicants and CCs to understand the Council’s decision. FDCC seeks clarification on the weighting given to CCs’ recommendations. Considering the level of participation at FDCC meetings, a weighting of at least five would be appropriate for FDCC. FDCC are to write to P&KC disagreeing with these new changes.

#### **General Correspondence**

All outgoing and incoming correspondence was available to the public for viewing during the meeting.

#### **Other Business**

**Housing in the Countryside:** I Farquhar attended a meeting regarding this. Members of the public were given a brief summary of events and printouts of the meeting were available.

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well before the deadline if you can**

**Core Paths:** Bronwyn Wheatley of the Core Paths Plan gave us a status report. Bronwyn advises us to send letters of support by the end of March for this plan. Formal consultations will take place in June 08. You may respond online on the P&KC website but please do by the end of the month.

**Lendrick Muir:** Anne Sutherland from Lendrick Muir gave us a talk about Trails, signage and access to Lendrick Muir, which is run by the Scripture Union and has 120 acres of ground. They provide opportunities for young people and offer Scripture Union Holidays at the site. It is a busy area with more schools using the facilities at Lendrick Muir. As the facility deals mainly with children visiting the site, they have many regulations to which they must adhere to keep up with enhanced disclosure. They ask the community to understand this and be sensitive with what they do. Bike trails are available on site on a pay to use facility. Bikes are not meant to give way on these trails as it is a pay to use facility - pedestrians must give way. They ask the community to be vigilant and prefer you to use paths and designated walks as there is a real issue with safety. There are also a number of people that park in the driveway to access the core paths and Anne asks that they do not do this. This centre is not classed as a school, it is classed as an Outdoor Activity Centre.

**Kincardine Bridge:** With the new Kincardine Bridge due to open in November 08, there will be an increase of 25% to 40% in traffic using the A977, and an increase in the amount of HGVs. Cllr Barnacle requested a budget of £1m for roads to help with traffic management. This was refused and a total of £250,000 was awarded. Cllr Barnacle has exhausted all avenues and feels the only way forward is to petition the Scottish Government to fund the shortfall. This was met with wholehearted agreement at the meeting.

**Fly tipping** on Drum to Cleish road continues to be a problem. One lay-by has already been closed off but another lay-by continues to be a problem. It has been agreed that both should be closed off.

**Website:** FDCC will be on the internet in four weeks’ time. **www.Fossway.net** will incorporate news, the minutes and details of the A977 petition.

**Thanks:** FDCC would like to thank Mrs Johnston for her effort at getting the Moubray hall organised at short notice.

**The next meeting of Fossway & District CC will be held at Moubray Hall, Powmill, on 1st April at 7.30pm.**

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# Club & Community Group News

## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



### Annual General Meeting

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust will be holding its Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 7 May** in the Windlestrae Hotel at 7.30 pm. The meeting will be followed by a talk by Terry Levinthal, the Director of the Scottish Civic Trust, to which the Kinross-shire Civic Trust is affiliated, and will be concluded by Tea/Coffee and biscuits. This will be an excellent evening and members and non-members are invited to attend and hear what the Trust is about.

### Kinross-shire Civic Trust Best Kept Village and Best Kept Hamlet Award 2008

The photographs on the front cover celebrate the hard work of all the villages who have entered for this competition over the years, and who make the County look so attractive and 'best kept'. We hope they will inspire you all to start planning for this year.

Entry forms will be sent out soon to Village Organisers. If your village did not enter last year and would like an entry form, or if your Village Organiser has changed, please contact Bridget Lindsay on 01592 840252 or email: [lindsay@balgedie.f9.co.uk](mailto:lindsay@balgedie.f9.co.uk)



*One of the gardens that helped Cleish win the 2007 Best Kept Hamlet award*

### The Kinross-shire Civic Trust Shield 2008

In order to stimulate local public interest in and care for the environment, the Trust offers an award which is designed to promote and encourage woodland planting, the management of existing woodland, or environmental improvement schemes. The Shield is a local piece of high value but elm covered with silver leaves. The Judges will be looking for planting or management schemes which include some of the following:

- fit into the landscape
- promote the growth of good quality timber
- are well maintained
- help minimise soil erosion
- utilise native species
- help maintain a diversity of wildlife
- accommodate recreational facilities such as footpaths.

For further information and an entry form please contact Rhoderick Moncreiff 01577 840236 or email: [kct@tulbol.demon.co.uk](mailto:kct@tulbol.demon.co.uk)

### The Trust Programme for 2008 – 2009

The Trust's provisional programme for the coming year is as follows:

**Annual General Meeting:** Wednesday 7 May, Windlestrae Hotel at 7.30 pm, followed by a talk by Terry Levinthal, Director Scottish Civic Trust

**Mid-summer Walk:** Saturday 22 June at 2.30pm. A walk by Dr David Munro around Kinross – come and learn about the old County Town.

**Summer Visit:** July TBA – a visit to a site of importance in Kinross-shire

**Best Kept Village & Best Kept Hamlet Competition:** July

**Kinross Show:** August, the Trust will be at the Show again this year.

**The Kinross-shire Civic Trust Shield 2008:** the competition to be held in August

**Annual Trust Dinner and talk:** September, date, venue and speaker to be announced.

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

If you are interested and care about Kinross-shire, please come along to any of our events. We would be very pleased to see you.

## Inner Wheel Club of Kinross & District



President Linda Bayne welcomed members and two guests to our February monthly meeting. Linda hoped that everyone had enjoyed our trip to theatre in Edinburgh and the meal afterwards.

Our speaker for the evening was Andrew Hadden from Campsie who came to speak on Negligent Dentistry. Andrew came on a very bad evening of weather, the talk was very interesting and he was thanked for still coming on the evening.

President Linda welcomed everyone to our March meeting. Our speaker for the evening was Andrew Morton, a head of Department from Dollar Academy. Andrew's talk was not on Dollar School but of his adventures to Pakistan to help in the setting up the examination board for the Pakistan school system. His adventures on his trip were very interesting and he could have gone all evening, but time took over so he is returning to continue the adventure in the near future.

### 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)



## Rotary Club of Kinross and District



Our first speaker of the month was Ken Roberts, who spoke about the Catechan Trail. The Catechans were a group of cattle thieves who existed from the middle ages until the middle of the 17th Century. They often struck when least expected and used the old drover roads around Blairgowrie as one of their many escape routes. These routes now form the basis of the Trail, which requires several days walking to complete.

When the official speaker was unable to attend for the mid February meeting, Rotarians Mike Hughes and David Birrell agreed to speak on their experiences and thoughts on visits to South Africa. Mike talked of the various schemes organised by local clubs to dispense food approaching sell by dates and initiatives to clear the streets of rubbish. David talked of the notable changes that had taken place since the end of apartheid and recommended everyone to consider visiting the country.

Bill Dorward's love of the Isle of May was very evident when he talked to the Club on 25 February about his frequent visits to the island to view and photograph the bird life. His excellent slides demonstrated the wide variety of birds to be found on the island at various times of the year. Bill went on to talk about the other islands in the Forth including Inchcolm and the famous gannetry on the Bass Rock.

On 10 March, Dorothy Highland talked to us about the history of the Gateside Mills. Dorothy, a grand-daughter of the original owner, related how in the period from 1860 to 1960 the mills made bobbins and shuttles for the jute and flax weaving industry. When demand started to fall, the mills diversified into making track-laying material for British Rail and parts for Dunlop tyres.

The Club has donated a Dell PC to the Computers for Africa charity which is on its way to a minister of religion in Zambia. The computer will be used to compile a database of those requiring treatment for HIV and other illnesses.

Concern regarding the high level of litter at Burleigh sands led ex-President Eddie Mackay to muster a team of Rotarians to tackle the problem. Some eight full bags plus a variety of empty containers were collected and the area restored to its natural beauty that we all enjoy.

## 'K' Factor Talent Show

**Kinross High School Parent Council** organised and hosted Kinross High School's 'K' Factor Talent Show on Friday 22 February. Eighteen acts of music and dance were performed to a packed audience in the Assembly Hall. Niall Simpson, Parent Council Chair, was the compère for the evening. Whilst the judges made their minds up, the audience were entertained by the 'Imposters' (AKA Mr Linton, Miss Kinnell and Mrs McMinn), who were given a thunderous applause.

After considerable discussion, the judges (Iain Jarvie, former pupil; Dougie Alexander of T-in-the Park fame and Heather Shrimpton, dance teacher in Alloa) agreed on the following winners:

**Best Singer:** Kathleen Green.

**Best Band:** Blue Fuse (Gillian Shackleton, Calum Anderson, Matthew Thomson and George Gibson).

**Best General Entertainment/Dance:** Bethany Alexander. The overall 'K' Factor trophy was won by Kathleen Green.

## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The AGM was held on 6 March and after business was concluded, a warm welcome was given to Gavin Anderson, Photographer. Showing spectacular photos of the underwater life and also of shipwrecks lying under the sea, Gavin gave a most impressive and enjoyable talk. A hearty applause was given.

**Friday Walks:** The walk from Balbirnie Park and round by Star Moss, at the beginning of March, was completed in reasonable weather - much better than the weather we left behind in Kinross. It looks hopeful that the postponed walk from Gleneagles Hotel to Blackford, at the end of March, will also go ahead.

**4 April:** The Bonhard Circular Walk - this is a 6 mile walk, with a climb of 850ft, starting in Scone, going past the ruined Bonhard Mill and Murrayshall Hotel, climbing to Macduff's Monument and the Obelisk, before returning along the Den of Scone. This is not an easy walk and there will be no mini-bus.

**18 April:** "The Pie Walk", starting at Bridge of Allan and going to Dunblane by the Glen Walk. After consuming hot pies in Dunblane, we return to Bridge of Allan along the Dam Walk. This is about 6 miles through woods and country paths, with a steady climb up the Glen Road.

Please note that the membership list for the Friday Walkers is also closed.

**Hillwalkers:** Yet again we have been hit by the weather gremlins and had to cancel the proposed walk from Bankfoot to Hermitage for the second time this year on 29 February. This has now become a competition between the Hillwalkers' Group and Mother Nature; we are determined to complete this popular walk and have rescheduled it for **23 May**.

On 14 March we were, at last, blessed with good weather and we enjoyed an 8.5 mile walk round Glen Sherup, which included an ascent of 1750 feet and included the tops of Inverdownie, Bentie Knowe, Whitewisp Hill and Tarmangie Hill. The clear weather allowed us excellent views to Berwick Law and the Bass Rock in the South East and Ben Chonzie and Ben Vorlich in the North and North West.

Our walks for April will include an old favourite on the **11th** when we traverse the River Devon circular from Crook of Devon - Muckhart Mill - Pool of Muckhart. This is a walk of about 7.5 miles.

On the **25th** we will undertake a new walk for us when we will tackle another circular walk of about 8 miles from Piper Dam and over Blacklaw Hill to the North of Dundee.

**April Meeting:** The speaker on **3 April** will be Joseph Giacopazzi on "His Italian Family Settling in Scotland".

## Scotlandwell in Bloom

### Supporting Tree-Aid in Africa

Scotlandwell in Bloom's hugely successful Celebration Ceilidh fundraiser in November 2007 raised £1,144. As originally agreed, the money raised was to help raise funds for Tree Aid in Africa. The committee have sent a cheque to Tree Aid requesting the money be spent to support the following projects: Sponsor a Rural Entrepreneur, Nursery Starter Kit, Hive of Activity, Seeds of Change x 2, Forestry Know-How, Water Wise and Fast Track Fruit.

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped to make the event such a success.

## Kinross & District Probus Club

### Meeting on 20 February

Mr Jim Christie spent 25 years with the Forestry Commission, mainly responsible for plant and equipment, but he has also been active in many other areas, including voluntary work for the Woodland Trust and he gave us a most interesting talk on the work of the Trust. He is clearly a great tree lover and he pointed out how much trees contribute to the environment by absorbing carbon dioxide and emitting oxygen and also by absorbing surplus fertilizers from streams that would otherwise pollute our lochs and rivers. He went on to deal with several local projects starting with the Portmoak Moss, an area of raised bog which was planted with trees many years ago which have subsequently inhibited the growth of the moss. He described the careful programme of tree removal and raising of the water table which has been carried out to encourage growth of the moss and restore the bog to its original condition. He then moved on to describe the maintenance work that the Trust have carried out at Moncrieffe Hill, an area of woodland originally planted as a commercial forest and which contains a good variety of species of trees and of wildlife.

The third local project that Jim described was the development of new woodland at Glen Sherup in the Ochil Hills. The area has been sheep country for many years and after some careful planning it was fenced to keep out deer during the initial growth of the trees. Some access roads were built as unobtrusively as possible and a special plough was used to turn over the turf at intervals so as to provide planting sites. One of the objectives of the Trust is to encourage young people to make use of woodland areas and so children from local schools were brought in to plant the trees and they clearly enjoyed the experience. Each of the seedlings is protected from voles with a short flexible tube and when they have become established and grown sufficiently the upper part of the fence will be removed and deer will be allowed to enter the woodland again.

The final project that Jim described was Geordie Wood near Muckart, where the local residents wanted trees but also wildflowers. The area was ploughed so as to lift the subsoil to the surface to provide a less fertile topsoil and inhibit weed growth, but in which the wildflower seeds could become established before the weeds choked them. The first spring was very dry but in spite of that Jim showed us photographs of the area with a very colourful display of flowers among which the trees would be planted.

Jim Christie is clearly a talented photographer as well as his other skills and he illustrated the lecture with many beautiful pictures, even concluding with a short musical background for some of his slides. Malcolm Mason concluded the afternoon with a vote of thanks which was warmly supported.

## Kinross-shire Historical Society



At the February meeting, the Kinross-shire Historical Society was lucky enough to listen to and be entertained by Dr Hamish Brown, MBE. Well known for walking the Munros seven times, he showed yet another interest and entitled his talk 'Guddling among the graves'. With excellent slides and humour, he showed how much history could be seen in the weathering of different types of stone. The vote of thanks was given by Bill Blair.



## Potager Garden

### Bowton Road, Kinross

What a great town this is to live in and as we see the flowers raising their heads and opening up, it does bring cheer.

Potager Garden is a hive of productivity - seeds are being sown, cuttings being potted on and plans being made for the activities of the year. A number of regular items are about to start - The Primary School Children will be coming regularly for 10 weeks, as will the After School Club. Two Gardening Courses will run for 7 weeks, please register asap, don't miss out, they are really good. Our Teacher is called Andy Ness.

**Our first Gardening Course starts on Tuesday 15 April – 27 May, 7pm-9pm, cost £35.** We have a couple of spaces left on this course. Please contact Michelle on the number below.



*Why not try a gardening course at the Potager Garden?*

*Photo: Barbara Graham, Kinross.cc photo library*

**Perth College** are happy to run a **Gardening Course** at Potager Garden on **Thursday 17 April – 29 May, 7pm-9pm.** Cost £40. This course will provide website support. Both courses will cover Sowing seeds (vegetable, half-hardy annuals and perennials), Propagating by cuttings, Soil preparation, Pruning and Tying, Micro-propagation and grafting. To book your place, drop in to Kinross Learning Centre, Swansacre, call the centre on 01577 863863, or e-mail

[pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk)

According to the Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens, Potager Garden is the only Community Garden in the whole of Perth & Kinross! If you would like to get involved with this delightful project and perhaps do a tour of other Gardens recognised by the Fed, get in touch with Michelle Hardaker, Convenor, 01577 862622 ([dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk))

## Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



A "Pot Luck Supper" will be held on **Friday 25 April** at Helen Coldwell's Milnathort Home.

Tickets are priced £5 and are available by contacting Twinning Chairperson Jean Paterson (tel. 862159).

Congratulations to Jo Duncan of Burnside Meadows for winning the "Treasure Hunt" held at the Better Place to Live Fair held at Kinross High School.

The new session's "50 Club" is due to commence in May and entry tickets (£10 each) can be had from secretary David Munro (tel 862126).

## Save NHS Dentistry Campaign

The group has decided to meet again on **Wednesday 16 April** at the Church Centre in Kinross. We are currently meeting on an irregular basis when there is something to report or discuss.

The campaign is still ongoing on two fronts:

1) through our petition which is still "live" with the Public Petitions Committee of the Scottish Parliament. Thanks to our efforts and that of two more dental petitions from other parts of Scotland, the Committee is sufficiently concerned about the lack of access to NHS dentists, especially in rural areas, that it has raised the matter again with the Scottish Government. Their response is expected at a Committee meeting in June and we will be there to hear it.

2) We are still questioning Tayside Health Board's dental strategy through a letter-writing campaign supported by our local politicians. This time it is Dr Richard Simpson MSP who has fired our questions in to Tayside and we are grateful for his efforts. We have received answers regarding the "Linkline", mobile units and the level of need in Kinross - but we don't know whether you'll be happy with them, so please come along to give us your opinion of the real situation in Kinross-shire.

We are not impressed by the Health Board's communications strategy and will try to keep you informed ourselves as best we can. So come to the meeting on 16 April at 7pm or phone Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825 if you have had problems trying to get a local NHS dentist.

## Portmoak Film Society

Eat, sleep, live FILM - in Kinross-shire!

Like many other community groups, Portmoak Film Society had a stall at the Better Place to Live Fair in Kinross High School - and success was immediate, as became clear at our penultimate film of the outgoing season later the same day. No fewer than 11 new faces were to be seen that evening at Portmoak Hall for the showing of "American Cousins", making up a good quarter of the 45-strong audience. And judging by the result of our Heath Robinson-esque audience response gauge, aka the marble counter, the Glasgow-based rom-com went down very well, with three quarters of those present giving it the big thumbs-up.

Our final film of this season will be another great British comedy: "Saving Grace" with Brenda Blethyn in the lead role will be shown on **Saturday 12 April**. We hope that if you were new last time and enjoyed it, you'll come again - and please don't be put off by the fact that the Film Society holds its AGM at the same time! The business will be over and done with in a matter of minutes, all the more so if willing candidates are to be found to take on the less than arduous duties of the Society's office bearers. Our Honourable Secretary, Sandy Shanks, is emigrating to warmer climes soon and therefore his position will become vacant - so don't hold back, take the plunge and be part of one of our most successful and vibrant community enterprises!

The Film Selection Committee will make proposals for films for the 2008/09 season and there will be the opportunity to take part in a democratic vote on the final selection at the AGM.

The evening starts at 7.30pm prompt and ends with the usual dignified partaking of drinks and snacks in the company of friends and neighbours - to celebrate the end of another successful season of local films. For further info see our website at: [www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk)

## Lodge St Serf No 327



**Tue 1 Apr** Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Fellow Craft Degree to be worked by RWM and Office Bearers of Lodge Thane of Fife No 781.

**Thu 10 Apr** Visit to Lodge St John Corstorphine to work Fellow Craft Degree. Departure time to be arranged.

**Tue 15 Apr** Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Entered Apprentice Degree.

**Thu 24 Apr** Visit to Lodge Balfour Melville No 809 to work Mark Master Mason Degree. Departure time to be arranged.

**Tue 29 Apr** Tuesday Lodges Meeting at Lodge of Kirkcaldie No 72. Entered Apprentice Degree at 7.30pm. Senior Deacon taking part. Time of departure to be arranged.

Any Brother wishing to attend any or all of these events would be made most welcome.

Lodge St Serf No 327 took part in the Better Place to Live Fair at Kinross High School on 8 March. It was a very successful day with a considerable number of members of the general public showing an interest in our display. Provincial Grand Master Bro. Thomas Bradley, Substitute Provincial Grand Masters Bro's Thomas Donaldson, Alan Moulds and Past Provincial Grand Master Bro. Andrew Baillie were all on hand to give assistance as required.

Following the Fair, Lodge St Serf No 327 held an Open Doors Day at the Masonic Hall with the Lodge laid out for a Regular Meeting and Office Bearers attired in full Masonic Regalia. Again a considerable number of members of the general public came along to see what it is that Freemasons actually do behind closed doors. Provincial Grand Master Bro. Thomas Bradley and Past Substitute Provincial Grand Master Bro. Andrew Baillie also came along to give a helping hand. Bro. Bradley gave a very informative talk on Freemasonry, explaining in full the workings of an Entered Apprentice Degree. He thereafter answered questions taken from members of the general public. Refreshments were served by the Office Bearers and their good ladies. The Bottle Stall raised the sum of £61.00, which will be added to our Fund Raising efforts throughout the year. Many thanks go to all who so generously donated food and articles for the Bottle Stall. It is hoped to make the Open Doors Day an annual event.



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The President gave details of the proposed visit to Broomhall on 1st June. In the absence of the speaker, four members stepped into the breach with an unseasonal look at Christmas traditions including why we kiss under the mistletoe, why we have crackers, Christmas cards, turkey etc. The merging of the characters, Father Christmas and Saint Nicholas into Santa Claus, with a little bit of help from Coca Cola, gave food for thought. Members are reminded of the need for suggestions for future speakers in advance of the AGM.

## Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade



The year 2008 sees the Brigade celebrate 125 years of service and the Kinross Company have organised a get together of all former members over the weekend of 1st and 2nd November. A supper dance will be held at the Windlestrae Hotel on the Saturday evening and a Church Parade will be held on the Sunday along with a "Down Memory Lane" to round things off. For further details please contact Company Captain David Munro (tel: 862126).

Battalion competitions over the past few weeks have seen much success for the Kinross Company winning the Drill Medal for the 25th time since the Company reformed in 1940. The Company Section also finished as runners up in the P.E. Competition with Ally Melville's Bankfoot Company edging out Kinross by 1 point for the winners' trophy.

Congratulations to girls Alice Eade, Rebecca Hutt, Lauren Bell and Hannah Lopez for completing their Leadership stage 3 award at an all day course in Arbroath organised by Dundee & District Battalion. These four girls are the first girl members in Scotland to have achieved this award – well done girls!

The Battalion Basketball trophy was retained by Kinross and the Company hopes to retain the Volleyball trophy when it is competed for on Monday 17 March.

The Junior Section won the Battalion Bible Quiz competition and the team was captained by George Dick. The Juniors also finished as runners up in the Battalion Figure Marching competition.

Preparations are well underway for the Junior Weekend camp at Belmont Camp, Meikle over the May weekend. The Company Section is looking forward to the Summer Camp Special in Toronto, Canada over the first couple of weeks in July flying from Glasgow on Sunday 29 June, returning in time for T in the Park.

Perth Battalion has planned a 125 Live celebration over the weekend 30th -31st August at Scone Palace with activities for Anchors, Juniors and Company Section members.

## Kinross Garden Group



Our March meeting took place in the Millbridge Hall and was attended by 52 members and visitors. Billy Carruthers of Binny Plants gave us a very informative talk on growing peonies in Scotland. We discovered that there are many forms of peonies now available: anemone japonica, single, semi-double and double flowered etc which can be grown in Scottish gardens in moist rich soil in a sunny position.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 10 April** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 12pm. Ian Christie of Christie's Alpine Nursery, Kirriemuir will give us a talk on "The Wonderful World of Meconopsis".

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### January Draw

1st	No 15	Pamela Yeoman, Glenlomond
2nd	No 19	John Steven, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 111	Reg McLennan, Easter Balgownie

### February Draw

1st	No 42	Jenny Sword, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 73	Doreen Thomson, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 101	George Elliot, Scotlandwell

## Friends of Kirkgate Park



A note to let you know we are still here! The park has been a fairly sorry sight for several months. We hope some dry weather arrives soon to help everyone enjoy it. There are still particular areas of flooding which will be attended to by the contractor. These are in the play area, around the amphitheatre and one or two other places where the path regularly disappears below water. The contract guarantee period expires in August 2008 and a meeting will be held soon to ensure everything will be completed as it should be. If you have any particular concerns please get in touch.



*Parts of the play area have sustained damage due to flooding*

Friends have been trying to keep up with Loch Leven Heritage Trail developments. A Gateway coming into the park from the Pier and an improved area around the Watchtower should help both developments blend together. A viewpoint is planned to the east of the Burial Ground. If you would like sight of this I need to refer you to the Heritage Trail team.

This is the time of year to plant wildflower seeds! The meadow at Vane Farm last year was planted at the end of April and was quite stunning in the summer. Friends hope to attempt a baby version of that spectacle though much depends on just how wet the ground is, amongst other things.

A Discovery Day is being planned for 7 September later this year. This is currently being put together by P&KC Countryside Rangers, SNH, RSPB and Historic Scotland. Friends do not have a heavy involvement. We would ask that people interested in having events in Kirkgate, large or small, please get in touch. It is there for everyone to use but we are here to help. We can help you with toilets and all sorts of other items, should you need them. If people can keep us posted we can avoid clashes and help promote what is going on.

If people are keen to join us to develop Events in the park, please get in touch. We would like there to be Events you would enjoy and we also need bodies to help decide what those are and help with putting them on. Contact [susan@friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk](mailto:susan@friendsofkirkgatepark.co.uk) or 01577 864742.

### Want to sell something?

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## The Salix Dementia Trust

The Salix Dementia Trust, a recognised Scottish Charity which is based in Milnathort, is about to launch a ground-breaking new service for people who cared for relatives with dementia (including Alzheimer's Disease) who have since died.

Chris White, a qualified counsellor and service lead on the project, says "Caregivers of people with dementia give everything they have and, in the process, tend to lose friends and connections to the community. When their husband, wife, mother, father or other family-member with dementia dies, they don't really know what to do – how to get their lives back. Our Helium Project is expressly designed to help them "rise above" their loss."

Groups will run for 6-8 sessions, fortnightly, and also accommodate 6-8 members. Individual counselling will be available to interleave with the group sessions if required and, although the first groups will be held in Scone and Milnathort, it is hoped to extend the scheme more widely in due course.

Some issues which will be addressed are: guilt and expiation, building new support networks, identity work, the desire to continue to give care and, finally, "Honouring the Past - and Parking It!"

Each Helium Group will end with a celebratory party and award of certificates of completion!

Anyone wanting more information or who would like to talk about joining a group should telephone:

Chris on 01738 553050 or Constance on 01577 863824.

Further information about The Salix Dementia Trust may be obtained from the registered office at 50 Church Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XE. Tel: 01577 863824

Email: [enquiries@day-spring.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@day-spring.co.uk)

## Kinross in Bloom

We are progressing with our plans for this year's display of hanging baskets and barrels. With the success of our previous years' displays we would like to be able to maintain the standard of display, but we need your help to do this. We are desperately short of volunteers to help on a regular/occasional basis. Please, even if you can only afford one evening to help occasionally, please do help. We all benefit from seeing Kinross being a better place. As usual people and businesses can sponsor a hanging basket/tub from £25, which includes all the plants and the watering. If you are interested then please contact Sarah Cuthbert on 861681. We have been offered space at Hattonburn polytunnel to bring on our plants. This should enable us to have a better display earlier as the plants can be potted up earlier. We would like to thank to Douglas Paton for the use of his polytunnel.

The results of February's draw is as follows:

£20	No 17	Norma Anderson
£15	No 68	Alex Forrester
£10	No 21	Bill Sinclair
£5	No 74	Christina Degnan



## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

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 5 April:** Benarty from Lochore Meadows – 8 miles. A walk around Lochore, taking in Harra Hill. A straightforward walk, with some ascent.

**Sunday 20 April:** Whitewisp Hill and Innerdownie Ridge – 9 miles. Steep climb up Saddle Hill from Castle Campbell, then over Whitewisp Hill and ridge walk over Innerdownie. Descend via Glenquey Hill and return by path alongside Glenquey Reservoir. A demanding walk requiring a reasonable degree of fitness and full hill-walking equipment.

**Saturday 3 May:** Ceres to Scotstarvit – 6 miles. Excellent views from an 18th Century ridge road. Pass Hill of Tarvit House and an old tower house. An easy, relatively undemanding walk.

For further information, including where to meet, contact Jacqui Ritchie on 01592 840451.

## Kinross-Shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme



We have been as busy as usual this winter as those of you who visited our stand at the Better Place to Live Fair will know. We were handing out a flyer detailing the amount of work we carried out in January and appealing for more volunteers to join us. Our "Volunteer Fatigue" is becoming serious!!

The service we provide is very much appreciated by the residents of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg, many of whom would otherwise have great difficulty accessing the services they require. This appreciation is made obvious by the many donations from local groups and service users as well as the grants from Charitable Trusts who help to support us. We have recently received local donations from Kinross Parish Church, Cleish Church and the Kinross-shire Fund, as well as several from donors who have benefited, either themselves or family, from our help.

Several other grants have been provided by: The Gannochy Trust, Lloyds TSB, Hugh Fraser Foundation, Gloag Foundation, Robertson Trust and A&M Thomson. We are indeed very grateful for this support from these charitable groups but it does mean, of course, that we must look to other funders for the next couple of years as we cannot reapply to the large trusts within that time.

Remember, if you enjoy driving and meeting a lot of very pleasant folk from our area, then get in touch with Ann Munro on 01577 840196 and have a chat about joining us, I'm sure you would enjoy it.

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### Small Ways to Save the Planet

Put lids on saucepans while cooking to save heat and retain flavour.

# Sports News



## Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club (P7-S2)



Another year is almost over for the Cavaliers with the final training session on 25 March.

What a busy and successful season it's been! Throughout the season, the club has fielded a boys' team in the U14 Development Leagues and have gained a wealth of experience (and a few wins) from competing against other teams from Tayside and Fife. Although unable to field a girls' team, three of our club have swelled the ranks of Perth Phoenix girls helping to maintain their strong position in the league. Everyone competing has learnt a vast amount from participating in these leagues – as well as enjoying the experience.

Eight of the club members were put forward in February for selection to the Talent Development Programme run by basketballscotland throughout Scotland. Well done to **everyone** who represented the club so well. Six were selected and have since gained a place on the programme in the East Squad. This involves ten regional training sessions and two training sessions at a National Camp. Congratulations go to:

U15 Boys: Jack Nicholson  
U15 Girls: Abby Lloyd & Katy Brown  
U14 Boys: Malcolm Jack & Jack Mead  
U14 Girls: Hattie Lloyd

The end of the season in March marks a sad day for our S2 members as they leave us - many of whom have been with the club since it started 4 years ago. We hope that they will continue to play basketball and wish them well. We also look forward to welcoming any new members when the season starts again in August.

Alison Brown, Chairperson, tel: 01577 861113

Karen Nicholson, Secretary, tel: 01577 862623

## Kinross United AFC



Now that the lighter nights are approaching, from **1st April** training will recommence on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7pm-9pm at the Myre. New members welcome.

If you are a football fanatic, but the body isn't as fit as it used to be, why not come along and join our committee?

Next home fixture:

Kinross v Balmoral **5 April** 1.30pm cup tie.

Contact Alan Fraser on 01577 862018 or Sandy Fraser 01577 865762.

## Kinross Croquet Club

Our 2008 season starts on **Monday 21 April** at 2pm, unless it is raining heavily.

Come and join us on the lawn of the Green Hotel. (Please wear flat-soled shoes.) We play every Monday from 2pm to 4pm, and on Wednesday evenings from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. It is fun.

If you are interested, just come at one of the above times, or contact either George Kirk on 01383 724024 or Frances Craigie on 01577 864851.

## Kinross Badminton Club



With the club's annual tournament now in full flow, there has been an excellent turn out from members, with plenty of hard competitive games played. The tournament will end in a couple of weeks' time, culminating with the finals. (Exciting times! Who will win, nobody knows).

Presentation of said tournament will be held at Bill's place on **31 May** at the same time as the club's BBQ, so plenty of trophies to be had, then a good old knees-up after. Last year's winners are reminded to hand in trophies by the end of this month. (Please hand back to Bill). The Kate Francis competition will be moved back to later in the year to help spread out competitions and also to give the Kate Francis competition a bit more prestige.

The Club will continue playing after Easter for three nights (Thursdays only, 8pm-10pm), Dates are as follows: **17 and 24 April and 1 May**, so make sure you pencil them in. More ladies (gents too!) are still required at the club, so come on ladies, don't let the men have all the fun, come on down to the Kinross High School games hall every **Tuesday and Thursday**, 8pm – 10pm, or contact Bill Macdonald 01577 862592 or Mark Moran 01577 842239.

## Fossoway Tennis Club



Fossoway Tennis Club is a small friendly club with one court situated opposite the church, next to the park in Crook of Devon.

A **"Try Before You Buy" Open Day** is on **Saturday 12 April** from 10am - 2pm. All welcome, rackets and ball provided plus snacks and drinks

**Coaching** begins on **Saturday 19 April** for Junior Members. Numbers could be limited so please telephone Elizabeth Palmieri on 01577 840207 to secure a space. Groups will then be arranged at 10am on the 19th.

**Junior Club Practice** starts again on **Wednesday 16 April** from 4pm - 5pm. These sessions will be supervised.

**Senior Club Night** is every Thursday from 7pm onwards at which memberships can be obtained.

So why not give it a try! For more information contact Mary Paterson 01577 840277 or Christine Austin 01259 781362.

## Time Out Curling



**Are you new to curling?**

Time Out is an informal group which curls on a Monday morning, with John Stewart on hand to coach and advise. There are spaces available with Time Out for the next curling season, starting in September. If you have only recently started curling, or are a total beginner, and would like the chance to improve your game in this way, please call Angela on 01577 862976.

### Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at  
**www.kinross.cc**

## Kinross Cricket Club

### Kinross Coach Wins Coach of the Year Award



Kinross Cricket Club head coach, John Ross was awarded the Sport Tayside and Fife "Coach of the Year Award" for 2007 at the annual Perth & Kinross Sports Personality of the Year Awards held at the AK Bell Auditorium in Perth in March. The award was given in recognition not only of John's involvement in the Kinross CC Scottish Cup winning teams but also for his work at area and district level.

John not only leads the coaching team at Kinross CC but has also provided coaching for the Perth & Kinross Area performance development squads at under-14, under-16 and under-18 age groups in the absence of a local cricket development officer for 12 months. He was also invited to coach the under-14 Central District squad in 2007, leading them to victory at the annual inter-district festival held at Fettes College in July. In October, John was appointed to the Tayside/Fife Regional Academy as Assistant Coach to the under-18 squad.

John said "It is always nice to be recognised and I am very honoured to receive the award but the real success behind Kinross and the other teams I have had the opportunity to coach lies with the entire coaching and management team, the dedication and efforts of the players, the support and commitment from the parents and all the other helpers that enable cricket to move forward."

This is the second time members of Kinross Cricket Club have been recognised at the Perth & Kinross Sports Personality of the Year Awards, with the club's under-13 Scottish Cup winning team named Team of the Year for 2006.

Asked about plans for the future, John said, "We are aiming to retain our Scottish Cup titles this year, win promotion for our 1st XI and establish Kinross as a centre of excellence for ladies cricket. Additionally, the club is currently implementing the Cricket Scotland club excellence scheme, TopClub to ensure a safe, happy, fair and inclusive environment for all players and I look forward to even more children and adults playing and enjoying cricket this year".

### New Season

The 2008 cricket season begins on **Monday 14 April**. Junior coaching for boys and girls up to the age of 15 will be every Monday from 6.15pm until 8pm. Training will be every week weather permitting. Generally, a little light rain will not deter us. Coaching continues as usual every week during the summer holidays.

Senior cricket training for men and young men aged 16+ is held on Tuesday nights from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. We are actively recruiting more members for our 1st and 2nd XI teams, so if you fancy having a go at cricket or taking it back up again, please come along. Men's training starts on **Tuesday 15 April**.

Ladies and girls aged 12+ are welcome to come to Ladies coaching on Thursday nights from 6.30pm – 8pm starting **Thursday 17 April**.

New members are very welcome to all sections of the club. No experience necessary. No base fitness required and all equipment provided.

### Girls Indoor Cricket

10 members of the club under-16 girls team played in the Cricket Scotland indoor championship at Fettes Westwood last month. The girls played very well with Christina Farrar

our top bowler, taking 3 wickets in one match. The girls played very well, especially in our first match against McLaren CC with very economic bowling by all players and some excellent batting and running between the wickets. All the hard work put in over the winter is certainly paying off and this showed particularly in the quality of batting and a couple of very tricky catches that were securely held. All the girls played at their best and the fielding was outstanding at times. This bodes very well for the summer season ahead. Unfortunately, the tournament overran and we were unable to play our final match and in a count of runs scored and wickets lost, we were awarded a very creditable 4th place. The girls were joined at the tournament by several of the Scotland Ladies cricket team who were there to assist with umpiring and scoring and lots of fun was had at the end of the day when the Kinross Girls challenged the Scotland Ladies to an impromptu match.



*The Kinross Cricket Club stand at the Better Place To Live Fair. Pictured with John Ross is junior member Oliver Law and Lisa Meggins on from the fundraising committee.*

### Kinross-shire Better Place To Live Fair

The club had a stand at the annual Better Place To Live Fair held at Kinross High School on Saturday 8 March. This was a great opportunity to further enhance the club's profile within the community and gave us an opportunity to advertise for new members for the forthcoming season and generally promote the club. Many people visited the stand manned by John Ross, head coach and Kirsteen Ross, club secretary. They were delighted to be joined by members of the club throughout the morning who came along to show their support (wearing their club tops!).

### Community 6s

The club will once again hold a community 6s tournament on **Saturday 7 June**. This is open to any club, business or community organisation in Kinross-shire (suitable for age 16+). Kinross Cricket Club 1st and 2nd XIs will be hosting the event and will therefore not be playing. No knowledge or previous experience of cricket is necessary. Teams should be 6-a-side and can consist of men or women or be mixed. All equipment and instruction will be given by the cricket club. If you are interested and would like to enter a team or get more information, please contact club secretary, Kirsteen Ross by email: [secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk)

Last year's winners were Kinross Hockey Club. Teams from Kinross Churches, The Boys Brigade, Kinross Ladies and Sport Scotland enjoyed a fun day of cricket in the magnificent setting of Kinross House. This event is free to enter.



## Kinross Curling Club

The AGM will be held in the Loch Leven Suite of the Green Hotel on **Monday 7 April** at 8pm.



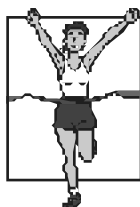
**Friendly against Dunfermline:** This game is played over two sessions with eight rinks participating. After defeat last year it was decided to draw the rinks in a different way with a skips' meeting in late February. After the first session this approach clearly was not working as the Club was 17 shots down having lost all four games. Sentiment was that the second session players should just adjourn to the bar and save any more pain! That is not the way it works and the game must go on. As they say in football, it is a game of two halves. The second session played their socks off, winning all four games, but was it enough? Sandy Nelson lost a 4 at the seventh end but came storming back to take a 6 at the last to win by 11 shots. Ross McCleary however, was doing his best to granny Ian Simpson only to be denied by Ian taking a 1 at the last. Ross did however win by 12 shots. There was a turnaround of 30 shots and the Burt Graham Trophy was heading for Kinross with a win of 13 shots. Congratulations to the rink of Ross McCleary, Paul Baughan, Keith McLachlan and Tom Graham on winning the trophy as highest up rink. Ross also won the Gallowhill Trophy as highest up rink against Orwell. The celebrations went on into the wee sma' hours.

A full list of all winners and new office bearers will be posted in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Kinross Curling Club always welcomes new members and any new or experienced curlers wishing to join the Club or to discuss what curling may have to offer should contact Match Secretary, Alistair Wood on Kinross 862749.

## Athletics

Kinross athlete, Eilidh Child, has been preparing for the forthcoming outdoor track season with a fairly rigorous winter training programme and a couple of visits to the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, for some indoor competition. Eilidh, who is sponsored by Puma, has, since the beginning of the year, been carrying out her teacher training placement at Breadalbane Academy, Aberfeldy, and has had to fit in her training routine with early starts in the morning and often late finishes in the evening. However she has enjoyed the experience and is still on schedule as she prepares for her first run of the season at the Scottish University Championships in mid April. Earlier in the year she competed at both the Scottish Closed and the Scottish Senior Indoor Championships running over 200m. She was first at the Scottish Closed and runner up at the Scottish Seniors where she recorded a personal best time in a very close race. In February she was voted the Dunfermline and West Fife Sports Personality of the Year and also received the Pitreavie MC Senior Athlete of the Year Award.



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## Kinross Volleyball Club

Congratulations to the Kinross Scot Range team for winning the Perth & District Premier League Championship for just the second time in 25 years. Although Scot Range still have two games to play they cannot be caught following two recent victories over nearest challengers Mental Blocks. Brothers Craig and Willie Donaldson along with father and son combination of David Munro and Roy Munro plus team captain Ger Kirk and setter Dougie Young all played their part in one of the most successful seasons the Kinross club has had. The Scot Range team has lost only one match so far this season and must be favourites to win the League Cup competition later on this season.

Kinross Kintronics finished in bottom position but they only have themselves to blame with too many serve and serve receive errors costing them dear. Young Jamie Booth was their most consistent performer throughout the season.

In the Recreational League Kinross BB are poised in second place but they will have to win all their remaining games and hope that Dunfermline slip up along the way to have any hopes of winning this league championship.

### Premier League positions

	Pld	Won	Drwn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
<b>Kinross Scot Range</b>	14	13	0	1	725	487	<b>133</b>
<b>Mental Blocks</b>	16	12	0	4	800	615	<b>132</b>
<b>Dodgy Spikers</b>	14	9	0	5	643	596	<b>101</b>
<b>Better Blockers</b>	14	8	0	6	621	679	<b>84</b>
<b>Dunfermline</b>	14	6	0	8	662	633	<b>84</b>
<b>Campus Sports</b>	14	7	0	7	625	580	<b>77</b>
<b>Volley Mixtures</b>	14	5	0	9	484	682	<b>65</b>
<b>Mr Gs Alistars</b>	14	3	0	11	528	633	<b>47</b>
<b>Kinross Kintronics</b>	14	1	0	13	520	703	<b>25</b>

The club is also preparing for this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on the North Inch Perth over the weekend 23rd and 24th May and will be training on Monday evenings at King George V Park over the summer period in preparation for the August De Haan Tournament in Belgium.

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## Kinross Road Runners



Kinross Road Runners continue to be very active with members making plans to participate in the wide choice of local races that are on offer this spring. Several members have their sights set on running a marathon with a group planning to take part in this year's spectacular London marathon. Others have opted for the nearer Edinburgh Marathon which has certainly grown in stature over the years. For a quieter venue some have planned for the Loch Ness marathon whilst others have gone for the glamour of an overseas event. We are not all marathon runners and whatever distance you like to run Kinross Road Runners await you with a friendly smile and plenty of encouragement.

The summer training schedule has been compiled and is posted on the Kinross Road Runners noticed board which is tucked away in the leisure centre at the rear of the squash courts.

This year we are offering a choice of sessions on most Wednesday nights with either a steady off-road run or the opportunity to undertake some exercises to help you run a bit quicker.

Timing clocks are starting to be well used and if you have any event that needs a large accurate display of time, the clocks can be hired from the club for a minimal charge. The Club championship this year will be decided from points scored in the best 6 following races:

Edinburgh ½ Marathon • Alloa ½ Marathon • Dunfermline ½ Marathon • Glen Clova ½ Marathon • Old Toun 10k  
PTA 10k • East Neuk 10k • Stirling 10k • Glenrothes 10k  
Pitlochry 10k • Edinburgh 10k • Linlithgow 10k

<b>Arbroath Smokies 10 mile 2 March 2008</b>		
<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
37	Pauline Malley	78.34
66	Gillian Lopez	82.23
88	Valerie Findlay	85.05 <b>pb</b>
95	Isabella Carmichael	86.04
97	Anne Malcolm	86.28 <b>pb</b>
110	Linda Palmer	88.21 <b>pb</b>
173	Allison Smith	94.59 <b>pb</b>
242	Joanne Koziel	104.47 <b>pb</b>

<b>Bishop Hill Race 2 March 2008</b>		
<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
80	Andrew Johns	24:32
131	Graeme Robb	28:08
173	Sandy MacCalman	36:41
178	Norman Smith	40:15

<b>Gartmorn 6 Trail Race 9 March 2008</b>		
<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
22	Andy Johns	40:28
61	Chris Myerscough	47:20
67	John Myerscough	48:56

<b>Inverness ½ Marathon 3 Feb 2008</b>		
<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
659	Chris Hills	1:55:33

## Kinross Squash Club



The squash leagues have continued to be in a healthy state and most leagues are hotly contested.

If you are keen to play please add your name to the bottom of the league results sheet and you will be included in the next month's table.

The winners of the February league were:

Prem league	Peter Hookham
League 1	Jim Carver
League 2	Calum Johnstone
League 3	Libby Wallace
League 4	Alistair Johnston
League 5	Christopher Martin

## Kinross Bowling Club

The bowling season is almost here again. The Bowling Green opens on **Saturday 12 April** at 2.30pm.

We are looking forward to seeing all existing members and everyone who thinks they might like to "Have a Go" at this friendly outdoor sport. All ages welcome.

We will be having an "Open Fun Day" soon - watch the newsletter for dates and times.

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# News from the Rurals

**MILNATHORT** - At the February Meeting members enjoyed a nostalgic talk from Mrs Chris Mercer from Cardenden. Mrs Mercer worked in Holloway Prison. She described what it was like to be a Prison Officer 20 years ago, and some of her more memorable experiences. The vote of thanks was given by May Paterson.

Competitions:

Porridge Oat Biscuits - Vi Todd  
Flower of the Month - Grace Drysdale

**BISHOPSHIRE** - Mr Douglas Watson spoke of his hobby, chocolate. He described the history of chocolate, first in Mexico, then brought to Europe. He then explained the complexities of the production, and told of his own fillings and how he came to choose them. The members were quite drooling by the end of the talk!

Competitions:

Slogan for a chocolate bar - Elaine Matthews  
Easter card, any craft - Jenny Sword

**CARNBO** - President Rosemary Hudson was pleased to welcome a well attended meeting. The speaker was Andrew Scott who gave a very interesting and entertaining resume of his "Life in Catering". Having worked in Glasgow, France, Ayr, Loch Lomond and now in Kinross he is very talented and a joy to hear.

The Daffodil Coffee Morning raised over £294.

Competition:

Flower of the Month - Mrs Christine Dawson

**BLAIRINGONE** - President Mary Ramsay welcomed Mrs Cassie Murray to our February meeting who gave us a talk and demonstration on the benefits of Egyptian dancing. Everyone took part and found this a fun way to exercise.

Competitions:

2 Empire Biscuits - Mary Croy  
Useless Kitchen Gadget - Mary Croy  
Flower of the Month - Jean Broome

President Mary Ramsay gave a warm welcome to Francis Drysdale who gave an interesting talk on her various experiences on Shetland. We also saw the lovely crafts she made at the WRI Summer School held on Shetland.

Competitions:

Tablet - Martha Warnock  
Flower of the Month - Mary Croy

**POWMILL** - Vice President Mrs Maz Thom welcomed members to the meeting on 20 February in Mowbray Hall, Powmill. She then introduced Elizabeth Adams who gave a very interesting and informative talk on The Maggie's Centre, which although most of us had heard of we had no idea just how much help and support they provide. The raffle raised £60.00, which was made up to £100.00 and donated to the charity. Mrs M Wilson gave the vote of thanks and a delicious supper was provided by Mrs A McKay and Mrs M Wilson.

Competitions:

Three potato scones - Mrs E Johnston  
Photograph of a mountain - Mrs J Buchanan  
Garden gem - Mrs J Buchanan

**CROOK OF DEVON** - At our March meeting, after business was concluded, Mrs Margaret Arbuckle introduced Danielle Muir from WWF Scotland who gave us a visual talk on how to reduce our own Ecological Footprint. Mrs Margaret Arbuckle gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Recycled Article - I. Mechan  
Flower of the Month - C. Bennet

**CLEISH** - President Mrs Margaret Kilpatrick welcomed eleven members to our February Members' Night. It was unfortunate that the inclement weather and ill health kept some of our members away. However, we enjoyed an evening of togetherness with two quizzes to task our brains, lots of chat and a good tea provided by the committee.

Competition:

Plant of the Month - Margaret Adams  
Valentine Limerick - Dorothy Morris  
Valentine Card - Dorothy Morris

At the March meeting, Mrs Kilpatrick welcomed Erin Scott, who spoke to us of the importance of recycling waste and of the provisions in place in the Kinross area, also of future plans for improvements to the service to include areas that at present are outwith the collection zone. Refuse disposal is a very important and complicated issue, needing urgent country-wide attention.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month - Mrs F Barnfather  
Three pieces of traybake - Mrs C Erskine  
Item, new from old - Mrs D Morris

## Kinross Group

The Spring Group meeting was hosted by Glenfarg Rural and held in Abernethy on 8 March.

After business, the two teams competing the Variety heats for the National Competition gave us a very entertaining afternoon. The adjudicator, Fiona McPherson from Kinross High School, gave a very fair crit and announced Glenfarg as the winners and Blairadam as the runners-up. As this was also our local competition, Glenfarg won the Ramage Dawson Trophy and Blairadam the Erskine Trophy.

The other competitions were:

An Arrangement of Spring Flowers: (1) M Ramsay, Blairingone (2) M Adam, Blairadam (3) F Drysdale, Cambo.  
Three Muffins: (1) F Drysdale, Cambo (2) J Hutton, Blairadam and (3) A Messenger, Glenfarg.

Tea was then served by the members of Glenfarg.

## Spring Show

Congratulations to all prize-winners at Perth & Kinross Federation Spring Show held at Bridge of Earn. Trophies were also won by:

Margaret Anderson Trophy - Catherine Fairweather, Glenfarg

Charlotte Maclean Trophy - Alison Morris, Cleish

Margaret Maclean Salver - Dorothy Morris, Cleish

Margaret Nisbit Trophy - Dorothy Morris, Cleish

Cleish Institute also came second in the Community Competition.



# Out & About

## Vane Farm



Ok then, guess I got it wrang the last time and Spring hisnae really arived jist yet, but let's look oan the bright side at least it's gettin nearer, cos the snowdrops are oot, so it must be.

Oan the reserve we have been chappin doon mair rushes again wi the soffrack which has returned fur a couple o weeks tae continue the previous clearance work it startit last time roond.

Birdie wise, the summer ducks continue to build up wi pintail and shoveler startin tae be mair in evidence, and tufted duck increasin as well. Others from the recent selection include peregrines harrassin the ducks in Vane bay and a rarer winter plumage great northern diver appearing in the bay, and a pair o beltin kingfishers on the lagoons near the end o February. Nae signs o swallows as yet but come the middle tae the end o April the herald o summer shid be returnin, happy days!!

Wur camera oan St Serfs has been sortit and is back in operational mode so the screens hiv picturs fur the visitors tae observe again... excellento!

The staff merry go roond continues, wi mair o them departin this month. Effer eight years Dave Jones, oor Senior Warden, will be headin north tae Caithness and Sutherland tae tak up a new post as Site Manager fur four reserves. "Champion" (a Dave phrase) fur him if no fur Vane. No shair whit the deciding factor tae move wis? the heilans or the fact that his laydee bides up that area. Or maybees he is jist trying tae escape fae me? Best o luck to him in his new post - we will miss his whit and repartée when he goes.

Kathryn Green, yin o oor Field Teaching girls, has also decided to depart; she will also be badly missed. She has made the decision tae go cos in her words "she canny manage tae climb the hill ony mair due tae her bad leg" (anither story entirely). So wur best wishes tae Mrs G as well.

Last but no least, Ross Lawford, who has been working with us in various guises ower the last few months, is goin back tae Englandshire to take up a new post in the Midlands so it's mair guid luck tae him.

**Next events** comin up are the second "**Birdwatching for Beginners**" which will cover farmland birds on **Saturday 5 April**; adults only from 11am - 1pm and families from 2 - 4 pm. An "**Optics Weekend**" over the weekend o **4 and 5 May** from 10am - 4.30pm both days, and on **Saturday 17 May** we are holdin "**Dip and Discover**", yer chance tae fund oot aboot whit lives in ponds. This ever popular activity will be held in twa sessions; 11am - 1pm it's adults only and 2 - 4pm fur awe the bodes in the family. Advance booking essential for these events except the optics on the usual number 01577 862355.

Last but no least (again), fur you duggy folks please follow the recent advice given by SNH and others on keepin yer dug under control on Loch Leven. With the breeding season imminent whit seems like a harmless swim fur "Rover" can cause disturbance tae margin nestin birds and countless ither wildlife. Please leave their wee hoosy alain. Here endeth the lesson, see ya next time, ta ta.

Colin

## Loch Leven NNR



Our timetable of events swings into action this month, with the first in an annual series of 'Meet the Wardens' being held at the Boathouse Hide of Loch Leven. SNH staff invite the public along to the hide to enjoy the wildlife, discuss current management issues or simply to enjoy the view and have a chat. We also have two **guided nature walks** planned on Friday 28 March and **Sunday 6 April**. With the arrival of spring, Levenmouth woods becomes a hive of activity and the opportunity to explore this habitat in search of wildlife and field signs with trained staff is not to be missed. As usual, if you are interested in joining us on these guided walks, contact the reserve office on 01577 864439 to book your place.

Over 50 teachers from the Kinross cluster group came along to find out about Growing up with Loch Leven (GuwLL) at their in-service training day in February. GuwLL is an environmental education initiative set up in 2007 by SNH, RSPB and P&KC to help schools explore Loch Leven NNR and discover this fantastic learning resource. Five teachers who were involved with GuwLL projects last year shared their experiences of eg *Tuftie the Tufted Duck* and *Trout in the Classroom*, and inspired other teachers to go exploring. Everyone found that all the pupils who got first hand experience of wildlife and Loch Leven were excited and motivated about their projects; creating top quality stories, art, poetry and science work, as well as changes in attitude, confidence and communication skills. GuwLL will continue in 2008 with some of existing and new projects being developed by teachers and the GuwLL partnership.

Volunteers attended an enjoyable and informative talk from Claire Smith of the RSPB. Claire talked about the recent Sea Eagle reintroduction programme on the east coast. This programme is significant because of the close proximity to Loch Leven of the reintroduction site, and the suitability of the loch as potential habitat for this spectacular bird.

Our Volunteers' Water Vole Monitoring Project started on 15 March, so the results from the first month's surveys will be on display on our website next week. Here's hoping we find plenty of evidence to suggest a healthy population of Britain's fastest declining mammal.

We have had lots of feedback from last month's special feature regarding dog walkers on the NNR. If you'd like to have another read of our advice on this issue, log onto [www.lochleven-nnr.org.uk](http://www.lochleven-nnr.org.uk) and visit the Access page. Perth & Kinross Council are organising to have dog bag dispensers installed and a couple more bins near to main entry points to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

Finally, we're very pleased to announce that SNH and RSPB teamed up together to play the Scottish Funding Council in Kinross for a football match in aid of Sport Relief last week. We collectively donated approximately £40 to the cause, and had a cracking game of football to boot! SNH/RSPB were the victors 6-1 I believe...

That's all for now folks. Until next time.

Craig

# Weather



## February Weather Report From Carnbo

Thankfully the stormy very wet weather of January gave way to more settled weather during February, this only breaking down during the last few days of the month.

Rainfall for month	119 mm (119% of normal)
Heaviest fall	25.1 mm (29th)
Highest temperature	10°C (7th)
Lowest temperature	-5°C (2nd)
Average temperature	3.3°C
Air Frost	14 nights
Ground Frost	21 nights
1 day with temperature 10°C or above	
1 ice day recorded (max. temperature below 0°C)	
3 snow days, total fall 1cm! Very low	
Thunder not recorded	

The month certainly went out with a bang, a cold front from a developing Atlantic low crossed Kinross-shire about mid day on the 29th, giving rise to very heavy rain fall (25mm) in a very short time. During this period the West wind rose to gale force with very violent squalls.

After crossing the North Sea, the storm intensified even more, creating havoc on the Continent with heavy damage and some loss of life. The storm was then named Emma, having moved from the East coast of Britain mid day Friday, the storm crossed Austria and Czechoslovakia mid day Saturday.

### Vital Statistics of Winter 2008

The Winter of 2008 will be long remembered for the record breaking rainfall of January and also once again the very low snowfall recorded.

Rainfall	607 mm (170% of normal)
Heaviest fall	74.6mm (25th January)
Snow days	12, total depth 12cms
Highest temperature	12°C
Lowest temperature	-7°C
Average temperature	2.3°C (2007 Winter 3.5°C)
Ice days	5 (2007 Winter 0 days)
Days with temperature above 10°C	3 (low)
Night air frosts	39 (2007 Winter 26 nights)
Cloud cover	70%
West wind component	53 days
East wind component	8 days (very low)
	This explains the lack of heavy snow.

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## Spring Events at Dobbies Garden Centre



### Compost Week – Talking Rot! Fri 4 to Thur 10 April

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*Compost Demonstrations:*

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 April – 11.30am & 3pm

### Grow Your Own Week Mon 14 to Sun 20 April

Learn how to grow your own fruit and vegetables on your very own back doorstep! Take advantage of special offers and be inspired by expert demonstrations.

*Grow Your Own Demonstrations*

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 April – 11.30am & 1pm

Learn how to grow your own from the basic principles, how to trouble-shoot problems, and how to distinguish the properties of different varieties. From the garden to the kitchen table, discover what's new for 2008 and find out how to keep tables full throughout the year! Plus, try a selection of delicious dips with fresh raw vegetables. Both demos will be followed by a Question & Answer session with information leaflets to take away.



*Know your vegetables! Come along to a demonstration at Dobbies Garden Centre*

## Stanley Mills Opens for Business

An ambitious £4.6 million project to breathe new life into Stanley Mills in Perthshire is now complete. The visitor attraction and education centre opens on Friday 21 March.

The category A listed buildings on the banks of the River Tay were placed in the care of Historic Scotland in 1995. The developed visitor attraction features displays, exhibits and video footage that unravel an important part of Scotland's industrial heritage. The development of the mills and the impact on the local area is revealed with stories of prosperity and later decline. The physical working of the mills, and the processes involved, is balanced with human stories that bring the imposing building to life.

This £4.6 million phase of work is part of a much larger regeneration project at Stanley which would not have been possible without contributions from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Gannochy Trust and Scottish Enterprise Tayside.

Opening times are 21 March to 30 September, 0930 to 1730 and 1 to 31 October, 0930 to 1630. Admission is Adult £5, Child £2.50 and Concessions £3.75. Entry to Historic Scotland members is free.

## Saving the Pennies with Historic Scotland



### Historic Scotland's Free Weekend is Back

Historic Scotland's ever-popular Free Weekend returns for another year. For one weekend only, on **12 and 13 April**, the doors, drawbridges, hatches, portcullises and gates on over 70 attractions will open to the public for free, as Historic Scotland encourages visitors to discover more about the nation's fascinating past. Our own Loch Leven Castle is included in the promotion.

Scotland's rich built heritage spans the length and breadth of the country: there are 345 properties in the care of Historic Scotland spanning over 5,000 years of Scotland's history and culture. These range from castles and cathedrals to pre-historic villages and palaces; such as the iconic Edinburgh Castle, one of Scotland's most beautiful medieval buildings Elgin Cathedral, the remarkable Neolithic settlement at Skara Brae and the spectacular Dunfermline Palace.

The Historic Scotland Free Weekend has successfully been running for over a decade with over 600,000 people taking the opportunity to visit some of the most significant historic sites in the world without having to pay a penny. In 2007 Edinburgh Castle was the most popular monument over the Free Weekend, welcoming over 25,000 people over the two days and further cementing its position as Historic Scotland's most visited attraction.

Historic Scotland has set up a special text locator service: by texting OUR HISTORY to 84118 people can find their nearest Historic Scotland attraction included in the Free Weekend.

- A full list of properties involved in the Historic Scotland Free Weekend is available at **www.historic-scotland.gov.uk** Please note that the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Holyrood Abbey and Duff House, Banff are not included in the Free Weekend.
- Opening times over the Free Weekend are 09.30 to 17.30 (last admission 17.00) unless otherwise stated. Some of the smaller properties may close over lunchtime.
- All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- The Free Weekend is a very popular annual event so visitors should be aware that if an attraction is very busy at peak times, queuing or returning at a less busy time may be required. Edinburgh and Stirling castles are expected to be extremely busy with the possibility of queues at peak times.
- As part of the initiative, visitors signing up for an annual membership for Historic Scotland during the Free Weekend will receive three months free (15 months membership for the price of 12) if paying by Direct Debit. This offer is only available at Historic Scotland properties. Membership gives free entry to Historic Scotland all year round, a 20% discount in Historic Scotland retail outlets and free entry to an extensive range of Historic Scotland day events.

Local properties included in the Free Weekend are:

#### Perthshire, Kinross and Angus

Arbroath Abbey • Edzell Castle and Garden • Elcho Castle  
Huntingtower Castle • St Serf's Church, Dunning  
Lochleven Castle – last ferry sailing 16.30  
Meikle Sculptured Stone Museum • Stanley Mills

#### Fife

Aberdour Castle & Gardens • Dunfermline Abbey & Palace  
Inchcolm Abbey – charge for ferry crossing  
St Andrews Castle and Cathedral

## Local Attraction Opening Times

### Lochleven Castle, Kinross

The castle is on an island in Loch Leven, reached by boat from the fishing pier.



Opening times: 21 March to 30 September, daily. 9.30am to last outward sailing at 4.30pm.

Admission prices (including ferry fare): Adult £4.70, Child £2.35 and Concessions £3.70.

Car parking 90 metres from the ferry departure point. Café and toilets adjacent to the pier. There are benches, lawns and toilets on the island, but access to the castle is not suitable for wheelchairs. Larger groups should contact Historic Scotland's Visitor Services Manager on 01786 431324 or the site manager on the island (mobile 07778 040483) beforehand. In the care of Historic Scotland.

### Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

The roofless but otherwise complete ruin of a tower house of about 1500. The grounds are open during daylight hours. The keep can be opened on request. Please follow signs on site for key. In the care of Historic Scotland.

### Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

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

Opening times: 21 March to 30 September, Monday to Sunday, 9.30am to 5.30pm.

Admission prices: Adult £3.20, Child £1.60, Concessions £2.70. The ground floor of the castle is not suitable for wheelchair access. Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted to this property. In the care of Historic Scotland.

### St Serf's Church and Dupplin Cross, Dunning

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# Gardens Open

## Gardens open regularly not too far from Kinross

	Opening Arrangements			Admission		Disabled Access	Contact Number
				Adult	Child		
Kinross House gardens	1 Apr - 30 Sept	daily	1000-1900	£3.00	free	yes	01577 862900
Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	1 Mar-31 Oct	Mon-Sat Sun	1000-1700 1300-1700	£10.00	£7.00	yes(gdn)	01337 857397
Kellie Castle & garden (NTS)	21 Mar - 31 Oct	daily	1300-1700	£8.00	£5.00	partial	
Garden only at Kellie Castle	all year	daily	0930-1730			yes	
Culross Palace and gardens (NTS)	until 31 May	Thu-Mon	1200-1700	£8.00	£5.00	no	01383 880359
Gardens only at Culross Palace	all year	daily	1000-1800			difficult	
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	21 Mar - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.00		partial	01738 625535
Glendoick Gardens, Perth, PH2 7NS	7 Apr-6 Jun	Mon-Fri	1000-1600	£4.00	free	partial	01738 860260
Scone Palace grounds only	21 Mar - 31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£4.50	£3.00	yes	01738 552300
Braco Castle gardens, Braco, FK15 9LA	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	free	partial	01786 880437
Kirklands Garden, Saline, Fife	Apr-Sept	Fri-Sun	1400-1700	£2.50	free	yes	01383 852737
Pittencreeff Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 726313
Cambo House, Kingsbarns, by St Andrews	all year	daily	1000-1700	£4.00	free	partial	01333 450054

## Gardens open by Arrangement only

	Opening Arrangements			Admission		Disabled Access	Contact Number
				Adult	Child		
Rossie House, Forgandenny (SGS)	1 Mar-31 Oct	by appt		£4.00	free	yes	01738 812265
Barham, Bow of Fife (SGS)	29 Feb-30 Sep	by appt		£3.50		yes	01337 810227
Earlshall Castle, Leuchars (SGS)	on request	by appt		£5.00	free	difficult	01334 839205

**Notes:** Other prices may be available, eg Concessions, Family. NTS = National Trust for Scotland (entry free to members). At some gardens there are plants for sale and refreshments available. Some gardens do not allow dogs.

## Scotland's Gardens Scheme

Some of the gardens in the chart above and all of the gardens in the Special Days Open section are members of Scotland's Gardens Scheme. 60% net of each admission charge goes to the SGS charities of the year and 40% to the other charity named.

## Special Days Open

There is a chance to see the gardens at **Megginch Castle**, Errol on **Sunday 6 April** from 2pm to 5pm. There is a 19th century formal front garden, topiary and 1,000 year-old yews, daffodils and rhododendrons, walled kitchen garden and orchard. The 15th century turreted castle is not open to the public. Admission: £4.00 (40% to All Saints Church, Glencarse). Disabled access, dogs allowed, light refreshments available. Route: approach from Dundee only, directly off A90, on south side of carriageway ½ mile on left after Errol flyover, between lodge gatehouses.

**Wemyss Castle Gardens** has a special open day on **Sunday 20 April**, 2pm to 5pm. The woodland garden has a profusion of spring flowers. The newly restored six-acre walled garden may also be visited but the castle is never open to the public. Admission: £4.50 (40% to St Anna's Children's Home). Disabled access, plant sales, dogs allowed, refreshments available. Route: In village of Coaltown of Wemyss (A955, 3 miles east of Kirkcaldy). Drive entrance opposite bowling green. Half a mile down drive bear left at fork and follow drive through stable yard, parking in field on right 200 yards later. Tel: 01592 651327.

Website: [wemysscastlegardens.com](http://wemysscastlegardens.com)

There will be a **Spring Plant and Craft Fair** from noon until 4pm on **Sunday 27 April** at **Cambo House**, Kingsbarns. Admission £4.00 (40% to Diabetes UK), children free. The renowned gardens at Cambo, near St Andrews, are also open regularly (see chart). There is a Victorian walled garden designed around the Cambo burn with willow, waterfall and charming wrought-iron bridges. Also an ornamental potager, massed spring bulbs, a woodland garden and more. Disabled access, plant sales, dogs allowed, refreshments available. Cambo estate is on the A917.

Website: [www.camboestate.com](http://www.camboestate.com)

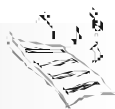
**Barham** in the Bow of Fife has a special open day on **Sunday 4 May** from noon until 5pm. There is a small woodland garden with spring bulbs, trilliums and ferns. Admission is £3.50 (40% to Pain Association Scotland). Plant sales, disabled access and refreshments (coffee, soup and rolls) available on that day. Barham is on the A91, four miles west of Cupar.

On **Sunday 4 May** only the nursery at **Glendoick** (see also chart above) will open to visitors, and members of the Cox family will be available to answer questions. Hours: 2pm to 5pm. Admission tickets £4.00 (school age children free) available from garden. Donation to SGS. Partial disabled access. Refreshments available at Glendoick Garden Centre. Website: [www.glendoick.com](http://www.glendoick.com)

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



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### Local success at the 84th Perthshire Music Festival

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**BENJY COLLINS** - 2nd in B flat euphonium/baritone horn solo (beginners).

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**NICK LAUENER** - 3rd in Violin solo (advanced); 3rd in Piano recital class (intermediate).

**SEAN KELLET** - 2nd in Novice bagpipes (aged 13 to 16).

**RACHEL VAUGHAN** - 1st in B flat cornet/flugel horn solo (elementary).

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**JENNIFER PROBERT** - 1st in B flat cornet/flugel horn solo (advanced).

**ABIGAIL LLOYD** - 2nd in B flat cornet/flugel horn solo (advanced).

**GILLIAN SHACKLETON** - 3rd in Trumpet solo (advanced).

**DANIEL PICKERING** - 1st in Trombone solo (advanced).

**ROBBIE BUTLER** - 1st in Trombone solo (open).

**NATHANIEL HAAS** - 1st eq in B flat euphonium/baritone horn solo (open).

**KIERAN ROY** - 3rd in B flat cornet/flugel horn solo (intermediate).

**SARAH MELVILLE** - 2nd in E flat cornet/tenor horn solo (intermediate).

**ROBERT CAIRNS** - 2nd eq in Trombone solo (intermediate).

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#### From Arngask Primary School, Glenfarg

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#### From Strathallan School

**MURDO ELWIS** - 3rd in Burns poems reading (aged 11 or 12); 2nd in Bible reading (aged 11 or 12); 1st in Alto saxophone solo (elementary); 1st in Accordion solo (intermediate) Scottish Traditional.

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**CIARA ELWIS** - 2nd in Flute solo (open).

### From Kinross

**IRENE McFARLANE** - 1st in the following 18 and over classes: Burns poem reading; Soprano vocal solo; Oratorio vocal solo; Vocal duet, any voices (with Gemma Chance of Strathallan). Gold medal winner.

## Congratulations



Patricia and David Shearer **PAYNE** are delighted to announce the engagement of their son **RUSSELL** to **SHARON COSGROVE** of Dalgety Bay, Fife.

**AILSA FORBES** and **LEE STOBIE** became engaged on 12 February 2008 whilst on holiday in Australia. Love and best wishes for a long and happy life together from all the family.

**DAVID** and **WILLIS COLLIAR** celebrated their Ruby Wedding in the Windlestrae Hotel on 9 March 2008.

**JOHN WILLIAMS** and **KEVIN HOOK** of the Scottish Gliding Union at Portmoak won several awards at the annual British Gliding Association award night held in Daventry in early March.

## Thanks



**DOBSON** - Hugh and Molly Dobson wish to thank all their friends who have supported them during and since Hugh's recent spell in hospital, with cards, phone calls and visits. These have been very much appreciated.

**The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service** would like to thank all those who attended the donor sessions in February, when 267 people volunteered to donate, including 22 who had never been along before. This was an excellent turnout and a great help to patients all over Scotland. The service next visits Kinross on 23 and 24 June.

**DF Concerts** has donated £17,000 through the Kinross-shire Fund for the purchase of street football equipment.

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### March

**Sun 30** 10.30am Morning Worship, followed by Stated Annual Meeting. Theme: Being Transformed. This will be Rev. Dr. John Munro's last Service as parish minister and there will be a farewell buffet lunch afterwards at the Church Centre.

### April

**Sun 6** 10.30am Morning Service.

**Sun 13** 10.30am Morning Service.

**Sun 20** 10.30am Morning Service.

**Sun 27** 10.30am Morning Service.

**Pram Service:** Each Tuesday at 10.00am in the Church.

All under 3s and carers welcome.

**Time to Pray:** Tuesday 8 and Tuesday 22 April, 7.30 pm in Kinross Parish Church.

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

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

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

**All are welcome to these services.**

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

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

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

## St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Website: [www.stjameskinross.co.uk](http://www.stjameskinross.co.uk)

**Mass Times** Saturday Vigil 7.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am

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

## Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

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

## Church and Children's Sunday Club

Every Sunday at 10.30am

in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

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

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

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### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

**Prayer Meeting** held 30mins before each service

**Service at Ashley House:** first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm

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

**Oasis** Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room. 10.15-11.45am last Friday of the month.

**Aspire** Meeting for young teens, Orwell Hall, last Friday evening of the month.

**26 April** Bible Explorer: Walk through the Old Testament – Orwell Hall

**4 May** Pentecost Praise United Service, Orwell Church – 7pm

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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)

### April Services

**Sun 6** Easter III, 8.30am Holy Communion. 11.00am All ages Eucharist.

12 noon Prayers for healing.

**Sun 13** Easter IV, 8.30am, Holy Communion. 11.00am All ages Eucharist.

**Sun 20** Easter V, 8.30am, Holy Communion. 11.00am Sung Eucharist (Creche and young church).

**Sun 27** Easter VI, 8.30am, Holy Communion. 11.00am Sung Eucharist (Creche and young church).

Sunday School and Crèche during the 11.00am Service.

### May Services

**Thu 1** Ascension Day, 10.30am, Holy Communion.

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

## Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

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

## Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

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

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

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

**April**

<b>Sun 6</b>	11.15am	Preacher: Brian Ogilvie
<b>Sun 13</b>	11.15am	Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
<b>Sun 20</b>	11.15am	Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
<b>Sun 27</b>	11.15am	Preacher: Brian Ogilvie

**Tues 1 April** - Kirk Session 7.30pm

**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

**April**

<b>Sun 6</b>	9.45am	Preacher: Brian Ogilvie
<b>Sun 13</b>	9.45am	Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
<b>Sun 20</b>	9.45am	Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
		Sacrament of Baptism
<b>Sun 27</b>	9.45am	Preacher: Brian Ogilvie

**Thu 17 April** - Kirk Session 7.30pm

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

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

Housegroup/Bible Study group - contact Margaret Hamblin  
 (01577 850252)

**Acknowledgement**

**PATERSON** – The family of the late David Lawson would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their many cards, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy received at their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks also to Rev James Galbraith for his kind words and comforting service, to Mr Harry Mitchell, funeral director, for making all the arrangements and to all who paid their last respects at the Crematorium where the sum of £500 was raised to be given to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland.

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**Obituaries**

**MR DAVID LAWSON PATERSON** of Mardabrika, The Well Garage, Scotlandwell died on Tuesday, 12 February 2008, aged 79 years.

David was born in Glencraig, one of a family of ten. After leaving Kinross School he started work in the Bobbin Mill, Gateside. He joined the boys service of the Fleet Air Arm in 1945 and served until being demobbed in 1948, when he undertook a coach trimming course in Hillington, Glasgow, after which he worked in McMurray & Archibald, Perth.

He married Margaret in 1950 and started up his own business in 1952 in his mother-in-law's garage at Lochleven Tavern doing coach trimming and upholstery. In 1958 they moved to Leslie Road where they started a petrol station and thereafter a caravan park, named The Well Garage and Caravan Park. When the local Post Office closed in 1978 they took over the Post Office which they ran from a caravan parked on the garage forecourt until they transformed the garage showroom into a small village shop which they ran until 1994. The caravan park closed in 1996. Due to family commitments they were unable to fulfil their dreams of travelling around the world for a couple of years. Unfortunately in the later years David suffered from ill health but remained cheery.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and is survived by his wife Margaret, daughter Margaret, sons David and Brian, four grandchildren Lisa, Ian, Andrew and Kirsty, sister Betty and brothers Andrew and Ross. He was loved very much by all and is sorely missed.

**MRS JEAN McLAREN** of Lomond View, Gairmybank, Kinross died on 5 February 2008 after a short illness.

She was born and brought up in Angus, moving to Classloch Farm in 1957 after the marriage to her husband Donald. They both ran the farm producing top quality Aberdeen Angus cattle and running a successful fruit and veg enterprise.

Jean moved to Lomond View after the premature death of her husband. She participated in many local activities, floral art clubs, curling, golf, Children 1st, meals on wheels and Inner Wheel naming but a few. She was a great supporter of Cleish Church and worked tirelessly for the fête each year. She took up bridge latterly which she loved with a passion, making many new friends.

Her pride and joy were her nine grandsons who loved their "Nannie" greatly. She will be deeply missed by them all and by her many family members and friends.

Jean is survived by her three children, Linda, Jane and Alistair and her nine grandsons.

**Remembrance**

**MILLAR** – In loving memory of Alexander Brown Millar, who died on 26 March 2004. Always in our thoughts and sadly missed. Remembered with love, Melanie, Heather and Sophie.

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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

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Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives  
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Contact Pat Irvine 01577 840584 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)



## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

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TEL: 01577 862071

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For more information please contact Bouwein 863107 or Playgroup 862071.

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

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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

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# Notices

## Orwell and Portmoak Guild

### DAFFODIL TEA

in Orwell Church Hall

**Wednesday 9 April**  
2pm - 4pm

Bring and Buy Stall

## Orwell Bowling Club (Ladies Section)

**Wednesday 9 April**

7.00 for 7.30pm  
Entry £1, includes refreshments.  
Please bring your own cup.

## Bishopshire W R I

### OPEN QUIZ NIGHT

**Thursday 10 April**

7.30pm in Portmoak Hall

£1.50 includes supper

All welcome

## Orwell Bowling Club

### OPENING OF THE GREEN

**Saturday 19 April**

1.30pm for 2.00pm  
President Vs Vice-President  
SPECTATORS WELCOME - COME  
ALONG AND SEE THAT THIS COULD  
BE THE SPORT FOR YOU!!  
Guests may be signed into the Club for £1.00  
THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT  
features THE TWO ROBINS  
8.00pm start (£2 non-members)

## Blythswood Care

**Somerfield's Car Park**

**22 April between 10.30 am and 11 am**  
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## Kinross Floral Art Club

**Thursday 24 April**

Demonstration by Christine McKenna  
'There are fairies at the bottom of my garden'

at 7.15pm  
in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross  
New members and visitors welcome

## CHILDREN 1st

**AGM**

**Thursday 1 May at 9.30am**

at Kinross House

## Cleish Church Sale and Fête

**Saturday 10 May**  
at 2pm

Opened by Simon Miller, Cleish Castle  
Usual Stalls and Children's Dog Show  
Concert in Church at 3.30pm



## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust will be held on **Wednesday 7 May** at 7.30pm in the Windlestrae Hotel  
It will be followed by a Talk by Terry Levinthal, Director of the Scottish Civic Trust

## CEILIDH DANCE

Portmoak Village Hall

**Saturday 10 May**

8pm – midnight  
with

The Glenfarg Ceilidh Band  
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**Portmoak:** Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

### Kinross Community Councillors

Susan Bathgate	42 High Street	864742
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### Member of Parliament

#### for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanks.net

Email: constituency@gordonbanksmp.co.uk

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

### Waste Paper Kerbside Collection

Next uplift in Kinross, Milnathort and Glenfarg:

**Thursday 10 April**

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

### Kinross Temporary Library County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

#### Opening Times

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

## MSP for Ochil Constituency

### Keith Brown MSP

will be holding regular

surgeries throughout his constituency area.

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

Keith can also be contacted by email at

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

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

## Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

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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: 9 & 23 April

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  
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## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Elderberries	1.30 pm		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Carpet Bowls	10.30 am,	Bingo	1.30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Service	10.45 am,	Quiz Afternoon	1.30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Art Class	1.30 pm,	Film Afternoon	1.30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Scrabble	1.30 pm		

## Additional Events for April:

**\*Prize Bingo Tea** Tuesday 8 at 1.30 pm

**Day Trip** Thursday 17 at 1.15pm

\*Please come along to our Prize Bingo Tea. We guarantee you a fun afternoon with prizes galore.  
Entry tickets to include afternoon tea are on sale in the Day Centre at a cost of £1. Everyone welcome



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

**Telephone: 01577 863869**



## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

**Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm**

Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219



## Kinross Recycling Centre Bridgend Industrial Estate

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### 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
Sun	9 am - 7 pm	9 am - 4 pm

## LEAFLET DROP

Kinross-shire Tourism Group in conjunction with PKC Area Based Initiative are planning a leaflet drop to 6,000 Kinross-shire homes by the end of April 2008. These leaflets will include Kinross-shire walks, cycle routes and eating places. We would like to invite any group, organisation or business who would like to be incorporated in that drop to get in touch. There will be 2 rates. One commercial rate of £100. One for non profit making groups of £50. Please email [dave@nimblepages.co.uk](mailto:dave@nimblepages.co.uk) or telephone 01577 861001 if you are interested.

## Healing Rooms Kinross

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

For further information please call 07766515950 or 07732485305 or visit [www.healingrooms-scotland.com](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.com)



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