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# Letters

## Editorial

**Planning, planning, planning.** That's a key issue recurring in the Newsletter again this month. Unfortunately not in a positive way.

It is very sad that a conscientious Councillor, working hard to represent the community and protect our county from inappropriate development, should feel it necessary to resign from a Council committee in order to draw attention to the Council's lack of recognition or concern at the loss of our heritage.

Inappropriate development is not confined to the Housing in the Countryside issue. At the Milnathort CC meeting on 8 May, it was thought that the developer of 2-8 South Street, Milnathort was "simply preparing the property". Our photograph (see p. 17) taken on 21 May shows the property with new plastic doors and windows. This row of buildings is Listed. A full planning application for alterations and change of use and an application for listed building consent have been made, but the applications had still to be determined by P&KC at the time the photo was taken.

Should there be stricter controls for an activity such as auto grass car racing? Andrew Dunn, Chairman of the Central Scotland Autograss Club has written to the Newsletter thanking Kinross for the welcome the club has received, but reactions at Milnathort and Kinross CC meetings seem to tell a different story.

On a happier note, there is plenty of evidence of community spirit in the Newsletter with various festivals going on this month, and we have provided another **Register of Local Organisations** which we're sure every household will find useful. Many thanks to Pauline Watson for providing information from [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc). If you want to make any alterations, please contact Pauline (see Register heading). If your organisation has a regular monthly listing in the Newsletter, e.g. Playgroups, Churches, CCs, please inform the Newsletter of any changes as well. Thank you.

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## Dog owners beware

19.05.08

There have been a lot of adverse letters in the Newsletter lately about dogs and dog owners but I have not heard anyone's voice being raised about the litter louts! On Saturday morning (17 May) at Burleigh Sands I picked up a bag full of empty wine bottles, beer bottles and beer cans from the beach and deposited them in the bin. This morning (19 May) the car park was strewn with food containers and food wrappers (which, on my return some other early walker had picked up) and again from the beach filled a bag with empty wine bottles, beer bottles and cans, only this time they had also smashed bottles, a lot into smithereens. I picked up what I could find on the beach but there is also a lot of broken glass in the loch so be careful if you are taking children there or if your dog, like mine, enjoys a paddle in the water, or you may end up with a hefty vet's bill. The area in question is at the east end of the beach – you will know it as it is just in front of the lovely big tree that was defaced by a fire being lit at its base in previous summers. These thoughtless people seem to have little trouble carrying their carryout down to the beach – why is it so difficult to carry the empties back?

Eileen Thomson  
Blairbeg, Cambo

## Work of local branch of SSAFA Forces Help 12.05.08

I would like to inform the readers of the Kinross Community Newsletter about some of the work done locally and nationally by The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) Forces Help (Registered Charity 210760, Registered Scottish Charity SC038056) which aids serving and ex-Service men and women and their families.

Last year the local branch sourced grants and equipment to a value of over £61,000 for those in need in the branch area (which includes Kinross). Assistance given included medical aids, respite care costs, education grants, washing machines, cookers, carpets and much more. Our work is completely confidential and anyone who has given one day's paid service is eligible for our help.

At a national level, SSAFA Forces Help is working hard to provide urgently needed accommodation close to Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham and has already opened a home near the Defence Rehabilitation Centre at Headley Court. These two homes will enable families to spend time with their loved ones whilst they are undergoing recovery and treatment after being seriously injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning 01738 623214 or at [www.ssafa.org.uk](http://www.ssafa.org.uk).

Thank you.

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Angus, Perth & Kinross Branch  
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(SSAFA) Forces Help  
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Tel: 01738 623214

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

**Thanks to Kinross****13.5.08**

Central Scotland Autograss Club would like to thank the people and businesses of Kinross for making the Club feel most welcome in its new home. Moving the Club from one site to another in a short space of time was not an easy task, however, with the help of the local people and businesses it was all made this possible. For this we thank you all.

We are now relocated to a site east of Tillyochie Mains. This site will be used for Autograss racing for around 15 days per year. The sport brings with it benefits to the local economy and commerce. Restaurants/eating places, hotels, supermarkets, farms, agricultural suppliers should all benefit from the additional trade while the meeting provides a low-cost entertaining event for all the family to enjoy as competitors or spectators.

For those unfamiliar with the sport, Autograss is non-contact car racing that takes place on an oval 440 yard track on a natural soil surface (a field). Due to the close nature of the racing, thrills and spills are never far away. Racing takes place in the various classes with up to 8 cars starting on a straight-line grid and racing over short 4-8 lap races. Event start times and engine noise are strictly controlled and limited.



*Thrills and spills abound at Autograss non-contact car racing events!*

While we are the first club in Scotland, there are over 50 long established clubs in England & Wales. The family nature of the sport can be emphasized by the fact that husband, wife and children can all compete at a race meeting in the same car. Racing licences are available for men, ladies and juniors (12-16 year olds restricted to class 1 cars only).

If this very brief tour of the sport has whetted your appetite then pop along to any of the meetings and speak to the people there who will be more than happy to give you more information.

Alternatively, contact any of the club/league officials or directors and they will also be more than happy to help. All officials, marshals helpers are volunteers, as no-one makes any money from the club. All money that is made goes back into the running costs of the club.

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting and will be very surprised if your first meeting is your last.

Remaining race dates (all subject to the weather):

18 May, 1 June, 14/15 June (Scottish Open + F600 nationals), 29 June, 27 July, 10 August, 23/24 August, 14 September, 5 October, 26 October.

For more information phone 01674 676566

or visit [www.scottish-autograss.co.uk](http://www.scottish-autograss.co.uk)

Andrew Dunn, Chairman  
Central Scotland Autograss Club  
23 Adams Way, Montrose

**Planning committees ignore rural heritage****14.05.08**

Perth and Kinross is blessed with some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland; our landscapes and rural heritage rank amongst the highest in the land.

The quality of architecture and buildings, both within our cities and countryside, steeped in history, makes our millions of tourists envious and enrich their vacation.

In remote rural locations redundant old stone farm steadings abound, many now painstakingly renovated to provide sympathetic conversions providing high quality residential or business accommodation.

Unfortunately not all developers see the value in sympathetic renovation; it demands a higher degree of architectural and building understanding and is initially more costly but the ultimate rewards certainly far outweigh the initial superficial financial analysis.

Demolition and new build is seen as the preferred path of a minority but current generation of 'quick buck developers' who, most surprisingly, appear to be gaining the ear and heart of a narrow majority of our councillors and planning officials.

Most disturbingly we have seen recent applications and appeals being dispatched in a most unsatisfactory manner by the Development Control Committee of Perth with applications to speak from community representatives being refused and local councillor's opposition letters being ignored.

Such decisions regrettably set a precedent and a green light to 'quick buck developers' that the demolition of stone steadings and replacing with modern kit urban settlements is the favoured way and the basic tenets of the Housing in the Countryside Policy are being eroded by the Council.

Demolition of stone buildings can never be replaced but this can be prevented with careful restoration and a development ensuring we protect our rural heritage for future generations.

We need to act lest history records us as 'The generation who destroyed the rural heritage of Perth & Kinross.'

Ron Kitchin, Cleish

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# News & Articles

## Local Councillor quits planning committee over rural housing issue

Councillor Mike Barnacle has resigned from P&KC's Development Control committee in protest at the lack of concern shown by his Council colleagues over the "abuse by the development sector" of the Council's Housing in the Countryside Policy and the Council's failure to address shortcomings of the policy.

Councillor Barnacle was one of two Vice Conveners of the Development Control Committee, which determines planning applications. He took the decision to resign after the Committee's 7 May meeting, when an evenly split committee vote resulted in Convener Willie Wilson using his casting vote to grant a development of ten houses in place of agricultural buildings at Boreland Farm, Cleish.



*Councillor Mike Barnacle*

Recent CC reports, the joint letter in last month's Newsletter by Friends of Rural Kinross-shire and the Kinross-shire Civic Trust and this month's letter by Ron Kitchin (see previous page) demonstrate that there are deeply-held concerns locally about housing in the countryside and the effect these developments are having on Kinross-shire.

Councillor Barnacle felt that little weight was given to the views of the local community by the Development Control Committee, partly prompting his stance, as he feels his "overriding duty" is to "act in the interests of the local people and communities who elected me".

The following is an abridged version of Councillor Barnacle's letter of resignation from the Committee, sent to Councillor George Hayton (as Leader of the Liberal Democrat group and Depute Leader of the Administration) on 12 May:

"Following the meeting on 7 May when I had to leave in disgust after the decision taken to approve the Boreland Farm, Cleish Report, I am writing to reluctantly offer my resignation as Vice Convener of Development Control and withdrawal from the Committee.

You will recall the complaints raised by other Councillors and members of the public after the marathon February meeting regarding the length of meetings and decisions made. At that time I indicated I couldn't continue to serve as Vice Convener, as I do not share the Convener's views on housing density, growth and over-development of steadings and neither it would appear do the communities making deputations to Committee. When I became Vice Convener of the Committee in May 2007 for the second time, having continuously served on this Committee since May 1999, I had suggested two Vice Conveners were needed because of the huge volume of planning applications and determination issues (a consequence, in my opinion, of the Council's 'self-defeating growth vision' that is neither 'desirable nor sustainable' for our environment) believing I had the experience to tackle this but have been defeated by what I perceive as very little portfolio team working. Events at Committees on 2 April 2008 and sadly last week are the final straw, for the reasons I now outline.

Over the last year, at least four applications involving our contentious houses in the countryside policy in Kinross-shire have seen Councillor colleagues move against the wishes of the

community and local members and Boreland. Levenmouth and Pitfar Steadings over the last three Committees are of particular note.

The outcome of Boreland Farm was particularly painful to me. The first three reports at the meeting on 7 May resulted in the Committee going against Officers' recommendations until we came to the Boreland Farm item. A deputation request from the Cleish community, late for entirely understandable and reasonable circumstances, was rejected by and approval effectively given on the Convener's casting vote, against my wishes.

I have been trying since November 2006 on behalf of Kinross-shire community representatives and Councillor Willie Robertson to get changes to this policy because of its abuse by the development sector, reinforcing this request on becoming Vice Convener again in May 2007. No urgency has been given to this matter and assurances on tightening up on interpretation and guidance (which remains supplementary to Local Plans) have not materialised despite numerous requests. Meanwhile, in Kinross-shire, so-called 'steading development proposals' continue to flood in usually involving complete demolition, extensive new build and the subsequent creeping settlement development in the countryside, contrary to Local Plan Policy 2. An overview of the current situation is needed now urgently! The Kinross-shire Forum (comprising the community councils of the Shire and Glenfarg, the Civic Trust, Friends of Rural Kinross-shire and the four elected members) has met twice recently and agreed a number of actions before writing to the leaders of all parties in Perth and Kinross regarding this policy and related consultation/planning matters.

I personally feel that the Boreland decision effectively sends a green light to the development sector that demolition of stone steadings (they are rarely listed) is the easy option, followed by extensive new build settlements in rural areas. The Council should have a presumption against this and in favour of conversion but I now hold no faith that there is any inclination to prevent the urbanisation of Kinross-shire.

Since my election to Council in May 1999 and throughout the work on development strategies in Kinross-shire since 2004, I have pledged to try and protect the beautiful rural landscape and countryside of the shire from inappropriate development but I now feel I may not be able to fulfil that promise unless the democratic deficit of local members' views being overlooked is redressed by the formation of an area planning committee for Kinross-shire. I successfully moved a paper to set up an area committee for Kinross-shire in my first term of office, but in spite of this it never came to fruition.

Finally, as Vice Convener, internal Council letters going back to last year on planning issues of concern to the communities I represent remain unanswered or ignored. The subjects of correspondence on four matters were decided by delegated powers without notification to me in advance, which I had requested.

For all the above reasons I conclude that you will understand I consider my position as Vice Convener is now rendered untenable and accept my decision of resignation from my Vice-Convenership and the Committee with immediate effect.

I have not taken this decision lightly but believe that I need to make this statement, my overriding duty being to act in the interests of the local people and communities who elected me."

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Last year's wind festival, held at Balado, home of T in the park, attracted 150 participants with over 500 members of the public enjoying free access to watch the fun. It brought together kilters, manufacturers, distributors and clubs along with micro lights, air cadets and members of the public.



*Scotland's first wind festival at Balado last year*

The site has over 80 acres of kiting ground and Just Add Wind put the whole area to good use. The local Air Cadets marshalled the car parking and also used the event to host some of their own activities, including erecting radio masts and putting some cadets through their radio training. They also brought a glider display and a recruitment and information stand. Pegasus Flight School from Scone near Perth flew in four micro lights and provided flights over the field all day on Saturday.

Leading kite manufacturers and accessory companies including, Ozone, PKD, Trampa, Wind Designs and Flexifoil all attended with demo gear and team riders. Members of the Scottish Power Kiting Association's committee were on hand to give information and advice to would-be kilters.

This year's event, again to be held at Balado, is going to be bigger and even better than last year. Advance, Dirt Surfer, Flexifoil, MBS, MecTec Blokarts, Ozone, Pegasus Microlights, PKD and Trampa are just some of the companies who will be demonstrating their latest product and doing taster sessions.

There is onsite camping, catering and live music throughout the weekend.

Spectators may attend free of charge and there is no charge to take part in the demonstrations which will be on offer. Tickets are required for anyone wishing to camp on site and take part within the kiting arena.

For more information visit [www.tractionkiting.co.uk](http://www.tractionkiting.co.uk) and [www.justaddwind.co.uk](http://www.justaddwind.co.uk)

Tractionkiting.co.uk is very thankful to the Kinross-shire Partnership for supporting them and helping them to grow the event into something which Tractionkiting hopes Kinross-shire will be proud of

### Looking for Contact Details?

For listings of local clubs, businesses, public services and more, visit [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## Reiki Awareness Week: 8 – 14 June

Ever wondered about Reiki and what it is? Well, this could be the week to satisfy your curiosity!

Lyn Haworth is a Reiki Master/Teacher living in Milnathort; she is also the Perth & Kinross area representative for the UK Reiki Federation. In addition, Lyn has trained in Jikiden ('directly taught') Reiki with a Japanese Master and recently visited Japan to learn more; whilst there, she completed her teacher training in this traditional form.

To promote Reiki, and as part of Reiki Awareness Week, Lyn is offering half price Reiki sessions (£12.50), the proceeds of which will go to the Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre. This is a wonderful centre run by Mr. Sandy Boyd, on a charitable basis, for the care and rehabilitation of hedgehogs; his service covers a wide area, including Kinross-shire. Lyn looks after late litter baby hedgehogs through the winter, and Mr. Boyd has been an invaluable source of knowledge and support to her over the last four years.

So, what is Reiki?! Reiki is an energy system which is used as a therapy. A session is usually carried out with the recipient lying down or sitting. There is no need to remove any clothing. The practitioner will place her hands on, or off, the body in a non-intrusive way. Reiki may be experienced as a flow of energy, mild tingling, warmth, other sensations, or nothing at all. People have reported their experience of Reiki was deeply relaxing, and had a profoundly calming effect which they said particularly beneficial in times of stress. Reiki can be used by anyone, and can be used alongside orthodox medicines. It is also a very simple technique which you can learn to use on yourself

Give Lyn a call on 01577-864666 to find out more and know that (if you choose to book a session), as well as helping yourself, you will be helping a very worthwhile voluntary organisation that supports these fantastic little creatures!

## More Recycling Facilities

The changes at the recycling facility at the Bridgend Industrial estate are now complete. There are now receptacles for cardboard and waxed card containers such as the type used for fruit juices etc. One user is certainly impressed; Stuart, writing on the [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) bulletin board, says:

"Perth & Kinross Council come in for a lot of bad press but I would now like to send them a virtual bunch of roses. The new recycling facility at Bridgend is terrific. It is clean, spacious and well signposted - there can be absolutely no excuse for flytipping in Kinross-shire. Congratulations PKC on a great facility."

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## Volunteers wanted to help with new study on Loch Leven water quality

A team of researchers from some of Scotland's leading universities and research centres would like to hear your opinion on the water quality of Loch Leven. The researchers are trying to find out whether the quality of water in the loch and any perceived health risks from blue-green algal blooms affect the way that people use the loch. The researchers have chosen to use Loch Leven for their study because it has a long history of scientific research and some very long-term water quality records. It is also one of the most highly valued lochs in Scotland for angling, tourism and bird watching and is of enormous importance to the local community.

Blue-green algae are microscopic organisms that grow in lakes throughout the world. Like many of Scotland's shallow lowland lochs, Loch Leven is affected by this type of algae from time to time. The problems posed by blooms of blue-green algae on Loch Leven have been well-documented in the past, and residents of Kinross and the surrounding area will now be familiar with the signs warning of blue green algae that are displayed by the local council every summer. Over the past 20 years, there has been a concerted effort to reduce blue-green algal blooms at Loch Leven, especially by decreasing nutrient inputs from sewage works, local industry and agriculture.



*The airplane operated by the National Environmental Research Council that the researchers have been using to measure blue-green algae in Loch Leven.*

Researchers from the University of Stirling have been developing techniques for measuring blue-green algal blooms in water bodies around the world from sensors mounted on aircraft and satellites. These researchers are now being joined by fellow researchers from the Universities of Aberdeen and Dundee and from the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology at Edinburgh to find out how people feel about blue-green algal blooms. They would like to know how different users of the loch (e.g. local residents, dog walkers, birdwatchers, anglers, tourists, etc.) perceive the risks associated with these blooms and how this might affect their willingness to pay for schemes that would improve water quality.

To get a better understanding of this, the researchers would like to gather the opinions of the local community and visitors through a series of postal questionnaires, interviews and discussion groups. It is hoped that the information collected will lead to a better understanding of people's awareness of the issues associated with blooms of blue-green algae, and will allow the economic costs of these blooms to be assessed far more accurately.

The team of researchers is keen to hear from any volunteers who would like to take part in the questionnaires and

workshops planned for the coming summer. If you are willing to take part, or simply want further information on the study, please contact Dr Peter Hunter at the University of Stirling on 01786 467810 or by sending an email to [blue.green@stir.ac.uk](mailto:blue.green@stir.ac.uk). Your help would be much appreciated.

## Best Kept Village Competition

The formal launch of the 2008 Best Kept Village and Hamlet Competition took place at the Kinross-shire Civic Trust's AGM at the Windlestrae Hotel on 7 May. The competition is open to all settlements within Kinross-shire, and dates back to 1966 when the former county, now part of Perth and Kinross, had its own administration. It is hoped that the competition will continue to foster a sense of community and pride in the places where people live and go about their daily lives.

The Trust's chairman, Alistair Smith said, "We are always very impressed with the improvements that take place in many of the villages and hamlets each year. It is important to look 'around the back' and make sure it is not just the main streets that are being looked after, but that there is a clear sense of pride in the local environment being seen in all parts of our communities, and the efforts that are being made to make the various areas attractive. Kinross-shire is an important tourist destination and playing a part in the upkeep of our villages and hamlets benefits visitors and local people alike".

The panel of three independent judges – Mrs Elspeth Skinner from Freuchie, Mrs Sue Hendry of Perth Civic Trust, and Mr Mike Brown of Falkland in Bloom – will inspect each settlement in early August. They will examine closely various aspects of how local communities look after their local area, such as: the cleanliness and general maintenance of public areas; signs of community involvement such as flower beds and baskets; the upkeep of private gardens; the condition of play parks; presence of litter; and the improvements made since August 2007.

The competition is sponsored by Robertsons of Milnathort. The awards will be presented at a ceremony in one of the winning settlements at the end of August or early September.

Further information and entry forms are available from Mrs Bridget Lindsay, Balgedie House, Easter Balgedie, by Kinross, KY13 9HQ, telephone 01592 840252.



*The 2008 Best Kept Village Competition has now been launched!  
Photo: John McPake, Kinross.cc photo library*

# Loch Leven Heritage Project

by Felicity Martin

As we move into summer, you will see more happening on the ground when you visit the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Lots of energy is going into completing the path for an opening later this year, while the interpretation and artwork for the whole trail is now taking shape.

The phase 3 contractor, Gordon MacLarty of Crieff, has two squads working northwards and southwards from Grahamstone Farm to create the link between Levenmouth Wood and Pow Burn (by Loch Leven's Larder).

At Carsehall Bog, an extensive area of trees has been planted to protect feeding geese from disturbance and a 3,000 square metre reed bed will soon be planted to provide a screen for roosting geese.

The flood repair work has been done at Mary's Gate and Findatie, and the car park upgrading at Kinross Pier is well advanced.

All the ideas and planning that have gone into the interpretation and artwork are now taking a tangible form as physical structures begin to be produced and to appear around the trail.

The oak seats have been ordered, as have the marker stones, which will serve as high quality, long-lasting direction signs. Reminiscent of traditional milestones, these sandstone posts will be placed at junctions and other points to show the direction and distance in kilometres to places on the trail.

David Wilson, the public artist who is creating the gateway features, will soon be working on each one in turn, starting at the Pier. He will be carving the end stones in his Perth workshop then building the stonewalled structures on site. During construction, he is happy for people to watch and ask questions.

David, who has successfully completed over 40 public



projects in a wide variety of materials encompassing sculpture, land art and street furniture, said,

"Many of my projects are created on site using traditional craftsmanship with a modern aesthetic, I feel this is one of its strongest assets; the public can see the project developing over a period of time and come to appreciate the effort involved in its creation. The interaction between the public and myself while I am on site is one I have really come to value. I believe that through it they gain that vital ingredient of a successful piece of public art – a sense of ownership over it."

TRACKS new Project Officer, Jackie Yuill, is now just over one month into the post, which she reckons is "one of the most rewarding and challenging jobs in Kinross-shire!" We asked her to tell us a bit about herself and work for the Newsletter:

"Having lived in Kinross for over 20 years, it is a real pleasure to be working in the area again. (I was originally Senior Education Development Officer, and then Interim Manager, at Vane Farm, before returning to teaching, latterly Principal Teacher of Geography at Perth Academy).

"As TRACKS Project Officer, working on Loch Leven Heritage Trail is a privilege, and gives a unique opportunity to work within the National Nature Reserve. There are many opportunities for volunteers to be more closely involved too, and a wide range of tasks, from ditching to dry-stone 'dyking', biodiversity mapping to building 'toad homes' for winter. If you can offer a skill, or would simply like to help, please get in touch with me."

Jackie can be contacted on 01577 863359.



TRACKS Project Officer Jackie Yuill

## News from the Health Centre



We are all happy to announce that Dr G Allot and Dr S Cunningham, our more recently recruited GPs, are now becoming partners. We welcome them and look forward to working with them for many years.

Some of you may have been aware that annually the local GP practices have given patients a questionnaire. From the suggestions made in it, we have tried to change things at the Health Centre to improve the service we provide for our patients. In the last questionnaire there were two main areas of concern to St Serf's patients:

- having to wait too long to get routine appointments
- the provision of later appointments for commuters

During April we questioned all our patients requesting an appointment, more closely. This was to try to work out how many appointments we need every day. We also need to work out the balance between the number of appointments

required for people who want to be seen on the same day, and the number required for patients who wish to book their appointment in advance. We have done this several times before but people's needs and expectations change and we felt we needed to review the situation.

As everyone would predict, Mondays are our busiest day and we have found we need to keep more appointments free on Mondays for "on the same day" appointment requests. This means there should be a higher proportion of appointments available for booking in advance on the other days of the week. If more appointments are available for booking in advance, the waiting time for such an appointment should reduce.

St Serf's GPs also feel that we need to provide appointments later in the day than at present. We intend to provide more appointments right up to six o'clock, when we have nursing and administrative staff working with us to ensure the quality of the service we provide is not weakened.

We plan to implement these changes from 1 July and hope they will improve your experience of St Serf's Medical Practice. Further feedback is welcomed at any time about this or any other concerns you may have.



## Smokers ousted by butt bin family

Smokers visiting RSPB Vane Farm nature reserve are having to use an alternative place to deposit their cigarette butts after a Blue Tit decided to build her nest in the cigarette bin outside the Visitors' Centre door.

Not content with the wide variety of nest boxes put up at Vane Farm to make life easier for broody birds, the mother rejected the ready-made homes and requisitioned the butt bin instead! Luckily the nest was discovered by a visitor who saw the mother bird flying in and out of the box and not by a smoker tipping hot ash into the box.



Huw Richards, RSPB Volunteer, peers in to the cigarette box at Vane Farm to check the nesting Blue Tit is okay.

Photo: Carina Norris, RSPB volunteer

Vane Farm has a wide range of remote cameras set up on various sites of interest around the Reserve, beaming live video footage to the wide-screen in Vane Farm's coffee shop. Although the 'Butt Bin Family' cannot be disturbed in order to set up a camera in case the mother Blue Tit abandons the nest, visitors can still keep up to date with a swan family, a swallow's nest, and the birdlife on St Serf's Island on Loch Leven, among others, via other Vane Farm's other Nest Cams.

On **Sunday 8 June** Vane Farm will open its doors to visitors with a Springwatch event called **Springfest**. There will be nature walks, bush crafts, moth-trapping, pond dipping, bug hunting and live music and food.

## Community Campus Consultation

A public consultation took place from 8 to 10 May at Loch Leven Leisure Centre. We were delighted with the response from the community, and the many positive comments, as over 300 people came to look at the plans, give us their views and ask questions. Details of the questions, comments and feedback from the Investment in Learning team will appear in next month's newsletter and in the local press, and will also be posted, as soon as possible, on the council website at [www.pkc.gov.uk/investmentinlearning](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/investmentinlearning)

Derek Morris,

In-school Coordinator (Investment in Learning)

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## Michael Bruce Way Opening

Readers of the Kinross Newsletter are warmly invited to attend the opening of the Michael Bruce Way at the Michael Bruce Museum in Kinnesswood at 12.30pm on **Friday 27 June**. The path is at the heart of the paths network being developed on the eastern side of Loch Leven, with the tremendous support of local landowners, TRACKS, Portmoak CC, P&KC and P & K Countryside Trust.

Michael Bruce, the poet of Loch Leven was a contemporary of Burns. He was born in Kinnesswood and is buried in the parish church yard. Verses of his beautiful poems about the countryside of Kinross-shire are placed at various points along the path.

The Rt Hon George Reid has kindly agreed to cut the ribbon together with the local children who have designed the path logo. We are expecting a large number of residents and guests at the ceremony and very much hope that you will be able to join us for the opening, followed by a walk along part of the path, ending with light refreshments at Portmoak Village Hall.

## Kilmagad Wood Appeal

The Woodland Trust Scotland is hoping to extend the woodland at Kilmagad. This would enlarge the core area of existing woodland at Kilmagad, making it more ecologically robust, whilst supporting wildlife such as the great spotted woodpecker and ancient woodland ground flora such as the native bluebell and wood sorrel. To achieve this aim, the Trust is looking to acquire five hectares of land, and needs to raise £70,000 to fund this.



The path to Kilmagadwood, Scotlandwell

The acquisition would secure the missing link between the villages of Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood. There is potential to create a new path along the edge of this new woodland, creating a safe green route for children to school. The extended woodland would protect the existing ancient woodland and provide additional areas for the benefit of both people and wildlife. The Trust will involve local people, particularly children, in the creation of the native woodland. Kilmagad Wood forms part of the Lomond hills and is recorded on the Ancient Woodland Inventory. The site provides spectacular panoramic views of Loch Leven.

If you would like to help with the acquisition to extend Kilmagad Wood, you can send a donation made payable to "The Woodland Trust" to: Woodland Trust, Freepost GM 63/2, Autumn Park, Grantham, Lincs, NG31 6BR or phone 0800 026 9650. More information is available at [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/kilmagad](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/kilmagad)

The Woodland Trust is a registered charity, no 294344.

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## Portmoak Festival, 22 - 29 June

We have another packed week of entertainment for you at the 2008 Portmoak Festival. As well as hosting the now famous P7 Prom, we have a Jazz Night, Big Band Night, and Battle of the Bands. The Pudding Club returns with even more delights and now has live music to make it even more enjoyable. An exhibition by local photographer Anne Price will show you aspects of the area you may not have noticed before.

The festival runs from Sunday 22 June to Sunday 29 June, following the **Portmoak Gala** on 21 June. Abbreviations for main venues:

**PH** – Portmoak Hall, **PC** – Portmoak Church, **MQ** – Marquee, Lochend Farm, Scotlandwell



Date	Event & Start Time	Venue	What's happening..
<b>All Week</b>	Art Exhibition: Mon to Sat 2.00 – 4.00 pm & 6.00 – 8.00 pm	PH	An exhibition of paintings, photographs and crafts by local artists.
	Buildings of Portmoak, Then and Now: Mon to Sat 2.00 – 4.00 pm & 6.00 – 8.00 pm	PC	An exhibition of photographs with commentary by David Munro. Archive pictures of local buildings alongside contemporary views by photographer, Anne Price.
	Angels: Mon to Fri 2.00-4.00 pm & 6.00-8.00 pm	PC	An exhibition of angels by Portmoak Primary School.
	Cream Teas: Mon to Fri 2.00 – 4.00 pm	PH	Come and enjoy our fabulous cream teas and be entertained by the musicians 'busking' for the charity Mary's Meals.
	Pudding Club: Mon to Fri 6.00 – 8.00 pm	PH	Enjoy our fabulous puddings and be entertained by the musicians 'busking' for the charity Mary's Meals. <b>Mon</b> Mix & Match • <b>Tues</b> Meringues & Cheesecakes <b>Wed</b> Men's Night (The men do the all cooking) <b>Thur</b> Chocolate Heaven • <b>Fri</b> A hint of fruit
	Celtic Services: Sunday 6.30 – 7.30 pm Tuesday & Thursday 2.00-2.20 pm, Wednesday & Friday 7.00-7.20pm	PC	What is a Celtic Service? - A meditative, reflective time of worship with music and prayer.
	Kinross Healing Rooms: Monday Wednesday & Friday 2.00 – 4.00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday 6.00 – 8.00 pm	PC	Come in and meet the team from Kinross Healing Rooms, no appointment needed.
	<b>Pub Quizzes</b> Sunday 9.00 pm Lomond Inn. Tuesday 9.00 pm Well Inn. Wednesday 9.00 Balgedie Toll		We will be holding a quiz in various venues throughout the week, with a grand final at the Ceilidh.
<b>Saturday 21</b>	Portmoak Gala 2.00 pm (procession begins outside Portmoak Church at 1.45pm)		Well Green, Scotlandwell. <i>See also Notices page 37.</i>
<b>Sunday 22</b>	<b>Grand opening: 2.00 – 4.00 pm</b>	PH & PC	The Gala Queen will open the exhibitions. Come and enjoy the live music.
	Treasure Hunt: Starts Lomond Hotel 3.00 – 5.00 pm		Walk round Kinnesswood looking for the answers.
	Virgin Vie Make-up: Lomond Hotel 5.00 pm onward		See this great range of make-up.
	A talk by Prof David Munro: 8.00 pm	PC	Regarding the photographs displayed in the church.
<b>Monday 23</b>	Classical Concert: 8.00 pm	PC	An evening of light classical music.
	Orwell Players: Lomond Hotel 8.00 pm		Come and be entertained by our local actors.
	Salsa Evening: 8.30 – 11.00 pm We have arranged lessons before the event: 8 - 9pm at Kinross Day centre on 4, 11 and 18 of June (£2.75 a night) Also at Portmoak Primary School 7.30-8.30pm 16 June.	PH	An evening of Salsa dancing. Tickets £6. Wine and nibbles available.
<b>Tuesday 24</b>	Children's Concert: 6.00 - 7.00 pm	PC	The children showing off their talents.
	Film Night - Chicago: 9.00 – 11.00 pm	PH	With the Portmoak Film Society. Entry £3.
	Family Fun Day: Loch Leven's Larder 10.00 - 2.00 pm		A great fun day down on the farm.
	Beer Tasting: Lochend Farm 7.00 - 9.00pm		The title says it all.

## Portmoak Festival, 22 - 29 June (continued)

Date	Event & Start Time	Venue	What's happening..
<b>Wednesday 25</b>	Guided walk: Starts Well Inn 1.00 pm		Enjoy a guided walk round the Moss.
	Wine Tasting: Loch Leven's Larder 6.30 – 8.30 pm		Once again, the title says it all.
<b>Thursday 26</b>	Football Challenge - Portmoak Primary 7.30 pm		All welcome.
	P7 prom: 6.00 – 8.00 pm	MQ	P7s celebrate their time at primary school.
	Jazz Night: 8.45 – 11.30 pm	MQ	With the 'Bachelors of Jazz'. Tickets £12.
<b>Friday 27</b>	Michael Bruce Trail Opening: Michael Bruce Museum 12.00 noon		George Reid MSP opens the revamped trail.
	Golf Open: Portmoak Golf Course 2.00 - 6.00 pm		All welcome.
	Pilates: 10.30 – 11.30 am	MQ	Enjoy a Pilates taster session. Free entry.
	Family Beetle & Bingo: 2.30 – 4.30 pm	MQ	Bring your kids along for this afternoon of games. Entry free (just pay for any games you enter).
	Big Band Boogie: 8.30 – 11.30 pm	MQ	Our eighteen piece band will have your feet tapping all night. Tickets £15. Also - auction.
<b>Saturday 28</b>	Self Defence: 10.00 – 11.00 pm	MQ	Easy self defence techniques from Caroline. Free entry.
	Family Fun Day: 1.30 – 4.30 pm	MQ	An afternoon of family entertainment. Entry free.
	Ceilidh: 7.30 – 12.00 pm	MQ	Bring your family to our famous Ceilidh. Tickets £5.
<b>Sunday 29</b>	Car Care: Kinnesswood Garage 11.00 - 1.00 pm		Learn the basics of keeping your car running.
	Praise Band: 11.00 am – 12.00 noon	MQ	Sing along with our praise band. All welcome.
	Craft & Kids: 1.00 – 4.00 pm	MQ	Local craft-workers selling their crafts. Free entry.
	Battle of the Bands: 7.00 – 10.00 am	MQ	Local bands compete. Judges from T in the Park. £4 in.

To buy tickets before the Festival call in at: The Post Office, Main Street, Kinnesswood or The Pottery, Main Street, Kinnesswood. Alternatively, phone 01592 840638. More information can be found at [www.portmoakfestival.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfestival.org.uk)

## Summer Classes At Kinross Learning Centre

Just in case it rains until September!

If you'd like something different this summer and fancy learning how to use a computer, a selection of courses on offer in Kinross Learning Centre could help.

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This course will introduce you to the PC and will cover mouse and keyboard skills, word-processing and making the most of the Internet and e-mail.

### Carry on Computing

**Start Tues 8 July from 12 – 2 pm for eight weeks, cost £42**

For those with a little more experience, Carry on Computing will help you develop your skills and get more from your computer.

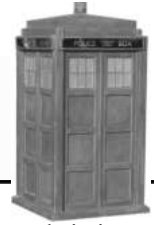
### Scanning and Photo Restoration

**Wed 16 & 23 July, 7 – 9 pm, cost £20**

If one of your treasured photographs has become worn or damaged with age, then our Scanning and Photo Restoration workshop could be for you. Designed to help you learn the techniques required to achieve high quality scans of images, slides and negatives the course will help you learn what makes a good scan and the resolutions needed to achieve pin-sharp prints or simply to save images to disc.

You'll then move on to developing the Photoshop skills needed to repair and restore old or damaged images suitable for framing.

To find out more, or to book your place, contact Kinross Learning Centre on 01577 863863.



# Police Box

## T in the Park Community Liaison

As part of Tayside Police's Community Relations Strategy for T in the Park 2008, further public meetings are to be held as follows:

<b>Carnbo</b>	<b>Monday 2 June</b> Carnbo Village Hall, 7pm – 8pm
<b>Milnathort</b>	<b>Thursday 12 June</b> Milnathort CC Meeting, Milnathort Primary School, 7pm – 7.30pm
<b>Cleish &amp; Blairadam</b>	<b>Monday 23 June</b> Cleish & Blairadam CC Meeting, Cleish Village Hall, 7pm – 7.30pm

The purpose of the meetings is for members of the local community to meet with Sergeant David Rankine, Tayside Police's T in the Park Community Liaison Officer, to discuss any issues that local residents may have regarding this year's event.

Any person who is unable to attend the meetings and wishes to discuss matters can contact Sergeant Rankine on the following number: 01577 867770

### Isolated Car Parks

The above are popular with people who enjoy a walk in the country, particularly to exercise their dogs.

Unfortunately cars parked at these locations are occasionally broken into and items stolen from within. We strongly advise people not to leave any valuables within their vehicles,

unless they can be locked in a boot. Although it is good practice to keep valuables out of sight, previous experiences have shown that this is not entirely effective. Once a car is broken into, thieves will look under seats, look inside glove compartments and lift parcel shelves to look into tailgates. Unless you have a lockable boot, do not leave valuables inside your car.

We would also ask persons who visit these places to be aware of suspicious persons or vehicles. If you see a car or person acting suspiciously, report it to the police and whenever possible remember to note registration numbers.

### CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone Number 0800 555 111

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

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

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

## Kinross-shire Blue Light Disco

On Friday 23 May 2008, Kirkgate Park in Kinross was the venue for a Blue Light Disco.

The event was organised to give young people aged between 12 and 18 the opportunity to enjoy a fun evening in a safe environment.

As well as the disco, the event featured a dance cage with DJ, a chill-out zone with Playstations and Xbox 360 games consoles. There was also a 'Mocktail' bar providing non-alcoholic drinks, made and served by the young people from the local youth forum: K-flip.

All the money that has been raised from the alcohol-free bar will go back to the local youth forum for future events and activities.

Over the coming year, Blue light Discos are to be held around Perth and Kinross. The discos are being organised and supported by a partnership which involves Tayside Fire and Rescue Service, Perth and Kinross Council's Youth Services, Tayside Police and the local Youth Forum.

The partnership would like to take this opportunity to thank all the young people who attended Kirkgate Park and to all the partner agencies involved in the running of the evening and ensuring its success.

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## FIFE OUTDOOR ACCESS Festival

Fife Access Forum and Fife Coast and Countryside Trust are working together to hold Fife's first Outdoor Access Festival. Ambitious plans are in hand to include a full range of outdoor activities aimed at all abilities. The event is planned for 29 – 31 August 2008.

Forth & Tay Disabled Ramblers are running three events at the festival for people with disabilities. The first ramble, on Friday 29 August, is from Woodside in Glenrothes to Stenton Pond, an attractive local nature reserve on the outskirts of the town. The second, on Saturday 30th, is on the new path around the loch at Lochore Meadows. The third, on Sunday 31st starts in Ravenscraig Park, rambling down to Harbourmaster's House, the HQ of Fife Coast and Countryside Trust at Dysart Harbour. Mobility scooters can be booked through Forth & Tay Disabled Ramblers for anyone with mobility difficulties who wants to participate. There will also be a range of taster sessions in various outdoor activities at Lochore Meadows on Saturday 30 August, covering all ages and abilities.

Full details of the festival and how to book can be found on the festival website [www.fifeoutdooraccessfestival.org](http://www.fifeoutdooraccessfestival.org)

### Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

**[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)**

Issues from September 2006 to three months ago available

# Community Council News



All Community Council meetings are open to the general public.

The CC News is produced from edited draft CC minutes.

Some CCs have full minutes on their websites. Full Kinross CC minutes are lodged in the local Library and County Buildings.

## Kinross Community Council

### News from the May Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 May were: CCllrs D Cuthbert (Chairman), C Watson, D Mackay, M Blyth, S Bathgate, L Mackay, J Drummond, I Jack and M Scott (Secy). Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs K Baird and W Robertson; Mr A Cook, P&KC; Editor of the Newsletter plus three of her team; two representatives from the Police and two members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs C Drummond and D Collier.

### Police Report

The Police were represented this evening by PC Lynne Petrie and one of her colleagues. Tayside Police are now introducing a single non-emergency telephone number, which replaces numbers throughout Tayside for non-emergency calls. The Number is 0845 600 5705. However, in emergencies the public should still phone 999, e.g. if you witness a crime being committed, endangerment to life etc. In answer to a comment made by CCllr D Mackay in relation to bogus workmen, PC Petrie advised that if anyone is suspicious about tradesmen in their area they should dial 999 (as an immediate response would be required from the Police). However, if you are reporting an incident or crime which has already happened, or seek advice on policing matters, you should use the non-emergency number.

### Newsletter Report

Eileen Thomas, as Editor of the Kinross Newsletter, provided an Annual Report as follows:

"The past year has been one of consolidation. It is the first time in several years that there have been no changes to the personnel who make up the core team of the Newsletter. (Myself - Editor, Tony Dyson - Typesetting & Layout, Ross McConnell - Accounts, Ann Harley - Advertising and Subscriptions, Julia Fulton - Word Processing and Craig Williams - Distribution).

We have continued to build upon the changes we had begun before last year's AGM: In June we started using a glossy cover which gives a really professional finish and enhances the colour covers we had introduced eight months earlier. In October we began offering colour advertising on the inside front and back cover at a premium rate. We have progressed with our plan to increase the use of photographs throughout the Newsletter. We feel this really helps to make the Newsletter more attractive and user-friendly. We've introduced crosswords and puzzles when we have the space. Last year we allowed inserts for the first time - for the Loch Leven Heritage Trail and a resident information leaflet for T in the Park.

We have been receiving a lot more material for publication in general. We now get around 70 emails per month with submissions for publication. Last year it was around 60. In previous years it was 50. We get around 20 hard copy items. In addition, I write up some News items and both Tony and I have written articles on subjects we feel are of interest. All

this means that space is more and more of an issue. To try to help this, in June we dropped the standard text size from 11pt to 10pt which helped for a while, but again we are up at what we feel is a maximum size for the Newsletter of 44 pages. If we were on the old text size, this would equate to around 51 pages.

Dealing with all this extra material takes more time, and we now have to work on the Newsletter during the week before the deadline, as well as the week of the deadline itself.

The number of adverts we run is largely the same as before. Subscriptions are up slightly. As far as distribution is concerned, we have lost a couple of outlets but it looks as if Craig has found us a couple of new ones.

There is a new feature on the Newsletter website since last year, and that is an archive of Newsletters. Once a Newsletter is 3 months old Tony puts an electronic version of it on the website, and they go back to September 2006. We don't have them in electronic form earlier than that.

Recently we applied to the British Library for an International Standard Serial Number. This means we can have a barcode, which is on the May issue for the first time, so shops can choose to put the Newsletter through their till system if it suits them to do so.

The innovations and extra work are bearing fruit and the number of copies sold is up 10% on this time last year, with signs that demand is continuing to grow. (Last year sales were around 2000 copies per month; it is now 2200.)

Apart from the core team there are other people who help us with the Newsletter in various ways. So I'd like to thank Isabel Gillon who acts as a hand-in point for us in Milnathort, Fiona Turnbull who writes the Farming Column, Malcolm Smith for the weather reports, Gareth Thomas for the crosswords and Gina Long of the Historical Society for the use of old photographs and postcards. We are also very grateful to the shop owners who stock and sell the Newsletter. And finally thanks to all the individuals and organisations who send us submissions each month."

### Newsletter Accounts

Ross McConnell, as Treasurer of the Kinross Newsletter, circulated a financial account for the year ended 31 March 2008. It was noted that the sum of £325.00 was received from inserts in the Newsletters re DF Concerts and Lochleven Heritage Trail. The agreed donation of £1,000,

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which was pledged the year before, was paid out in this financial year to Friends of Kirkgate Park and £1,000 to the Website representing a payment of £500.00 for two years. There is a surplus recorded this year of £3,526.70. CCllr J Drummond questioned the presentation of the accounts and suggested a change in the layout of the information.

In relation to the surplus funds Ross McConnell suggested distribution of £10,000.00. It was further suggested that this should be disbursed between the Website/Newsletter and any other agreed commitments with the balance to be contributed to the Kinross-shire Fund (less a retention for donations through the year in relation to sponsorship). The Kinross-shire Fund is better placed to administer the funds to worthy causes. It was agreed that Ross would meet up with the Newsletter sub-committee and fix a reasonable figure based on the monies available and then revert back to us with this information. The members of the Newsletter sub-committee are John Drummond, Susan Bathgate and David Colliar. The Chairman is ex-officio. We are not inviting applications, but if any groups should approach us with the request for funding these can then be considered. The Website sub-committee (David Colliar and Campbell Watson) will meet with the website staff and representatives of the Kinross-shire Partnership to discuss funding needs. The Chairman is ex-officio.

The Website sub-committee is to meet to identify funding requirements.

The Chairman conveyed thanks to Eileen, Ross and the Newsletter Team.

#### **Presentation from Andy Cook, P&KC**

P&KC has entered into a 30-year partnership with Axiom Education, the consortium who will build, operate and maintain the new school and community facilities. Axiom comprises international bank ABN AMRO, design and construction specialist Laing O'Rourke and facilities management provider Mitie. P&KC will have overall responsibility for managing the campus. It is intended that a management team will be established for each site.

Andy Cook is responsible for the Investment in Learning Programme. Kinross High School is in his remit, so far as the contract with Axiom is concerned, and he is heavily involved in the Business Change Agenda. He explained that Keith Brown, MSP, approached him asking that he attend meetings in relation to the new Campuses in Perth and Kinross. Mr Cook stated that Business Change Agenda will address all operations involving the Campus and

consideration will be given to employing a Business Advisor for all of the new schools.

Operation of the facilities in respect of community use sits with the Authority and is not part of the contractual agreement with Axiom.

The new Kinross campus has been designed with significant spare capacity to meet any initial increase in the school roll, there is also an expansion strategy to address further increases in the number of pupils.

CCllr Bathgate questioned the budget available in relation to the maximum community use of the school. Mr Cook replied that consideration will be given on how to make best use of the facilities outside the use of the School and that these matters are still undergoing review. Depute Director of Education Maria Walker will be looking at this matter in the next few months.

In answer to a query from CCllr John Drummond regarding a consultation period, Mr Cook advised that informal consultation meetings were being held this week in the Sports Centre. This would include consultation on technical aspects in relation to the leisure centre. These meeting would be attended by a number of Council Officers and public/community groups to discuss any issues. CCllr John Drummond suggested it would be helpful if there was a common path in the consultation procedure and that the CC should be involved in this. It was noted, however, that these informal consultation meetings are not solely for Kinross community but cover all CCs in the area.

Mr Cook advised that the available bookings are from 7am to 10pm on weekdays and 8am to 5pm at weekends. However, these hours can be extended to facilitate certain events. The management of this will be included as part of the School Management Structure at the Campus and under the responsibility of the Business Change Manager. There is a limit on the extended hours to 50 occasions per year. The booking of the sports facilities will be controlled by PKL and there will be an online system for booking rooms at the campus although direct contact will also be available. Performance spaces and classrooms will be managed by P&KC.

A question was raised if integrated offices would be a part of the new Campus, i.e. Registrars etc. Mr Cook replied that this would not necessarily be the case. It was suggested, however, that there should be a requirement to confer with the community to make sure the balance is right.

It was also questioned whether members of the public will

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require to be checked through Disclosure Scotland during school hours. Mr Cook advised that contractors would require to be disclosure checked unless they are being shadowed by a staff member during their visit to the School. Cllr Robertson asked if there would be a liaison group between the School and the groups who use the School and Mr Cook answered that this issue will be considered when looking at the Structure of the Plan. However there are Community Liaison Officers currently in Kinross, and one of them may be given this position.

As explained previously, consultation is taking place over the next few days and any questions presented on a wider issue will be reported to Business Change who will look at these. Mr Cook confirmed that the work stream will include all these issues raised tonight at our meeting which require to be addressed and these will be taken on board. CCllr John Drummond suggested that we invite the Business Change Manager to our meeting to discuss management and operation of the recreational/leisure facilities and this was agreed. Mr Cook stated that, as matters have to be progressed quickly, the key decisions should be set by summer time and it was agreed that we invite her to our September meeting. Cllr Robertson suggested that we invite all representatives to this meeting. Mr Cook was thanked for his attendance and for providing this information.

#### **Matters Arising From Previous Minutes**

##### **Action points outstanding:**

- Environment/Transport Ministers: A letter has been forwarded to both these parties and a response is awaited.
- Mrs King is unavailable on a Wednesday evening, however would be willing for members of the CC to meet with her at the School. It was agreed that CCllrs L Mackay, J Drummond, D Colliar and D Cuthbert will meet with Mrs King to discuss the issues raised.
- CCllr Colliar is to collate a list of planning applications received for brown field sites.
- Unanswered letters: the relevant information has been passed to Cllr K Baird. CCllr J Drummond understood that the Council have now to respond to communications within 15 days.
- Kinross High School Site: A letter has been sent to Roland Bean asking that the CC be included in consultation regarding this site.

##### **Action points resolved:**

- Planning Policy/CC Holding Letters: Cllr Barnacle was absent this evening, however we understand that Roland Bean has confirmed he would adhere to this policy.
- Kinross High School Site: Cllr Barnacle had stated that the previous Director of Education's plan for the Primary and High School sites should be re-examined. However, it was noted that this is not now on the table.
- Implementation of Policy in breach of regulations: Cllr Barnacle wrote to the Council regarding this matter. The Council is unconcerned and will continue with their usual policy.
- The Roads Dept has been invited to our July meeting.

**County Buildings:** The sub committee met recently to discuss this issue. Cllr Robertson and CCllrs Bathgate and Drummond were present. The action points determined were that a User Committee should be formed to manage the community facilities available in the building and a

meeting arranged with P&KC to seek some guarantee on long term access. One of the other points raised was that a visit should be arranged to the premises. This has been carried out. The Chairman, CCllr J Drummond and Cllr Robertson visited the premises on Monday. They were impressed by the size of the facility and confirmed that there is an excellent meeting room upstairs. The building is in good condition throughout, well maintained and painted. CCllr J Drummond stated that it would be useful to establish who in the Community would use these facilities (the upstairs rooms in particular) and suggested that we write out to various clubs and survey the use of this. It was confirmed that the majority of rooms at the County Buildings are used throughout the day and that weddings etc are held on the premises. Two upstairs rooms, however, are not utilised. Cllr Robertson suggested that we might be setting an aspiration which could not be met and suggested that we focus our attention on pursuing the installation of a lift for access to the upstairs rooms and disabled access. CCllr L Mackay offered to draft out a letter to P&KC in relation to disabled access and the lack of a lift and will circulate this to the members prior to submission to the Director of Housing.



*Swansacre building: should be on the market again soon...*

**Swansacre Derelict Building:** It was mentioned that this property should be on the market again fairly soon. Cllr Robertson advised that the funding received by Housing Associations has changed. They were in the past given a sum of money to renovate and convert old run down buildings, however this funding has been stopped. The Associations are now building on green field or brown field sites from scratch rather than converting buildings. Cllr Robertson confirmed that the title to the property is sound and that a condition has been set into the contract of sale that the purchaser must act immediately to improve the building. It was noted that the last person interested could not guarantee to immediately renovate the site. Cllr Robertson stated that the Council Property Department recommends demolition. CCllr Watson was concerned that matters could continue for several months, without any progress being made. He stated that the housing market has taken a downturn. CCllr J Drummond enquired if following demolition there would be a grassy area on both sides of the road. This received a negative response, as the demolition would be carried out to clear the site to attract a buyer. CCllr Jack stated that if the property were to be demolished, work would be required to the adjoining buildings to provide support to the structure. The Council had instructed works to the interior and the adjoining

property in relation to dry rot and once complete were planning to advertise the property for sale. If no purchaser is forthcoming then they were proposing to demolish the building. It was mentioned that the Scottish Government is allocating money to Councils for Council Housing.

After discussion it was agreed that the Cllrs would monitor this situation. However the CC will allow a period of three months for the Council to progress matters. Should no sale or demolition be forthcoming by our August meeting then we would propose submitting an article to the Perthshire Advertiser at that time.

### Planning

The Chairman explained that a new format has been adopted in relation to planning applications. A sub committee has been formed to read through the applications and report their findings to the CC at the monthly meetings. CCllr D Mackay advised that she is unable to obtain the plans from the local office until after 5pm on the day of the meeting and that these have to be returned first thing the next morning. It was agreed that we ask the Council to provide us with a full set of plans for each application prior to the monthly meetings.

The CC has no objections to the following applications: 08/00624/FUL Coach House, Lethangie Alterations to flat and formation of dormer windows; 08/00752/FUL Wallaceon, Gairneybank Extension to dwelling house and formation of garage within garden; 08/00836/FUL KLE Hair Design, 177 High Street Change of Use from Shop to Residential; 08/00838/FUL Balado Activity Centre, Gallowhill Formation of car park and pedestrian entrances. 08/00885/FUL Kellieside - Premier Properties :Variation of Condition 15 of previous consent (06/01517/FUL); Cllr Baird offered to confirm the relevance of Condition 15 with the Council and report back to us.

### Applications Determined/Withdrawn

The following applications have been approved by P&KC: 08/00568/FUL 6 Lathro Park Erection of extension; 08/00561/FUL 28 McBain Place Alterations and extension to dwelling house; 08/00512/FUL Craigwell, Kinross Upgrade of existing access; 08/00429/FUL 24 Wilson Court Two storey extension.

08/00096/FUL Fruix Farm, Gairneybridge: A letter was received from P&KC, despite our communication advising that this application was outwith our jurisdiction, advising that the application has been approved.

08/00187/FUL Baltree Farm, Hatchbank Erection of a Riding Centre, Kennels and Cattery: Application withdrawn. The Secretary advised that, since our last meeting, a further copy of a letter of objection has been received in

relation to this application.

### Report from P&K Councillors

Cllr W Robertson had nothing further to report.

**T in the Park:** Cllr K Baird advised that she had attended the recent Licensing Meeting and, the Committee being satisfied with the consultations held and information presented, had granted a Licence to T in the Park. CCllr Mackay queried the fees for a licence and understood that this had increased to £1,000.

### Correspondence

**ASCC:** The CC has renewed its membership to the Association of Scottish Community Councils.

**Loch Leven NNR:** Email received from SNH regarding Loch Leven NNR Plan for People 2008 - 2012. Draft plan attached for comment and suggestions by mid May.



*The western end of Loch Leven National Nature Reserve*

**Premises Licences:** A communication was received from P&KC advising that there is a new system of alcohol licensing being introduced in Scotland. These changes began on 1 February and between then and 1 September 2008 all existing licences holders will have to convert to the new types of licence under The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. The CC received a list of conversions in our area and was asked to comment on these. The list of applications is as follows (all are conversions, and we have no comment to make on any of these): The Pier Bar - On and Off Sales; David Sands - Off Sales; Grouse & Claret - On Sales; Le Jardin Café - On Sales; Kirklands Hotel - On Sales; Loch Leven's Larder - On and Off Sales.

**Public Liability Insurance:** P&KC provided a Summary of Public Liability Insurance Cover for year 2008/2009.

**Scottish Water:** Mr Brendon Williams (Regional Community Manager for the Tay Area) has asked a colleague to inform him of the position in the Kinross area regarding drainage constraints and when he receives this response he will forward

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the information to us in writing. Mr Williams was unable to attend our May meeting, however had pencilled in the June meeting and we have now written to him with an invitation.

**Post Office Closures:** Communication received from Keith Brown, MSP, advising of his objections to the forthcoming Post Office closures. The branches that are to be recommended for closure will be announced by the Post Office in May. Following the announcement of closures, local residents will have six weeks to submit their views. Mr Brown has offered his support to any community in his constituency that may face the threat of closure. CCllr Laura Mackay mentioned that she had been involved in a campaign in Stirling and a petition had been raised in an effort to save a branch from closure.

**Village of the Year Competition:** Communication received from Gordon Banks, MP, asking the CC to consider entering the Scottish Calor Village of the Year Competition 2008. Communities will be judged on four categories: people, business, environment and communication. Closing date for entries is 30 May 2008. The competition is open to all villages and small towns in Scotland with a population of 5,000 or under and is designed to encourage communities to highlight what they do for the people that live in and visit their small rural towns and villages. The website is [www.calorvillageoftheyear.org/scotland](http://www.calorvillageoftheyear.org/scotland). The Secy will arrange for this information to be delivered to Susan Bathgate. Gordon Banks has offered to attend one of our meetings to tell us a bit about his work as an MP or to listen to some of the issues of the day. The Secy will write to Gordon Banks inviting him to one of our meetings.

**Planning changes:** Response received from P&KC in relation to the changes in the Scheme of Administration which involve planning matters. This information was circulated prior to the meeting to the CC members.

**P&K Outdoor Access Forum:** Invitation to open meeting on 22 May and for nominations to fill vacant seats on the forum.

**Town:** Email received from Mrs Campbell providing various thoughts on the town, mentioned Primary School, car parking in town centre, derelict building etc.

**Climate change:** Email received from Forestry Commission re Consultation on Scotland's Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2008-2010. Information available on [www.forestry.gov.uk/ccapsscotland](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/ccapsscotland). Views and comments required by 6 June.

#### Other Business

**Auto Grass Car Racing at Tillyochie Farm:** CCllr Ian Jack advised that P&KC granted permission for this activity on the grounds that the use would be less than 28 days in each year and there was no perceived effect on Loch Leven.

However, the noise from this activity is significant and is of considerable disturbance not only to immediate neighbours, but also people who live at Upper Warroch and Ledlation. P&KC Noise Team have advised that this issue was outside their remit and Environmental Health are to issue a form. No consultation was made with the community in relation to this application which allows meetings over 12/14 weekends each year. This organisation is now creating a permanent site; toilets have been erected and a storage area for various vehicles has been created and some twenty caravans were parked overnight in the field. The organisation moved from a site in Lochgelly and their website states that they encountered a planning problem, which curtailed all racing for a few months. They have now applied to P&KC for a grant. Tom Bryden of P&KC provided an Atmospheric Measures Report and the main finding is that there is a strong correlation of exhaust materials from the constant revving up of the engines. The Secy will write to P&KC requesting an answer to various questions: (1) How close to private dwellings are race tracks allowed? (2) What amount of noise is allowed close to houses? (3) Is the club allowed to host caravans and mobile homes overnight on the site when meetings occur? (4) What provisions have to be met for the use of mobile toilets? (5) Is it permissible to store vehicles in a field? (6) Is the club allowed to extract water from the South Queich?

**Delegation of powers to CCs:** Implementation of the 2006 Amendment Bill: CCllr J Drummond suggested that we approach the Scottish Executive for clarification on the changes to be made and for appropriate training in this regard. It was noted that P&KC will be providing training and it was suggested that we write to Roland Bean asking if this could be arranged now. It was mentioned that the CCllrs will be regulated by a Code of Conduct etc. A further suggestion was made that we should approach the Scottish Executive and invite their representative to one of our meetings to provide an insight into the role of the CC under the new powers.

**TRACKS (proposed works at Kirkgate Park):** CCllr Bathgate raised concerns in relation to the proposed obelisks outside the burial grounds and the works to be carried out at this site. No advance information on the planned works was provided and she questioned whether we should approach TRACKS in this regard.

**Gravel pit liaison committee:** The Chairman advised that the residents objected to the Planning Enforcement Officer and the Committee decided to withdraw and are no longer involved in this matter.

**Planning meeting:** CCllr J Drummond commented on the meeting and the lack of direction in relation to planning procedures.

**Town Hall:** The Chairman mentioned that newspaper reports have appeared in relation to the court case and that he was asked recently by the Perthshire Advertiser to comment. The article should be published shortly.

**The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 4 June at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall.**

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the May Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 May at Milnathort Primary School were: CCllrs Giacopazzi (Chairman), Cottingham, Porter, Smith, Lamont, Bennet and Thomson; Minute Secretary E Rougvie; P&K Cllrs Robertson and Baird; two members of Tayside Police and six members of the public. The meeting had to be held in the school grounds because the janitor was not in evidence and there was no access to the school building. This was considered to be an unsatisfactory situation and the two P&K Cllrs will investigate.

**Police matters:** WPC Lynn Petrie said that there was nothing to report but she announced the new single non-emergency number which should now be used to contact the Police, which is 0845 600 5705. In emergencies, the public should continue to dial 999.

**Woodland walk:** CCllr Lamont reported that he had inspected the woodland walk to the rear of the church and found that some benches were in a serious state of disrepair and a plinth was missing from the cairn, although the paths were reasonably clear. After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Lamont would approach local joiners who may be prepared to repair the benches as a goodwill gesture, and he would try to find someone who could tidy up the area, possibly people carrying out community service. A member of the public representing Milnathort in Bloom suggested that a wild flower garden could be planted there, and it was agreed that the CC would contribute to the cost.

**Loch Leven:** Cllr Bennet reported on the SNH plans for Loch Leven for 2008-2012. She said that parking at Kirkgate Park would be reduced and that the main parking area would be at the pier. It meant that parents with children would have a longer walk, but generally the plan sounded good. Other than that, she had no particular comments to make, and the report was noted.

**Planning matters:** The following applications were noted: extension to house at 20 Auld Mart Road; erection of five houses and garages, formation of access road and associated site works on land at Old Perth Road; formation of car park and pedestrian entrances at Balado Activity Centre.



2-8 South Street, Milnathort on 21 May 2008

**2-8 South Street:** CCllr Giacopazzi said he had received a letter to say that the latest application, to form four flats, had been withdrawn. CCllr Cottingham explained that the application was now for the conversion of the former shop to one house and a flat, which was already there. Given that the number of dwellings had been reduced, he felt there was no need for further comment. Concerns that work was being

carried out without planning permission were unfounded because there was no work going on as such; the developers were simply preparing the property. However, a discussion followed about the loss of a potential retail unit in that location, which it was felt was contrary to the policy of the local Area Plan. It was feared it would impact on the other shops in the vicinity. Despite the fact that there hadn't been a business there for some time, occasionally people did enquire about the availability of retail premises. It was noted also that two other shops in South Street had been sold for housing. It was agreed that CCllr Cottingham would re-submit the CC's previous objection to the development on the grounds that it was not in keeping with the Local Plan and that the premises should be retained for retail purposes.

**Correspondence:** The following items were noted:

1. P&KC Licensing Board: The only application pertaining to the CC area was for off-sales at Loch Leven's Larder.
2. Calor Village of the Year competition.
3. Keith Brown MSP: A letter in support of retaining local post offices.
4. Minutes of Convention of P&KC CCs AGM.

#### Other business

**Autograss Club:** A member of the public expressed concerns about the Central Scotland Autograss Club which had established a race track near the A91 and had 14 weekend events planned for the summer. There were issues with traffic and noise, although the races were regulated by the club and were in accordance with the regulations requiring a limit of 102 decibels. P&K Cllr Robertson confirmed that the track did not need planning consent, although P&KC were concerned about the level of noise that could be generated. Officers will monitor the site if complaints are received. Already a complaint had been logged with the Council and monitoring equipment had been installed. After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Giacopazzi would write to P&KC Environmental Health Service to express the CC's concerns, ask to be kept informed and question whether it was appropriate for the club to have received a P&K grant through its Grants Direct scheme for its activities.

**Tables outside Jolly Beggars:** CCllr Lamont will investigate the legality of this since they could be blocking the pavement.

**Road safety:** CCllr Bennet reported that she had had an e-mail from P&KC regarding road safety in Milnathort. They have done some spot tests and will have completed some traffic surveys by the end of June. However, no measures will be implemented in the short term.

**Heaven Scent:** A member of the public expressed disappointment about P&KC's decision to refuse an application for extended opening hours at Heaven Scent, and about the fact there had been a negative report in the 'Courier'. However, it was not thought appropriate to discuss this as the CC had explained their decision to oppose the application at the previous meeting.

**Festival:** CCllr Lamont confirmed that the Milnathort Festival will be held in the first week in June.

**The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 12 June in Milnathort Primary School.**

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



# Club & Community Group News

## Kinross-shire Plastic Bag Free Campaign

The Kinross-shire Plastic Bag Free campaign is gathering momentum! Local retailers are already reporting that far fewer plastic bags are being taken and that customers are bringing their own reusable bags instead.



After visiting our table at the Better Place to Live Fair, Kinross Road Runners decided to run with our crusade and gave competitors in the Loch Leven Half Marathon reusable, cotton goody bags instead of the usual plastic ones. The bags themselves were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) who manage Loch Leven National Nature Reserve and who are pleased to endorse our campaign. Going plastic bag free should help to reduce the amount of litter their volunteers and staff have to pick up from around the loch.

We are also pleased to have the backing of RSPB Vane Farm. They stock a variety of attractive, reusable bags in their shop so if you want to go plastic bag free, a visit to their shop will help you get started!

Also at the Better Place to Live Fair over 20 people pledged to stop using plastic bags and to support our campaign.

We hope to have our launch sometime in September after which Kinross-shire will be free of plastic bags! But don't wait till then to do your bit – start taking your reusable bags to the shops today and say no to plastic!

If you would like to get involved with our campaign or offer your support, please email me, [sarah.eaton@care4free.net](mailto:sarah.eaton@care4free.net)

## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

At the May meeting the speaker was Dick Crichton. Accompanied with slides, Dick gave an entertaining and enjoyable talk entitled "A Busman's Holiday". A vote of thanks was given.



**Friday Walks:** The "Alternative Cuckoo Walk" through the Atholl Estate, was undertaken on a lovely warm day in the middle of May, but not one cuckoo was heard by any of the walkers, although some of the locals said that the cuckoos had been back for a fortnight. A new name for this walk will have to be found, next time round.

**13 June:** Round Devilla Forest from the Police College, Tulliallan. This is a 7 mile circular walk along paths in and around the forest, passing Moor Loch and Peppermill Dam.

**27 June:** Gargunnoch to Kippen and back - this is a new walk for the club, and explores quiet roads and lanes starting from the Main Street, Gargunnoch, and is about 7.5 miles long. For this walk we depart from Millbridge Car Park at 9am.

**June Meeting:** The Speaker on 5 June will be Tony Wilson on "Birmie Loch".

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

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## Orwell Dramatic Society

Whilst things have been quiet on the report front over the last few months, nonetheless the Orwell Dramatic Society has been busy. In September last year on two consecutive weekends we performed "The Memory of Water" at the Grouse and Claret. This play was very well received and enjoyed by the audiences. The female cast of Wilma Smith, Maggie Marr and Zoe Ginter were marvellous and Bob Craig as Wilma's love interest was as ever commanding. Jimmy Lamont made up the numbers as the long suffering salesman husband of Maggie. All were upstaged, however, by two members of the audience one evening when Chris Renton and her sister Greta McDougall took centre stage heading for their taxi. We see a bright future for them if their debut is anything to go by.

February saw the Society take part in the Scottish Amateur Dramatic Association One Act play festival at Buckhaven Theatre. Performing the original play "Come Tomorrow" by our very own Ian Munro, the cast received an excellent adjudication for their performance. Although the play did not progress to the next round, Ian was so encouraged by the experience he is already writing another play for next year's festival. Well done Ian and all the cast namely, Iain Walker, Gemma Cook, Zoe Ginter and Stuart Salmon. Ian not only wrote and directed the play but also gave himself the lead role - which seems fair enough if you write the play. Behind the scenes Jimmy Lamont, Bob Craig and Craig Williams were invaluable - sort of.

"Come Tomorrow" was also performed at Auchtermuchty Theatre for two nights in March, along with the festival entries from Auchtermuchty and Leslie Amateur Drama clubs. Again the Orwell squad was well received.

### Coming up:

**7 June** Milnathort Festival. A night of fun and laughter with performances of short plays, and sketches. Milnathort Town Hall from 8.00 p.m. Tickets only £3.00 and £2.50.

**23 June** Portmoak Festival. Lomond Hotel Kinnesswood from 8.00 p.m.

End August/Beginning September: two one act plays, "Bouncers" and "Shakers".

End September: Grouse and Claret Dinner Theatre evenings

December 2008 or Jan 2009: Pantomime.

There is plenty going on, as you can see. If you'd like to join us in any capacity either on stage or behind the scenes, call 01577 862331 then come along to one of our meetings. You'll be most welcome. We look forward to seeing many Newsletter readers at our forthcoming performances.

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## Kinross & District Rotary Club



After winning the local heat of the Annual Primary School Quiz, the team from Kinross Primary School went on to win the District final held at Strathallan School on 3 May. The team now go on to take part in the final to be held at Dundee on 7 June.

Life as a submariner was the title of David Goodwin's talk to the Club on 17 March. Now resident in Kinnesswood after a life spent under and above the world's oceans, David commenced by outlining the history of submarines from when the concept was first thought of in 1578. King James I and VI witnessed a submarine demonstration in the Thames in 1624 but due to initial doubts as to the effectiveness of submarines it was not until 1901 that the first Royal Navy sub was launched. The latest Astute class of sub are currently under development and the vessels are expected to cost £300 million each. David went on to describe his career in the Royal Navy being ultimately a weapon and sonar systems expert.

Duncan Stenhouse described his six-year term as part-time chaplain to Friarton Prison to the meeting held on 24 March. His role was the spiritual and pastoral care of the inmates as they prepared for returning to normal life and he described some of the lighter hearted moments he had experienced. Prior to joining the ministry David had been a teacher in Dumfries and he had been particularly interested in the implementation of educational and work experience policies within the prison service. He had found the challenges and wider view of humanity he experienced had helped him with his parish ministry. Giving the vote of thanks, Rotarian Simon Byford said that David had provided a very valuable service whilst at Friarton.

Members attending the last March meeting were entertained by current President, Barry Davies whose talk "Dew it's hard – Liè's a Challenge" gave everyone a fascinating insight into the mining industry. Barry outlined the history of mining and his own experiences linking the talk to his current expertise of Health & Safety.

President Barry Davies had the pleasure of inducting new member Sandy Pottie to membership of the Club at the meeting on 7 April. Sandy, originally from Paisley, trained as a vet at Glasgow University and after practising in North Ireland has now retired to Balado.

At the same meeting the following principal officials were elected for the 2008/9 Club Year: President, Malcolm Mapp; Vice-President, David Reid; Secretary, Kelvin Reay and Treasurer, Bill Harley.

The meeting on 24 March was pleased to welcome visiting Rotarians from Australia, Crieff and Dunfermline. Rotarian Mike Thomson reported that he had attended a meeting of the Grand Forks Rotary Club in North Dakota. The meeting also heard a report from the delegates who had recently attended the National Conference in Blackpool.

Susan Bathgate was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award at the Club meeting held on 21 April in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross. The award is presented annually by the Club in recognition of a local person's special service to the community of Kinross & District. In presenting the award President Barry Davies said that "Susan, as Chair of the Friends of Kirkgate Park, had worked tirelessly to ensure the introduction of a master plan to reinstate the Kirkgate Park as a children's play area and a valuable local amenity". Susan thanked all those who had helped make the project a success.

At the same meeting Dr Alastair Lavery, from Cambo, gave a very interesting illustrated talk on the economy and ecology of the Falkland Islands and his particular interest in the spider population of the island. He described how he had been able to identify several species that had been previously not been recorded and as such had been able to give the insect a name of his choice. Dr Lavery hoped to return to the islands next year to continue his studies and despite the distance involved he recommended the Islands as a worthwhile holiday destination.



*Susan Bathgate is presented with the Citizen of the Year Award by President Barry Davies*

The meeting on 28 April heard from one of its own members, Alistair Smith. Alistair, a retired civil engineer, spoke on the subject of Conceptual Design – the creation of a problem for a need. He also illustrated his talk with slides taken of interesting structures throughout the world.

Gif Amu-Logotse, currently lecturing at Napier university, was the guest speaker at the meeting held on 12 May. He spoke about the Wumenu Community Farm Project in the Volta region of Ghana. The project is funded through fund raising events and donations from the general public. Local schools and other communities under the 'eco partnership' scheme are also helping in various ways to make this project a success. Illustrating his talk with slides he explained how the sale of unwanted goods from the UK could finance improved farm productivity and the provision of vital water supplies. Outwith the wet seasons water is currently obtained from the nearest river 2 hours away. Further details of the project can be found at [www.wumenucommunityfarm.org](http://www.wumenucommunityfarm.org)

A group of Kinross Rotarians and their wives will shortly be departing on 7 June for Amsterdam to meet up with a group of Rotarians from Denmark with whom the Club has had exchange visits in the past.

If you would be interested in attending one of our meetings or would like further information on the Club, please contact the Secretary, Kelvin Reay, at [reay849@btinternet.com](mailto:reay849@btinternet.com)

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## Kinross-shire Civic Trust



**Annual General Meeting:** The Trust held its Annual General Meeting on 7 May in the Windlestrae Hotel. The Trust was pleased to announce that it had created the position of President of the Trust and that they had invited Professor David Munro to be the first president, which he was pleased to accept.

The meeting was followed by a talk by Terry Levinthal, the Director of the Scottish Civic Trust, to which the Kinross-shire Civic Trust is affiliated. The title of Mr Levinthal's talk was "Modernising Heritage – Challenges and Opportunities for the Future". This was a very stimulating and informative talk, which Mr Levinthal had carefully prepared and presented in an excellent manner. The talk dealt with current and pending Planning Law and its impact on heritage matters. Mr Levinthal was particularly concerned that Planning should consider areas of heritage in a much broader manner and not isolate itself to a single built development, but consider the wider environment within which it sits. The meeting felt his presentation dealt with affairs which are affecting us locally with particular concern to housing in the countryside in Kinross-shire.

**Housing in the Countryside Policy:** Cllr Willie Robertson chaired a meeting in the Kinross High School to discuss further the Perth and Kinross Council's amended 'Housing in the Countryside' policy. The meeting was attended by Cllrs Mike Barnacle, Kathleen Baird, The Trust, Fork and representatives of the Kinross-shire and Glenfarg CCs. Matters discussed included the proposed growth for housing proposals, the amended HitC policy and how the local communities deal with the Council's officials.

It was proposed that a Joint Forum is set up, consisting of the Kinross-shire and Glenfarg CCs, FORK and the Civic Trust to enable the forum to discuss joint matters of importance and use this body to be more effective in dealing with the Council.

**Next Event: Mid-summer Walk, Sunday 29 June:** The Civic Trust will hold its Annual Mid-summer walk on Sunday 29 June. This will be led by Professor David Munro, the Trust President. It will start at the Green Hotel at 2.30pm and end at the Kirklands Hotel at about 4.00pm, where tea will be available at £2.00 per head. Members and Non-members will be very welcome to attend this event and will be a great opportunity for people to learn about the old town of Kinross, especially if you are new to the area.

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

If you are interested and care about Kinross-shire, please come along to any of our events. We would be very pleased to see you. The Trust is always looking for people to help in running the Trust. We particularly need someone with computer literacy skills. If you feel you can help in anyway, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Contact: Alistair Smith, Chairman 01592 840215.

## Kinross and District Art Club



May 27th marked the end of our Spring term and weekly get-together at Millbridge Hall.

However, we look forward to June as we have the first of three "Away Painting Days". We visit sites of interest like Cleish Castle and Boreland House and Gardens that we visited last year.

This year on 3 June we have been invited to Aldie Castle and we look forward to seeing the various views of the Castle and Gardens that the members will personally select and paint, and show at our Annual Exhibition in September. Anyone of any age and painting ability who would like to experience a day out painting with enthusiastic and friendly club members will be very welcome and can contact the Secretary, Bill Bray, tel 863361, or e-mail typhoon@billby.wanadoo.co.uk

## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

This month we have three gentle mid-week walks.

**Wednesday 18 June:** Preston Island – 6 miles. Walking from Culross, then a circuit of Preston Island, past the remains of the old salt-drying area.

**Wednesday 25 June:** Portmoak Festival walk: Round Portmoak Moss. Back in time for cream tea at Portmoak Hall.

**Wednesday 2 July:** Lochleven Heritage Trail – 5 miles. Walking from Milnathort to Loch Leven's Larder and back, with the possibility of afternoon tea at the Larder.

For further information, including where to meet, contact Norma McCluskey on 01577 865792.

## Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



A very successful Pot Luck Supper was held at Dale and Helen Coldwell's Milnathort home with over 20 enjoying a wide range of dishes and wines! Thanks for allowing us to "take over" your house for the evening.

**A Spring Fayre and Coffee Morning** will take place at Chris Renton's Smiddy House garden from 10am till 12.30pm on **Saturday 31 May**. There will be the usual stalls – bottle stall, plants, books, home baking etc.

Kinross High School pupils visit Gacé at the end of May as part one of the annual exchange. Gacé pupils will visit Kinross at the end of September.

## Friends of Kirkgate Park



A few sunny days in a row, and the park has burst into life, with people as well as wildlife! I'm sure everyone who gets there appreciates what a big difference has been made to the park.

We are now moving to complete phase 2 of the project to develop the Kirkgate Park. Our aim is to remove some of the road at the east end of the park and to introduce a cobbled area in and around the watchtower, to enhance its appearance.

For further information on this, as it happens, please visit [www.friendsofirkgatepark.co.uk](http://www.friendsofirkgatepark.co.uk)

## Kinross Potager Garden



Always lots to see and do at your Community Garden in Bowton Road!! The P5's of Kinross Primary School have been having an enjoyable time learning how plants grow and how to care for them, we are discovering about beneficial insects and companion crops. Most of all, the children love dealing with the wee beasties and regularly go on a 'snail hunt'.

**The After School Club** (Wednesdays, 3.15pm to 4.45pm) have already made a start on their rainbow and planting vegetables in their raised bed and have enjoyed making Kaleidoscopes and Weather Vanes as part of the crafts we do each week.

The Gardening Courses have almost come to an end and a 5-week **Follow-On Course** is available. Andy Ness, our Gardening Teacher is also able to offer 'Garden Doctor' home visits to his students in the months ahead.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to the Community for the donations of plants and money gifts towards the Soft Fruit Bed and towards the purchase of compost.

We are delighted to be of help to Morven Wightman, who is in the process of doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Morven has been sowing seeds, taking cuttings, watering and staining fencing in the Garden. Part of the Award is to help in the Community and Morven has been doing a grand job!

For more information about the Garden, please contact Michelle Hardaker 01577 862622 email: dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk

## Milnathort School Association

Come and join us for our final fund raising event of the School Year – the **Summer Fair** on **Saturday 7 June** from 2pm to 4pm in the school grounds. As usual, we will be joining with other groups such as Orwell Church to lay on an afternoon of fun for all the family as part of Milnathort Festival Weekend celebrations. Attractions this year include miniature steam train rides, bouncy castle, obstacle course, face painting, tattoos, Beat the Goalie, burgers, ice cream, tombola, raffle and games. There will also be shopping opportunities, including silver jewellery, Phoenix cards, Usbourne Books and a pocket money stall. To round off the fun, there will be displays by a number of local organisations and songs from the school choir.

## Common Grounds



This past month has been relatively quiet, which perhaps is just as well as the number of available volunteers has been limited for various reasons. Nevertheless, our objective of fund raising, through the services of our coffee shop, fairtrade goods and second-hand books, was still achieved.

**Projects:** Our annual 'Out of Africa' project is in support of The Vine Trust. This Trust project helps street children in Peru to find some stability in their lives, provides regular meals to the children and helps rebuild homes which were devastated in last August's earthquake. The Vine Trust are also planning an imaginative school programme which will involve people from many parts of the world.

Our next **project lunch** will be held on **Tuesday 17 June** at 12.30, with homemade soup and bread as usual. The speaker will be Amu Logotse, from Ghana, who will cover many of the aspects and problems of living in his home country. Amu is at present living in Glasgow, where he uses his experience and creativity as a full time performing artist and tutor.

**Fairtrade:** If anything you are looking for is not in our current stock, it can be ordered from one of the Shared Earth or Traidcraft catalogues available in the coffee shop. Bargains are still to be found at the clearance sale.

**Book Club:** Meetings of the club are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Contact: Marlene Whyte, 01592 840371.

**Events:** Two Saturday afternoon musical events are planned for June. On the **7th** customers will be entertained by classical guitarists Nigel and Ian, and on the **21st** the Oakbank Recorders from Perth will be playing. Also look out for the Common Grounds' word-search competition which appears on the next page of this Newsletter.

**Invitation:** New volunteers are always needed and welcomed. If you can spare a few hours to help out and would appreciate the opportunity to make new friends, call one of our contacts or come in and speak to one of the volunteers.

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

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

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## Kinross Boys' & Girls' Brigade

### Awards 2007-2008

The following awards were presented at the Company's Annual Display and Presentation of Awards held in Kinross Church Centre on Friday 17 May.

There was a good turnout of parents and friends who enjoyed a varied programme which highlighted the talents of the boys and girls within the company. Former member Mr Robert Boyter, now employed as a development officer with Edinburgh Battalion was inspecting officer presenting the following awards:

#### Anchor Section:

Promotion to Junior Section: Wilson Baillie, Cameron Coyne, Matthew Hendry, Ingrid Hill, Kane Holden, Joey Lawrence, Claire McIntyre, Keir Robertson, Ewan Thomson, Morgan Traynor, Jack Watson, Liam Webster, Glen O'Connell, Keir Menzies-Smith.

Best 1st year: 3rd – Ross Coyne, 2nd – Amy Wilson,  
1st – Iona Thomson

Best 2nd year: 3rd – Abbie Watson, 2nd – Johnnie Mullen,  
1st – Claire Wilson

Best 3rd year: 3rd – Ewan Thomson, 2nd – Claire Holden,  
1st – Kane Holden

Best Squad: Yellow – Keir Robertson, Ewan Thomson, Ingrid Hill, Johnnie Mullen, Shannon Fleming, Amy Wilson

#### Junior Section:

Battalion Awards:

Multi-Sports Champions, Bible Quiz Champions, Swimming Champions

#### Company Section Awards 2007-2008:

Promotion to Staff Sergeant:

Sam Dick, Andrew Lauener & Peter Eade

Promotion to Sergeant:

Jamie Booth, Andrew Hutchison, Nicholas Lauener, Alice Eade & Andrew Morris

Promotion to Corporal:

Hannah Lopez, Rebecca Hutt, Lauren Bell, Mark Smillie

Promotion to Lance Corporal:

Ross Mathieson

Most Improved Volleyball Player **Peter Eade**

Ten Pin Bowling Cup: Boys **Andrew Hutchison**  
Officers **David Munro**

#### Battalion Awards

Chess	<b>Andrew Morris</b>
General Ralston Drill Medal	<b>Sam Dick</b>
P.E. runners up Cup	<b>Andrew Lauener</b>
5-a-side Snr Football (runner up)	<b>Andrew Hutchison</b>
Athletics Rosebowl	<b>Jamie Booth</b>
Battalion 1500 metres	<b>Peter Eade</b>
Badminton Cup	<b>Andrew Hutchison</b>
Basketball Cup	<b>Andrew Lauener</b>
Volleyball Cup	<b>Jamie Booth</b>
Centenary Volleyball Cup	<b>Andrew Hutchison</b>
Battalion Norrie Miller Swimming Shield	<b>Ross Mathieson</b>
Puller Inkstand (4 X 1 length relay)	<b>Andrew Jack</b>
Scripture Search (Target r/up)	<b>Daniel O'Connell</b>
Scripture Search (Junior winner)	<b>David Johnstone</b>
Scripture Search (Intermediate winner)	<b>Hannah Lopez</b>
Scripture Search (Senior winner)	<b>Andrew Lauener</b>

#### Company Awards

Best Squad 3rd Squad 2 (2078 average points)  
2nd Squad 5 (2095 average points)  
1st Squad 1 (2186 average points)

**Andrew Lauener, Hannah Lopez, Rebecca Hutt, David Wilcox, Mark Murphy, Kathryn Spain,**

Best Youngster at Camp **Andrew Hutchison**

Neale Trophy (Citizenship) **Andrew Lauener**



Best Recruit	3rd	Lewis McKenzie (2386 points)
	2nd	Kathryn Spain (2463 points)
	1st	<b>Jackson Brown (2688 points)</b>
Best Youngster	3rd	Andrew Lauener (2936 points)
(Melville Trophy)	2nd	Peter Eade (3051 points)
	1st	<b>Sam Dick (3172 points)</b>

### Captain's Report 2007-2008

**Anchors:** This has been yet another exciting and successful year for all three sections. The total number of Anchors this session was 27 although number settled at between 22 and 24 weekly. The boys and girls have been busy with a mixture of games, crafts, puzzles and colouring on a wide variety of topics from Bible stories to Arctic inhabitants. We have had the usual mixture of songs, drama and dance but we still intend to have more use of percussion instruments next session. Thanks to Sam and Alice from Company Section for help with crafts and games along with George and Mark from Junior Section for their help with squad inspections. We have 14 Anchors being promoted to Junior Section so we will have to recruit more new members in September.

**Juniors:** This session has been very productive and enjoyable with a larger group of boys and girls than in previous years, attendances fluctuating between 25 and 30 each week. This year we promote 8 boys and 1 girl to the Company Section. As usual we have taken part in most Battalion events this year and had success in three of these – swimming, multi-activity and Bible quiz. The figure marching squad of tonight took part in the Battalion competition and were placed 3rd overall.

We held two "away nights" this session, the first being an evening at Perth Leisure Pool where officers and youngsters enjoyed the flumes and rapids. The second away night was a "girls only" visit to the cinema (including officers) as consolation to make up for them currently being disallowed participation in Battalion events.

This year we also supported the World Mission Fund feeling that this year's project of rag pickers was a very worthwhile project and worthy of our support. We held a second hand games' stall at the BB Christmas Fayre as well as holding a sponsored games evening in February. The total raised over the two events raised a commendable £350.

Our annual camp was another success under the leadership of Mr Thomson, Mrs Dick, Mr Campbell and Mrs Campbell at Belmont Centre near Meigle over the May weekend. They were ably assisted by four senior Company Section members, the highlight of the weekend being the visit to Camperdown Park on the glorious warm Monday which included a visit to the zoo before returning to Kinross. A total of 19 boys and girls attended this year's camp, one of the largest numbers we have had in recent years.

This year we welcomed a new officer to the Junior Section, Mrs Loma Mair who has been of great assistance in running the badge programme. Thanks also to the other staff members including Senior boys Andrew Hutchison and Jamie Booth who helped out regularly on Friday evenings at the High School games hall. Thanks also to parents who have helped over the session with transport and generally being supportive in allowing their children to take part in various events throughout the year.

**Company Section:** Last session officially ended with our summer activity camp near Ballater. Again this was a very successful, enjoyable joint camp involving BB, Scouts and girls.

We are looking forward to this year's special summer camp in Toronto, Canada with 25 members all set to fly over to a Scout Log Cabin just north of Toronto.

As usual the company took part in almost all battalion competitions and again had a very successful session as you can see from the trophies. In National Competitions the Company participated in table tennis, badminton, 5-a-side football, chess and masterteam. Thanks to the officer staff who have shown commitment and loyalty not just on Friday evenings but at many other occasions also.

We have a successful company here but we still need to recruit adult volunteer help especially at all levels and unless this is forthcoming and we regenerate officer staff the Brigade in Kinross will eventually end up like many other Companies – just a memory.



# Sports News

## Kinross Volleyball Club

The club's annual general meeting saw a good turnout of members. Chairman John Cameron welcomed everyone, thanking those who had contributed to the amazing success this season:

Premier League Champions and League Cup winners - Kinross Scotrange

Recreational League Champions - Kinross BB; Recreational League Cup winners - Kinross Kintronics.

This means that all the Perth & District Volleyball League trophies have found their way to Kinross for a clean sweep, the first time in the club's history.

The following office bearers were elected:

Chairman - John Cameron  
 Vice Chairman - Rod Pattison  
 Treasurer - Fiona Wilkie  
 Coaches - Craig Donaldson & David Munro.

The club is preparing for the country's largest volleyball tournament – the Scottish Open, which takes place on the North Inch over the weekend of 24 & 25 May with over 100 teams entered once again.

Outdoor fun sessions which are open to everyone commence on **Monday 2 June** at King George V park commencing at 7 p.m. This will give club members the opportunity of continuing to practice for the 35th De Haan Tournament in Belgium which takes place over the middle weekend of August. There are now 21 members signed up for this tournament so there will be three teams entered: one men's team and two mixed teams.

If you haven't tried volleyball and are looking for a fun way of keeping fit at no cost at all – just turn up at King George's park any Monday evening from June through until August (last year surprisingly we only missed ONE Monday due to rain – hard to believe when you think of all the rain that fell last summer)!

At the Perth & District Volleyball League Annual General Meeting, Dave Munro was elected as Chairman with Claire Young and Karen Crockart being elected as joint treasurer/secretaries.

## Kinross Squash Club

The Kinross Squash championship of 2008 was extremely hard fought.

Archie Melville's experience and conservative use of energy just telling over Andrew Marshall's youth and energy to clinch victory in the final.

1st Archie Melville  
 2nd Andrew Marshall  
 3rd Jim Marshall  
 4th Phil Seymour  
 5th Gordon Dow  
 6th Joe Crawford  
 7th Christopher Martin  
 8th John Colburn  
 9th Alistair Johnston

That's it for the 2007 /2008 squash season. Summer leagues continue at a reduced level. Enjoy your summer and keep fit.



## Kinross Bowling Club

The bowling season has got off to a good start weatherwise, with the green opening on 12 April when the President's wife, Jean Cousar, delivered the first jack on a nice afternoon. We had a great turnout of existing members and one or two new members. Thanks to the lady members for the sandwiches and baking for the days and for all the hard work getting the club in order once again, not forgetting the green team for all the work involved in the preparation of the green itself and the surrounding areas.

We have played a couple of friendly fixtures already against Orwell and Bridge of Earn.

On Sunday 11 May we had an Open Fun Day on the green which attracted around 24 adults and children who had a go and played into targets etc. We had a coffee or tea and juice for the kids - which everyone seemed to enjoy and it was a lovely warm afternoon which makes it much more enjoyable. Again thanks to all the club members who helped make the day successful and to all the visitors and we hope to see some of them again soon.

Remember we have qualified coaches who can take anyone through the routine etc.

Scottish and County competitions are about to start, so good luck to everyone involved and enjoy.

Paul Allcoat, our Vice President, has been selected to play for Clackmannan County men's team and has enjoyed his first game with them at Dunoon and was pleased that the County beat the opposition. Well done Paul, it is an honour for us, as to the best of our knowledge this is the first time a member from Kinross has been selected to play in a County team.

We have an **Open Mixed Pairs** competition arranged for **Sunday 15 June** and are still requiring entries.

The **Ladies Open Pairs** is on **Sunday 3 August** and again we are still requiring entries for this.

Please contact G M Rennie (Sec) 01577 864727 for any information on any of the above.

## Orwell Bowling Club

A very busy first month produced the following results:

Wins in friendlies against Kinross, Auchtermuchty (seniors), Alloa Co-op (when a little thunder and lightning livened up matters on the green), and Perth Bowling Club Ladies. One loss against Strathmiglo leaves Orwell 23 points ahead of the other teams.

On 2 May we hosted an Inter-County Lady Reps friendly when West Stirlingshire won the day against Clackmannanshire. Orwell Club members Anne McGouldrick and Grace Legge won the County Pairs charity game at Alva on 6 May, when £600.00 was raised for Multiple Sclerosis.

We look forward to a good turnout for our **Ladies Open Pairs** to be held on **Sunday 15 June**, **Open Pairs** on **Sunday 22 June** and we will host **The Ladies County Finals** on **Wednesday 25 June** at 1.30pm. Results will be in the July Newsletter.

## Kinross Cricket Club

### Girls and Ladies News

Training has been progressing well with several new teenagers joining the club, taking girls and ladies membership to 29.

The outdoor season opened with a match against Watsonians. The team performance was much improved although not enough to beat a stronger, more confident Watsons team. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were inspired to see some strong batting from the opposition. Top batsman was Hannah Taylor scoring 19, with Katie Sculthorp playing a great supporting role.

The team then played St Andrew's University Women's cricket team and recorded their first win beating St Andrews by 9 wickets. Top batsman was Fiona Willis scoring 25 "not out" on her debut. Top Kinross bowlers were Fiona Willis and Christina Farrar both taking 1 wicket each, for only 6 runs in 4 overs.

The Kinross ladies just get better with every game and given this is their first season of competitive cricket, they are doing extremely well.

### Junior Cricket

The under-13 and under-15 teams got the defence of their respective Scottish Cup titles off to a good start. The under 15s played against Broomhall and scored an amazing 202 for 1 with opening batsmen Peter Ross, Scott Weir and James Tree all retiring (not out) on 50 runs. They then went on to bowl Broomhall all out for 26, winning by an enormous 176 runs.

The under 13s played Dunfermline, who batted first, scoring 81 which Kinross comfortably surpassed in 14 overs, winning by 6 wickets. Captain Rory Weir top scored with 30 (not out) retired.

The under-11s played their first match of the season against Largo. Harry Waterston and Ewan Doig were the star performers with a partnership of 48 in only 4 overs which put Kinross in a strong winning position. With the strength we are seeing at under-11 level, the future looks very bright for junior cricket in Kinross. The Five Junior Cricket League continues to provide an ideal arena for some of the club's younger and less experienced cricketers to get their first taste of competitive cricket and all youngsters are stepping up and performing very well.

### 1st and 2nd XI

The first XI Strathmore Union league matches have been dominated by teenage brothers James and Peter Ross. In last month's newsletter we profiled the brothers' new club record of the partnership of 226 runs with both players scoring centuries. This good form continued with James scoring an unbeaten 125 against Cupar and younger brother Peter scoring 60. Bowling performances have been equally strong with teenager Scott Weir taking 5 wickets for 11 runs against Kinross XI and John Ross taking 5 wickets for 12 runs against Cupar. The 1st XI are currently at the top of the league table having won all four of their matches. They now begin their pursuit of the Small Clubs Scottish Cup title with an away fixture to Buckie.

The 2nd XI has been able to give many squad players the opportunity to play league cricket. As yet, they have still to win a match but the results are getting closer and closer and they are gaining in experience with every game. Undoubtedly, their first win is just around the corner.

Simon Lopez will be leading the mid-week league team to defend their mid week league title with fixtures having started in mid-May – results next month.



## Kinross-shire Primary Schools

### Kwik Cricket Tournament

All six local primary schools have been invited to take part in the first inter Kinross-shire Primary Schools kwik cricket tournament. This will take place on **Friday 6 June** at 4pm at Kinross House. The winner of this tournament will go on to represent Kinross-shire in the District Championships. Winners of that will then go on to the National Championships and then the UK Championships so there is everything to play for. This is the climax of 12 weeks of coaching in the Primary Schools undertaken by club coaches Ken Reilly, Kirsteen Ross, Debbie Weir and James Ross to introduce large numbers of children to the excellent game of cricket.

### Scorers' Success

Five ladies from the club have been studying the skill of scoring by undertaking a 6-month correspondence course, under the tutelage of the Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers, (now known as the ECB Association of Cricket Officials). Julie Farrar, Kirsteen Ross and Amanda James have all achieved ECB level 2 Scorer status by completing the Intermediate level course and Debbie Weir and Kim Tree have achieved ECB level 1 status by completing the Introductory course. This enables the club to have a competent, qualified scorer to score every match at every age group and in turn this provides more accurate statistics for the club records such as fastest century (in minutes) and fastest century (number of balls faced) as well as providing players with more comprehensive details of their personal performances and coaches with good quality information to indicate areas of performance requiring additional coaching.



*Kinross Cricket Club Scorers: Clockwise from back left: Kim Tree, Debbie Weir, Amanda James, Kirsteen Ross, Julie Farrar*

## Forthcoming Home Fixtures, June 2008 (weather dependent) – Spectators welcome

Sunday 1	Kwik Cricket (9.30am start)
Sunday 1	1st XI Falkland
Tuesday 3	Glenrothes (6pm start)
Wednesday 4	U15s v Falkland
Friday 6	Kinross-shire Primary Schools Kwik Cricket
Saturday 7	Community Cricket 6s Challenge
Sunday 8	1st XI v Glendelvine
Thursday 12	U13s v Perthshire
Saturday 14	Ladies v Dollar Academy
Sunday 15	2nd XI v Cupar
Tuesday 17	Under 15s v Captain's XI
Wednesday 18	U15s v Dunfermline
Sunday 22	2nd XI v Meigle
Wednesday 25	U11s v Dunfermline
Friday 27	U13s v Fruchie
Thursday 26	Perth & Kinross U18s v Utrecht U21 (1pm start)
Saturday 28	Kwik Cricket (9.30am start)

## Kinross Road Runners



Kinross Road Runners have been very busy at races over the past month as the summer running season has got under way. Alistair Black and Judith Dobson both crossed the pond to undertake the Boston Marathon and came back with excellent times. Our lone representative at the Lochaber Marathon based around Fort William, Gillian Lopez, ran an awesome race to reward all her months of hard training with a personal best time for this distance.

17 Kinross Road Runners turned out for our local PTA 10km race which raises funds for the High School. Stephen Crawford, last year's club champion, showed he still had plenty of speed and winning ways left. It was good to see ex-president Dave Houston turn out on the sunny evening and showed that his past fitness is definitely returning. The famous beach run off Kinghorn around the "Black Rock" did not allow entries on the night so only two representatives from Kinross Road Runners were organised enough to secure places. Isabella Carmichael and Andy Johns both received a bottle of beer as prizes to quench their thirst at the end of the race. Despite both the sand in his wet shoes and the beer, Andy ran in the classic Fell Race that climbs the Munro Stuc a'Chroin from Stratheyre the very next day, covering 14 miles with 5,000ft of climbing over some very rough terrain. Kinross Road Runner "Athlete of the Year 2007" and London Marathon man Chris Pratt completed the Great Edinburgh Run and showed that he can now comfortably beat the 40 minute mark for the 10km distance. 12 Kinross Road Runners turned out for the Dunfermline Old Town 10km event which is part of this year's club championship series. First back was the in-form man Alistair Black; Pauline Malley recorded a respectable time to be the first counter for the Kinross ladies.

Well worth going to is the Dunfermline 5km race held around Pittencrieff Park. Andy came away with a fist full of energy gels from one of the "Healthy Living Expo" stalls which must have done him some good as he managed to finish in 7th place, completing his fourth race in 8 days. John Myerscough came 2nd in his age group and Christine Myerscough went one better to finish 1st in her age category.

In the Dunfermline half-marathon Chris Pratt led the Kinross Road Runners home, going under the one hour 25 minute mark to show that he is on course for a fast marathon later in the year. Valerie Findlay and Geoff Bilton grabbed personal best times but are still in search of getting under that elusive 1hr 50min time.

Every year Kinross Road Runners organise the Loch Leven Half Marathon; this is impressively co-ordinated and is much admired by other running clubs, many of which are much larger than Kinross. The race café is legendary, as is the signage on the course, organised by Roger Stark. There are far too many helpers and volunteers to list here, who gave up their free time to put something back into the sport we all love. All who did help are much thanked and hugely appreciated. However, three ladies stand out for their tireless work over the years; Anne Wilson, Ann Malcolm, and Judith Dobson, who all play key roles in making this outstanding event happen so smoothly on the day.

The 25th running of the Kinross Loch Leven Half Marathon was a huge success, with 430 runners finishing the scenic circumnavigation of our splendid Loch. The weather was

near perfect for running: no rain, not too hot and, above all, no wind to trouble the runners on the homeward stretch. A past winner, Paul Arcari of Kilbrarchan AAC, came back to claim first position again in an outstanding time of 1hr 8mins. This was a full three minutes clear of second place Chris Wilson of Cambuslang Harriers. The first two ladies were split by only 21 seconds and the laurels were won by Keri Weatherhogg of Perth Road Runners. Runners came from running clubs far and wide, from Aberdeen to Anstruther, Dunbarton to Dunbar, Forfar to Forress, Penicuik to Perth, and Sprinburn to Strathearn. Our new fast man recently returned from the Boston marathon, Alistair Black, was the first Kinross Road Runner home, but was chased all the way by Roy Paterson who was just one minute behind. Andy Johns at last went under 1hr 30mins and Steve Little was rewarded with a splendid PB time. Linda Palmer was the first Kinross Road Runner lady home, followed by Gillian Black who added to the household silverware. Third was Anne Macintyre in her debut at this distance and just reward for all the hours of training she has put in this year.



Half Marathon runners between Scott and well and Kinnesswood

Let the season roll on! All are welcome to join our running club; we meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm in the car park outside the health centre and finish about 8.00pm. Sunday morning runs start from the same place at 9.00am. If it's your first venture with the club please make yourself known and you will be assured of a warm and friendly reception. See you pounding the pavements and treading the trails. Keep fit and enjoy your running.

## Bishopshire Junior Badminton Club



### End of Season Tournaments:

Primary	Winner	Runner Up
P6 Girls Singles	Jenny Weir	Charlotte Yeoman
P6 Boys Singles	Sam Fraser	Duncan Peter
P7 Girls Singles	Jenny Dunne	Rachael Eddie

High School	Winner	Runner Up
S1&S2 Girls Singles	Flossie Tydeman	Eilidh Kordula
S1&S2 Boys Singles	Douglas Weir	Ian Dunnett
S1&S2 Mixed	Rebecca Eadie	Natasha Grant
Doubles	& Douglas Weir	& Ian Dunnett

**Junior Club restarts Wednesday 3 September 6.00pm**



# News from the Rurals

**CARNBO** - The Annual General Meeting was held and Mrs Eileen Thomson elected President. The tellers were from Cleish SWRI. After all the business was completed the members enjoyed taking part in a Beetle Drive.

Competitions:

Greetings Card - Mrs Grace Paterson  
Flower of the Month - Miss Margaret Forrester

**CLEISH** - Mrs Margaret Kilpatrick, President, welcomed members to the meeting on 14 April. After business was concluded, she was pleased to introduce the Auchtermuchty SWRI Choir who entertained us wonderfully with a medley of songs and poetry readings - a most enjoyable evening.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month - Mrs F. Barnfather  
Individual Sweet - Mrs C. Erskine  
Bookmark - Mrs E. Wallace

**BLAIRINGONE** - President Mary Ramsay presided at our AGM and also gave a demonstration of pancake making. Five new committee members were elected. Mrs Fiona Clark was elected new President.

The points cup was won by Mrs Mary Croy and FOM points Mrs Agnes Murray.

Special tribute was given for Mrs Nancy Clark who passed away recently. A founder member of Blairingone WRI, she was a most willing and hard working member all her life and is greatly missed by us all.

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**MILNATHORT** - Mrs Jean Paterson presided at our AGM in May. Two members from Muckhart Rural acted as tellers.

Fiona Hynds brought her laptop and showed some Milnathort members on their visit to Christmas markets in Belgium.

New President - Mrs Jessica Munro  
New Vice President - Mrs Fiona Hynds

Vote of thanks was given by Jessica Munro.

Competitions:

Best use 1oz wool - Nan Paterson  
3 Fruit Slices - Kathleen King  
Flower of the Month - Jessica Munro

**CROOK OF DEVON** - President Mrs Margaret Arbuckle welcomed members and two tellers from Cleish to our AGM. Retiring committee member Mrs Jean Cousar was warmly thanked for all her hard work.

Mrs I. Mill was elected new committee member and Mrs I. White was re-elected.

Competitions:

Most Points - Isabelle White  
Flower of the Month - Isobel Mechan

Euna Scott gave us a very interesting talk on all the different sections of her work with Perth in Bloom, which is now known as Beautiful Perth.

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# Out & About

## Vane Farm



Michty me summer has finally got here wi some nice warm sunny weather. The burdies are doin their usual summer stuff n lookin efer the broods o newly hatched bairns and probably gettin fair haikitt in the process.

The swallows, some o them lookin a bit puggled efer the long flee fae Africa, are feverishly building nests in oor boat shed and public latrine lobby. We hiv pit a visual display system, that's a camera, oan the area tae observe the comins and goins which will be beamed up tae wur big telly in the catering emporium.

Now then it's nowt tae dae wi burds, well it is sort o, We have just hid a couple o the mair mature variety fae the North East, who got mairitt in Morpeth in the morning, came oot the registry office, louped on their bike, a big flash Harley Roadking apparently, and came up to Vane fur a wee cup o tea and the honeymoon. The couple met in a bird hide in Hauxley which turned intae a "cosmic blind date" accordin tae Janet the newlywed. The moral o the story bein accordin to Dave the groom "I went to a bird sanctuary and found a bird" which has lightened up his life and made him a happy chappy! Awhhh nice. No that am suggestin in ony way nature reserves are a gid place tae pick up a wummin or indeed a bloke..... and am diggin a big hole here it's gettin ower complicatit tae explain so am gonnæ quit while am behind. Braw wee story tho.

They thocht Vane was a fabulous place, or maybees they were jist over come wi the love thing n the local abbatoir wid hae been brilliant oan that particular day? Lets gie them the benefit o the doubt tho. It is a fabby place, and it's oan yer doorstep and sometimes things on the doorstep ye tak furgrantit..... So come along n visit n see fur yersel whit yer missin.

Oan the same day we had a birthday perty fur John wan o oor regulars who is o the cycling fraternity. A large group o cyclists turned up tae wish him awe the best fur his 90th. He hiz seemingly cycled ower hawf a million miles since he startit when he wiz a wee chap and still does a bit yet, good on um - better than a could dae nae contest!!

Raymeister has been purchasin some new weans' activity thingies fur the retail emporium, which come in a boax, aye a guid start cos they transport easily and hiv things tae dae wi worms, n beetles, n bugs, n things, educatin n entertainin. Ye kin even learn tae cultivate square tomatæes that kin go wi yer roond lettuce, oblong cucumbers, oval olives, amazin! Geometry oan a plate. Another new line, da da da da ta da.... Yes folks treat yer local roabins tae suet covered sunfloor... yummy n perfect fur yer windæe feeder. So when yer next in the shoap say "Raymeister! Some o them suet draps sil vous plait". No pan draps, they wid choke the burds, suet draps.

Next event comin up is "**Springfest at Vane**" on **Sunday 8 June** from 10.30am till 4.30pm. A day o fun frivolity firestartin, nature walks, music, bushcraft n stuff like that, further details fae Vane. We will hiv a free 16 seater charabanc runnin between Vane and the Bistro at the pier where young Donna will be daen stuff as well in Kirkgate Park. Mind n come along.

T a ta, till the next time enjoy the sunshine.

Colin

## Loch Leven NNR



It's great to welcome back the summer weather and it seems to have breathed new life into the NNR. More visitors than ever are using the Heritage Trail. There is plenty of action on the loch with resident duck broods afloat, fishing boats back in the water and Ospreys overhead. Other summer migrants to look out for include the Sedge Warbler, Willow Warbler and Whitethroat, all of which you will find in the scrub and woodlands around the loch shore.



*The Sedge Warbler - a summer migrant to Loch Leven*

Following the success of Burleigh Botany in May, we are pleased to inform you that we are hosting another botanical walk called **Levenmouth Botany** on **Tuesday 10 June**. SNH staff will once again be joined by local botanist Liz Lavery to have a closer look at the botanical diversity in this key area of Loch Leven NNR. Be prepared to be surprised at the variety on show at this time of year. This is also an opportunity to learn more about the rare species around the NNR. The walk is scheduled for 6-8pm, and will meet at the Findatie Car Park.

We also have a **Meet the Wardens** session planned for **Wednesday 4 June** between 3pm and 7pm, so if you'd like to view the wildlife of Loch Leven and have a chat with staff from the reserve, feel free to drop in to the Boathouse Hide.

Our volunteer group has recently been taking part in a range of valuable conservation work, including our successful first season of Water vole surveying. We have plans to develop more activities involving wildlife monitoring and practical habitat management projects. Some of the group have attended a Bumblebee Survey training day at Loch Ore Meadows Country Park in May, and further insect surveys will be taking place during the course of the summer. A less exciting, but essential volunteering activity going on this month is a **Litter Pick**, planned for **Sunday 1 June** at 1pm. If you are interested in volunteering around the reserve, or would like to be kept up to date with what's going on for volunteers at Loch Leven, contact the office on 01577 864439 to express your interest.

Craig

### Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

## Farming



### Super Jam!

Young entrepreneur Fraser Doherty took a new spin on an old favourite and now supplies a leading supermarket with his jams made with grape juice. From his experience of helping his Gran make jam, Fraser knew that a source of sugar was required to ensure an efficient preservation process for the soft fruit. Substituting the sugar with grape juice has created a healthier jam, more appealing to younger consumers. Truly ingenious, I think!

### Super Silage!

This is preservation super sized! Silage is a form of conserved grass that is made by farmers during the summer months. Before farmers had the capability and knowledge to make silage, all grass had to be dried to remove all moisture and baled as hay. Hay making can require five or six days of constant sunshine. In Kinross-shire and many other parts of Scotland this made the job a bit of a headache; a shower of rain could spoil the whole crop and give the farm animals a poor nutritional ration for the winter. Silage making is less reliant upon brilliant sunshine and is therefore another ingenious spin on an old favourite! Thankfully no boiling is required but the process of making good quality silage requires attention to detail. The grass to be made into silage must have been growing for between four and six weeks after the fertiliser has been applied. Young grass cut during May and June is the first cut from the field; this is mowed down and left in swaths to dry out. The swath is then swallowed up by either a round baler or a forage harvester that feeds the silage into a trailer that carts the silage to the steading and dumps it into a big pit.

At this point it is now vital to remove as much oxygen as possible from the grass; this can be done by packing the bale tight and wrapping it with many layers of plastic or consolidating the grass in the pit by rolling it many times to squeeze out the air before covering it with a plastic sheet. In both instances the farmer is trying to create an anaerobic environment as quickly as possible. The fermentation process can then begin. Bacteria, friendly bacteria that is, ferment the sugars in the grass to produce acetic and lactic acids. This is desirable as the cows and sheep can then readily digest the material during winter. During the fermentation, the pH of the silage drops to around pH 4.0; these conditions inhibit the growth of mould that would spoil the silage. The whole process takes 21 days and after that the forage has reached a preserved state that will be maintained as long as oxygen is kept from the silage. The better the fermentation, the better the silage. Feeding good quality silage results in less wastage, milk yield increases and better liveweight gains, more contented and healthier stock.

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## Weather



### April Weather Report From Carnbo

April this year lived up to its reputation as being the month of showers, with only 6 completely dry days.

The month was also on the cold side, with frequent nights with ground and air frost.

Rainfall for month	90 mm (155% of normal)
Heaviest fall	18 mm (30th)
Highest temperature	15°C (27th)
Lowest temperature	-3°C (6th)
Average temperature	5.8°C (April 07 8.8°C!)
1 day with maximum above 15°C	
3 snow days, 1 day with snow lying (0.5cm)	
Ground frost	17 nights (lowest temp -7°C)
Air frost	8 nights
Cloud cover	75%
Thunder recorded on one day (29th)	

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## Nearby Events

### Bruce Festival, Dunfermline, 6 – 15 June

This spectacular festival includes outdoor historical theatre, living history re-enactments in Pittencrieff Park, falconry displays, jousting and more. See [www.visitdunfermline.com](http://www.visitdunfermline.com) for details. Entry to Dunfermline Palace and Abbey is free on the weekend of 14 and 15 June as part of the festival.

**Hill of Tarvit** (near Cupar). Tel: 0844 4932185

**Free Croquet Tuition** every Thursday, 1pm-4pm.

**Mid-summer evening walk** of the gardens and estate with the Head Gardener on **Saturday 21 June**. £4 adults, £3 conc and NTS members. Phone 0844 493 2185 to book.

### Falkland Palace

**Art Exhibition:** 2D and 3D works by Adam Smith College students inspired by the palace and gardens. From **31 May to 17 June**. Normal garden or palace & garden entry prices.

### Stirling Castle

There are **Costumed Presentations** every Saturday and Sunday until mid September. Meet royal courtiers, soldiers and musicians and find out about the times in which they lived.

**Scottish Chamber Orchestra:** A summer evening of music mainly by Mozart on **Thursday 5 June** at 8pm.



### St Andrews Castle

**Romeo and Juliet:** A touring production by Shakespeare's Globe in the grounds of St Andrews Castle on **13, 14 and 15 June**. Adults £15, concessions £10. Doors open 6.30pm. Early booking recommended. Tickets available in person from St Andrews castle or by phoning the Globe on 0207 401 9919.

### Scottish Archaeology Month

June is Scottish Archaeology month. There are many events such as walks, talks and presentations taking place in Perthshire which will appeal to those with an interest in history and archaeology. More information is available from the Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust website: [www.pkht.org.uk](http://www.pkht.org.uk)

### Huntingtower and Elcho Castles

As part of Scottish Archaeology month, Historic Scotland presents **Castles .... Clues and Mysteries Revealed** at Huntingtower Castle, Perth and Elcho Castle, Bridge of Eam. Explore the castles with an archaeologist to discover clues that tell us how the castles were built and how they have changed over time. Includes object handling session. The session at Huntingtower is on **5 June**, the one at Elcho on **12 June**. Attendance is free, but pre-booking is essential by contacting the HS Interpretation Team on 0131 668 8858.

### Balvaird Castle, near Glenfarg

A late 15th century tower on an L plan. Refined architectural details. Normally only the exterior is available to view, but there is a special **OPEN DAY** on **Sunday 29 June** at Balvaird Castle from 10am and 3pm. Discover more about the construction of this imposing towerhouse from the surviving timber and plasterwork. Free; no booking required.

## 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, or phone 01577 863226. In the care of Historic Scotland.

### Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Eam

A remarkably complete 16th century fortified mansion with three projecting towers, five miles NE of Bridge of Eam 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

This picturesque parish church houses the 9th century Dupplin Cross, a masterpiece of Pictish stonework. Donations welcome. Open summer only, seven days a week. In the care of Historic Scotland.

### Abernethy Round Tower

One of the two free-standing round towers of Irish style surviving in Scotland, dating from the end of the 11th century. Good views of the firth of Tay. Keys available from nearby tea room during the summer between 10am and 5pm, except Mondays. Signs at site for key. In the care of Historic Scotland.

## Events at Dobbies, Kinross

### Summer Fun Weekend

**Sat 7 and Sun 8 June**

There will be live music, summer drink sampling, barbecue demonstrations, gardening tips and competitions for best home baked cake, best fuchsia, geranium or summer floral arrangement. For children there will be a vegetable character competition, a treasure hunt and giant garden games.

### Rose Week

**Mon 9 to Sun 15 June**

Attend horticultural demos from Dobbies experts and discover how to plant and establish roses, find out about the different varieties and selecting the right ones, pick up tips on pruning and feeding, pest control and disease and discover how to look after your roses all year round!

Rose Week Horticultural Demonstration: **Saturday 14 June** at 11.30am.

# Gardens Open

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



## Gardens open regularly not too far from Kinross

	Opening Arrangements				Admission		Disabled	Contact Number
					Adult	Child	Access	
Kinross House gardens	1 Apr - 30 Sept	daily	1000-1900	£3.00	free	yes		01577 862900
Arnot Tower gardens, Leslie	6 May - 28 Oct	Tues only	1000-1700	£3.50				01592 840115
Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	1 Mar-31 Oct	Mon-Sat	1000-1700	£10.00	£7.00	yes(gdn)		0844 4932186
		Sun	1300-1700					0844 4932186
Hill of Tarvit mansion & gdns, nr Cupar (NTS)	1 Jun-31 Aug	daily	1300-1700	£8.00			yes	0844 4932185
Grounds only at Hill of Tarvit	all year	daily	to dusk	£2.00			yes	0844 4932185
Kellie Castle & garden (NTS)	21 Mar - 31 Oct	daily	1300-1700	£8.00	£5.00	partial		0844 4932184
Garden only at Kellie Castle	all year	daily	0930-1730	£3.00			yes	0844 4932184
Culross Palace and gardens (NTS)	1 Jun-31 Aug	daily	1200-1700	£8.00	£5.00	no		0844 4932189
Gardens only at Culross Palace	1 Jun-31 Aug	daily	1200-1700	£2.50			difficult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	21 Mar - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.00			partial	0844 4932193
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	Contact Number
				Adult	Child	Access	
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 Open Days

The garden at **Gleneagles**, by **Auchterarder**, PH3 1PJ is open on **Sunday 1 June**, 2pm-5pm. There will be a plant stall, jazz band and refreshments. Route: on A823 Crieff / Dunfermline road just south of A9. Admission £4 (40% to Hope and Homes for Children). No dogs. Partial disabled access. There is an **Exhibition** of welded wildlife animals and birds by Helen Denerley from **1 to 16 June**, 10.30am to 4.30pm. All works are for sale. Telephone 01764 682388.

New to SGS, The garden at **House of Aldie, Fossoway** is open on **Sunday 8 June**, 2pm-5.30pm. There are attractive spring plantings beside the burn facing south across the Cleish valley. Flowering shrubs surround house and lawns. Route: shown on map as 'Aldie Castle'. Off B9097 approx 3 miles south of Crook of Devon. Admission £3 (40% to Cleish Church). Children under 16 free. Dogs on a lead welcome. Refreshments available.

There are around ten gardens open in the **village of Ceres** on **Sunday 8 June** from noon to 5pm. Also, the Fife Folk Museum and Griselda Hill Wemyss Ware Pottery can be visited. Buy tickets with maps indicating the gardens from the museum garden. Admission £4, accompanied children

free. Disabled access possible at some gardens and the museum and pottery. Refreshments available.

The garden at **Earlshall Castle, Leuchars**, KY16 0DP is open on **Sunday 8 June**, 2pm-5pm. The garden was designed by Sir Robert Lorimer and has a topiary lawn, rose terrace, croquet lawn, herbaceous and shrub borders, orchard and kitchen garden. Route: On Earlshall road, ¾ mile east of Leuchars village. Admission £5 (40% to The Liberating Scots Trust). Children free. Disabled access difficult, but possible. Plant stall. Refreshments.

**The Freuchie Plant Sale** takes place on **Sunday 15 June**, noon to 4pm when a wide selection of plants, perennial and bedding on sale. Location: Karbet, KY15 7EY in the centre of Freuchie on the B936. Admission £1 (40% to SSAFA). Children free. Limited disabled access. Baking stall. Light refreshments, soup and rolls available.

A variety of gardens at **Blebo Craigs Village** near Cupar, KY15 5UF, will be open on **Sunday 22 June**, 2pm-5pm. Admission £4 (40% to Blebo Hall Fund). Plant stall. Partial disabled access. Refreshments. Route: from Cupar, B940 and take left at Pitscottie. After 2 miles, left at sign onto B939.

**Kirklands, Saline** is open on **Sunday 22 June**, 2pm-5pm. There are herbaceous borders, a bog garden, woodland garden, a newly developed terraced walled garden, burn and woodland. Location: KY12 9TS. Route: Jct 4, M90, then B914. Park in centre of village. Admission: £3.50 (40% to Saline Environmental Group). Accompanied children free. Dogs on lead welcome. Partial disabled access. Plant stall. Cream teas.

## Congratulations



**JACKIE McLEAN** and **NEIL HERKES** were engaged to be married recently in Cyprus. Love from both families.

**ANN-MHAIRI PRYDE**, Ross Street, Kinross and **ANDREW WILSON** of Elmswell, Cambridgeshire were married on 12 April 2008 at the Haughley Park Barn, Elmswell.

**MAISIE** and **TOM REID**, Middleton, Milnathort celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 26 April. Congratulations from all the family.

Sandy and Lisa **PENNY** are delighted to announce the birth of their son, **JAMIE ALEXANDER** on 6 April 2008. First grandson for Janice and Murray Mentiplay, and Alex and Beth Penny, who are over the moon! (So please encourage Sandy and Lisa to go out so that we can babysit!!)

Best wishes to **MARGARET SIMPSON**, formerly of Milnathort, now Dunfermline, who celebrated her 70th birthday on 30 May. With love from Joyce, Richard, Rachael and Robbie.

**JIMMY LAMONT**, former Kinross High School pupil and now PE teacher at Robert Gordons in Aberdeen, participated in the recent London Marathon. In what was his first ever marathon, he completed the course in a commendable time of under four hours and raised a healthy sum for various charities. Congratulations and well done.

**TOM KITCHIN**, who grew up in Kinross-shire and is now chefpatron of a successful restaurant in Leith, has won the Scottish regional final of BBC TV's Great British Menu. As this Newsletter goes to press Tom will be competing against chefs from six other regions of Britain in the grand final.

**FOSSOWAY PRIMARY** pupils achieved success at the recent P6/7 relay championships held at the George Duncan stadium at Perth Grammar School. The boys' team won gold and a shield and the girls' team won silver.

### Local success at the Fife Agricultural Show:

Dairy cattle:

Champion - **A & S LAWRIE** of Cuthill Towers.  
Mountain & Moorland (mini):

Reserve - **ALICIA HAY** of Blairview, Milnathort.  
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If you sent a card with good wishes,

If you helped with my shopping, washing, cleaning, or gardening,

If you walked my two dogs, I send a Great Big Thank you to you all.

Thanks also to Dr McCracken, family and friends. I am much better now - **MARGARET HOUSTON**

**MICHAEL WHYTE**, who recently ran his second London Marathon to raise funds for the Scottish Huntington's Disease Association would like to thank all who sponsored him and to Lodge St Serf for their kind donation.

**LEE CUNNINGHAM, ROY McCORMACK, TOM HUGHES** and **IAN CUTHBERT** raised £2925.20 for CHAS by walking the West Highland Way.

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# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church

**Church of Scotland**  
Station Road, Kinross

website: [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)

E-mail: [kinpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kinpc@tiscali.co.uk) Tel: (01577) 862570  
Interim Moderator: Rev Joanne Finlay Tel: (01577) 850231  
Locum: Rev Ray Gaston  
Reader: Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602  
Session Clerk: Mrs Linda Williamson Tel: (01577) 862789  
15 St Mary's Place, Kinross

*During the current vacancy please direct pastoral enquiries on matters such as illness to Margaret Michie.*

### June

**Sun 1** 10.30am Quarterly Communion Service  
6.30pm Communion Service  
**Wed 4** 7.30pm African Children's Choir: a welcome return from an inspiring choir. Tickets available from Margaret Michie.  
**Sun 8** 10.30am Service  
**Sun 15** 10.30am Service  
**Sun 22** 10.30am Service  
**Sun 29** 10.30am Service

**Pram Service:** Each Tuesday at 10am in the Church. All under 3s and carers welcome.

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

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

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

**Causeway Court:** Last Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm.  
*All are welcome to these services.*

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

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

## 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.

### DRIVING TUITION

### LOCHLEVEN DRIVING SCHOOL

Call Marie Scott  
on  
Kinross 862266

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## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

**Church of Scotland**

Rev Robert Pickles Telephone: (01577) 863461

E-mail: [robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com](mailto:robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com)

### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

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

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

**Services at Levensen:** first Tuesday of the month at 4pm

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

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

**Fusion** 6pm Portmoak New Room

**1 June** Communion, Formal at Orwell

**7, 8 June** Milnathort Festival Weekend

**22 - 29 June** Portmoak Festival

**29 June** 11am United Service in Marquee at Lochend Farm

## St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston

Telephone: (01577) 866834

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

### June Services

**Sun 1** Pentecost 4, 8.30am Holy Communion.  
11.00am Sung Eucharist followed by prayers for healing.  
**Sun 8** Pentecost 5, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am Sung Eucharist.  
**Sun 15** Pentecost 6, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am Morning Worship followed by Short service of Holy Communion.  
**Sun 22** Pentecost 7, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
11.00am Sung Eucharist with Baptism.  
**Sun 29** Pentecost 8, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
St Peter and St Paul, 11.00am All age Communion service.

Junior Church and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

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

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### Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

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

**Sunday Services** 11.15am  
**Crèche** 11.15am  
**Junior Church** 11.15am

#### June

**Sun 1** 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay  
**Sun 8** 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Julia Bartholomew  
**Sun 15** 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Andrew McLellan  
**Sun 22** 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay  
**Sun 29** 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

### 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

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

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

**Joint Choir rehearsals:** Wednesday evenings, 7pm-9pm

#### June

**Sun 1** 9.45am All Age Worship with 2nd Fife,  
Dunfermline Scout Group  
**Sun 8** 9.45am Preacher Rev. Julia Bartholomew  
**Fri 13** Flower Festival. 6.30-7.30pm Fork Supper.  
**Sat 14** Flower Festival.  
**Sun 15** 9.45am Preacher Andrew McLellan.  
7pm Celebratory Songs of Praise Service.  
**Sun 22** 9.45am Preacher Rev. Joanne Finlay  
**Sun 29** 9.45am Preacher Rev. Joanne Finlay

**13 -15 June** Flower Festival in Church and halls

### 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)

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

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

## Acknowledgements

**DAVIDSON** - Margaret, Carole, Alex & Janetann would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers, received in their sad loss of Alex. Thanks to the staff at Queen Margaret Hospital, Lynebank Hospital and Benarty View Care Home for the care given in his last few months. Thanks to Ewings Funeral Directors, for their help and guidance, Mrs M Michie for the lovely service held in Kirkcaldy Crematorium, and finally to all who paid their last respects. All donations received will be given to Benarty View Care Home.

**JOSEF SOROCZYNSKI** would like to thank District Nurse Gill and all the nurses who helped to care for his wife Margaret through her illness. A special thank you to Dr Richmond for all his care over the years.

**JOE and LAURA KEPPIE** would like to thank everyone who sent cards, letters, flowers and messages of sympathy on the untimely death of their beloved son, Steven. Special thanks go to Steven's Kinross school friends, Michael Sunners, who came from Florida to attend the funeral in Cambridge, and Nelson Macmillan who flew in from Norway. Along with their daughter, Joanna, they will never forget the kindness of all.

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## PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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Tues 10.00am-11.30am

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

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

Contact Carolyn Robertson 01383 831129  
Venue - Portmoak village hall

## LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

### Session times

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

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

## LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

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

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

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

## FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - Lucy Lomas 01577 864868

## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Moubray Hall, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

Contact Pat Irvine 01577 840584 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)



## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071

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



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

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

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

**Storycraft** Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Storytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

**Rising Fives** Wed 1.00-3.15pm

This is complementary to Nursery

**Wee Swans** Fri 1.15-2.45pm

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

For more information please contact Alisa 07796 213312 or Playgroup 862071.

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

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

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



## MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contacts: Alissa 830124

## GLENFARG VILLAGE PLAYSCHOOL



Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

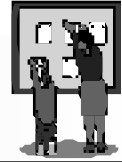
Come and make some new friends and enjoy a balanced morning of play, fun and learning!

We have a great outdoor play area too!

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

Places available for 2 - 4 year olds

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



# Notices

## Kinross-shire Residents Association



### COFFEE MORNING

Kinross Church Centre

**Saturday 7 June** from 10am -12pm.



This is an ideal opportunity to find out more about the Association, so please come along and show your support. There will be tea and coffee available, as well as cakes, pancakes and scones. There will also be a raffle on the day. If you are unable to attend the coffee morning, but would like to be kept informed by letter, local newsletter or Federation News, please contact the Perth & Kinross Tenants & Residents Federation Office on 01738 442302. An allowance for childcare/caring is available to those with caring responsibilities. Details on how to claim are available from the Federation Office.

### PUBLIC MEETING

Kinross Church Centre

**Thursday 26 June** at 7.30pm

Invited guests include a representative from the Area Housing Office, Councillors from ward 8 and a representative of Perth & Kinross Police.

We do hope you will be able to attend. Please come along and support your local Association. A warm welcome awaits you.

An allowance for childcare/caring is available to those with caring responsibilities. Details on how to claim are available from the Perth & Kinross Tenants & Residents Federation Office on (01738) 442302.

## SPRINGFEST Family Fun Day

at

Vane Farm Nature Reserve by Loch Leven

**Sunday 8 June**

10.30am – 4pm

Tickets: £3.00 (adult), 50p (child), £6 (families)

## Fossoway Primary School Fête

**Saturday 14 June**

1pm-4pm

(to be held in the school grounds)

A fun family afternoon with attractions including displays from local groups, bouncy castle, tombola, wellie chucking competition, teas and homebaking, WALC plant sale, second hand toy stall, shopping tent with local crafts, lucky dip, face painting and tug of war contest.

Please come along and enjoy the fun!!

## Recently bereaved? Needing some support? AMONGST FRIENDS

(Bereavement Group)

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

A warm welcome awaits all

For details phone

Hazel 01577 863461 or Marg 01577 863557

## Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

**Monday 23 June** 3.30pm to 8.00pm

**Tuesday 24 June** 5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

## Milnathort Family Festival 6 - 8 June

Exhibition of crafts and hobbies - Orwell Church

**Friday 6 June** 6 - 8pm

**Sat 7 June** 3 - 5pm and 6 - 8pm

**Sun 8 June** 2 - 4pm

All the fun of the Fair! - Milnathort School

**Sat 7 June** 2 - 4pm - incorporating Milnathort School

Summer Fayre and Orwell Church Fête

Games, activities and entertainment for all ages

Classical Guitar Music - Common Grounds -

Church Street Hall

**Sat 7 June** 8 - 9.30pm

Festival Family Service - Orwell Church

**Sun 8 June** 11.30am. All welcome.

## Orwell Church Fête

included in part of the Milnathort Festival

**Saturday 7 June** at 2pm

in Milnathort Primary School

All the usual stalls, afternoon teas. All welcome.

## ORWELL DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Orwell Dramatic Society presents a  
programme of short plays and sketches  
with lots of fun and laughter for all the family

### Milnathort Festival

at Milnathort Town Hall on **Saturday 7 June** from 8pm

Tickets are only £3.00 and £2.50 (Concessions)

Available from Milnathort Post Office or at the door

or phone 862331 for reservations.

### Portmoak Festival

Lomond Hotel, Kinnesswood on **Monday 23 June** at 8pm

Tickets as above.

## T in the Park Drop-in Centre

**Friday 14 July, Saturday 15 July**

It's that time of the year again when our volunteers need to dust off their pinnies and give Fiona the shifts they can work. The shifts this year are Friday and Saturday (**July 14/15**): 8-11; 10-1; and 11-2. We also require a volunteer clean-up crew beginning at 1.30 pm.



## Fossway St Serf's And Devonside Church

Church Road, Crook of Devon

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

**Friday 13, Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 June**

1pm – 4pm each day

Come and enjoy the peace and tranquility of this beautiful 14th century church and view the wonderful flower arrangements featuring different countries. Enjoy a lovely afternoon tea. Tickets £3.

*In addition to the viewing*

*special events have been planned over the weekend:*

**Friday 13 June: FORK SUPPER** (2 courses)

Entertainment by the St Serf Singers.

Tickets: £6 adults, £3 children.

Supper served in the hall from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Entertainment by the St Serf Singers will be held in the Church from 8pm to 9pm and there will be an opportunity to view the Flower Festival.

**Saturday 14 June: COFFEE MORNING**

10am to 11.30am

Entertainment by the Junior Church: 11.30am to 12.00pm

Tickets: £3

*The above in aid of church funds*

**Sunday 15 June: EVENING SONGS OF PRAISE**

At 7pm, led by the St Serf's Church Choir

Refreshments provided in the hall after the service.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets should contact Betty Stirling: 01577 840312 or Jan King: 01577 840524

*Note for your Diary:* Our **Christmas Bazaar** this year will be held in the refurbished Crook of Devon Institute on Saturday 15 November at 10am. We are also holding a **Christmas Tree Festival** in Fossway St Serf's and Devonside Church from Thursday 11 to Sunday 14 December.

### Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

**Saturday 14 June**

Bingo at 8.00pm then dance along to JACKIE

Entry £2 for non-members

### QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 21 June**

7.30 for 8.00pm

Teams of 4 - cost £5 per team

Sandwiches will be served.

Contact No: H Kinloch on 863112 to enter.

Proceeds to Great Ormond St. Hospital.

### SOCIAL EVENING

**Saturday 19 July**

Bingo at 8.00pm, then dance along to BILL SMITH

Entry £2 for non-members.

### 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.

## Shop Volunteers Needed for the Children's Hospice Association Scotland

Do you have an hour or more to spare and want to do something that is worthwhile?

We are now recruiting volunteers to join our busy teams in the CHAS Gift Shop, the two Bazaar Charity Shops and CHAS Mail Order in Kinross.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Frances Todd at the CHAS Gift Shop.

CHAS Bazaars 76 & 88 High Street, Kinross. Tel: 01577 861380.

Opening hours 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

CHAS Gift Shop, 23 Avenue Road, Kinross. Tel: 01577 865557.

Opening hours 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

**Children's Hospice Association Scotland**

www.chas.org.uk Charity no SC 019724



Children's Hospice Association Scotland  
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## PORTMOAK GALA

**Saturday 21 June**

2.00pm

### Well Green, Scotlandwell

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun for all the family. Join the Fancy Dress Parade (1.45pm Church Car Park), and follow the Gala Queen down to the Well Green.

Bouncy Castle, Bric a Brac, Books, Plants, Cake & Candy, Highland Dancers, Cheerleaders, a Belly Dancer and a display by the Shukokai Karate Academy Scotland!

All this and lots, lots more besides.

Superb raffle prizes

A great afternoon's entertainment for the whole family. Donations of bric a brac, plants, books, bottles, cake & candy will be most welcome.

Please contact Sandra Davidson 01592 840634

if you would like to help on the day or with any donations.

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We are sorely in need of a Face Painter at this year's Gala.

If you can help, please give Sandra a call!

*See also our guide to the Portmoak Festival on page 9*

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## Waste Paper Kerbside Collection

Next uplift in Kinross, Milnathort and Glenfarg:

### Thursday 5 June

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**

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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

## Tourist Information Centre

County Buildings, 21/25 High Street, Kinross

Tel: 01577 863680 Email: kinross@visitscotland.com

### Opening hours until end of June:

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 3.30pm

## Mobile Library - Blairingone and Milnathort

### Every Second Wednesday

#### Next visits: 4 & 18 June

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*

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## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Elderberries	1.30 pm		
<b>Tuesday</b>	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>	Carpet Bowls	11.00am,	Scrabble	1.30 pm

## Additional Events for June:

<b>Elderberries Trip</b>	Monday 2 at 11.00 am
<b>Afternoon Trip</b>	Tuesday 24 at 1.00 pm



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

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

**Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm**

Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219



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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

## 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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# Diary

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Sat	31	Spring Fayre (Town Twinning Association)	20
Sat	31	Kinross Badminton Club trophy presentation and BBQ	
<b>June</b>			
Sun	1	Litter pick, Loch Leven NNR	28
Mon	2	T in the Park Community Liaison - Cambo meeting	11
Mon	2	Volleyball Club outdoor fun sessions commence	24
Tue	3	Weekly story-telling for pre-school children	38
Wed	4	Meet the SNH Wardens	28
Wed	4	Mobile library visits Blairingone and Milnathort fortnightly	38
Wed	4	Kinross CC meets	16
Thu	5	Waste paper kerbside collection	38
Thu	5	Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club meets	18
Fri-Sun	6-8	MILNATHORT FAMILY FESTIVAL	36
Sat	7	Community Sixes Cricket Tournament	25
Sat	7	Milnathort School Assoc Summer Fair	21
Sat	7	Classical guitar music at Common Grounds	21
Sat	7	Kinross-shire Residents Assoc Coffee Morning	36
Sat	7	Orwell Church Fete	36
Sat	7	Orwell Dramatic Society at the Milnathort Festival	36
Sun	8	Springfest Family Fun Day at Vane Farm	28, 36
Sun-Sat	8-14	Reiki Awareness Week	5
Tue	10	Levenmouth Botany with SNH	28
Thu	12	T in the Park Community Liaison - Milnathort meeting	11
Thu	12	Milnathort CC meets	17
Fri-Sun	13-15	Fossoway Church Flower Festival	37
Fri	13	Fork Supper (Fossoway Church Flower Festival)	37
Sat	14	Fossoway Primary School Fete	36
Sat, Sun	14, 15	Just Add Wind kiting festival	5
Sat	14	Coffee Morning (Fossoway Church Flower Festival)	37
Sat	14	Orwell Bowling Club Social Evening	37
Sun	15	Songs of Praise (Fossoway Church Flower Festival)	37
Mon	16	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	1
Tue	17	Common Grounds project lunch with speaker Amu Logotse	21
Tue	17	Blythwood Care collection	37
Sat	21	Music (Oakbank recorders) at Common Grounds	21
Sat	21	Portmoak Gala	9, 37
Sat	21	Orwell Bowling Club Quiz Night	37
Sun-Sun	22-29	PORTMOAK FESTIVAL	9-10
Mon, Tue	23, 24	BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS	36
Mon	23	T in the Park Community Liaison - Cleish & Blairadam	11
Mon	23	Orwell Dramatic Society at the Portmoak Festival	36
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Thu	26	Kinross-shire Residents Assoc Public Meeting	36
Fri	27	Michael Bruce Way Opening	8, 10
Sun	29	Open Day at Balvaird Castle, near Glenfarg	30
Sun	29	Civic Trust mid-summer walk	20