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Letters

Editorial

Post Office Closures

Just after the last Newsletter went to press, Post Office Ltd announced the list of proposed closures for this area. Any comments need to be made to the Post Office by 8 July. There's an article about this on page 4, as well as coverage in the CC reports on pages 18 and 19. There's a public meeting in Portmoak Hall on **Tuesday 1st July**.

Interpretation pillars at Kirkgate Park

Having read the comments by Kinross CC at their June meeting about TRACKS's proposed information pillars at Kirkgate Park (page 14) and the letter from Susan Bathgate (begins this page), the Newsletter asked TRACKS for an artist's impression of the proposals. This has been provided, and there is also a letter from Project Director, Neil Kilpatrick (page 3). We understand that this is not the same artist's impression as the one shown at the CC meeting; the drawing on page 3 shows the more recently-agreed position, further away from the Watchtower.

My contribution to stirring up debate is to say, shouldn't they be called megaliths rather than monoliths (as there are more than one)?!

T in the Park Residents' Information

If all goes to plan there should be a leaflet from DF Concerts with this issue of the Newsletter, telling you all sorts of useful information about T in the Park arrangements.

Letters Policy

We reserve the right not to publish any letter. Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter. Please note that the Newsletter does not necessarily agree with any of the views expressed on these pages.

Abbreviations Used

P&KC = Perth & Kinross Council
CC = Community Council
Cllr = Councillor
CCllr = Community Councillor

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The short-sightedness of planners and avarice of developers

10.06.08

People who stand up to be counted and vote with their feet to uphold strongly held principles are few and far between these days - much easier to go with the flow. Cllr Mike Barnacle is a sad loss to P&KC's Development Control Committee, after planning was passed on appeal by a casting vote, for the erection of 10 new houses on what has been the epitome of a working farm steading, namely, Boreland.

It was appalling to read that the very essence of the evolution of Scotland as it is today could be so mindlessly cast aside. This small country is known worldwide for its magnificent scenery, traditions, and above all its unspoilt villages and countless preserved historic sites. Like bargains, once they're gone, they're gone; unlike discounted goods, however, these homes and steadings are irreplaceable, when as many Lego houses as possible are squeezed into their footprints.

Visual impact on local people will pale into insignificance against that on the long-term effect on one of Scotland's major sources of revenue - tourism. Whilst empathy with the lifelong hard-working vendors of such properties is felt, surely they would still benefit if the original stone structures were sympathetically converted, with fewer new houses marring the site as a whole.

The blame for the vandalism to which Cllr Barnacle objected so strongly must lie with the short-sightedness of the planners and avarice of the developers.

Marie Young

South Cottage, Meikle Seggie, Milnathort

Village support

16.06.08

Further to the article in last month's Newsletter regarding Councillor Barnacle's resignation from the Development Control Committee, the residents of Cambo Village would like to publicly show our support for him and thank him for all his efforts on behalf of our Community, often in the face of adversity.

Residents of Cambo
c/o Blairbeg, Cambo

Similar sentiments are expressed in the Cleish & Blairadam CC news on page 20 - Editor

Monoliths at Kirkgate

15.06.08

I suppose I was bound to hit a wall with Kirkgate stuff sometime. Continued exasperation at trying to work alongside P&KC and their backwards, sideways, backwards style of doing things has been telling on the patience. Having said that Outdoor Services have tried hard to listen when they have been asked hard enough for long enough. However, I am most disappointed at how the Loch Leven Heritage Trail Interpretation team (comprising TRACKS, SNH, PKC Rangers, Historic Scotland, Friends of Kirkgate Park (FoKP) and employed Interpretation Specialist Aaron Lawton) are processing their ideas for telling the story of the Heritage Trail, Loch Leven and Kinross-shire.

It is very difficult to criticise the project as I am fully aware of the huge volunteer and other efforts that have gone into getting it to the amazing stage it is at. It is also difficult to

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criticise as I know there are time constraints on the timescale in which monies raised are to be spent. However, the crux came over three monoliths containing orientation, cultural and heritage information which the Interpretation team proposed to position adjacent to the Watchtower and Kirkgate burial ground area. These have involved proceeding with design around the Watchtower without consulting re plans already in place for Kirkgate Park and the expectation that those designs should be accepted without challenge. FoKP were concerned regarding a lack of adequate visual presentation of those designs to the general public either for input, information or most importantly, approval. FoKP were concerned that the monoliths, the tallest of which is 2.7m high, would detract from that area's ambience and were inappropriate beside a cemetery, a sentiment corroborated by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust. Suggestions that more discreet alternatives might be considered or the monoliths positioned back in a useful position providing information centrally in Kirkgate Park were ignored.

This is the point at which I withdrew from Kirkgate activities. Dave Cuthbert took the reins and managed to persuade the Interpretation group to show the proposed monoliths in their position beside the Watchtower to Kinross Community Council (KCC). I was relieved that this at least meant some members of the general public not connected with either Kirkgate or TRACKS groups could comment. You will see from their comments in the KCC minutes that, on seeing the artist impression, they were 'appalled' at the idea of the monoliths anywhere in the eastern end of Kirkgate. This was also this first time I had seen a 'proper' illustration of the effect and having done so am even more incredulous that it is considered to be good design.

Unfortunately the Interpretation team do not seem to wish to listen to any of this and seem to be persisting with a plan to position the monoliths on the Eastern boundary of Kirkgate approximately 20m south of the Watchtower, this being their concession. For me this is still unnecessary, inappropriate and detracts from the view at the end of the park which incorporates Loch Leven Castle. I'm afraid I think too much credence is being given to the specialist involved and not enough to any local input.

I am sorry that I do not have the artist impression shown to KCC. Any queries you have re this matter should be directed towards the TRACKS group. I hope whatever finally happens, your enjoyment of Kirkgate and the Heritage Trail is not marred.

Let's hope for a sunny, dry summer to enjoy the Park and the Trail and thanks for all the support I received during the Kirkgate project development and Phase 1.

Susan Bathgate
42 High Street, Kinross

Heritage Project Interpretation

17.06.08

I would like to set out the process behind the decision that led TRACKS to use the monolith designs for the signage around Loch Leven and to comment particularly in the setting of the monoliths at the boundary between Kirkgate Park and the more sensitive part of the National Nature Reserve.

In the design of all the interpretation material TRACKS has been very conscious of the need to take opinion from the project partners and representation from the local community. This project is for the community of Kinross-

shire and is designed to attract visitors from all over Scotland and beyond. Knowing that the design of signage and interpretation features is a sensitive issue we therefore established an Interpretation Sub-group right at the outset of the project with membership representing Kinross Estates, Scottish Natural Heritage, RSPB, Historic Scotland, Perth and Kinross Council, Kinross Partnership and the Friends of Kirkgate Park. We also appointed an interpretation project manager and a landscape project manager, both with considerable experience in this kind of work. All the proposed interpretation features, including gateways, viewpoints, seating, marker stones, signage mounting and signage material have gone before this sub-committee for discussion and approval. At the main entry points to the trail it was felt to be essential that visitors should be given good clear information about the journey they were about to undertake, including an orientation map, local heritage



An artist's sketch of the monoliths sited at the Kirkgate Park boundary

information and a reminder that they were about to enter a very sensitive nature reserve that requires responsible behaviour. After due design process it was agreed unanimously by the sub-group that the best way to present all this information was to use three monoliths located at each main entry point. These monoliths have been procured and are made of Scottish Caithness stone. They are designed to fit the landscape of Loch Leven and they are large enough to be clearly visible and to carry all the information required in an attractive and readable style.

At the entry point next to the Watchtower in the Kirkgate Park there was extensive discussion on the exact location of the monoliths. Concern was expressed that the monolith design might be in conflict with the architecture of the Watchtower and its immediate surroundings. In reaction to this sensitivity TRACKS has moved the location of the trail entrance and the monoliths approximately 22 metres away from the Watchtower along the park boundary towards the loch. The monoliths will be sited just outside the Kirkgate Park and the trail path will be realigned slightly on both sides of the park boundary. This is a very important transition point to the natural environment that lies beyond the Park and it is important that the signage is visible and comprehensive.

The appearance of all the interpretation design features on the heritage trail is a subjective matter. TRACKS has tried to combine good design with very high quality materials and well presented information. The interpretation sub-group has been invaluable in this process.

Neil Kilpatrick
Project Director



News & Articles

Rural Post Offices at risk

There was standing room only at a public meeting in the Institute at Crook of Devon on 17 June, organised following the announcement on 28 May that the village's post office is earmarked for closure – one of 2,500 nationwide. Other offices in this area similarly affected are Kinnesswood and Glenfarg. All three would be replaced by a mobile outreach service. This would operate for five hours a week in Kinnesswood, five in Glenfarg and eight in Crook of Devon. The proposals are part of the 'Network Change' programme, drawn up following the Westminster Government's decision to cut the number of post offices, citing reduced revenues and falling customer numbers as the reasons.

We are well through the six-week consultation period, during which anyone interested in the closures has the opportunity to comment on the proposals. The deadline for comments is **Tuesday 8 July** and final decisions for this area will be made by the end of July.

Invited panellists at the Crook of Devon meeting included Ochil MSP Keith Brown, Cllr Mike Barnacle, Annie McGovern from Postwatch and Sally Buchanan and Julia Morrison from Post Office Ltd.

Members of the public spoke with great strength of feeling as they explained the impact the closure of the office, situated within the village shop, would have on their community.

Afterwards, Cllr Barnacle said he was very impressed with the campaign that Fossoway had put together, adding that all four local Councillors supported it. He and Cllr Robertson



Three local post offices are now at risk of closure

have written to the Prime Minister giving their views, copying the letter to Gordon Banks MP.

Cllr Barnacle was critical of the methods of assessment used in the Network Change report, telling the Newsletter, "it bases the population as being within a mile of the sub Post Office. In fact Crook of Devon serves a wider rural hinterland, including all of Fossoway and some of Cleish".

The plans also fail to take into account the long-term expansion which is expected in terms of new houses in Fossoway, and indeed Perth & Kinross as a whole.

KINNESSWOOD CLOSURE: A public meeting is due to be held in Portmoak Hall at 7.30pm on TUESDAY 1 JULY when it is hoped a Post Office representative will be present.

For more information on the Network Change programme, call Post Office Ltd on 08457 22 33 44 or go online to www.postoffice.co.uk/networkchange. Kinross-shire comes under the "North East, Tayside and Fife" area.

To express your views you can do any of the following:

- write to Sally Buchanan, Network Development Manager, c/o National Consultation Team, FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM
- E-mail: consultation@postoffice.co.uk
- Call the Customer Helpline: 08457 22 33

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| Tue | 1100 – 1230 | 0900 – 1030 | 1245 – 1415 |
| Wed | Closed | 0900 – 1100 | Closed |
| Thu | 1200 – 1300 | 1445 – 1615 | 1045 – 1145 |
| Fri | 1100 – 1230 | 0900 – 1030 | 1245 – 1415 |
| Sat | Closed | Closed | Closed |
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Leaflet delivery goes awry

A proposed distribution of leaflets designed to promote Kinross-shire's identity as a great place to stay as well as a visitor destination has gone awry. 4500 packs containing eleven leaflets were to be dropped into each dwelling in Kinross-shire in a bid to ensure residents are fully aware of the great activities, events and scenery on offer. The hope was that those residents would then act as advocates and recommend the area to friends, family and colleagues.

Unfortunately the company employed to perform the distribution seems to have omitted large areas and performed a patchy service in others. Organisers of the campaign are trying to ascertain the extent of the delivery. They are asking residents to let them know if they are

NOT in receipt of the package containing walking, cycling eating and events information. If you can help, please email sa.bathgate@virgin.net, write to Leaflet drop, Nimble Pages, 52 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AN or telephone 01577 861001 indicating

your name, address and if you HAVE NOT received the package but are within the delivery zone KY13 8, KY13 9 or KY13 0. Written evidence will be preferable. This will allow the organisers to establish where redelivery may be necessary.



The missing leaflets - have you had them delivered in your area?

Kinross Parish Church Family Week

To celebrate 21 years of Family Week, we have contributions from Leslie and Marion Barr, Stephen Miller and Margaret Michie. For a taste of what is to come in this year's Family Week, which runs from 4 to 8 August, see page 6. In next month's Newsletter, we'll hear memories of Family Week from a child's perspective.

How Family Week began

Some people may recall the days when Seaside Missions were held at different holiday resorts during the summer period. Several members of the original 'Family Week' team had experience as leaders and members of this form of Christian outreach organised by the Church of Scotland and Scripture Union.

From the 1970's onwards, holiday patterns changed and more churches began to see the possibility of a similar type of Christian witness happening within their own area. With this in mind, contact was made with the Rev. Bill Hunter, who was a staff member at 'St. Ninian's Mission and Renewal Centre' at Crieff, in 1986. Under his leadership, six young people who were mainly students, along with an enthusiastic band of helpers from the congregation, formed the first Kinross Family Week team.

This partnership with St Ninian's continued each Easter for three years. This approach allowed for the Kinross members of the team to gain experience and confidence, after which the decision was made that Kinross Parish Church could resource the 'Family Week' in the Summer of 1990. We were grateful for the help which was received from members of neighbouring churches and the goodwill of others in the community. The theme for the earlier years was centred around material published by Scripture Union. 'Secret Agents', 'King's Club' and 'Light Factory' were names of themes which were adapted and developed for different age groups of children and young people.

More and more members of the congregation became involved in many essential and practical ways. We are fortunate to have video film of the earlier events which was prepared by Jack Moffat along with photo archive material provided by Irene McFarlane. That will provide a 'picture' of the growth of the 'Family Week' from its infancy onwards until its 21st year in 2008.



Children listen intently to stories and Bible teaching

Family Week diversifies

Since the early days of Family Week, held in the upstairs hall of the Church Centre, a lively programme had been launched with a Bible-centred message and lots of activities and fun. The move to Millbridge Hall meant we could

accommodate growing numbers and separate into groups in different areas.

As more and more children arrived early, full of energy and excitement, 'Aerobic' activities were introduced and instantly the large hall was full of rainbow colours of tee shirts and shorts, bending, stretching and moving to the music cleverly crafted to include songs from our teaching material. The morning then followed a daily pattern enjoyed by all ages. Together we shared the episodes of drama, the visits of the 'walk-on' characters and the (sometimes messy) challenges! The music and the times of praise were wonderful but a hush descended over the whole building as the children met in groups for Bible teaching.

Twice in the week, we met together again in the afternoon. One afternoon we formed a long crocodile and went down to the Kirkgate park for sports and on the other we all did a variety of handwork and creative activities.

In the kitchen there was a resourceful group of ladies who kept us refreshed with juice and always had time to sort out any problems!

We introduced an evening when the parents and friends of the children visited the hall and saw most of them again on Friday at the Family Barbecue at Gallowhill Farm. How grateful we are to Jim and May Patterson who kindly emptied the barn and prepared it for us year after year.

The Sunday morning worship was very special and allowed the children to share their songs and display their handwork. This was appreciated greatly by the whole of the congregation.

May God bless you all in the years ahead.

Marion and Leslie

Memories of a Family Week Leader

The first Family Week, led by Rev. Bill Hunter, used the Scripture Union programme 'Secret Agents' as the basis of the week's events. It was based around two secret agents tasked with a spying job each day, to find something out about Jesus. In addition to the team, helpers from the congregation volunteered to lend their talents, skills or brute strength to the activities! Most events took place within the Church Centre with other outdoor activities round the town. This was so successful that it was reprised the following year, again led by Bill's team, aided and abetted by even more congregational volunteers. The numbers had grown to the extent that we had to branch out and split into different buildings in the town to cope – Swansacre Playgroup and the Kirk itself to name but two. However, it became apparent to Bill, if not necessarily to ourselves, that we had the pre-requisite talents within our own group to take this on by ourselves. And so the legend of Family Week began...

Having the approval of Leslie Barr, the Minister of the time, and the suggestion having been put to the Kirk Session, we



Family Week fun

were given permission to plan and run our own Family Week. We chose the theme from the Scripture Union 'King's Club' material, comprising theme song, daily programme of activities and teaching, quizzes, games and crafts and of course, the ubiquitous **drama!** The team comprised Leader and helpers from all age groups and backgrounds, with a multitude of talents, many of them previously hidden. We had administrators, juice makers extraordinaire, thespians, musicians, group leaders, storytellers, sports and games leaders, arts and craft specialists, washer and tidy-uppers. Instead of meeting in the Church Centre, we used the Millbridge Hall. This gave us more space to add some other age groups. We had a lot of teachers (a busman's holiday), retired folk with lots of enthusiasm and experience, teenage helpers with even more enthusiasm and no experiences and young mums with family members in attendance. In fact, it was to allow these young mums to participate that we began our earliest teaching age group – the crèche! Never let it be said we turned down any offers of help, even if it meant we had to provide babysitting as a

service! In addition to the morning sessions, we also had some afternoon activities – games, potted sports etc. and a Church Service on the Sunday morning to finish.

The first year was a great success with lots of new things experienced and knowledge gained – not least by the team themselves! And so it began....

Stephen Miller

Family Week continuing

The familiar pattern of the first year continues to this day. Kinross Parish Church has been joined by people from all the local churches, and in the past few years we have met in the High School, because Millbridge Hall was too small. We can now have all ages from pre-school to 4th year at High School.

The aim for Family Week has always been to 'present the gospel of Jesus Christ in a fun packed week'.

We have always called it Family Week, because our hope is to include all members of the family in activities during week.

Margaret Michie

Family Week 2008 - the 21st one!

Mon 4 – Fri 8 August, 10am to 12 noon at Kinross High School

Come and join us for a fun packed week with games, quizzes, pirate crafts and drama. Hear about Paul and the very early church. Children of all ages welcome!



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| Mon 4 Aug | Landlubbers | 10.00 – 12.00 | Kinross High School |
| | Parents Evening | 19.30 – 21.00 | Church Centre |
| Tues 5 Aug | Landlubbers | 10.00 – 12.00 | Kinross High School |
| | Family Game | 14.00 – 16.00 | Meet Gacé Gardens |
| Wed 6 Aug | Landlubbers | 10.00 – 12.00 | Kinross High School |
| | Family Film | 14.00 – 15.00 | Kinross Parish Church |
| | Seniors film night | | Kinross Parish Church |
| Thurs 7 Aug | Landlubbers | 10.00 – 12.00 | Kinross High School |
| | Family Game | 14.00 – 16.00 | Meet at Gacé Gardens |
| | Seniors afternoon trip | | |
| Fri 8 Aug | Landlubbers | 10.00 – 12.00 | Kinross High School |
| | Final Celebration + family barbecue | 19.00 | Kinross Parish Church |

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Search for lost fighter aircraft

A group of museum volunteers is appealing for help in finding where a fighter crashed near Glenfarg in 1942. The Hawker Hurricane was on a training exercise when it dived into a hillside a couple of miles north of Glenfarg Reservoir. The accident happened in September 1942 and the pilot, Flight Lieutenant David Brown, was killed. Brown was a former member of the Saracens rugby club and had also served in Iraq. Another Hurricane crashed in Loch Leven.

The volunteers have logged the positions of numerous other aircraft on the hills, but the challenge is to find local people who know where to look. Group member Mark Evans said "We always appreciate help from farmers and the older generation, because crash sites are very difficult to find without their knowledge."

Anyone who can help is asked to call Mark on 01926 512264, or email mark.evans@couplandbell.com.



A Hawker Hurricane

Kinross-Shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme



In view of the recent rise in the price of oil, which has resulted in a considerable increase in the cost of motoring, the Chairman and Committee have reluctantly decided to increase some of our charges. Journeys to PRI, Stirling and Fife hospitals rise to **£8**; Dundee and Edinburgh to **£15**; Loch Leven Health Centre journeys stay at **£3**.

These changes take effect from **1 JULY 2008**. The full list of charges below:

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| Perth, Dunfermline | £8 |
| Stirling, Kirkcaldy | £8 |
| Dundee | £15 |
| Edinburgh | £15 |
| Loch Leven Health Centre | £3 from all areas |

In spite of these increases, we hope we can continue to help the residents of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg for many more years to come. We enjoy doing it and meet a lot of very pleasant folk at the same time. If you are interested, would like to join us and help carry on this very much appreciated service, then contact our Co-ordinator, Ann Munro, on 01577 840196 for more information.

High School praised by inspectors

HMIe inspectors have praised Kinross High for being a "high-attaining school" with good standards of teaching and a wide range of opportunities for learning.

In an inspection report published on 3 June, the school is congratulated for its very good exam results, action to promote pupils' health and well-being and the work being done to enhance pupils' personal and social development.

The school was inspected in January and February 2008. Inspectors found that the quality of the curriculum and overall quality of teaching was good. The report said most teachers had a purposeful approach to lessons, gave clear explanations and used varied approaches to help pupils learn.

Thanks for Etape sponsorship

Dr Roddy Pattison successfully completed the 81-mile Etape Caledonia cycle race in May. He said, "A huge thank you to all sponsors who donated a total of £823 to CHAS and Rotary International (Kinross). Your donations will be used locally. The Etape Caledonia race weather was perfect and after a nervous start and late cramp, I managed to come home a respectable 213th out of 600 (male 40-49 category). Thanks again."

New Cycling Group

Flushed with the success of his Etape Caledonia run, Dr Pattison is hoping to set up a road cycling group for Kinross and Kinross-shire. If there are any road cyclists out there who want a regular run in a group, please log on to <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/kinrosscyclingclub> and become a member of the group. It is hoped that there are enough people out there to make a cycling club viable and to become affiliated to British Cycling. Please register your interest by joining the Yahoo group.

Help Kinross-shire Day Centre

Local man **Graham Ramsay** begins an ambitious sponsored walk across the Spanish Pyrenees on 24 June to raise much needed funds for the Kinross-shire Day Centre. Graham is following the GR11 route, a distance of some 500 miles and will be accompanied on parts of the walk by friends. Graham aims to complete the challenge in 62 days, with only four non-walking days. The easy way to sponsor him is by logging onto the www.justgiving.com/grahamramsay website.

Cleish Church Sale and Fête

(reprinted from the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter)

The morning began bright and fair and we could have been forgiven for thinking that this year we are going to be lucky with the weather. And so it began - but luck was not with us as at about half-past three the thunder cracked, the lightning flashed and the rain bucketed down. However, in spite of everything, the purses were opened and the excellent total of £4216.04 was achieved, just slight less than in 2007.

This is an amazing event when the whole community comes together, contributing in so many ways from baking cakes, growing plants, providing bric-à-brac and other items too many to mention for the various stalls. Helpers come from all over this district, ready to put up bunting, carry tables, clear litter, and park cars (not necessarily in that order). Mention must also be made of the delightful organ recital in the church when Bruce Inglis played as Reginald Dixon and jazzed up "I can't give you anything but love, baby", not to mention a full programme with items such as excerpts from "My Fair Lady". Quite rightly there was an enthusiastic round of applause at the end and a substantial sum was collected at the door.

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News from the Health Centre



St Serf's Medical Practice

On **1 July** St Serf's Medical Practice is making some changes to their appointments system.

Comments received in the Patient Satisfaction survey indicated that patients would like a greater choice of appointment times. More early appointments from 8.00am have therefore been introduced and there will also be more late afternoon appointments until 6.00pm.

Another problem which was highlighted by patients, was the waiting time to see a GP. The ratio of Pre-bookable to On the Day appointments has therefore been changed. As the greatest demand for same day appointments is on a Monday, only a few early morning appointments will be available to be booked in advance. All the rest will be reserved for those who wish to be seen on the same day. During the rest

of the week, many more appointments will be available for advance booking and fewer reserved for those who wish to be seen on the same day. We hope that these changes will help to reduce the time patients have to wait to see a GP. We would also like to remind patients about the nurse-led Minor Illness Clinic. This clinic, run by our three Senior Nurses, runs each morning and afternoon. The nurses can deal with a wide variety of conditions such as sore throats, ears or eyes, respiratory problems, and many more. There is no waiting time and all appointments may be booked on the same day.

The table shows the usual days and times on which each GP consults. This changes however to cover holidays, attendance at courses, sick leave, and to provide Duty Doctor cover.

Orwell Medical Practice

Orwell have also made some changes to their timetable. Dr McCracken will now be providing a late clinic twice a month on a Monday evening. The appointments will run from 6.15pm to 7.20pm and must all be pre-booked with reception. Please note that some services cannot be carried out at these appointments. For example blood tests cannot be taken as the samples need to go to the lab straightaway and cannot be stored overnight.

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| Dr Allott | 09:00-11:40 14:00-17:00 | | 08:00-10:20 14:30-16:50 | 08:30-10:50 | 09:00-11:40 14:00-16:20 |
| Dr Campbell | 08:30-11:30 14:30-17:20 | 08:00-10:40 14:00-17:20 | | 08:30-11:30 14:30-17:20 | 08:30-12:30 14:30-16:50 |
| Dr Cunningham | | 09:30-12:20 | 09:00-11:50 14:00-17:00 | 09:00-11:50 14:00-17:50 | |
| Dr Lyons | 08:30-11:50 | | 08:30-11:30 14:20-17:50 | 08:30-11:50 | 08:30-10:40 |
| Dr Pattison | 08:30-10:50 15:00-17:20 | 08:40-11:20 14:20-17:00 | 08:40-10:30 | 08:00-09:30 Rumbling Br 14:00-17:20 | 08:30-10:50 14:20-16:40 |
| Dr Richmond | 08:30-11:20 15:10-17:50 | 08:30-12:30 14:10-16:40 | 08:30-11:20 14:10-16:40 | 14:00-16:00 | 14:10-16:40 |
| Dr Smith | 09:00-12:30 14:00-17:10 | 09:00-12:10 14:00-17:50 | | 09:00-12:30 Leven Glen | 09:30-11:20 |

New family history centre launched

Have you ever wondered who your ancestors were, where they came from and what they did for a living? If so, a new service recently launched by P&KC could help you find the answers.

The Family History Centre, based at 5 High Street, Perth, has qualified staff at hand who can help people research their family tree.

Digitised records provide quick and easy access to genealogical records. Registration in Scotland became compulsory in 1855 and your local Registration Office has access by computer to the statutory records of births, deaths and marriages from this date to the present day for the whole of Scotland.

For more information on the Family History Centre, telephone 01738 475121 or the P&KC website, www.pkc.gov.uk

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Local Girl to study music & drama in the Big Apple!

Chloe Webster of Sunny Park, Kinross has been accepted to the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City. She will live in New York for two years while working towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Musical Theatre. Chloe has been taking dance lessons in ballet, tap, contemporary and jazz from the age of four. After gaining top grades for Standard and Higher Level in Drama and English at Kinross High School, Chloe studied Musical Theatre at Telford College in Edinburgh for a year, passing the HNC course. During this time Chloe held down three jobs in order to save towards the course fees, living expenses etc that will have to be met when she studies in New York. Chloe is also planning some fund-raising events and hopes to gain support from local business and trust funds. In her own words: "I love all elements of performing: from studying characters to the rehearsal stages and then the actual on-stage performances."

"I am just so pleased that I have been given this opportunity. It truly is a dream come true."



Chloe Webster

Loch Leven Heritage Project

by Felicity Martin

The summery weather has been proving very helpful to Phase 3 of the project and construction work is now well underway on the linking section of the loch side trail. Meanwhile, the interpretation structures and artworks are beginning to be installed. One of the main elements of this phase is the strengthening of the existing earth bund that runs for approximately 1km along the loch side boundary of Grahamstone Turf Farm. Over a period of five weeks in May and June, almost 2,500 tonnes of crushed rock was delivered to Grahamstone and built on to the bund along its entire length.



Laying of the crushed stone for the Phase 3 path on the bund
Photo: Neil Kilpatrick

When this was finished in late June, the contractors began building the new path on top of the significantly more robust bund, which has been designed so that the path remains above water during high loch levels. The dry spell of weather has greatly benefited the first few weeks of this construction phase, with MacLarty Ltd, the principal contractor, making good progress along the loch side. At the same time, work also commenced to the south of Grahamstone – through Levenmouth Wood to join up with the existing trail from Findatie. Dry weather is the path builder's friend, so it's fingers crossed for blue skies over Loch Leven for another few weeks.

TRACKS has given the contract for planting the new reed bed at Carsehall Bog to the RSPB. Graham Craig, who used to own and run the Tay reed beds as a commercial operation (he now manages them for the RSPB purely for conservation benefit), will be responsible for establishing this new one. Once grown, the tall reeds will serve to screen the sight of people using the trail from geese on the loch.

The lack of rain has also made the enhancement work to the main entry point car parks easier. The extension to the Burleigh Sands car park is now open, with just some cosmetic work to complete it. At the Pier, the parking bays and separators between vehicles and pedestrians are in place. Some big standard trees have been planted for shade and to soften the area, and stone dyking is now being done before the stone gateway to the trail is installed.

Creation of the Kirkgate Viewpoint, as described in March's Kinross newsletter, is now underway. Aaron Lawton, who is

managing the art and interpretation aspects of the project, explained the idea behind the viewpoint:

"Until the first phase of the trail was opened, there was no access beyond Kirkgate Park. The views at the end of the Park were limited, but now people can go to the end of the graveyard wall and get panoramic views across the loch. It seemed too good an opportunity to miss.

"It's a fantastic view to have so close to Kinross town, so we thought we'd invite people to stop for a while at this spot. Otherwise the temptation is to put your head down and march around the corner without appreciating the view. We're trying to make the viewpoint an attractive place, with a hedging windbreak, to encourage trail users to linger a bit longer.

"The hedging is beech – the same as being used along the trail in front of Kinross House. It will be higher at the back and lower at the front, so children and wheelchair users can see over it. However, it will be enough to stop the geese from seeing any accompanying dogs, which are what really scares them.

"We are putting in some nice paving, three stone seats and a leaning rail with a viewpoint indicator that will help explain what you can see from that point. David Wilson, who is doing the gateway features, has also designed the seats and viewpoint indicator."

The Kirkgate Viewpoint ground works will soon be finished, though the seating and leaning rail will take a bit longer to arrive. As the space is defined by hedging, it will take a year or so to mature.

An interesting voluntary project is in progress at Mary's Knowe where a team from the Princes Trust in Perth are clearing the two small ponds adjacent to the trail. An entry path and two dipping platforms to study pond ecology are being constructed. The Princes Trust, the UK's leading youth charity, helps disadvantaged young people to develop their confidence and skills and to prepare them for work. The Team will be carrying out this work as a project within their 12-week training course.

Now that the school holidays are here, TRACKS is hoping that more children will be able to get out on the trail during the week. The loop from Kirkgate Park to Mary's Gate and back along the north side of the golf course is ideal for a short walk or bike ride.



One of the ponds to be cleared by the Princes Trust Team
Photo: Neil Kilpatrick

You can see more photographs in the Articles Online section of our website, www.kinrossnewsletter.org



Kinross-shire Agricultural Society Flower Show

Saturday 9 August 2008, Kinross House Grounds, Kinross



Flower Show marquee sponsored by Dobbies Garden Centre, Kinross

Flower Show Convenor: Mr Tom Webster, 12 Gallowhill Road, Kinross

Flower Section Judge: Mr Freddie Barber, Willowbrae, Millgate, Cupar

Floral Art Judge: Mrs Isabel Cooper, 11 Main Street, Carnock, by Dunfermline

Children's Section: Mrs Isabel Cooper & Mr Freddie Barber

JUDGING COMMENCES 10.00am. ENTRIES: 20p per Adult Exhibit and 10p per Child Exhibit

Only one exhibit per person in each class will be accepted, on Show Field until 9.00pm on Friday 8 August, alternatively from 7am until 9.30am on Saturday 9 August. Entries can be uplifted at 4.30pm.

The committee looks forward to seeing you at the Show.

CLASSES

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| 1. Pot Plant – Geranium | 12. Best Single Rose |
| 2. Pot Plant – Foliage | 13. Vase of Five Sweet Peas |
| 3. Pot Plant – Flowering | 14. One Gladioli any variety |
| 4. Pot Plant – Begonia | 15. Hanging Basket |
| 5a. Pot Plant – Fuschia | 16. Patio Planter |
| 5b. Pot Plant – Standard Fuschia | 17. A miniature arrangement in a Shell |
| 6. Pot Plant – 2 Cacti or Succulents | 18. Bowl of Flowers from an Open Garden to be viewed overall |
| 7. One vase mixed Herbaceous | 19. An exhibit of Flowers with a theme of a 'Night at the Opera' on a base not exceeding 30 cms in diameter |
| 8a. Vase of Three Dahlias - Decorated | 20. A Floral Arrangement the theme - "125 years Boys' Brigade" |
| 8b. Vase of Three Dahlias - Cacti | 21. A Floral Arrangement for a coffee table not exceeding 25cms |
| 8c. Vase of Three Dahlias - Ball/Pom | 22. An exhibit on the theme - Healthy-Eating 5 a Day. no larger than 40cms x 30cms |
| 9. Four Marigolds, any variety, to be shown on a board* | |
| 10. Four Pansies to be shown on a board* | |
| 11. Vase of Three Roses | |

*Boards available on request – with a refundable deposit of £1.00

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

23. A picture on A4 paper depicting "Ratatouille" exhibited by a Boy or Girl age 5 years and under
24. A picture on A4 paper depicting "Ratatouille" exhibited by a Boy or Girl age 6 to 8 years
25. A model of children's TV character from using recyclable materials exhibited by a Boy or Girl, age 5 years and under
26. A model of children's TV character from using recyclable materials exhibited by a Boy or Girl, age 6 to 8 years
27. An arrangement of "Garden Flowers" in "a Jug" shown by a Boy or Girl aged 8 and under
28. A decorated paper plate to be hung, "Theme - a Birthday Card for your Best Friend" exhibited by a boy or Girl age 9 to 14 years
29. A "Garden in a Seed Tray" shown by a Boy or Girl age 8 and under not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural materials only
30. A "Garden in a Seed Tray" shown by a Boy or Girl age 9 to 14 years not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural materials only

PRIZE MONEY

In all Classes 1st: £1 2nd: 50p 3rd: 25p

The Prize Giving will take place within the Flower Show Tent at 3.30pm on Show Day. Prize monies to be collected on the day.

TROPHIES

The Trophies for the most points, Classes 1 to 16 and 17 to 22 inclusive, will be assessed 3, 2, 1 for the first three prizes

CAIRNS CUP for the most points overall, + Rosette

BALADO SALVER for the most outstanding entry in Classes 1 to 16 + Rosette

FISHER BOWL for most points in Dahlias

CAESAR TROPHY - Sweet Peas

THE KIRKNESS TROPHY for the most points in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 17 to 22 inclusive)

THE RENTON TROPHY for the most outstanding exhibit in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 17 to 22 inclusive)

THE GAVINE LINDORES TROPHY for the best Single Rose (Class 12)

THE SCOTT-DAVIDSON CUP presented by the late W. Scott-Davidson Esq., of Dowhill, Cleish, for the winner of Class 18

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (small) winner of class 29

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (large) winner of class 30

THE MAISIE PIRIE CUP also Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child under 8 years. Sponsored by Miss Pirie

THE C PIRIE CUP also Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child age 9 to 14 years. Sponsored by Miss Pirie

MAWCARSE SALVER - Overall Best Exhibit in the Show

SPECIAL PRIZES

Vouchers for the best exhibit in Classes 1 to 14, 17 to 22 inclusive

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Schedules available from: Dobbies Garden Centre, Robertson's of Milnathort and Newsplus, Kinross.

A schedule can also be downloaded from www.kinross.cc

Kinross-shire – the Literary County



Maybe we need to add a new strapline to the road signs at the borders of our county: “Kinross-shire – the Literary County”, for this month there are new books by two Kinross-shire authors to tell you about!

Alice Rice returns

Regular Newsletter readers will remember that last summer we heralded the debut of advocate-turned-writer, Gillian Galbraith, with her crime novel *Blood in the Water*. That saw the introduction of Detective Sergeant Alice Rice, a woman in a man's world, solving the mystery of grisly murders in Edinburgh (with a detour at one point to see the lights of Kinross ...).

Gillian found inspiration close to home for the theme of her second book, *Where the Shadow Falls*, in which DS Alice Rice finds herself investigating murders linked to a subject close to the heart of many in the local area – wind farms.

“The book is set, in part, in the Ochils where there were seven or eight applications to build wind farms. It stoked up a fair amount of local controversy with some strong opinions being expressed,” says Gillian.

Until just a few years ago, Gillian's writing was confined to legal reports as an advocate specialising in medical negligence cases and as a legal correspondent for *The Times* and *Scottish Farmer*. She admits it was a leap of faith taking the plunge as a crime writer.

“While I was writing *Blood in the Water*, I had no idea whether or not it would ever find a publisher and if all that time spent writing was a waste. Having a female main character in a police procedural crime novel is still quite unusual and I wasn't sure how Alice would be accepted. Writing *Where the Shadow Falls* was completely different - I knew I had a publisher for it and that someone I greatly respect, Alexander McCall Smith, had enjoyed my work.”

So why does Gillian think her books appeal to readers?

“Alice Rice is an old fashioned detective, sharp, always interested in people and their foibles, always on the look out for small clues that might be missed. And readers have precisely the same material that she has to work out the mystery, so they can try and work out who did it before she does!”

Reading at A K Bell Library

There is a chance to hear Gillian reading from *Where the Shadow Falls* on **Thursday 3 July** at the A K Bell Library in Perth.

Gillian will also be appearing at the Edinburgh Book Festival, at Peppers Theatre on **Monday 11 August** at 6.45pm. Tickets are £9.00 or £7.00. Book at www.edbookfest.co.uk or 0845 373 5888.

Where the Shadow Falls is published by Polygon and is available in hardback at £12.99 (ISBN 978 1 84697 075 7). Newsletter readers have a chance to win a copy of the book – see next month's Newsletter for details.



Gillian Galbraith

Local Writer to make Festival appearance

Milnathort author Derek Flory, whose second book, *Torn Apart*, is published on 3 July by Mainstream Publishing, has been invited to participate in this year's Edinburgh International Book Festival, along with his mother, Sybil Le Fleur. One of the largest festivals of its kind in the world, the EIBF attracts authors and readers from every continent to over 700 events. More than 200 Scottish authors will take part in this year's festival including Sir Sean Connery, Ian Rankin and Alexander McCall Smith.

“I was very surprised and delighted to receive the invitation at the beginning of April and it came as something of a shock, as at that time *Torn Apart* was not even at the final draft stage. When it was confirmed that the venue was the Scottish Power Studio Theatre, one of the largest venues seating over 250 people, I was even more taken aback and a little apprehensive.”

Torn Apart tells the true story of two sisters who found each other after sixty-five years after war had separated them. It has been described by *The Bookseller* as ‘heart warming stuff’ and by others as a ‘heart rending, inspirational account of how the Le Fleur sisters lived separate lives before an emotional reunion brought them together again in 2007.’

Derek and Sybil appear at the Scottish Power Studio Theatre on **Monday 11 August** at 5.00pm and would appreciate local support if you can make it. Tickets are £9 or £7. Book at www.edbookfest.co.uk or 0845 373 5888.

Newsletter readers have a chance to win a copy of *Torn Apart* in next month's Newsletter.



Milnathort author Derek Flory

Competitions

Remember to buy the August issue of the Kinross Newsletter when four copies of Gillian's book and two copies of Derek's will be up for grabs!

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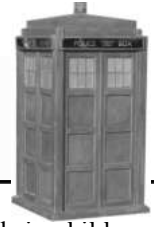
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Under Age Drinking

This month we would like to highlight the problems and some of the offences that can be committed in relation to underage drinking. Kinross, like almost every other small town in the country, has a number of young people who consume alcohol at various locations and by doing so regularly become intoxicated. Unfortunately a number of those involved then indulge in anti-social behaviour such as vandalism, breach of the peace and careless disposal of litter, including glass bottles that are often broken. The alcohol is obtained by several methods and most common is by the young people persuading a person over eighteen to buy it for them. Often these agents are strangers who are approached outside or near to the off sales premises where the alcohol is bought. However, by doing so, these persons are guilty of the offence of purchasing alcohol for persons under 18, which is a contravention of the Licensing (Scotland) Act, 1976, Section 68:

“A person shall not knowingly act as agent for a person under 18 in the purchase of alcoholic liquor, nor shall any person knowingly buy or attempt to buy alcoholic liquor for consumption in a bar in licensed premises by a person under 18.”

In Kinross our retail outlets engaged in off sales are alert to these problems and tend to take a responsible approach. Recently two persons having purchased alcohol for persons under 18 have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

It should be noted that where there is clear evidence that such offences have been committed those responsible will be reported.

Many responsible parents try to educate their children to understand about alcohol by allowing the youngsters to sample it at home in controlled surroundings. This is obviously more preferable than risking a situation where a young person will take alcohol for the first time without understanding its effects and in an environment that is clearly not safe, particularly should they over indulge. However, parents should be aware that some young persons have, in the past, removed this alcohol from their homes and consumed it outside. This of course places the young person at risk and may render the parent liable for prosecution.

It should also be noted that drinking alcohol in public places in Kinross and Milnathort is also an offence.

CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone Number 0800555111

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

It is, if you wish, confidential and you will not be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous.

Community Crime Officers can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 0845 600 5705.

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

£2m funding for rural Tayside

The Rural Tayside Local Action Group (LAG) partnership has announced the successful outcome of a rural development funding bid. The award of £2 million, under the LEADER programme, has been confirmed by the Scottish Government and the European Union.

LEADER is an innovative rural development programme which aims to improve the quality of life and economic prosperity in rural communities through locally driven rural development initiatives and projects.

Community groups, business partnerships and collaborations of individuals, groups and partnerships can apply to the LEADER programme for funding towards a wide range of projects.

Potential applicants can contact Perth and Kinross Grants Direct for any further information on 0845 605 2000 or Angus External Funding Team on 01307 473222.

Kinross Library news

On Friday 23 May Kinross library held a Silver Surfers' Day. Anyone aged 50 or over was invited to take part in a 30 minute taster session on our public computers. With excellent guidance from Kinross High School pupils, participants were given a chance to find out what computers can do, practise new skills and increase their computer knowledge. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

Over the summer holidays the library's junior members are once again being invited to take part in a reading challenge. This year the theme is very topical, being linked to the Olympics and is called Team Read. If you can, take a look at the website www.teamread.co.uk. After reading two books, they get a bronze medal sticker. Read two more and they'll collect a silver. And if they read six books in total, they get the gold and a medal. To join in the Team and get more information, call in to the library now.

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Community Council News



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Kinross Community Council

News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 June were: CCllrs D Cuthbert (Chair), D Colliar, S Bathgate, M Blyth, D McKay, C Watson, L McKay, C Drummond, P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson and fourteen members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs I Jack, M Scott and J Drummond and P&K Cllr K Baird.

Minutes of meeting held on 7 May:

There was an amendment regarding the Gravel Pit Liaison Committee. The Balado residents had complained to the Environmental Officer who upheld their complaint. As a consequence Geddes withdrew, wishing to talk directly to the Environmental Officer rather than the local residents. Subject to that change CCllr L McKay proposed and CCllr Bathgate seconded the adoption of these minutes.

Police: There was nothing to report from the Police. Cllr Robertson did however ask them to monitor speeding in Gallowhill Road.

Scottish Water: Brendon Williams of Scottish Water addressed the meeting. Scottish Water are undertaking a catchment study to remove what he referred to as hydraulic loading. This followed a recent Flow and Load study of the Kinross sewerage works which had revealed that whilst there was biological capacity for an additional 370 accommodation units in Kinross, the sewerage works were over their hydraulic loading capacity. However, he insisted that Scottish Water were not stopping development and some developments are now getting through. It is particularly useful if the householder is able to offset current surface water by diverting it into a soakaway for example, which would then

possibly allow a further connection. But individual developments are now being released. A number of questions were raised by CCllrs with Mr Williams, including the timescale of the study plus any subsequent works and the impact on larger developments in Kinross. Cllr Robertson raised questions regarding existing Scottish Water problems of ponding and sewage build-up at the bottom end of Kinross. Mr Williams said he would take these points away to Asset Planning to provide a response in the future. It was also observed that certain assets of Scottish Water, manholes and sunken ironwork, needed attention.

Planning Applications Submitted

No comments were raised on the following applications: garage at 51 Argyll Road; extension at 78 Bowton Road; conversion at 55 Muirs; two dwellings at Easter Balado (renewal); conservatory at 2 Emslie Drive; alteration at coach house, Lethangie; extension at 7 Springfield Park; application involving conversions of attics, flats at Queich Place.

21 Houses at Gairneybridge: This is on the border of four CC areas with Cleish & Blairadam, mainly in Cleish. The application makes no mention of affordable housing yet the site is suitable for affordable housing, being on a bus route. Currently the site is zoned for tourism. CCllr Watson disqualified himself from discussing the application on the basis that he acted for the site owners and indicated that he would not comment or vote on the application. Cllr Barnacle raised the question of the future of the existing residents and it turns out, according to Mr Thomson who is a resident (and who addressed the meeting), that there are a large number of families

there and some traders. He had concerns about the water level because he said the site is above the former level of Loch Leven. Mr Thomson has been there for 13 years and in that time the rents have gone up but not the quality of the facilities. It was agreed that the CC would write to P&K objecting to the application as it was contrary to policies 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 of the local plan regarding affordable housing and also the site was zoned for tourism. It was agreed that we express concern also on the social impact of families being moved from the site.

Baltree Riding Centre: Concerns were expressed here, including an email from CCllr John Drummond addressed to CCllr Campbell Watson, about access, about potentially obnoxious smells, about the volume of traffic that would be using the site. It was observed that the application which included housing was still in and so effectively there were three applications at Baltree: the one that included housing, the current one under discussion for a riding centre and also the application to follow in respect of kennels and a cattery. In respect of all three, observations were made that there was insufficient capacity and infrastructure there. Cllr Barnacle suggested that we should ask P&K to look at all three applications in a holistic way, although they could not be forced to deal with the applications in this manner. The riding centre had an indoor arena, an outdoor arena and 26 stables. Members of the community were present and indicated objections, also again relating to the scale of the development and volume of traffic, but there is nothing in the local plan to say that this use in the countryside would be unacceptable and on a vote of five to three the CC decided not to object to this

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specific application. It was agreed that we would ask the Council to look at it and the other two applications holistically.

Baltree Kennels and Cattery: Following discussion, it was agreed that we would object on the grounds of noise and hazardous road access and again ask P&KC to look at all three applications holistically and to particularly look at the questions of traffic volume.

It was agreed that we would write to the Police to ask if they could check the speed level of cars in this general area.

Tillyochie – erection of 3 houses and garages: This seemed to be infill, not ribbon development and therefore within the Housing for the Countryside Policy and there would be no objection. Generally on planning, Cllr Barnacle mentioned the level of lighting along the private access road leading to one of the houses at Tillyochie. It was agreed that the CC would write to P&KC asking the Council to clarify their policy on this type of lighting in the countryside, especially the lighting being used at Tillyochie.

Planning Applications Decided

There was no information on any planning applications decided.

The planning sub committee had met on the morning of the meeting to review in advance the planning applications coming in front of the CC. It had been made clear to Cllr Watson when collecting the planning papers that we would not be allowed to uplift them from the County Buildings in the future. He had written to P&KC to request agreement that the planning sub committee could meet on the first Wednesday of each month before the CC meeting in the County Buildings themselves to review the current planning applications, which if agreed would remove the need for the planning documentation to be removed from the County Buildings.

Matters Arising from 7 May

- The Newsletter and Website sub committees have not yet met. Cllr Colliar is the Chairman of the Planning sub committee, Cllr Watson the Chairman of the Website sub

committee and Cllr J Drummond the Chairman of the Newsletters sub committee. Cllr Watson is to arrange a Website sub committee meeting, Cllr J Drummond is to arrange a Newsletter sub committee meeting.

- Mrs King has not yet been to address the CC. Cllr L McKay will write to her to arrange a time when she can attend the meeting.
- Cllr Colliar is still to produce planning application details in respect of brown field sites.
- In respect of the various letters written by Kinross CC to P&KC which have been unanswered, Kathleen Baird is pressing P&KC.
- The meeting was not aware whether the Secretary's letter to Gordon Banks had yet received a reply.
- There was some doubt as to whether letters to be sent by Margaret Scott as Secretary had in fact been sent over the last couple of weeks. The Chairman was going to check on this.

Swansacre Building: Cllr Robertson reported on a meeting that had been held with the Property and Planning Departments. Discussions had been held with the Housing Association and they were checking the feasibility of converting the Swansacre Building into flats which would come under affordable housing. There was some discussion about demolishing the building, but as a gap site for car parking say, the site simply was not big enough and if the existing building were demolished and the site not redeveloped it was felt that the adjoining building would be adversely affected visually. The Council are exploring the idea of providing funding in order to kick-start a development at the Swansacre Building and Cllr Robertson made it clear that the Council were not now expecting to receive funds from the Swansacre building, they were expecting to have to contribute funds to allow for its development. Cllr Cuthbert pointed out that an article from the CC would be placed with the press, should the building not have been dealt with by the August

meeting of the CC.

Reports from Groups involving Community Councillors

T in the Park: Cllr Blyth reported that there were new toilets going in along the A977. Citylink buses will have the usual toilet stops. The taxi policy is as before. There will be traffic calming along Gallowhill Road. The idea of the forward planning is to ensure that last year's problems are not repeated this year. Apparently it is now possible to pre-order beer on line and it was observed this was taking away from local trade and the benefits for the County of T in the Park were, it seemed, reducing. Temporary toilets are to be installed for the event in Kinross and it was agreed that some of these should be placed at the Park & Ride if possible. The CC will write to P&KC suggesting toilets are placed at the Park & Ride. There was further discussion on the planned provision of Automated Public Conveniences within Kinross, and it was felt that these were urgently required.

Kinross-shire Forum: This is to discuss Housing in the Countryside Policy. Cllr Barnacle had asked for, and was about to receive from the Council, a considered reply as to the legal status of the Housing in the Countryside Policy. It was agreed that our CC would remain on the Kinross-shire Forum.

Kinross Entertainments Group: A Summer's End Market is to be held in October.

Friends of Kirkgate Park: TRACKS wanted to install three stone monolith pillars at the Watchtower as information boards. The CC thought that the pillars proposed were appalling. It was agreed that we would write to the Interpretation Manager, a Mr Aaron Lawton, to let him know our view. Jacqui Yuill of TRACKS was present at the meeting and noted the objection to the proposed monoliths.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Robertson reported as follows:

- There are three rural Post Offices to close. The Secretary had the network change programme issued by the Post Office.

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- Apparently there had been caravans at the Park & Ride. Cllr Robertson is to check into the feasibility of installing a height restrictor into the car park at the Park & Ride to prevent any further caravanning there.

- The question of the M90 litter is being addressed.

Cllr Barnade reported as follows:

- He resigned from the Development Control Committee not because he was against development but because his concerns as to the type and level of development were not being affected by the Committee.
- The Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee are discussing Wind Energy and renewables and consultation will follow here.
- The Planning Department caseload apparently is running at about 50% above current guidelines. Either the volume of work has to decline or the number of people employed has to increase.
- The Strategic Development Plan proceeds with the idea of major towns as city regions. The whole Perth & Kinross area, which includes Kinross but excludes the National Park area, will be in the Dundee and Perth city region. Cllr Barnacle acknowledged, and the meeting agreed, that this seemed illogical because our links are far closer to Edinburgh. He had expressed a view at P&KC that the Council would have to be mindful of the fact that we are far closer geographically to Edinburgh and have far closer links to Edinburgh than we have with Dundee.
- The new Kincardine Bridge opens later this year. There is supposed to be £1.25 million in funding for mitigation for the A977 but this money has not been received yet. There is a petition to the Scottish Parliament to allow for funding for people living along the A977 who are affected and Kinross CC has been asked to support this petition. A copy of this petition was left with the meeting and this will be discussed at the next CC meeting.

General Discussion

Footpath: It was noted that the path at the G S Brown site had still not re-opened. G S Brown had stopped building. Could the path from the end of Bowton Road not be re-opened whether or not G S Brown were

in construction?

Hall funding: There was some discussion about the budget for the hall at Auchterarder, which it had been noted had received matching funds. £500,000.00 had come from funds available after the G8 Conference in 2005 and the matching £500,000.00 from the P&KC. Why was there so much money available for a town hall in Auchterarder when there had been no money available for the town hall in Kinross? Cllr Robertson reported that he and Cllr Barnade fought strenuously for Kinross and we have had our fair share of funding over the years.



Kinross Town Centre: resources have been asked for to aid renewal and revitalisation

Town centre: There is to be consultation and a master plan and the 1995 plan is to be reviewed and upgraded. Our local Councillors have asked for resources from the P&KC to be available to look at renewal and revitalisation of the town centre.

Planning policy: Tom Stewart from Gellybank wanted to know what would happen from the point of view of planning and also sewage mitigation in the countryside once the fashion for steading developments had ended. There were now fewer and fewer steadings capable of being developed. What would be the policy of the Council and the authorities once that had happened? What would happen to the 125% Scottish Water Policy at that time? The answer was that this would be a matter for discussion and consultation at the time.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Cllr Watson read out various items of miscellaneous correspondence. In relation to correspondence generally, Cllr L McKay agreed that she would deal with the correspondence and write the appropriate letters, including a letter of objection to the Post Office closures, until September. Cllr Watson agreed to do the minutes at the July meeting if Cllr Scott had not by then returned.

TRACKS

Jacqui Yull of TRACKS was present and spoke briefly about recent developments and recent improvements. Despite the

negative response to the TRACKS proposed signage by the Watchtower, the CC wanted her to know that we were very much behind TRACKS and delighted with the use of the track round the Loch and what it meant to the County. The car park at Burleigh Sands has been expanded, whilst protecting the trees there. Patrols are picking up litter on the track. The Police were concerned about break-ins at Burleigh Sands.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place at the Masonic Hall on 2 July at 7.30pm.

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

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the June Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Smith, Bennet and Cottingham to the meeting held on 12 June. Also in attendance were Minute Secretary E Rougvié, P&K Cllr Robertson, PCs Child and Petrie and four members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Porter, Lamont and Thomson and P&K Cllr Baird.

Police matters: PC Petrie reported that she had received an e-mail from Inspector Brown of the Road Safety Unit, Tayside Police, confirming that speed checks had been carried out in New Road. While no actual speeders were caught, a couple of drivers had been dealt with under Anti-Social Behaviour legislation for their 'boy racer' behaviour. P&KC is also to carry out speed and pedestrian counts.

Matters Arising

Proposed footpath through Lathro Farm:

CCllr Giacopazzi reported that he had spoken to Mr Stubbs, Community Access Officer, suggesting that the proposed path could be routed through Lathro housing estate instead of the farm, but he had disagreed. CCllr Giacopazzi had thus fulfilled his promise to Mr Simpson of Lathro Farm, who had decided to leave just before the CC meeting started.

Funds: CCllr Bennet, Treasurer, reported that the CC accounts were currently being audited before being submitted to P&KC. It was hoped that funds would be received by mid-summer.

Woodland walk: CCllr Giacopazzi had an e-mail from CCllr Lamont, who had had a quote from a local joiner for £470 plus VAT to repair and replace the seats at Ba'hill. After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Bennet would get a further quote and liaise with CCllr Lamont prior to the next CC meeting. It was also agreed that the CC would contribute £100 towards the cost of planting wild flowers, as suggested by Milnathort in Bloom.

Jolly Beggars: CCllr Lamont has contacted P&KC about the placement of chairs on the pavement outside the Jolly Beggars, and is awaiting a reply.

Correspondence

Items from P&KC:

1. Letter on the subject of community engagement in the planning process. P&KC has become a member of the charity Planning Aid for Scotland and is offering the CC an opportunity to attend a seminar. CCllr Giacopazzi said that a similar event two years ago had been useful, and after discussion it was agreed that those CCllrs who were interested would attend a one-day workshop.
2. Letter from the finance department confirming that the CC had a certificate of employers' liability, which means they are fully insured. Noted.
3. Information about the launch of the Community Car Association Perth and

Kinross on 27 June. It will provide transport for people who are not mobile.

Noted, with the observation that there is already a similar service provided by Kinross Volunteers Rural Outreach.

4. Copy of P&KC minutes. Noted.

5. Invitation from Democratic Services: P&KC is holding a meeting of all CCs on 21 June on the Planning (Scotland) Act 2008, the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Code of Conduct for CCs. It was agreed that these were all topics the CC should be better informed about, and it was agreed that someone will attend.

Other items:

Scottish Government: Consultation on the Education (Additional Support for Learning) Act 2004, Amendment Bill 2008. Noted, with the comments that it was not appropriate for CCs to comment on the document, which used impenetrable language and seemed to be aimed at education professionals.

Planning Matters

The following items were noted:

1. Alterations and extension to house at 12 Cuthill Towers.

2. Modification of existing consent, changing windows from timber to pvc at plot 2, opposite Orwell Park, Perth Road. CCllr Giacopazzi criticised P&KC's Planning Department for what he felt was wasting time on 'trivia'. If the building was listed there would be merit in having to submit such an application, but since this was a new-build property it was unnecessary.

Pacehill: CCllr Cottingham reported on an application for outline planning permission to build a residential development at Pacehill, north of Linden Park Road, together with a sustainable urban drainage system and community woodland with footpath links. CCllr Cottingham said that the site had been defined in the Local Plan as being an area for development, and P&KC had anticipated 28 houses.

However, the developer considered that the land could accommodate up to 36 houses. The houses were fairly 'upmarket' but there was a requirement for 25 per cent of them to be affordable. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Cottingham would raise the following points with P&KC:

1. There were concerns over access, since traffic would have to go up North Street and negotiate a narrow opening.
2. The existing 30 mph sign should be re-located in the interests of pedestrian safety.
3. Traffic calming measures should be introduced for the same reason.
4. There should be a maximum of 28 houses, of which 25 per cent should be affordable. It was felt that P&KC should be robust in this policy and not allow the developer the option of planning gain.
5. The footpath should be retained through to Hattonburn.

6. The footpath on the east side should be extended.

Proposed takeaway in South Street: P&K Cllr Robertson reported that this had been refused, but the applicant had lodged an appeal.

Other applications: CCllr Cottingham advised that a number of applications in Milnathort had been approved, including the development in Wester Loan, while others had been refused. Full details can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/planning

Other Business

T in the Park: CCllr Smith reported on a meeting he had attended on 3 June about the contingency plans for T in the Park. A tremendous amount of work had been put in to try to alleviate traffic chaos, and the general consensus of opinion was that cognisance had been taken of local concerns. CCllr Giacopazzi raised the question of Portaloos for Milnathort, and P&K Cllr Robertson agreed to investigate.

Road safety: CCllr Bennet reported that she had heard nothing from P&KC about the request for a 20 mph speed limit for the centre of the village. She will e-mail P&K Cllr Robertson, who will follow it up. A member of the public noted that the 30 mph sign in Stirling Road was out with the 60 mph boundary. He had reported this a year ago but nothing had been done. P&K Cllr Robertson agreed to pursue the matter. Concerns were also expressed about the roundabout at the Cross, which it was felt was being ignored by motorists coming from Wester Loan. It was noted that the Police had advised that it was not illegal to go over the roundabout.

Flooding: CCllr Giacopazzi reported on an e-mail he had received from a resident in Milnathort town centre, whose garden had almost been destroyed after the December 2006 floods. The resident's son was an engineer, who observed heavy silting under the culverts. This had been confirmed by a hydrologist from Norwich Union. CCllr Giacopazzi said that this was one of the issues that he had raised at a meeting following the flooding, but P&KC had remained silent on the issue. After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Giacopazzi would write directly to P&KC Chief Executive Bernadette Malone as well as write an open letter to the Kinross Newsletter about the Council's policy on cleaning out culverts.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 10 July in Milnathort Town Hall.

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www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Fossoway & District Community Council

News from the June Meeting

The Council welcomed Alistair Lavery as new member to the meeting held on 3 June in Carnbo. Apologies were received from Hugh Wallace and Cllr Mike Barnacle who attended the T in the Park meeting, and from Lynn Boulter.

Declarations of Interest: A Morrison declared a family interest in the Megsfauld planning matter.

Community Policing: No major police matters to report. The main issue at present is the **Traffic Management programme for T in the Park**. In addition to increased car parking there will also be better roadways. Pre-payment for parking is also planned to avoid queuing. Kinross will be policed as in previous years and officers will be stationed in Cambo, Rumbling Bridge and Blairingone - this will be done in rotation but there will be cover at all times.



Carnbo: measures are to be taken to alleviate T in the Park traffic problems

Chair A Morrison stated his view that police presence rather than security personnel should make a big difference.

Code of Conduct for community councillors is out for consultation and responses have been invited by 1 August. The Scottish Executive wants communities to be more involved in decision making, however the view was expressed at the meeting that this does not appear in practice to extend to planning matters.

Matters Arising

T in the Park: The event can have a negative impact on the communities around the venue e.g. problems arise re access, especially for hauliers operating in the area, for farmers in relation to the movement of livestock and litter not being cleaned up timeously. The litter can affect the hay baling. These points will be raised with the organisers.

Castlehill: The council had had an approach re the litter problem in the area. Environmental Health has been contacted and Cllr Barnacle will update at the next meeting.

Councillors Reports

It was reiterated that there will be pulsing of traffic in Carnbo in an effort to prevent those attending **T in the Park** getting out of their vehicles in the village. There will be more coaches than double deckers – the storage on coaches means that access to alcohol is hopefully going to be reduced. In relation to **Pitcairney Green**, the proposed changes have been referred back for further investigation. Cllr I Farquhar advised that a local resident had raised the question of the retaining wall at the south end of the development. Building Control has advised that they make the assumption in such cases that the developer has appointed a suitably qualified engineer to comply with standards. This raises the question of what happens in the event of a challenge being made. The local Councillor's response was that there was unlikely to be an independent assessment

of the situation, but that legal action was more likely.

There was a question about the possible **demolition of a cottage**, however no information is available at the present time.

Planning Reports

Proposed windfarm at Muirhead Moss:

This is an area of wooded land to the south of Blairingone. The proposal is for seven 120 metre high wind turbines and a preliminary application has been made for a test mast.

Access to the site will be via an unclassified road from the A977 to Saline at the west end of Blairingone. A nine-month construction plan is envisaged. There is concern about the project in terms of the environmental impact, property values, disturbance and possible health issues. There are however benefits, e.g. Community Benefit Fund is proposed which from the figures available is likely to be £175,000 and then £43,000 annually. A co-ordinated effort is required to look closely at the plans. P&KC, along with

Fife Council, which is the responsible authority, should be involved in addition to the CCs. Lorna Stronach will be the CC Controller for this project. Lorna can be contacted on 01259 743458.

Sheila Travers and John Anderson, both of whom live close to the proposed site, addressed the meeting with their concerns about the proposals and invited support for their campaign. Information is available at www.saynotoabo.co.uk. Comments can be made at input@saynotoabo.co.uk in the first instance.

A comparison for the height of the proposed turbines is that they will be 30% higher than those at Glendevon.

Saline & Steelend CCs are opposing even a wind monitoring mast because guidance issued for the Fife area concluded that there was nowhere suitable for more than five turbines of a height in excess of 100m. Fife Planning Dept has claimed that the mast and the wind farm proposals are not linked. The matter goes before the Committee on 27 June.

A Morrison confirmed that there would be a link in with other CCs affected. It is estimated that 200 homes would be affected.

Planning Applications

I Farquhar then covered planning applications for this month:

08/00574/FUL: Erection of 3

dwellinghouses, land to the north of Main Street, Blairingone for D McCulloch Contractors Ltd (revised application): with exception of 249msq, is within the settlement boundary of the current KALP. FDCC recommends deferral pending rework of layout to bring wholly within settlement boundary and to ensure full investigation of mining conditions as this is a concern, otherwise no objection.

08/00735/FUL: Erection of

dwellinghouse and double garage, Wester Aldie Farm, Fossoway for Mr and Mrs Hayward: An application for foregoing within small building group comprising three existing dwellings and farmsteadings. Site is almost 1km from the Aldie Road down a single track farm road. It is described as a paddock and enclosed by belts of trees on three sides. Considered under the New Houses in the Countryside category it does not qualify under any stipulated categories of the December 2005 policies i.e. Specific Sites, Economic Activity, Houses for Local People, Pilot Project. Further, there are concerns re its prominence, the form of the boundaries and the enclosures. Considered under the Brownfield sites category, there is no net environmental benefit apparent. There is no proposal for business use and the distance from services and poor access mitigate against such use.

FDCC recommends refusal for the foregoing reasons.

08/00825/MOD: Modification to consent

07/00727/FUL for change of house type, land to east of Falls Nursery, Main Street, Crook of Devon for Mr and Mrs G Hepburn. Original application was recommended subject to satisfactory plot ratio being determined, compatible materials being used and drainage issues being resolved. The proposed dwelling appears to be larger than the original, therefore plot ratio is again relevant.

Assumed that the other issues have been resolved. FDCC recommends approval subject to satisfactory plot ratio being determined.

08/00898/FUL: **Erection of fencing, shed and extension to existing garage** at 28 Mill Gardens, Powmill for Mr A Chappell: The improvements and alterations are all within the rear garden of the property. No apparent adverse effect on neighbouring properties and the design and materials are all in keeping with the neighbourhood. FDCC recommends approval.

08/00989/FUL: **Alteration and extension** to Jingleara, Drum, for Mr and Mrs Moncur: proposal includes the removal of an existing conservatory to allow the construction of a new kitchen and dining area at the northern part of the dwelling. Hobbies room is proposed at the southern part. Hard landscaping works are proposed in addition. The hobbies room, a detached building with canopied link to the house, is close to the boundary with Avon House, but there are no windows in the hobbies room and therefore no intrusive overlooking.

FDCC recommends approval subject to no windows etc being permitted in the hobbies room which might overlook the adjoining property.

08/01039/FUL: **Demolition of hay barn and erection of dwelling house, garage and associated outbuildings** at a former hay barn, Megsfauld, Rumbling Bridge for Mr James Wood: The site is outwith the settlement boundary of Rumbling Bridge and development should not be permitted (KALP policy 43 refers). Development of a house in this isolated location would remove land from agricultural production (KALP policy 50). The area is of great landscape value and the siting is on the crest of a ridge (KALP policy 50).

The proposal also fails to comply with the following requirements of KALP 2004 and the Housing in the Countryside Policy December 2005:

For all proposals: Services are not readily available; A new access adverse to agricultural activity would be required.

For new houses: 3.1 The location is not a specific site e.g. walled garden; 3.2 There is no proposed economic activity related to

the application; 3.3 Does not meet housing for local people criteria; 3.4 Is not for eco-friendly house.

The application does not meet the siting criteria for Housing in the Countryside on account of its visibility at a distance, its prominence and inadequate enclosure and boundaries.

FDCC recommends refusal for the foregoing reasons.

Proposed Post Office Closure

It is proposed that the Post Office in the Crook of Devon is closed along with five others in the area and that the service will be replaced by a mobile van which will visit Crook of Devon for 1½ to 2 hrs per day, 5 days a week. There are currently 200-300 post office transactions per week. The closure of the PO is bound to have a negative impact on the shop. The location of the mobile service is in the area to the front of the Inn at Crook of Devon. It is submitted that this is likely to be a safety hazard.

There were numerous concerns expressed at the meeting ranging from safety issues to concerns about the loss of a service which is a valuable part of the life of the community. A further concern is an environmental one: the closure would mean that transactions would have to be done in other areas, principally Kinross, which would result in more travel. Already we have to travel to Kinross for the collection of parcels and to recover post on which there has been underpayment. It is suggested that there should be an increase in the service and not a more limited service.

Keith Brown MSP then spoke at length about his concerns based on his experience in other areas which had suffered closure. The fact that it is proposed that Muckhart PO should close should add weight to the campaign to keep the PO at COD open. Postwatch and Postcom can delay closure but cannot prevent it in the longer term. Keith Brown said that he was happy to give support to a survey so that the views of the members of the community could be ascertained. Returns could be made by way of Freepost.

The House of Commons has given the green light to PO closure programme. A public meeting would be useful to which Sally Buchanan and representatives from the Royal Mail could be invited. Keith Brown confirmed that he would be happy to attend such a meeting.

A campaign will be conducted. Posters will be distributed and submissions will be made in the form of a report about the structure of the village and the impact on the village of closure.

There is going to be a petition. If there are 200 signatures to the petition there must be a response from Downing Street. Letters from individual members of the community are invited. A template letter is available from the PO, but individuals are encouraged where possible to make their own representations on letter form as these may carry more weight. Each letter by any member of a given household will count. If individual letters of support are written, it would be helpful if these could be copied to the CC. **We need to act promptly as the deadline is 8 July.**

Correspondence

Letters from P&KC informing of planning applications approved: 07/02805/FUL dwelling Crook of Devon; 07/02367/FUL Rumbling Bridge car park; 07/02513/OUT dwelling; 08/00711/FUL amend house, Crook of Devon; 08/00634 double garage, Crook of Devon; 07/02770/FUL house for Mr and Dr Shah.

Planning application withdrawn:

08/00593/FUL fence, Carnbo.

Letter from Scottish Govt re Eastfield appeal Reporter's visit.

Invitation to take part in Calor Village of the Year.

Invitation to take part in Best Kept Village.

Leaflets from Tayside Police re TSCP motorcycle campaign.

Invitation from Environment Services to take part in meeting re air quality action plan, Perth.

Invitation to attend launch of Community Car Association and AGM, Community Transport Group.

Information from P&KC re war memorials grant scheme.

Invitation (too late) from P&KC to attend Commonwealth Games meeting.

Letter from P&KC re meeting CCs on Planning Act, Data Protection and Code of Conduct.

Letter from Postwatch Scotland re Post Office closure programme.

Invitation from Tayside Police to drop-in meeting re T in the Park.

Other Business

A977: There is a draft petition being developed in relation to the A977 and this should be available in the next few weeks.

Flying Fox: It was noted that, thanks to Cllr Barnade, confirmation had been received from P&KC Parks and Leisure that the "flying fox" would be re-instated in the park – a young member of the community had raised this.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 August at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, Crook of Devon.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the June Meeting

A meeting was held on Tuesday 10 June at Portmoak Primary School. In attendance were Margaret Wilson (Chair), Jo Morrell, Jim Shepherd, Mike Hally, Stuart Garvie, Charles Weedon, Alistair Smith; P&K Cllrs Kathleen Baird, Mike Barnade, Sandy Miller and Willie Robertson; Sgt Rankine and several members of the public. There were apologies from the Chairwoman, Wendy MacPhedran.

Police Report: Sgt Rankine said there was very little crime to report this month. The Burleigh Sands car park has been extended and the community was reminded to be careful about locking cars and not leaving anything visible in cars. With regard to T in the Park, the police hope that there will not be the same problems as last year and many steps have been taken to ensure that this does not happen.

There was a reminder about leaving windows open with the warmer summer days.

Chairwoman's Report: A new draft conduct for CCs has been circulated for consultation. The CC has until the end of July to respond.

Secretary's Report: The CC is invited to attend a one-day seminar at Perth in June. Topics covered will be a) The Planning (Scotland) Act 2006 – implications for CCs, b) Data Protection Act 1998 and c) Overview of the Scottish Government's consultation papers on establishment of CC and code of conduct for CCs. Cllrs Wendy MacPhedran and Margaret Wilson will attend.

be available for only five hours a week.

There were objections as to how the Post Office had assessed the area as well as to how the community were supposed to avail them of Post Office services in the future. The meeting agreed to mount a petition, encourage residents to write letters of complaint. The CC will arrange a **public meeting for Tuesday 1 July** in the Portmoak Hall and they will invite a representative from the Post Office to be present.

Paths Matters

The re-naming of the **Michael Bruce Way** will take place on 27 June. The re-naming will be conducted by George Reid MSP. P&KC have served an **Enforcement Notice** on Wilson Homes regarding the continued closure of the path down the side of the village hall. So far nothing has been done to open the path to the public. The developer has until 11 June to open the path.

A911: There had been a meeting with P&KC Roads and their consulting engineers to discuss the A911 and other road matters. These included the bend at Auchmuir Bridge, the speed of traffic through Easter Balgedie and the spate of accidents during the winter at Wester Balgedie. P&KC Roads will submit draft proposals for traffic calming in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell before the July meeting and they will be in attendance at the July meeting along with their consulting engineers to answer any questions.

object to the amended plans for this site.

The number of houses has been increased from 8 to 10. The new scheme does nothing to enhance the Conservation area in scale, density or character.

08/00777/FUL **Change of use from agricultural to horticultural land** and erection ancillary buildings, land at Youngs Moss, Scotlandwell for Mr Robert McCormick. The CC agreed to object to this application as the argument for the first application for a house was that the old sheds should be removed and replaced by a house to improve the aspect of the site. 08/01011/FUL **Erection of a retail shed, Channel Farm** Wester Balgedie for Loch Leven's Larder. There were no objections to this application.

08/01102/FUL **Land at Kilmagadwood, erection of 3 dwellinghouses** with associated access road and landscaping. This is a new application on a site which has earlier been refused consent first by P&KC and on appeal by the Scottish Executive Reporter's Office. The application is for more houses than before and includes for land outside the Settlement Boundary. The CC will lodge a strong objection again.

08/01059/FUL **Erection of 16 dwellinghouses**, Wellside Motors, Main Street, Scotlandwell for Country Holdings. The CC had received detailed plans for this re-application on this site. The CC had expressed concern about the height of the houses in the previous houses. These houses appear even higher, and so the CC resolved to object to this new development on this basis.

Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnade advised the meeting of the new Planning System. The Scottish Government intends to create new Strategic Planning Authority. Perth & Kinross will be part of the Dundee City Region. This authority will appraise and develop the new Strategic Plan for the authority.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be on Tuesday 8 July at 730pm in the Portmoak Village Hall.

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Kinnesswood Post Office: A number of residents from Portmoak attended the meeting to raise very strong objections about the proposed closing of the Post Office in Kinnesswood and its replacement by a mobile service which will

Planning Matters

07/02325/FUL **Wester Balgedie Farm development 8 houses**, David Gray Ltd (amended planning application). A considerable number of residents from Wester Balgedie were in attendance to

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Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

News from the May Meeting

The CC met in the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam on Monday 19 May and was attended by four members of the CC, P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle, PC Ian Ward from Tayside Police, 16 members of the public and the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter Editor. Apologies of absence were received from Richard Jeffrey and Margaret Traylor.

Crime Prevention: PC Ward said there had been reports of the theft of drain gully covers and of metal in general. There had also been a rise in thefts of diesel and of heating oil. He urged the use of firm padlocks on oil tanks. There was also a spate of cold calling on remote houses, callers asking for any scrap metal and no doubt taking the opportunity to have a good look round. If you have any reason to be suspicious, call the Police on 0845 600 505 - do not delay.

Tracks and Trails: At the last meeting it had been reported that a draft core plan had been produced but that since there seemed to have been a breakdown of communication with Dave Stubbs. In the absence of the Secretary it was difficult to give any further information but it was thought the relevant landlords were being contacted. However the Chairman would be in touch with Secretary.

Planning

Procedural Changes: The Chairman and Sandy Morton had attended a meeting to discuss these matters and the Chairman was at the second meeting in April. A further meeting will take place in August. It had been proposed that a forum should be set up consisting of the elected Councillors, representatives of all the CCs, FORK and the Civic Trust. There were three areas of concern including population, housing and housing in the countryside. There was a general discussion as to the desire of Cleish and Blairadam CC to join such a forum. Comments from the floor were that we should join only if something could be achieved and only if the Council was prepared to listen to what such a forum had to say. There is a strong perception that the Council are not thus far prepared to listen to small bodies. After discussion the CC agreed that by participating in the proposed forum more might be achieved by a larger body.

Planning Applications

East Lochran: The CC has objected to both applications.

Cleish Mains Steading: Outline planning consent has been given and full details have been submitted but there is a lack of detail as regards materials, and there are issues to do with siting. Historic Scotland has been consulted on both these points.

Plot A (north of Winchester): This is a gap site almost opposite the entrance to the Tabernacle; it was a reapplication which

has been approved.

Pending

Land north of Hatchbank: No decision as yet; our opinion remains the same.

Eriska extension: No comment; this application is not in our area.

Chance Inn Farm: No decision as yet (although this is not in our area the impact of such a large scale development on Cleish and the relevant roads would be considerable).

Boreland Farm: This application went to appeal. Cllr Barnacle told the meeting that the Planning Committee had supported this application on a split decision when the Convener of the Planning Control went against the previous decision; as a result Cllr Barnacle has resigned from the Planning Committee - which will be a great loss to communities such as ours.

He pointed out that steadings and other farm buildings are rarely listed which means that demolition is easier than restoration, a matter which needs to be addressed.

The Reporter's site visit is now scheduled for Wednesday 4 June. It is too late for the CC to write to the Reporter but Cllr Barnacle has already written with a copy of the CC's letter. The CC will write to the Reporter explaining that their meetings are infrequent and to express their concern at the decision taken on a casting vote.

Cleish Mill Farm: Nothing to report.

Dunvegan: Nothing to report.

Fruix Farm: Passed on delegated powers.

Nivingston: Proposed development of 10 new houses to the north of the main house within the garden area and 2 dwelling houses within the walled garden area. This application goes to Development Control on 28 May.

Greenacres: Consent for land to the north approved - that to the south awaited. The former was retrospective despite local representation to the contrary. The CC to write pointing out that Greenacres applications seem to circumvent the planning process, perhaps because they are mobile homes. Suggest that the CC should express their extreme concern over this development and ask the Council to make a decision on the designated area of the site. In the past the CC have received no replies to their letters on this matter. The CC will write again, making the above points, sending copies of their letter to the Chief Executive, the local MSP and Cllr Barnacle.

Maryburgh: A question was raised concerning the proposed houses to the north of Maryburgh but as far as the CC knows no decision has been taken.

Windfarm

An application has been received for the erection of 7 turbines, 120m high to the north-west of Saline; although this is not in Kinross-shire it is bordering on the

county boundary.

Roads: Keltybridge: Possibility of passing places, but the problem is exacerbated by buses making their own passing places. The Roads Department is not prepared to cooperate until the Middleton Park site is complete - this is now fully developed so a meeting with the Roads Department is now necessary. Also suggested that a weight restriction would be helpful.

The point of traffic not necessarily being considerate to horse riders was also raised - please note this point and do slow down when meeting or passing horse riders on all roads; they will appreciate and acknowledge your consideration.



Please give consideration to horse riders on our roads

Pothole over M90: It is still there - and no one seems to be prepared to take responsibility. The Secretary to be asked to contact someone in BEAR.

Keltybridge and Maryburgh Environment Project

A group has been set up with the aim of enhancing the appearance of Keltybridge and Maryburgh under the Chairmanship of Duncan Robertson, 3 Abbot's Wynd, with Joanne Murray, 7 Maryburgh as Secretary. This group is eligible for grant funding but needs help with planting, weeding, mowing, pruning and materials such as planters, benches, plants, seeds etc. The Chairman and Secretary will be glad to provide further information, as will the other members of the committee.

Councillor Mike Barnacle

Before the meeting closed it was proposed from the floor that the appreciation of the community to Cllr Barnacle for all his commitment to us be expressed with a round of applause. This was moved by the Chairman and enthusiastically given. Cllr Barnacle has rarely missed a meeting and his wise counsel has at all times been most welcome. FROM ALL OF US, THANK YOU, MIKE.

A meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC was due to take place on 23 June (including T in the Park liaison).

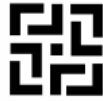
The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 28 July at 7.30pm in the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam.

Website: www.cleish.org



Club & Community Group News

Kinross Potager Garden Bowton Road



Our Special Event on Saturday 31 May went so well. The weather was perfect and the Plant Sale provided £290 to help keep this Community Garden open and running effectively for the benefit of the Community of Kinross. Every one who came thoroughly enjoyed our Special Guest – Amu Logotse. Amu brought a drum workshop for the children and told a lovely story. We also had fun creating an Insect Mansion for the helpful insects we would like to encourage into the Garden. If you would like to add to this creation, please do. There is room for more slate, cones, bricks and another ridge tile.



The drumming workshop led by Amu Logotse

Special thanks go to the volunteers who made this event happen. Somerfield kindly provided refreshments as did our lovely cake bakers! Mike Irwin of Dobbies was on hand to give gardening advice and children from Kinross Primary School were involved with the sales of the produce they had grown.

We would like to create a mosaic for the Garden with the Kinross Guides. If you have a range of colourful tiles or glass pebbles - anything that would be suitable, please let me know.

There are many ways in which you can get involved at the Garden and all donations of plants, cuttings and compost are very gratefully received.

A new **7-week Gardening Course** will be held on **Tuesday 12 August**. The course costs £35. Please do get in touch with Michelle Hardaker if you would like to join us. Tel 01577 862622 email: dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk

Kinross & District Art Club



We are enjoying our summer break by continuing our painting hobby at home and preparing our “masterpieces” for our Annual Exhibition in September, as well as getting together to do an “outside” painting. This month we were invited by Sir David Kinloch to Aldie Castle where we enjoyed the opportunity to wander around and see the best view that appealed to us individually and to paint in the fresh air for a change. It is a good experience and friends are at hand when you need some advice, as I do, being an enthusiastic amateur. If you would like to join us on our next visit please contact me on 01577 863361 or any Club member you know. You will be very welcome.

Kinross in Bloom



As you will have noticed, all the hanging baskets and tubs are now on show and are in full bloom. A very big thank you to the people of Kinross who have volunteered to help water the hanging baskets and tubs this year. This has taken an enormous amount of pressure off the Bloom committee in trying to maintain the flowers throughout the summer period. You will have noticed that we also have a new Bloom Buggy. It will be more efficient and of course we can do all the watering in one swoop – no refilling. Thanks to any extra volunteers who helped plant the tubs on Sunday 8 June. Your help was greatly appreciated – many hands make light work.

If you would like to sponsor one of our displays then details of costs are:

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| Three-tier planter | £150 |
| Barrel | £25 |
| Hanging basket | £20 |
| Window box (like the Kirklands Hotel) | £20 |

200 Club winners

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| £20 | No 3 A Robbie | No 13 S Cuthbert |
| £15 | No 43 J Montgomery | No 57 M Muirhead |
| £10 | No 70 M Urquhart | No 88 D Montgomery |
| £5 | No 97 Marc Colmy | No 12 J Grigg |

We are planning on having our **AGM on 23 July** at 7.30pm in the Green Hotel. Please feel free to come along and see what we have been doing over the past year. If you have any interest in helping us in any way, please contact Aileen Sorbie on 01577 861477.

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The Lancastria Association of Scotland

On behalf of the association I would like to convey our grateful thanks to everybody who signed our petition asking the Scottish Parliament to commission a commemorative medal for all those involved in the Lancastria disaster. She was sunk by enemy action on 17 June 1940 at St Nazaire, France with the loss of over 4,000 lives. This was the greatest loss of life in British Maritime History, more than the Titanic and the Lusitania combined. I am delighted to report that our petition has been successful. The commemorative medal was presented to survivors and families of victims at Holyrood by the First Minister on 12 June. Now, at last, they who gave their lives for King, country and the freedom we enjoy today are remembered with the honour they deserve.

The Association will have a stall at the **Kinross Show** on **Saturday 9 August** to help to raise funds to build a memorial at Clydebank where the Beardmore Shipbuilding Company, who built the Lancastria, once stood. Please find a moment to come to visit us at the show.

We are also holding a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 11 October** in the Institute, Crook of Devon from 10.30 - 12.30 with stalls, raffle and lucky ticket number prize. Tickets for this will be available at the Kinross Show or at the door on the day.

Thank you for all your support.

Fiona Symon, Chair
Lancastria Association of Scotland

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, take advantage of summer to try out a walk with us. We're a friendly and welcoming group. This month we have two weekend walks for those looking for a little bit of challenge and a gentle, local, mid-week walk. Please note that car sharing is normally available for out-of-area walks.

Wednesday 2 July: Loch Leven Heritage Trail - 5 miles. Walking from Milnathort to Loch Leven's Larder - a gentle walk with opportunity for refreshments at Loch Leven's larder.

Saturday 12 July: Lady Mary's Walk and Laggan Hill - 6 miles. A pleasant walk on good paths (with option to extend to the Knock, Crieff).

Sunday 27 July: Ben A'an - 4 miles. Steady climb to the summit with the reward of lovely views of Loch Katrine and the Trossachs.

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

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



Hillwalkers: 6 June saw the group complete the postponed walk round Glen Artney in excellent weather. This was a quite strenuous trek of some 11.5 miles with 1,000 feet of ascent but was well rewarded with sightings of the Red Kites. **4 July** will see us tackle the walk from Kinnaird House to Loch Skiach, where excellent views over 360 degrees are possible if the weather is kind. This nine mile walk includes a total ascent of 1300 feet. **18 July** will see us return to a now well established favourite walk, when we plan to follow the Fife Coastal Path from St Andrews to Crail. This is an almost flat walk of 12 miles.

Friday Walks: Thanks to the long spell of good weather, all the walks have been in sunshine, on firm dry paths, and the walk through Devilla Woods turned out one of the most enjoyable. Starting in the grounds of Tulliallan Castle, it took us to Moor Loch and then to Peppermill Dam where we basked in the sunshine, before finding our way back through shady woodland paths.

11 July: A Maspie Den circular - starting in Falkland House estate, we climb up the Den to Craigmead car park and then find our way back through new woods to the Monument, and on to familiar paths on the Falkland estate. This will be at least 6 miles.

25 July: The Glen Tilt Trail to Gilbert's Bridge and back - this old favourite is along paths with a testing climb on the way up to Gilbert's Bridge, and 6 miles long. This walk leaves Millbridge at the earlier time of 9am.

July Meeting: The Speaker on **3 July** will be Stuart Skinner on "Behind the scenes at T-in-the-Park".

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The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

Kinross-shire Joint Forum

The Trust has agreed to join the Joint Forum of the Trust, FORK and the Kinross-shire and Glenfarg CCs. The forum has been created 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 it will be a great opportunity for people to learn about the old town of Kinross, especially if you are new to the area.

Woodland Shield

Judging for the Woodland Shield competition will be held in July.

Kinross Show

The Trust will be having a stand at the annual Kinross Show to demonstrate among other things the work the Trust endeavours to do for Kinross-shire

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



Common Grounds

As with the rest of Milnathort we are now 'in bloom'. In addition to the large colourful bed, created by one of our volunteers last year, behind the street wall, the area between the hall's two entrance doors has been tidied up by the Milnathort in Bloom committee and revitalised with new red chips and plant pots. In all, the work carried out in June has created a greatly improved setting for the hall and consequently for the approach to our coffee shop on the days we are in residence. Why not come and have a look.

Projects. During June we have been raising funds for the project Maconaroundtheclock which is working to improve the hygiene of a remote Moroccan village by digging wells to give fresh water and providing basic medical equipment. We hope our contact with this project will soon be able to pay us a visit and be the speaker at one of our project lunches.

'Tools with a Mission' are still looking for any unwanted, but usable, hand-tools. Anything you have suitable can be handed into Common Grounds during opening hours.

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 continue to be held in the hall on the first Tuesday of the month. Contact for the club: Marlene Whyte, 01592 840371.

Events. There is still time to put an entry in for the Common Grounds' word-search competition which is on page 21 of last month's Newsletter.

Volunteers. Last month we were pleased to welcome new helpers to Common Grounds. However, during the coming holiday months we can be stretched, so 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 & District Rotary Club



Susie Harris from the Pampered Chef demonstrated to Rotarians, their partners and guests how easy it can be to prepare a healthy meal. With the aid of the latest in mixing bowls, turnip cutters and apple choppers, Susie entertained those present on 19 May with her culinary skills mixed together with tips and tales of modern day life in the kitchen.

Long before global warming became a serious issue, Rotarian Neil Maclure told the meeting of the Club on 26 May how he had been part of a five-week expedition to Iceland in his student days to survey the receding glaciers on the island. Despite falling into a crevice and enduring some harsh weather, Neil said that he would welcome the opportunity to return to see how the current weather conditions had effected the situation.

Thanks to Rotarian Jim Paterson, his wife May and team of helpers, Club members enjoyed a barbecue and barn dance at Gallowhill Farm on 30 May.

Sandy Matthew, the Assistant District Governor from the Howe of Fife Club, addressed the meeting held on 2 June. He advised that Rotary International had accepted a £50 million donation from the Bill Gates Foundation towards the Rotary campaign to eliminate polio throughout the world. Since the campaign started in 1985, polio has been eliminated from 125 countries and is now endemic in only four countries. It is estimated that five million people have been prevented from catching the disease and the lives of 250,000 children saved since the Rotary campaign started.

The Club has agreed to fund two shelter boxes to assist with the disaster relief in Burma and China. Each box costs £490 and is designed to help a family of 10 survive for at least six months. The box contains a tent and ancillary equipment selected depending on the country and nature of the disaster. The Shelter Box concept was the brainchild of an ex Royal Navy Search and Rescue Consultant and in seven years has grown to be one of the world's most dynamic and effective aid agencies. A Wishing Well to support the Burma relief campaign has been placed at Loch Leven's Larder.

McPhine Mwara, the headmaster of Livingstonia School in Malawi addressed the Club Meeting on 9 June. Supported by three other school members, two teachers and an ex-pupil from Kinross High School he described the many challenges facing the school. Lack of resources was the main concern and the school hoped to boost their income by undertaking various commercial enterprises.

Four members and their wives met up with a group from a Danish Rotary Club in Amsterdam in early June and it is hoped that the Danes next trip will be to Kinross.

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Inner Wheel



In late March, we held a supper at the home of our Overseas organiser Betty Birrell and raised funds to send to the Khazimula Orphanage in South Africa.

At our April meeting the speaker was Andrew Morton on his Pakistan Adventure trip; this was so interesting that he will be back with the next stage of his adventure.

In May, we were delightful to have as our speaker Grizelda Hill from the Wemyss Pottery in Ceres.

Members of Kinross travelled to St Andrews on 4 June to Fiona's District Rally in the sunshine.

Our last speaker for the year, in June, was Rona Archibald who gave a very interesting talk about the aftermath of Chernobyl and the work that Chernobyl Childline does in bringing children from Belarus to Scotland for holidays.

As this was our last meeting for the year, our Charity funds were dispersed to: Childline, Diabetic UK, Macmillan Palliative Care Perth and two Overseas Charities, Born Free and Water Aid.

We have already sent funds to the orphanage in South Africa, Toilet Day (Water Aid) and shoe boxes with funds to Romania.

This was also our change over meeting and our new President for next season will be Alison Reid.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



At the June AGM members approved the updated constitution and agreed to several changes in the organisation of the club. The programme for 2008/9 met with approval and options for future visits were discussed. Among items brought along for "Bring and Brag" were two examples of early repairs to pieces of china from the days before our throw away society. Then it was time for strawberries and cream, much enjoyed by everyone.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

May Draw

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| 2nd | No 23 | Mr Alistair Morgan, Kinnesswood |
| 3rd | No 30 | George Brown, Kinnesswood |

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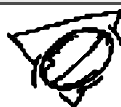
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Sports News

Kinross Cougars Junior Rugby Club



End of season awards

Kinross Cougars, the junior rugby players of Kinross Rugby Club, held their end of season fun day on 24 May. The day marked the end of a very successful season across all age groups. We also welcomed the Round Table who presented a cheque towards new strips for the Under-14, Under-16 and Under-18 teams. Their donation is very much appreciated by the club, coaches and children.

The Kinross Cougars, Primary 1 to Primary 7, have over 70 boys and girls joining us on a Saturday morning for training sessions, whether rain, hail, snow or occasionally the baking sun. The Primary 4 to Primary 7's play regular matches and tournaments on Sundays and we finished this season as winners at Crieff, Glenrothes and Morgan. Well done to all the boys and girls involved!

This year also saw Kinross hold their first Rugby Tournament which was attended by 8 clubs, with over 350 children playing rugby. A sincere thank-you to all those involved: sponsors, parents, organisers, coaches and most importantly children in making it a great festival of rugby! At the Secondary age groups this season has seen a marked improvement and the Under-14 side has had a fantastic season, winning all but two friendly fixtures. This has been identified by the recent announcement that the following boys have been selected to attend the Tayside Under-16 and Under-15 trials: U-16: Adam Ramsay, Duncan Jarvie, Andrew Wilcox, Ross Marshall and U-15: Ross Mathieson, Cameron MacLachlan, Jamie Richmond, Jordan Hutt, Lewis Hunter, Douglas Weir, Aidan King. Well done and good luck on selection.

The Under-14 and Under-16 sides next season will train on a Monday night and the Under-18's on a Tuesday and Thursday night.

As always, the season finishes with a number of awards, and the selection of the winners proved very difficult with the quality of play this season. All

those involved in Kinross Cougars deserve to be proud of their performances.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you all back next season

and any new boys and girls wishing to play. If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact Craig on 01577 861109, or visit the website www.kinrosscougars.com



Kinross Cougars with the cheque presented to them by the Kinross-shire Round Table

Player of the Month Awards

Matthew Gilmour (P6), Duncan Lewis (P6), Alasdair Bennet (P4), Hamzah Ulla (P4), Ally Doolan (U16), Aidan King (U14).

Training Assistance

Alasdair Williams, Andrew Wilcox, Scott Findlay, Jonny Mackenzie.

Kicking Competition

Colum Stevenson (P6), Jonny MacKenzie (U16).

Vice Captains / Captains

Douglas Weir / Ross Mathieson (U14), Stuart Hunter / Alasdair Williams (U16).

Highest Try Scorer Midi's

Ross Mathieson (U14).

Highest Points Scorer Midi's

Adam Ramsay (U16).

3rd Place Player of Year

Duncan McKie (P1-P3), Samuel Smith (P4-P5), Callum Gosse (P6-P7), Douglas Weir (U14), Alasdair Williams (U16).

2nd Place Player of Year

Finn Hall (P1-P3), Rory Arthur (P4-P5), Alexander Cox (P6-P7), Jamie Richmond (U14), Andrew Wilcox (U16).

Girl Player of the Year

Erika Machan (P6).

Most Improved Player

Daniel Johnstone (P1-P3), Malcolm Sturgeon (P4-P5), Oliver Law (P6-P7), Cameron MacLachlan (U14), Cameron MacDonald (U16).

Player of the Year

Murray Houston (P1-P3), Lewis Houston (P4-P5), Fraser Gosse (P6-P7), Jordan Hutt (U14), Stuart Hunter (U16).

Players Player of the Year

Fraser Gosse (Mini Section), Ross Mathieson (Midi Section).

Orwell Bowling Club

Our Charity game in aid of the Blind Bowlers Association held on 18 May raised £88. The weather was fine and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The Ladies won their friendly against Lochgelly on 22 May, and the coveted Quaich was regained by Orwell from Maitland in the Mixed Game on the glorious last day of May with a creditable score of 108 - 84. With ties now in full swing, and teams fielded in the East of Scotland, County and Scottish matches, interspersed by friendly games, the club is a hive of activity, our green standing up well to the recently dry conditions. Results of the Ladies Open Pairs and Open Pairs will appear in the August issue of the Newsletter.

Postscript: The Club was deeply shocked and saddened by the sudden death of one of its members, **Tony Berry**, during a friendly game on Saturday 14 June. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Charmian and family. Tony was a popular and ever-jovial member who will be sadly missed.

Kinross Tennis Club

It is high time for another update on the happenings at Kinross Tennis Club. We are now a few months into the season and new members and returning members have turned out in numbers to enjoy some great tennis on Wednesday evenings at the senior club nights. The weather has been kind to us on the whole, allowing many games to be played and I have seen some 'interesting' rallies and 'interesting' shots as a result. It is great to see so many people out enjoying their tennis. If you are interested in joining the club, feel free to come along on a Wednesday night and bring your racket!

The ladies club team has had a great start to the season, winning all their games (at time of writing) with some epic matches and of course some excellent home baking. The gents team has had more mixed results, but they too have won some of their games. The team captains have done a great job at ensuring we have sufficient players in the right place at the right time and my thanks go to them.

The junior coaching has also been a great success this year and a large number of kids has come along to one of our sessions. Laura, the coach, is doing well honing their skills and we hope the juniors will continue to enjoy their tennis. Who knows, there might be a new Andy Murray amongst them! Thanks also to Gillian for her hard work organising the junior sessions.

Senior Club night is on a Wednesday evening from 6.30pm onwards. Junior Club night is on a Tuesday evening from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. If you would like more information on Kinross Tennis Club please contact me on 01577 865 449.

Aileen Jones

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Eilidh retains University titles



Kinross athlete Eilidh Child started the 2008 outdoor track season by retaining her Scottish and British University Championship titles over the 400m hurdles. At the British Championships held at the beginning of May in Bedford, the Puma sponsored runner not only won the title, but her time of 58.03 seconds broke the Championship best performance – previously held by England's Sian Scott – by nearly a second. Her trip to compete at an EAP meeting in Pavia, Italy, a week later became more significant as her main opponent in the race was none other than Sian Scott. In a very close race, Eilidh managed to hold off her more experienced opponent and won the race in 57.29 seconds, a time that consolidated her position as number 2 in the UK rankings.

A week later, representing Scotland, Eilidh ran at the Loughborough International and in a field that included not only Sian Scott but top Irish runner Michelle Carey, who has a season's best time below 57 seconds and who competed at the World Championships last year, Eilidh again took first place in a time of 58.09 seconds. She ran a very quick 300m and despite finishing strongly a severe headwind in the home straight prevented her from closing in on her own personal best of 57.11 seconds. Eilidh later ran the first leg of the 4 x 400m relay and gave Scotland a lead maintained until 30m from the end of the race when they were pipped at the post by England.

On 15 June, competing at the Scottish Under 23 Championships at Grangemouth, Eilidh retained the title she won last year by winning in a time of 57.30 seconds, smashing her own Championship best time, set last year, by just over one and a half seconds.

Eilidh's next competitions are the AAAs of England Under 23 Championships at Bedford, and about a week later on 15 July in the Bank of Scotland Cup at Grangemouth she will Captain a Scottish Team that will compete against teams from Wales, Ireland and USA Juniors. The competition, formerly known as the Celtic Cup, will be screened live on Sky Sports between 7pm and 9pm. This is a big week for her because not only does she captain her country in a major competition, but on 30 June she graduates from Edinburgh University. In early July, instead of attending T in the Park, Eilidh will head south again to compete in the UK Championships and Olympic Trials at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.

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Kinross Cricket Club

Girls and Ladies News

The combined girls' and women's team played their next match against Edinburgh University Women. Kinross lost the toss and were put in to bat and the girls got off to a careful start with some good defensive batting. Credit goes to Andrea Jackson for a good stand at the crease with some very good calling and running between the wickets. Top batsman was Hannah Taylor on 17. The fielding and bowling was not quite at its best, however, and the Edinburgh girls really capitalised on this. Pick of the bowlers were Kaye Brown (1 for 10 off 2 overs) and Claire Jackson (0 for 7 off 2 overs).

The girls are really going from strength to strength. Recently playing Dollar Academy's girls team, the Kinross girls posted our highest ever total of 81 runs in 20 overs, although sadly this was not quite enough to beat the Dollar team. Still, we can take heart from knowing that the Dollar player that took four of the Kinross wickets is in fact a Kinross Ladies Club member playing for her school on this occasion. Well done Hannah Taylor.

Junior Cricket

The **under 15 team** continue their campaign to retain the Scottish Cup. The 3rd of June started off wet and miserable in Kinross, but by the end of the day, the sun was shining as Kinross completed a comfortable 112 run victory of Clackmannanshire.

The **under 13 team** was put out of the Scottish Cup by a very competent team from Carlton CC in Edinburgh. A disappointment for the players after Kinross CC winning the Scottish Cup for the previous 2 years at this age group. Work now begins to prepare next year's under 13 players for the tournament.



John Ross presents the Kinross-shire Cricket Primary Schools Shield to children from Cleish Primary School

Kwik Cricket Inter-Kinross-shire Primary Schools Championship

The grounds of Kinross House provided a beautiful, sunny setting for the first inter-Kinross-shire Primary Schools Kwik Cricket Tournament. Teams from Kinross, Milnathort, Portmoak, Fossoway and Cleish Primary Schools participated in the area tournament hosted by Kinross Cricket Club. The winners of the Kinross-shire Cricket Primary Schools Shield were the children from Cleish Primary School. The award was presented by club head coach, John Ross. This is the culmination of months of coaching provided by the coaches of Kinross

Cricket Club at every local school involving nearly 300 children aged 9, 10 or 11. This coaching is delivered as part of the club's Active Schools Programme and the club's national cricket excellence scheme, TopClub. The Cleish team will now progress to the next round of the national competition held at Arbroath on 26 June. Tournament organiser, Kirsteen Ross, praised the players for their high standards of behaviour and sportsmanship and the schools for their co-operation and support with the schools cricket coaching programme and thanked the club groundsman, scorers, umpires, coaches and parental helpers for their efforts to make the tournament such a success.

Community 6s

Saturday 7 June saw eight teams attend the annual Community sixes tournament. Kinross Hockey team were keen to retain their title but other entrants from Kinross Round Table, Boys Brigade, Kinross Churches, Kinross Ladies Cricket, Kinross High & Dollar Academy Girls Cricket, Kinross Mixed Hockey teams and Sport Scotland had other ideas. The unexpectedly good weather helped to get all the teams in a summer cricket mood and the group matches progressed quickly. Kinross Hockey ended as winner of the group A matches and were drawn to play Sport Scotland in the final. After some excellent cricket from both sides, Sport Scotland pulled off an unexpected win to lift the 2008 title. All the teams and players had a fantastic day and £74 was raised from the impromptu BBQ and was donated to CHAS.

Senior Cricket

The early season has progressed well for the **1st XI** with them having recorded five league wins out of five and currently sitting top of division three. Sunday 15 June saw the toughest game of the season so far against Almond Valley. Valley batted first and put on 161 with Kinross eventually surpassing the total with 2 overs to spare. U17 player Matthew Robson put in his first score of the season with an impressive 49 not out and head coach John Ross took the bowling honours with 4 wickets for 15 runs. In addition to the league success the team has also progressed to the quarter finals of the Scottish Small Clubs cup with a win over Northern champions Buckie, Peter Ross top scoring with 54 not out. Next round was against Ellon Gordon who failed to raise a team, thus conceding defeat to Kinross. The quarter final play-off against Comrie is at home on Sunday 22 June.

The **2nd XI** has had a slow start to their league season but wins over Kirriemuir and Cupar have helped them to start moving up the table.

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Out & About



Vane Farm



Howdee do dee folks, that time again tae read the rubbish that comes oot ma heed at the time! So the sun is still shinin which is guid, birds are still lookin effer bambinos which is also guid. We hiv a braw brood o wee shelduck ducklings on the reserve at the minute, 18 at the last coont. Shelducks are sneaky devils cos they hatch oot the ducklins then clear oot tae places like Germany leavin a few adult burds tae look effer awe the weans they hiv produced. Soonds like a plan tae me.

Springfèst was attended by several hunners o yeh which wis also guid. Effer a dullish kinda morning the sun battered doon durin the effermane and folks seemed tae enjoy thersels, again guid cos that's whit we want.

Eileen she o editorial status fur this esteemed publication wis howkin about wi a camera n wis seen snappin awa merrily at onythin that moved or didnae move durin the day. It seemed nothin wis safe from the searchin lens, including me, och man ma anonimity might be aboot tae be exposed tae the public glare!! Unless that nice lady editor has decided tae spare ye awe the shock o seein Shaw in the flesh so tae speak, am no placin ony bets mind and am no responsible fur resultin psychotic episodes that may occur effer seein said pictur.



The big bumblebee!

(Unfortunately we only had room for the bee, so Colin remains an international man of mystery for now! - Ed.)

The big bumblebee however is a nice cuddly picture which aint gonnae gie ye any traumatic effects, mi'bees", cos it looks cute. Talking aboot bees, yin o oor camera birdboxes has been purloined by a bunch o bees fur a nest, the variety bein early bumblebee which is wan o the smaller bee species "the early bee catches the nest cos worms is to big" hmmm.

Ye olde retail shoppe has got a summer sale oan at the momento with a fair range o stuff at reduced prices surprisingly cos it's a sale see! Come in fur a gawp if yer passin by. Speekin aboot hivvin a gawp at sumthin, remember although we hiv special optics events durin the year we aye keep these in stock awe year roond so ye dinny nae tae wait fur yin on the special weekends if yer lookin fur a pair o magnification assisters (that's binoculars) tae gie ye a better view o sumthin noo or oan yer holidays.

Next events fur this month are **"Go Bats at Vane"** on **Thursday 3 July** from 9pm till late. This ever popular event will be led by a new person this year in the form of Les Hatton a well respectit eh I think? bat expert who is now a self employed environmental consultant type chap after many years wi the Fife Ranger Service. Book yer places fur bats wi Les on the usual number.

On **Saturday 5 July** we are holdin **"Bugs, Beasties and Boatmen"**, a family event tae look for creepy crawlies in and oot the watter from 2 - 4pm. Bookin essential again so see us when yer in or by telephonic communication.

Cheerio now, enjoy yer hols if yer goin soon.

Colin.

Loch Leven NNR



Summer is always a busy time on the National Nature Reserve, and there is plenty going on for people to get involved with over the next month or so. The botany walks proved to be extremely popular, so a big thank you to Liz Lavery and all who attended for making them both interesting and memorable.

To coincide with National Insect Week (**23 - 29 June**), our volunteers embark on some insect survey training on Sunday 29 June, where they'll begin monitoring the diversity of dragonflies, butterflies and bumblebees around the north shore of Loch Leven. Insects are very good indicator species for habitat quality, so a good understanding of insect populations will help to identify whether work can be done to improve the habitat in a particular area. For more information on other events taking place for National Insect Week, visit the website at www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk.

On **Saturday 12 July** between 12 - 4pm we'll be hosting a family day of **Damsels and Dragons**, where you will get a chance to take a closer look at the life cycle of this fascinating group of animals. We'll be working with nets both in the pond and in the air, to get a better understanding of what makes the dragons tick. **Sunday 13 July** is also an opportunity to **Meet the Wardens** at the Boathouse Hide between 11 - 3pm, where you can fire questions at us, have a chat about the reserve or simply enjoy the beautiful view.

Thursday 17 July is the date for the first of two evening **Osprey Walks**, between 6 - 8pm. For those who haven't seen this majestic bird of prey fishing the shores of Loch Leven, this is a sight not to be missed, and with a little luck the Ospreys might give us our very own demonstration!

For more information, or to book your place on any of the aforementioned events and activities, please contact the reserve office on 01577 864439.



Ospreys can be found around Loch Leven

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25 Walks: Heart of Scotland

25 Walks: Heart of Scotland is the latest in a series of handy, pocket-sized walking books. This volume takes in the beautiful walking country between Stirling and Perth, extending west to St Fillans and Loch Earn and north to Amulree in the Sma Glen.

The walks range in size from 5km up to 14km, mainly circular, but a few linear.

A good number of them are fairly close to home, e.g. Across the Ochils, Across the Hillfoots, Glen Quey, Seamab Hill, Castle Law and Dunning and Pitcairns Den.

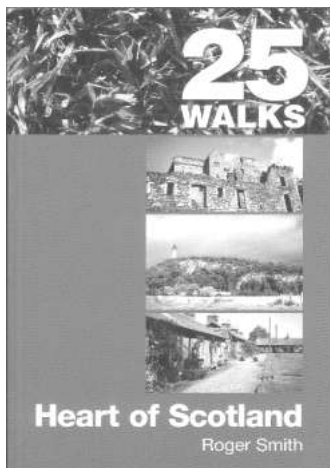
The book is written by Roger Smith, an experienced walker and writer who was the editor of the walkers' magazine *The Great Outdoors* for nine years.

There are easy-to-follow maps throughout and each walk has a handy summary, showing at a glance the distance involved, refreshment stops etc.

More than a walking guide, the book is illustrated with attractive photographs and is packed with interesting historical facts and local information.

Some of the other books in the series cover Fife, Loch Lomond & Trossachs, Highland Perthshire and Edinburgh and Lothian.

25 Walks: Heart of Scotland by Roger Smith will be published on 24 July by Birlinn. £9.99 paperback, ISBN 978 1 84183 115 2.



Cycling pensioner celebrates ninetieth birthday at RPSB Vane Farm Nature Reserve

A Fife nonagenarian stopped in for some birthday cake at Vane Farm RSPB Nature Reserve last month after having clocked up over 400,000 miles on his bike.

John Elder, from Cowdenbeath, celebrated his 90th birthday at the reserve's café with his chums from the Cycle Touring Club (CTC) who are impressed that after a short break of ten months from the cycling due to health problems he will soon get back on the bike again.

Fife and Kinross CTC District Association Secretary, Lorraine Brown said "We are very proud of our elder statesman member. He is a one off"

John who was at one time Scottish Road Champion, has said that the secret to his energy is to just keep on doing it and not to stop. He has cycled all around the UK and during the war was a member of the 'Buckshee Wheelers' a group of cycling servicemen who cycle raced in Egypt between battles.



Happy 90th birthday to John Elder!

Weather



May Weather Report From Carnbo

The main feature of the weather this May was the very low rainfall and the persistent East Wind, this caused by high pressure located throughout the month to the North of Scotland, leading to the Atlantic fronts being kept well away.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rainfall for month | 20 mm (29% of normal) |
| Heaviest fall | 5.5 mm! (16th) |
| Highest temperature | 21°C (31st) |
| Lowest temperature | 1°C (19th) |
| Average temperature | 10.5°C |
| 9 days with maximum temp above 15°C | |
| Ground frost | 2 nights |
| Air frost | 0 nights |
| Cloud cover | 62% |
| Thunder recorded on one day | |

Vital Statistics of Spring 2008

The weather of Spring 2008 was on the mild side, despite the long spells of East wind. The Spring was also very dry despite the very showery April.

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| Rainfall total | 196 mm (85% of normal) |
| Snow days | 12 |
| Highest temperature | 21°C |
| Lowest temperature | -3°C |
| Average temperature | 8.3°C |
| Ground frost | 42 nights |
| Air frost | 21 nights |
| Cloud cover | 66% |
| West wind component | 36 days |
| East wind component | 43 days |

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Nearby Events

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

Peter Pan: There is an outdoor theatre production of the children's classic, Peter Pan on **Thursday 17 July** at 6.45pm. Tickets: £12.50 adults, £7 children.

Upstairs, downstairs: Actors recreate the Edwardian requirements of being good servants. Learn about Edwardian etiquette and the day to day running of a house such as Hill of Tarvit. **Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 July**, 1pm-5pm. Usual admission prices. NTS members free.

Much Ado About Nothing: Outdoor theatre production of the Shakespeare comedy. Warm clothing required. **Saturday 2 August**, 7.15pm. Tickets: £12.50 adults, £7 children. Book by phoning 0844 4932185.

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

Falkland Palace

Alvis Car Rally: a display of more than one hundred classic cars from around Europe on **Sunday 6 July**, 1pm to 5pm. Standard Falkland Palace admission charges apply. There is also a **Falconry Display** at Falkland that day, 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Stirling Castle

You can 'meet' **Mary Queen of Scots** on **19 and 20 July** at 11am, noon, 2pm and 3pm. There are **Falconry** sessions on **12 and 26 July**.

In addition, there are **Costumed Presentations** every Saturday and Sunday until mid September.



*Mary Queen of Scots
at Stirling Castle*

St Andrews Castle

There's a **Robert the Bruce** theme with weapon and archery demonstrations throughout the afternoon of **Sunday 20 July**. Visit the soldiers' camp with authentic medieval crafts.

Kellie Castle

Kellie Castle stands in for the grand but remote house in the classic Henry James ghost story, **Turn of the Screw**. The tale is told in the intimate setting of the drawing room by a star actor, whose identity will be a mystery. Part of the East Neuk Festival. **Thursday 3 July**, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets, available from Hub Tickets, are £20, including a glass of wine or soft drink.

An Evening of Scottish Music with the **Fife Strathspey and Reel Society** on **Friday 11 July**, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Adults £10, concession £8.

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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

A fascinating tower house dating from around 1500. The grounds are open during daylight hours. The keep can be opened on request. Please follow signs on site for key. In the care of Historic Scotland.

Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

A 16th century fortified mansion, five miles NE of Bridge of Earn off the A912 and close to Rhynd. Opening times: 21 March to 30 September, Monday to Sunday, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Admission prices: Adult £3.20, Child £1.60, Concessions £2.70. 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

A free-standing round tower of Irish style dating from the late 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.

Balvaird Castle, near Glenfarg

A late 15th century tower on an L plan. Refined architectural details. View exterior only. Open days for internal viewing are advertised on the Historic Scotland website: www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

Events at Dobbies, Kinross

It's **Patio Gardening Week** from **Monday 7 to Sunday 13 July**. Enjoy horticultural demonstrations and get inspirational ideas.

Colourful Containers Demo

Sat 12 July

Learn about the variety of seasonal and colourful plants available to create eye catching summer themes on your garden patio. Learn about instant colour schemes from striking hot reds to cool whites and blues. (11.30am).

Sun Soakers & Shade Lovers

Sat 12 & Sun 13 July

From drought resistors to shade lovers, learn about the different variety of container plants that can survive in either sunny or shady areas and get tips to ensure they look fantastic all season long. (2pm).

Quirky Patio Gardening Ideas

Sun 13 July

From tyres to crates, discover the vast range of reusable contemporary containers that hide in your garage! Find out about the variety of accessories to add to your patio, from candles to outdoor lights (3pm).

Gardens Open

More information about gardens open
can also be found on our website,
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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 |
| 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 | |
| Wester Dalqueich, Cambo (SGS): 40% to | 1 Jun-31 Aug | 2pm-dusk | | £3.00 | | limited | 01577 840229 |
| 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.

Gardens Open by Arrangement

Listed in the chart above, Mr and Mrs D S Roulston's gardens at **Wester Dalqueich**, ½ mile from Cambo, can be visited by arrangement (phone 01577 840229). The gardens extend to 3½ acres by the Ochil Hills, and there is a wide range of herbaceous plants, rock plants, shrubs and trees to see. 40% of admission charge goes to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Group.

Special Open Days

There are plenty of gardens open in the SGS in July, but they are far-flung from Kinross. The nearest are:

Willowhill and **Tayfield** gardens, at **Forgan**, Newport on Tay, DD6 8HA. They are open on **Sunday 6 July**, 2pm – 5.30pm. Willowhill is an evolving 3-acre garden started in 2000. There are mixed borders of bulbs, shrubs, alpine and herbaceous perennials, a vegetable plot, wildlife pond and trees. Tayfield has a wide variety of trees and shrubs established over the past 200 years in the grounds of Tayfield House. Route: 1½ miles south of Tay Road Bridge. Take the B995 to Newport off the Forgan roundabout. Willowhill is

the first house on the LHS next to the Forgan Arts Centre. Admission: £4.

The gardens at the **Rufflets Country House Hotel** and at **32 Lade Braes**, both in **St Andrews**, are open on **Sunday 27 July** from 2pm to 5.30pm. Rufflets has ten acres of award-winning gardens, first laid out when the house was built in 1924. The garden at Lade Braes has an interesting variety of trees and shrubs interspersed with garden rooms – a white garden and shell house. Route: follow yellow signs from Hepburn Gardens and Argyll Street car park. Tickets available at both gardens. Admission £4 (20% to Families First and 20% to St Andrews Preservation Trust). Disabled access, dogs on lead welcome at hotel only, refreshments available.

In addition, there will be a **Guided Walk** to see the Lily collection at **Branklyn Garden** in Perth on **Sunday 6 July**, 2pm to 3pm. Normal admission prices apply. Booking not necessary.

• Gardens info on our website •



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Congratulations



In the Queen's Birthday Honours List, Professor **DAVID M MUNRO** has been awarded the MBE for services to the environment and to the community. Prof Munro is President of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust.

Derek and Caroline **FLORY** are delighted to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter **NICOLA** to Mr **EWAN GRAY**, son of Lieutenant-Colonel Ron Gray and Mrs Allison Thorpe.

ISHBEL McFARLANE of Burnbrae, Kinross has graduated from Edinburgh University with a First Class Honours in History of Art and English Literature. Having achieved straight A's in A levels (including 100% for Art) while at Strathallan School, she went to Edinburgh, where she received a number of awards, including a Carnegie Vacation Scholarship for History of Art research. She has also been given Life Membership of the University Theatre Company in recognition of her involvement in drama. She was a member of the team which represented Edinburgh on 'University Challenge' in 2006-2007, reaching the quarter-finals. Ishbel intends to continue in Edinburgh with post-graduate research.

The following pupils of Rosemary Tolson have recently sat their Associated Board examinations in piano:

IAN DUNNETT has passed Grade 2 with Distinction and **DAVID McINTYRE** and **CATRIONA SUTHERLAND** have passed Grade 1 with Merit and Distinction. Well done to all of them.

At the annual Perthshire and Angus Provincial Mod, **ANDREW TRAVERS** of Blairadam and **ANDREW McPHEE** of Kinross were first and second respectively in the Ceol Mor (under 18) category.

In the Scottish Game Fair Schools Art Competition, **OLIVER LAW** of Portmoak Primary School was the overall winner with his watercolour study of a cock pheasant. There were winners and runners-up from each age category (P1-3, P4-5, P6-7), and the P1-3 winner was **FINLAY NESBITT** of Kinross Primary School. Prizes were tickets to the Scottish Game Fair and goody bags of art equipment and other items. Oliver also received a day out at Gleneagles Activity School for his whole class, and will have his painting featured on Christmas cards to be sold this year in aid of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, the competition organisers.

Milnathort Primary School Gardening Club, *Growing Ideas*, won the Schools Pallet Garden Competition and a Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society gold medal at the *Gardening Scotland* show at Ingliston, Edinburgh. Thank you to Milnathort in Bloom for their advice and support. Well done!

The first inter-Kinross-shire Primary Schools Kwik Cricket Tournament has been held in the grounds of Kinross House, hosted by Kinross Cricket Club. Winners of the Kinross-shire Cricket Primary Schools Shield were the team from **Cleish Primary School**, who will now progress to the next round. (See picture and report on page 27)

Thanks



HELEN and **DAVID** would like to thank friends for the many cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, plants, home baking, hospitality and driving during Helen's latest medical "adventure". Special thanks to members of the Lomond Antiques Club for the beautiful flower arrangement. Don't knock the NHS!

PEARL WHITE would like to thank everyone who helped to make her 80th birthday such a memorable occasion. Many thanks for the beautiful cards, flowers and gifts, and for the grand sum of £330 donated towards the new Macmillan Hospice in Perth. Special thanks to Lesley for the lovely floral arrangements and for all her help in getting the party off the ground. A big thank you also to Pat who made such a perfect birthday cake and, last but not least, to Willie McCord and the staff of the Windlestrae Hotel for their excellent and helpful service.

MRS JESSIE PORTER would like to give a big thank you to the kind people of Marshall and Crawford Places, Milnathort, who donated so generously to Christian Aid Week. Your final total was £98. Well done.

S1 pupils at Kinross High School have raised £1127 for the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) by holding a sponsored read.

News from the Rurals



BISHOPSHIRE WRI celebrated the 85th birthday with a delicious buffet meal prepared by four of the members. The theme was a 'Summer Picnic' and the tables were decorated accordingly, and in true Rural colours of blue and yellow. Each member received an appropriate fridge magnet.

Entertainment by The Civil Folk was much enjoyed. Everyone appreciated the effort that had been made for such a fantastic evening.

Competition:

Table decoration - Sylvia Herrington

CARNBO - President Eileen Thomson welcomed entertainers from Muckhart SWRI who provided an excellent and varied programme. The Macmillan Walk raised £117.

Competitions:

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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 29 10.30am Morning Service

July

Sun 6 10.30am Family-orientated summer Service

Sun 13 10.30am Family-orientated summer Service

Sun 20 10.30am Family-orientated summer Service

Sun 27 10.30am Family-orientated summer 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) 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

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Rev Robert Pickles Telephone: (01577) 863461

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Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

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

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

Oasis Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15 - 11.45am last Friday of the month.

6 July **Annual Michael Bruce Service,**
Portmoak Church, 6.30pm.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY 13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

July Services

Sun 6 Pentecost 9, 8.30am Holy Communion.
11.00am Sung Eucharist

(Crèche but no Sunday School).

Sun 13 Pentecost 10, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 20 Pentecost 11, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 27 Pentecost 12, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Sung Eucharist followed by
congregational lunch in Rectory.

President and preacher on 6th, 13th and 20th Rev Ian Watt

President and preacher on 27th Rev Marion Keston

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.



The new meeting room at St Paul's Church

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

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

Sunday Services 11.15am
Crèche 11.15am
Junior Church 11.15am

July

Sun 6 11.15am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie
Sun 13 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 20 11.15am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie
Sun 27 11.15am Preacher: David Reid

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

July

Sun 6 9.45am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie
Sun 13 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 20 9.45am Preacher: Brian Ogilvie.
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Website: www.stjameskinross.co.uk

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

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

Kinross 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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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

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

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



SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacre.co.uk



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

Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.00-11.30am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

Storycraft Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Storytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

Rising Fives Wed 1.00-3.15pm

This is complementary to Nursery

Wee Swans Fri 1.15-2.45pm

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

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

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1pm-3pm

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

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



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contacts: Alissa 830124

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Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

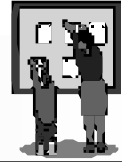
Come and make some new friends and enjoy a balanced morning of play, fun and learning!

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

Orwell Old Folks Association AGM

will be held on

Monday 30 June

in the Ante Room of Milnathort Town Hall at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to attend, especially anyone who may be interested in helping out with any of the events involved. Fund Raising activities take place throughout the year in order to pay for a Christmas Party and a Summer Trip for the over 70s in Orwell Parish.

Annual Michael Bruce COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Sunday 6 July

Portmoak Church - 6.30pm

Each summer the Michael Bruce Trust invites people from Kinross-shire and beyond to celebrate the life and work of the "Gentle Poet of Loch Leven", Michael Bruce (1747-1767), in a service of commemoration. This year the service will be conducted by the Rev. Robert Pickles and the guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Lee Rayner of Gilfillan Memorial Church, Dundee. Tea will be served in Portmoak Hall after the laying of the wreath on the poet's grave by Professor David Munro, Chairman of the Michael Bruce Trust. All are welcome.

Carnbo and District Community Hall Association

Following the Annual General Meeting held in May, new contacts include:

| | |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Chairman | Mr Andrew Timmins |
| Secretary | Miss Grace Paterson 01577 865445 |
| Hall Lets | Mrs Diane Timmins 01577 840104 |
| | email: carnbohallbookings@yahoo.co.uk |

Summer events for members and friends:
BBQs on 6 July, 3 August and 7 September.

Orwell Bowling Club

SOCIAL EVENING

Saturday 19 July

Bingo at 8.00pm, then dance along to BILL SMITH
Entry £2 for non-members.

T-in-the-Park Drop-In Centre

Saturday 12 July and Sunday 13 July

at Kinross Church Centre

It's that time of year again when our volunteers need to dust off their pinnies and give their names to Fiona for the shifts they can work. The shifts are 8-11am; 10am-1pm; and 11am-2pm both days. We also require a volunteer clean-up crew beginning at 1.30pm on both days. Please let Fiona know on 864194 or Fiona@dfeastop.co.uk

Family Bike Ride, Kinross

part of the P&KC Cycling Summer programme

Sunday 20 July

A ride of 10 to 15 miles designed
for families and riders of all abilities.
Meet at 11am. Booking essential on 01738 476564

Archaeology volunteers wanted for a project at Scone Palace

(medieval Abbey and Scone Survey excavations)

A commitment of five days between 14 and 25 July (weekends off) is required of volunteers. No prior experience necessary, all training and equipment will be provided.

If interested, contact Steven Timoney on 01738 477089.

Orwell Bowling Club

presents

AN EVENING WITH GORDON MENZIES

Saturday 9 August

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Entry: £4.50 (ticket only)

Tickets behind club bar

Kinross Agricultural Show

Kinross House grounds

Saturday 9 August

New sections at this year's show will be:

- Ridden Clydesdale Horse
- Fancy Dress Competition for children under 12 years without an animal (horse or donkey or pony)

(There will still be a Fancy Dress Competition for children with a horse, donkey or pony).

More information on the Show in next month's Newsletter.

The Premium List and entry forms for all sections can be downloaded from www.kinross.cc

The deadline for entries is Wednesday 16 July.

Show Secretary: Mrs M Morgan, Belmonte, 70 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, Kinross, KY13 9JN. Tel: 01592 840030

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Hazel 01577 863461 or Marg 01577 863557

Deadline for all Articles

2.00 pm, MONDAY 21 July
for publication on Saturday 2 August

Cleish/Fossoway Churches HOLIDAY SUMMER CLUB

Monday 11 - Friday 15 August
Fossoway Church hall (each morning).

Available to all children between ages 3 - 12. Please note that should you wish your child to be involved, you must register in advance. This is due to the large numbers of children that we have had in attendance these past two years. To register your child, please contact Pamela Lowry, 842260.

Summer's End Market 25 October 2008

4pm - 8pm
Market Place (opposite Green Hotel)

The Kinross-shire Entertainments Group is organising a Summer's End Market on 25 October. There will be market stalls, different activities and a big bonfire.

If you as a local group would like to do an activity or if you would like to book a stall, please call or e-mail Bouwien on 01577 863107 or e-mail bouwien-niall@tiscali.co.uk

Kinross District Counselling Services

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Useful Contacts

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| Tayside Fire & Rescue District HQ | 01382 322222 |
| Police Station, Kinross | 0845 600 5705 |
| Crime Stoppers | 0800 555 111 |
| Loch Leven Health Centre | 01577 862112 |
| NHS 24 | 08454 24 24 24 |
| Perth Royal Infirmary | 01738 623311 |
| Ninewells Hospital, Dundee | 01382 660111 |
| Queen Margaret Ho, Dundee | 01383 623623 |
| P&KC Kinross Office | 01577 862351 |
| P&KC General Enquiries | 01738 475000 |
| Social Work Dept | 01577 863473 |
| Registrar, Kinross | 01577 867602 |
| Registrar, Milnathort | 01577 862536 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau helpline | 01738 624301 |
| Transport Info: Traveline | 0870 608 2608 |

Websites

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| Kinross Community | www.kinross.cc |
| P&KC | www.pkc.gov.uk |
| NHS Tayside | www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk |

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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.

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Blythswood Care

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

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

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

The next collection will take place on

Tuesday 22 July
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| Dot Mackay | 29 Green Park | 864635 |
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Tel (home): 01337 840218.

Email: kbaird@pkc.gov.uk

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

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Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

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for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

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Email: constituency@gordonbanksmp.co.uk

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

Waste Paper Kerbside Collection

Next uplift in Kinross, Milnathort and Glenfarg:

Thursday 3 & 31 July

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| Sat | 10am - 1pm | | |

MSP for Ochil Constituency

Keith Brown MSP

will be holding regular

surgeries throughout his constituency area.

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

Keith can also be contacted by email at

keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

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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 from July until 26 August

Monday to Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 10.30am - 3.30pm

Mobile Library - Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: 2, 16 & 30 July

Blairingone 9.30am - 9.45am

Westerloan, Milnathort 1.45pm - 3pm

Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort 3.05pm - 4pm

Any queries telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949

Regular Library Sessions for Children

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

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

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

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

Weekly Programme

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



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

Telephone: 01577 863869

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm

Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219



Kinross Recycling Centre Bridgend Industrial Estate

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

Opening Times

| | April – Sept | Oct – March |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------|
| 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

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