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Letters

Editorial

T in the Park

The traffic arrangements and other logistics for T in the Park 2008 seem to have been a great success. Read the Police point of view of how the event went on page 13. We have had one negative comment about the fireworks, see Letters, page 3. If you have any views you'd like to share about this year's event, do write in.

Get active

Our diary at the back of the Newsletter summarises main local events that are open to most people, but we don't have room to list every date that is mentioned in the Newsletter in the Diary. For example, this month there are lots of sports clubs re-starting after the summer break, so have a good look through the Sports section to see if there is anything you'd like to join.

No doubt next month's issue (September) will also contain plenty of news of clubs and groups re-starting for the autumn/winter season.

Many local groups will have stalls at the Kinross Show on 9 August, so that's another opportunity to find an activity that might interest you. See what else the Show has to offer on page 4.

Farming

This month we welcome John Buchanan as a writer of the farming column. Fiona Turnbull hasn't left us, though. She and John will share the task of informing us about rural matters. We are very grateful to them for their contributions.

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

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Megaliths at Kirkgate Park

21.07.08

Following the correspondence in last month's Newsletter, I thought I ought to pin my colours to the mast (so to speak) over the megalith discussion.

Let me start by saying that I think the Loch Leven Heritage Trail is absolutely fantastic, I walk it on a regular basis and The Rural Access Committee Kinross-shire (TRACKS) members cannot be praised enough for what they have achieved through dedicated use of their free time. If an award for civic duty were to be bestowed on Neil Kilpatrick for all his hard work then I would applaud loudly.

I am a member of the Friends of Kirkgate Park (FoKP) Committee who have been attempting to improve the park for the benefit of the people of Kinross. Part of the remit of FoKP is to sit on a sub committee of TRACKS which discusses interpretation and signage issues relating to the Heritage Trail. During these discussions, FoKP have consistently raised two concerns about the megaliths which are being proposed by TRACKS as a gateway to the Trail at the eastern end of the Kirkgate Park. The first concern is that the megaliths are a pre-Christian symbol which might cause upset to people who have relatives buried in the Kirkgate Cemetery. The second is that the megaliths will dominate the eastern end of the Park and are not in keeping with the area.

We have been pushing for the proposal to be put out for public consultation in advance of them being erected, so that they can be discussed publicly. It turns out that P&KC planning dept considers a planning application to be unnecessary: they are treating the megaliths as signage and for this reason TRACKS have decided not to put the proposal through the normal planning process. I find this surprising as the largest megalith is 2.7m in height, they will be situated in a National Nature Reserve, an area designated as Historic Garden/Designed Landscape; they are within an SSSI, RAMSAR and will be close to two scheduled ancient monuments. I personally feel that they may contravene policy numbers 5, 19, 28, 31 and 33 of the Kinross Area Local Plan.



Impression of the proposed megaliths by D Cuthbert

I have put together an impression of what the megaliths might look like in the park for readers to consider (I apologise for the quality of this image, and the grass cuttings on the path!) Given that the proposal is not going through the normal planning process, I think it is important that people are given the chance to give their thoughts on the proposals and this medium appears to be the only way to do it.

Dave Cuthbert

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross

Community Car Association - correction 11.07.08

In the report from Milnathort CC published in the July Newsletter, correspondence from P&KC (corr. item no. 3) requires some clarification as the Community Car Association does not provide the same type of service as is carried out by Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme.

The Community Car Association is an offshoot of the Perth & Kinross Community Transport Group and does not provide transport to anyone. PKCTG was formed approximately ten years ago to try to improve the transport in Tayside. A year ago, when it was realised just how much work was being carried out by various volunteer car service groups in the Perth & Kinross area, the idea of a Community Car Association was mooted. This was intended to give advice and assistance to groups who wanted to start a scheme or who felt they could improve on the running of their present one. Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme was, in great part, used as a model to be followed since we already had the majority of the required good practices in place including Public Liability insurance, complaint procedures, record keeping (very necessary for funding applications), checks on our drivers etc. and all of these could be readily copied by other car schemes.

In conclusion, we hope that Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme will continue to help the residents of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg for many more years to come.

Morna Calcott, Secretary
Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and
Rural Outreach Scheme

Fireworks, 13 July, T in the Park 14.07.08

May I register a protest against the unacceptable disturbance, after bedtime, caused by the T in the Park fireworks? The noisy explosions, so close at hand, were intrusive and frightening, and put paid to sleep. I remember wartime air-raids less shattering! No consideration at all has been given to the needs and rights of the elderly, the sick, babies and young children, while the pleasures of the young (and profits of those concerned in the sales of alcohol!) take priority.

Judith Caulfield
Lathro Lane, Kinross

PKCTG not a transport provider 18.07.08

The July notes from Milnathort CC inferred that Perth and Kinross Community Transport Group is a Community Transport (CT) provider and I write to inform the local community that this is not the case!

In this area, Community Transport is provided effectively and efficiently by a local group, Kinross Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme (KVGROS).

Other areas are not so fortunate and individuals are not able to access vital services and opportunities, which help maintain general health and well-being.

PKCTG was established to promote and support existing services and to develop new Community Transport services across the region; this includes both Voluntary Minibus and Voluntary Car Schemes.

It became apparent that many voluntary car groups face similar issues, in particular funding, risk management, insurance and disclosures. PKCTG have recently established a sub-group called the Community Car Association (CCA) to help voluntary car groups tackle these issues collectively and to help groups access resources that otherwise would not be available.

Kinross Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme has been instrumental in the development of the CCA and their administrative templates have been kindly donated to benefit other groups. These templates will be used to help others develop their record keeping and to encourage best practice.

Members of the community who benefit from Community Transport, know the difference it makes to their lives. Those of you who volunteer will know the benefits you receive from volunteering – knowing that you make a difference!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or supporting Community Transport in any way, why not visit our office in The Learning Centre, Swansacre or perhaps visit our website www.pkctg.org.uk

Angela Prescott
Community Development Worker
PKCTG Learning Centre
Swansacre
Kinross

Leaflet Drop 22.07.08

In the July Newsletter it was reported that we had printed leaflets and arranged distribution of them through a professional distribution company to households in Kinross-shire.

Since then our research indicated that only 25% or so of the population received these leaflets so we decided to re-print and re-distribute them. We can now report that we have had all the leaflet re-printed and have delivered them to all the households we could find in the following places:

Balado, Blair forge, Blainathort, Blaringone, Briglands, Cleish, Cleish Mill, Crook of Devon, Cuthill Towers, Drum, Easter Balgedie, Gaimey Bank, Gaimeybridge, Gartwhinzean Feus, Glenlmond, Hatchbank, Hattonburn, Keltlybridge, Kinnesswood, Kinross, Maryburgh, Milnathort, Muirfield, Netherton, Powmill, Powmill Farm, Scotlandwell, Wester Balgedie and a few places in between. Delivery has been done by a cheerful band of voluntary helpers and we have done our best to achieve 100% coverage.

The packs include the following:

- Kinross & Milnathort Map and Guide - 6 walks in and around Kinross & Milnathort.
- Walking Leaflet - 10 walks in and around Kinross-shire from very easy to fairly tricky!
- Cycling Leaflet - 13 local routes for cyclists going from easy to challenging!
- Eating Places - 18 places locally where you can enjoy good food & refreshments.
- Events in the area - A list of major events around Loch Leven and the Shire.

If you have not received one of these packs, then please collect one from the Kinross Tourist Information Office which can be found in the County Building, on the High Street, Kinross, next to the police station and opposite the petrol station. We hope you enjoy these leaflets and would welcome any feedback you would like to give us.

Dave Cuthbert, Susan Bathgate, Laura Cuthbert (residents)
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News & Articles

Kinross Show

Fingers are crossed for good weather on Saturday 9 August for the Kinross Agricultural Show. "Few shows can boast a setting as magnificent as the grounds of Kinross House and we thank Jamie and Lizzie Montgomery for their continuing generosity and support", said Show President George Stirling.

Once again, a whole host of activities, displays and events are being packed into the day, including a falconry demonstration, gundog display and a display from the Tamworth Pig Society.



Tractors on display at last year's show

The vintage tractors are always popular, but this year we will be able to see a working demonstration of a horse-driven ruck lifter, lifting stooks of hay onto a bogey. Looking at the complex agricultural machinery of today, it is amazing to see how swift progress has been, especially considering that ruck lifters were such an advance on what had gone before – man power.

For the children, don't forget the new Fancy Dress Competition, which will run as well as the Mounted Fancy Dress Competition. If you have time to spare over the school holidays, why not have fun making a costume? It'll be great to see you! And, if you're feeling creative, there are lots of classes to enter in the flower show. Schedules giving details of the flower show classes are available from Robertson's of Milnathort, Newsplus and Dobbies Garden Centre or can be downloaded from www.kinross.cc/kinross_show.

With two show rings, farm animals, pony club games, show jumping, the dog show, Todd & Duncan craft tent and lots of stands, there will be plenty to see and do. Also there are a variety of food stalls (and the beer tent!) to welcome you.

In order to reduce traffic hold-ups during the build-up of the show, this year the show organisers are asking that those delivering exhibits on Saturday morning to the flower show use the Kirkgate entrance. Vehicles of trade stands, animal entries and, of course, prepaid ringside cars can continue to use the main entrance.

"The Kinross Show is sure to be a great day and I look forward to seeing you. I welcome your support for the farming community of Kinross-shire", said George Stirling.

The Kinross Agricultural Show takes place at Kinross House on Saturday 9 August.

Gates open from 7am, Judging starts from 8.45am.

Ringside Parking, £10, has to be pre-booked – contact Show Secretary. Kirkgate Parking £3.

Entertainment from 2pm. Admission costs: Family ticket £15, Adults £6, Concessions £3.

Show Secretary: Mrs Mary Morgan, Belmonte, 70 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, KY13 9JN, tel 01592 840030, email: belmonte70@aol.com.

For further details see www.kinross.cc/kinross_show

The central Show picture on our front cover shows this year's President, George Stirling, with Bob & Stanley and their owner Ross Kinnaid who are celebrating the ridden Clydesdale class, new to this year's show.

Recycling Centre open longer

The local authority Recycling Centre in Kinross has new, longer opening hours, which came into effect on 7 July. The centre is now open from 9am to 7pm every weekday, and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. These hours will apply all year round, doing away with the old system of shorter hours in the winter.

A recent redevelopment of the centre, which is located at the Bridgend Industrial Estate, saw additional facilities introduced.

Householders can now recycle timber, metal, cardboard, inert waste such as soil and stones, waste electrical and electronic equipment (such as fridges and



televisions), aluminium and steel food and drinks cans, aerosols, and aluminium foil.

Environment Convener, Councillor Alan Grant said, "We are responding to the increasing and very positive demand for access to recycling facilities by extending and expanding Recycling Centre opening hours. Providing standardised hours throughout the year should make it easier for people to recycle their waste at the times most convenient to them."

New Recycling Points

New recycling points have been introduced at Crook of Devon and Glenfarg. Most residents in these areas have wheelie bins for paper and garden waste uplifts, but the recycling points now provide added convenience and an opportunity to recycle other materials such as steel, aluminium and textiles.

The recycling point in Crook of Devon is at the Institute and the point in Glenfarg is located at Greenbank Crescent, near Arngask Primary School.

Any queries about recycling can be made to P&KC on 01738 476476 or visit www.pkc.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling.

The Portmoak Gala

This year's Gala took place on 21 June; midsummer's day, although you would hardly have known it from the cloudy skies and the distinct "nip" in the air. Nevertheless, the crowds turned out to enjoy this great community event which always offers a wealth of spectacle and entertainment (not to mention the occasional scary moment – see below). The afternoon began with a parade from Portmoak Church to the Well Green, Scotlandwell, where Gala Queen Kirsty Cameron was crowned with great ceremony to open the festivities.



Gala Queen Kirsty Cameron, flanked by flower girls Sylvie McKenzie and Megan Ferguson.

We were treated to a children's fancy dress competition, followed by a lively display of cheerleading from the Kinross Kuties. There was Highland dancing, and, most unusually, an impressive exhibition of belly dancing by the dance group Khamsin, from Dundee. Now for the scary moment, for it was at the end of the belly dance that the Gala compère asked for volunteers to join in with the dancers, much to the dismay of the audience (most of whom shrank back to take a sudden interest in whatever stall or tent happened to be nearest to them!). In the end, two brave souls (a woman *and* a man) stepped forward to have a go, letting the rest of us off the hook. They put in a fine performance, and I for one was very grateful to them! Later in the afternoon Khamsin did perform again, and this time there was no shortage of volunteers - audience inhibitions lowered after having such a fun afternoon, no doubt!

There was also an energetic demonstration from the Shukokai Karate Academy Scotland, with the youngsters in particular showing their expertise during some very complex and difficult moves.

All this was punctuated by music from the Lochgelly High School Pipe Band, whilst a variety of stalls from chutney to second-hand books did a roaring trade. It was a grand day out, and a fitting start to a week of the Portmoak Festival!

Graham Ramsay's Pyrenees Trek

It is with great regret that Graham had to stop walking the Pyrenees when he scalded his right foot with boiling water. After seeking medical assistance he returned home on Tuesday 8 July. He had travelled from Irun on the Atlantic coast to Candanchu, some 222 kilometres (130 miles). He is very grateful for all the support and good wishes from everyone and promises to complete the walk during 2009.

Kinross Cricket Club welcomes oldest member



On Saturday 12 July, Kinross Cricket Club welcomed back its oldest surviving member, Mr Alistair Dowell, to watch a friendly game against Bute County. 88 year old former Scotland player Mr Dowell first played for Kinross in 1930 at the pitch at the Beeches in Kinross (now the 18th hole of the Kinross golf course). He played until 1939 when the war stopped play and many of the players went off to fight for their country. He brought along with him a cutting from the 1936 Kinross-shire Advertiser showing the results of two matches, the first against HMS Caledonia and the second against Crosshill. Sadly neither team exists any more but the results showed fast bowler, Mr Dowell, taking a splendid 5 wicket haul on each occasion. Additionally, this news cutting gave the names of the players of the day including Alex Robertson, the school janitor, Harry Allardyce, the baker, Bob Telfer, the club secretary in 1936, Eddie McIntosh the banker, and a chap with the surname "Ross", the son of the then Kinross Provost.



Mr Alistair Dowell with members of Kinross Cricket Club

Kinross Cricket Club records exist only as far back as 1992 despite a team being in existence from 1856 when it was first mentioned in the Annals of Kinross-shire. There are no photographs, score books or other information about the club prior to 1992 and no long-serving members to pass on information and so it was especially delightful for today's club secretary, Kirsteen Ross, to hear Mr Dowell recalling memories of the teams he had played and speaking of a life made wonderful with many happy years playing cricket. Mr Dowell was very impressed with the new cricket ground, now at Kinross House and with the excellent facilities, coaching team and membership approaching the 200 mark. He spoke of Kinross Cricket Club rising phoenix-like from the original Kinross-shire Cricket Club and he thanked the club for the very warm welcome he received. Mr Dowell moved to Clackmannanshire after the war and continued his cricket there.

If anybody out there has any information about the history of Kinross-shire Cricket Club or is in possession of any old club records, please email secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk.

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Eleventh hour campaigning to save Post Offices

Portmoak residents came out in force in early July in an effort to save Kinnesswood Post Office from closure under Post Office Ltd's review plans.

Dozens of local people posted parcels to Pat McFadden, Minister for Postal Affairs, and on 9 July a queue of more than 100 people snaked down the main street of Kinnesswood, many holding large parcels bearing the message "Save Kinnesswood Post Office". These demonstrations of local feeling followed on from a well-attended meeting on 1st July organised by Portmoak CC. No-one from PO Ltd attended the meeting.

PO Ltd wants to replace the Kinnesswood Office with a mobile outreach service, which would operate for only five hours a week in the village. Similar plans are afoot for Glenfarg and Crook of Devon.

Meanwhile, in a letter to PO Ltd, Councillor Mike Barnacle has strongly criticised the review process.

Firstly, he feels that the lack of attendance by PO Ltd staff at the Portmoak is an indication that the six-week consultation period for the Post Office's North East, Tayside and Fife areas was too short.

However, there were many other points to be made.

PO Ltd claims it was not required by government to take environmental impact into consideration when deciding which offices to earmark for closure. Councillor Barnacle believes that "this indicates that the whole assessment process for post offices in

rural areas is seriously flawed and possibly open to judicial challenge ..."

In his letter Councillor Barnacle told PO Ltd that the public meetings in Fossoway and Portmoak "have been the largest I have attended on any subject since my election in 1999 and I am sure you are left in no doubt as to the strength of feeling in Kinross-shire about these proposed closures." He states that "we have already seen the closure of Blairingone, Cambo and Cleish rural post offices since 1999 and I do not believe they should be followed by closures at Crook of Devon and Kinnesswood" and takes issue with the organisation over the population figures used in its report.

The Councillor points out the report's

failure to take account of demographic changes – government figures suggest Perth & Kinross has the highest projected growth rate in Scotland at 22%, with Kinross-shire "particularly targeted for housing development because of its proximity to the central belt of Scotland."

Councillor Barnacle concludes his letter by saying "I strongly suggest that your closure proposals for Kinross-shire are based on a flawed assessment and are short term."

"They should be reconsidered, the proposed mobile service re-assessed as inadequate and unsuitable for growing communities and ways found to keep our two remaining rural post office open."



Portmoak residents demonstrate outside Kinnesswood Post Office

Walk around old Kinross

More than two dozen locals accepted Professor David Munro's invitation to the Civic Trust's Mid Summer Walk on Sunday afternoon. Umbrellas were at the ready, but fortunately not required.

Starting from the Green Hotel, the group explored the byways of Kinross, enjoying a history lesson and studying local architecture. While most knew about the rivalry of the old coaching inns, all were astounded to learn there had been no less than twenty three breweries in the town, supplying the inns. Such was the popularity of fishing on Loch Leven, Von Ribbentrop was a regular visitor to the Green Hotel. The group agreed on the need for an improvement to the long neglected Town Hall and Carnegie Library building to regenerate the heart of the old town. Also causing great concern is the state of the building at the corner of Swansacre. Professor Munro expressed the hope that the front building of Kinross High School will be preserved when the school becomes redundant next year. At the end of the walk, a welcome cup of tea was served at the Kirklands Inn.

Helen Glover

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Return to Yesteryear

In the April 2008 issue we ran a feature called "Look Familiar?" where we published photos and information about Wendy MacPhedran's family history research. As she continues to trace her roots, Wendy, a resident of Scotlandwell, has unearthed more fascinating photos which we thought Newsletter readers might like to see. As before, Wendy would be delighted if anyone can help by adding information.

Some of Wendy's forebears were John and Ann Small (née Beveridge). Ann's parents were James Beveridge and Margaret Horn, who lived in Milnathort.

Wendy has a photograph of Hill Street (now Victoria Avenue) in Milnathort which is of particular interest to her as Roseneath Cottage, which belonged to the Beveridge/Small family at one time, is in this street. She has compared the photo to the current houses in Victoria Avenue, and thinks she knows which house is which, but would like Newsletter readers to correct her or add names to houses and people.

Wendy says, "I think the second house from the right is Roseneath Cottage, currently number 30 Victoria Avenue, and is painted grey with white windows. It's been in the Beveridge/Small family since the 1860s and



Wedding of John Small and Ann Beveridge, 7 July 1874

being 54 years old and a cotton weaver, and his wife Margaret Horn as 48 years old. They lived in Roseneath Cottage with their two daughters, Christian, aged 12, and Ann, aged ten. Wendy continues, "I'm pretty sure that the three women in front of Roseneath Cottage would be these women. The mother Margaret is seated with a younger child in her arms, and I don't know the child is. The older sister Christian would be standing up

help readers identify the neighbours in the photo. Listed in Hill Street before the Beveridges are: Mother Helen Henderson with daughters Betty and Helen; David and Margaret Smith; David and Helen Hutton; Elizabeth Porteus and her niece; Isabel McKenzie; John and Janet Hill; Alexander Beveridge, wife Christina and children Agnes, Ann, John and Christina; Robert and Catherine Simpson. Listed after the Beveridges are: Betsy Bain, daughter Betsy Black, and son Andrew Watson; Robert and Rebecca Chapman and children Janet and Jean; Margaret Campbell with daughter Janet Heggie; Janet Taylor with daughter Eliza; Isabel Mitchel, her daughter Elizabeth and grandsons John and Robert; Ann Thomson; James and Elizabeth Symon and son Benjamin; Robert and Jane Miller with daughter Catherine.

Wedding photo: John Small and Ann Beveridge were married on 7 July 1874 in Orwell parish, although Wendy is not sure if it was in the church itself. There is a note with the photo indicating that the newlyweds gave their respective mothers-in-law new dresses for the wedding and new Paisley shawls to wear to the church so it is likely they married in the church itself. The minister is listed as Walter Little of the Church of Scotland.

Names of people in the photo are:

Seated on Floor: Mrs. Bogie, Maggie Whyte (one of three sisters living on Hill Street), and Jeanie Small

Seated on chairs: James Beveridge, his wife Margaret Horn Beveridge, groom John Small, bride Ann Beveridge, Jane Gay Small, wife to William Small.

Standing in back: Jeanie Chapman, Mrs. Clark, Teenie MacKay, Uncle George Beveridge, May Small, John MacKay, Christina Beveridge, Margaret (friend), Aunt who? – maybe a Beveridge.

Wendy would love any information that readers might have, and has some stories about these people written on the back of the photo that she can share if anyone has an interest. You can contact Wendy on 01592 840779.



Hill Street (now Victoria Avenue), Milnathort, 1860s

perhaps before that time but I can't find proof. In 1851 James and Margaret lived in the 'northern half of Milnathort' so it's possible they lived in this cottage."

The census of 1861 lists James Beveridge as

with the white dress, and young Ann is in back with the brown dress. One of the two men standing in the middle of the road may be James himself"

Listing other names in the 1861 census may

Family Week Comes of Age

Memories of twenty-one years of Kinross Churches' summer holiday club by Ishbel McFarlane.

Most people at some point think back to their childhood, searching through fuzzy recollections to retrieve their first memory. When they find that memory it is rarely of something that the child did every day; it must be something special. For me that moment was in the Family Week of 1989, called 'King's Club'. Margaret Michie, one of the early, and continuing, organisers of the annual event, was reading a story. I remember only the sensations of a single moment, sitting on the floor amongst a crowd of other toddlers, next to my best friend, Paula. I remember the light coming in from the window falling in a warm rectangle on the floor where I was looking up at Margaret and the book she was holding.

Fifteen years after this, that same Paula and that same myself were leading a group of ten and eleven year-olds in the Family Week of 2004. In the interim the event had evolved. It had outgrown the Milbridge Hall and moved to the High School; teaching styles had changed, leaders had come and gone. Having worked our way through the whole system we had stayed on as 'young leaders', helping with the months of preparation that go into the week. Society frequently brands Christianity a dying faith, so what kept us returning to a week-long, summer holiday club? Why did we go back to hear teaching on the life of Christ and stories from the Bible? And why do children still attend when the joys of 'Wii' and 'Bebo' are an alternative?

A major part of the popularity of Family Week is the simple fact that children enjoy spending time and doing activities with their friends. It is an opportunity to do new things in a safe and accepting environment. Over the years, as well as the morning activities, there have been trips such as bowling, games by the loch-side, barbecues, and, a particular favourite of mine, huge parent-ridden games of Rounders which reach distressing levels of competitiveness. This final activity points to another reason why I always enjoyed Family Week: having fun with grown-ups in an informal environment. Adults making a complete fool of themselves in front of around 200 children should be encouraged. Watching them attempt complex actions to songs, perform in the daily drama - always educating, often poignant, frequently down-right

silly - or best of all, getting covered in flour, baked beans or skooshie-cream at the daily 'Challenge', much to the noisy-delight of onlookers.

Such enjoyment might seem flippant given my earlier statement that children learn about the teachings of Jesus. However, such fun and frolics live out the life and love of Christ in a very tangible way. In a world of ADHD and ASBOs where it is easier to attach an acronym to young people than to treat them as individuals, Kinross Family Week is devoted to doing things they enjoy and dozens of grown-ups turn up to entertain, care for and listen to them for that time. The teaching is central to the purpose of the week but it has never been confined to 'teaching sessions'. Leaders pray together before each day's events, hoping to act in fulfilment of Christ's call to his followers to feed his lambs, Christian and non-Christian alike, emotionally and spiritually. What the leaders do not do is shove the Bible down the throats of those who attend, rather they show the love of God through their actions and interactions.

One of the biggest success-stories of this approach is in the high-school age group. At a time in their lives when they are asking serious questions, both about beliefs and how to live life, the young folk in the 12 to 18 age-group are doing serious soul-searching and often appreciate being able to do that in a non-pressurised environment, where banter and laughter are as common as debate and where they can ask a quiet question of one of the leaders, as well as talking about things with the whole group.

Though I began going to Family Week before I was old enough to make the choice myself (I turned one-year-old at the first event and was barred due to my rather persistent bawling), the decision to continue to attend was a conscious one. Family Week was a highly influential factor in my development, not only as a Christian, but also as a person. Seeing that other people trusted me with responsibility had a hugely positive impact on my self-confidence. My very first memory neatly exhibits all of the aspects of Family Week which have brought me, and others, back over the years: I remember teachers and teaching, I remember being with close friends and also in a group so large that I couldn't hope to know everyone. As well as all that, and maybe more than any of that, from the age of three onwards, I remember a sense of love and happiness and sunshine. Long Live Family Week!

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.

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
	Mobile Games	19.00 – 21.00	Kinross High School car park
Thurs 7 Aug	Landlubbers	10.00 – 12.00	Kinross High School
	Family Game	14.00 – 16.00	Meet at Gacé Gardens
	Seniors Movie Night	19.00 – 21.00	Kinross Parish Church
Fri 8 Aug	Landlubbers	10.00 – 12.00	Kinross High School
	Final Celebration + family barbecue	19.00	Kinross Parish Church



Children of all ages welcome!

For more details, contact
Moirá Hookham
01577 861033.

Family week is run by members of local churches

Loch Leven Heritage Project

by Felicity Martin

The combined efforts of volunteers, contractors and commissioned artists are steadily moving the project towards completion. However, there are still many opportunities to become involved in this (literally) groundbreaking project and to help leave a lasting legacy for the community.

Jackie Yuill, the TRACKS Project Officer, would like to hear from any individuals or groups interested in doing volunteer work around Loch Leven. SNH and RSPB already have well established volunteer groups who participate in activities on the National Nature Reserve. TRACKS is keen to extend this work to the area around the Reserve, especially in the vicinity of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

Last month, TRACKS was involved in one of the largest volunteer projects seen at Loch Leven. The task was to create a reed bed at Carsehall Bog to screen a new section of the Trail from wildfowl using the wetland towards the open water of Loch Leven.

During the week beginning 21 July, local volunteers and members of the SNH and RSPB volunteer groups worked each day, in teams of about eight people, to plant reeds. Sometimes the area is used for grazing cattle, but during the week the volunteers only had curlew, reed buntings, sedge warblers and other wildlife for company.



*The Prince's Trust team working at Mary's Ponds
Photo: Jackie Yuill*

If you are walking between Mary's Gate and the boathouse hide, look out for Mary's Ponds, which are now an attractive place to visit, having been cleaned out by a Prince's Trust group from Dundee. They waded in, up to their waists in mud, to remove dead wood from the pond. The young people cleared overhanging trees from the perimeter, including some young sycamore. They also created tree stump seats, so visitors can sit by the pond or in the adjacent wood to enjoy the wildlife.

The group noticed lots of tadpoles in the pond and some interesting plants, such as water plantain and horsetails. It is hoped that the increased level of light reaching the water will help nature to prosper here. Contractors have put in two sets of boardwalks, so visitors can walk out over the water.

Youth groups, Brownies, Duke of Edinburgh candidates, or "absolutely any" community groups can be found a suitable task by Jackie if they would like to be involved. Please

contact her on telephone 01577 863359 (email skyscapes@hotmail.com).

Depending on what interests people, the work could vary from tree planting and pond improvement, to creating new homes for wildlife: nest boxes, bat boxes or amphibian hibernacula (in other words toad shelters for the winter!). Jackie is also keen to see more species recording now that the trail is opening up areas previously not accessible to the public. Groups or individuals can do this. If observant members of the public let Jackie know about anything significant they have seen, she can pass the information on to the relevant organisation.

One recent example was an unusually large rowan (girth over 122cms!) identified by a member of the public at Burleigh Sands. Measurements and photos of the tree have been sent to the Woodland Trust (Ancient Tree Hunt). As this was one of the trees earmarked to come down, TRACKS called out the Tree Officer from Perth and Kinross Council. It was agreed that, since it had a marked lean and was being suppressed by surrounding trees, it was not worth retaining. However, it was also agreed that more rowans should be planted to so that their berries would be available for wildlife in the future.

TRACKS is planning to produce a CD for educational use. Help is needed with photography for the project and Jackie would also like input from interested teachers. Creation of the trail means that there is now access to areas and subjects beyond Vane Farm and the National Nature Reserve, which are already used for study. Two student groups from outside recently visited the area specifically because of the Trail.

On the ground, Phase 3 of the path construction is going according to plan. The contractors MacLarty Ltd are enjoying the reasonable summer weather to move ahead on two fronts.

One team has been working at Carsehall Bog, where the path will be screened on both sides. On the loch side, they dug out ground half a metre deep for the new reed bed. (Concerns about whether this would be wet enough soon disappeared, as it immediately began filling with water). The earth has been piled up on the landward side, creating a new bund that will hide walkers from geese grazing in the field, which is a favourite spot for them in winter.

The other team has been working at Grahamstone turf farm, creating another bund. In this case, the path will run along the top of the bund, raised 1.6 metres above the surrounding land. This will give people using it a more panoramic view. As well as keeping walkers' feet dry, the bund will help prevent flooding on the turf farm when the loch level rises.

Meantime, work on the interpretation aspects of the project have been proceeding "like a Loch Leven duck frantically paddling under the water". Texts are being revised and physical structures are being produced and delivered. These will all be appearing on the trail over the next few months. Look out in August for the first gateway being constructed at Kinross Pier, where the completed car parking work has improved the entry to the trail.

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Church partnership with Christian Aid to bring water to 55,000 Ethiopians.....

Kinross Parish Church is helping Christian Aid in a life saving project which will provide clean water to 55,000 people and 35,000 livestock in rural villages in central Ethiopia.

Water in Ethiopia

Beset by widespread poverty, food shortages and disease, Ethiopians face a daily struggle to survive. The last two years of drought has caused a humanitarian crisis, with more than eight million people needing assistance. Having easy access to safe drinking water is one of the highest priorities for local communities, as over 70 per cent of all diseases in Ethiopia are caused by dirty water.

Over the next 3 years, Christian Aid's partner Water Action will: Cap springs and pipe water to communities

The project involves controlling the flow of water and piping clean water to communities downstream whilst ensuring safe clean water at source. Facilities such as showers and communal latrines will also be built.

Train water technicians and form committees

Local communities provide labour for the project and 40 individuals will be trained and employed as water technicians to maintain the infrastructure. Water committees will be established in the community to raise awareness of the importance of clean water and sanitation as well as supporting the technicians to maintain supply. Communities will be trained in health education which will also raise awareness of HIV.

Prevent further land degradation

The devastating impact of drought in Ethiopia is often due to deforestation and poor land management. Water Action will train 200 farmers to farm in a way that helps rain to be absorbed into the soil rather than washing it away. Communities will learn how to protect land and the importance of trees. Key families will be taught how to make and sell fuel-saving

stoves. Some 950,000 trees will also be planted.

Support the community

Easier access to clean water will reduce the strain on women and children, giving children more time to attend school and women time to earn a living. The project will provide employment and income-generation opportunities for women. With the improvements in health, the whole community's overall development will improve.

How the project works

Water Action will approach a community through regular local meetings, which most people attend. They explain the work they do and gather representatives to be on a committee. This water committee makes sure people are involved in the planning and implementation of all stages of the project. Construction takes a long time and all households are expected to contribute labour.

The water committee will also organise training sessions in the community, perhaps covering health and sanitation, new farming techniques or maintenance courses so the facilities can be repaired and maintained.

Communities are charged a small fee for the use of the water. The costs are calculated carefully so that they are affordable but also allow for long term maintenance of the system.

How the project will be funded

The total cost of this project is £1.6m. Christian Aid will raise £400,000 through fundraising efforts and has secured grant support of £1.2m from the European Commission to fund 75% of the project cost.

In other words, for every single pound Christian Aid donors provide, the European Commission is going to provide an additional three pounds – effectively quadrupling the amount given.

Church fundraising effort

Kinross Parish Church is endeavouring to raise £10,000 for this project. It's fundraising campaign was launched on Sunday 29 June when Marjorie Clark, Regional Representative for Christian Aid in Central, Fife & North of Scotland gave

an inspirational presentation to the congregation explaining all about the problems people face in Ethiopia and how the project will help. KPC Outreach Group Convenor Alisdair Stewart drew attention to the stark contrast between the rich and poor worlds. *"Isn't it outrageous that in this day and age when we can jump into our cars, turn on our satellite navigation system and get to within three feet of our destination, here we are trying to bring clean water to within one kilometre of people"*.

Pre-launch donations totalling £400 from The Rotary, St Paul's and a Concert held in the Parish Church on 31 May got the campaign off to a flying start. The fundraising effort then got a tremendous boost in July when the organisers of T in the Park invited the campaign team to provide volunteer labour at two experimental "Refresh" stations for females attending the music festival. The "Refresh" stations consisted of posh loos plus grooming facilities & beauty treatments. 28 volunteers ran the Refresh stations over the weekend. The experiment was a great success with sales figures reaching over 3000 "bums on seats". It was enjoyable and rewarding work for the volunteers which raised almost £1500 for the project. A further £415 was donated by the "Looking for Directions" Drop in Centre which provides incredibly good food at incredibly low prices over the T in the Park weekend. Sincere thanks to all who have helped get the fundraising campaign off to such a great start.

Can you help us reach our £10,000 target?

Although the campaign has already raised 20% of the KPC target, much remains to be done. Your support is vitally important to people you will never meet. Can you help by...

Praying for the success of our campaign?
Making a donation through the KPC Harvest Appeal (19 October)?
Signing a monthly standing order for the 3 years of the project?
Finding ways to raise funds?
Giving of your time and talents?

Campaign team contacts

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Michael Bruce Way

The Tetley Tea Trail in Portmoak was officially renamed The Michael Bruce Way in a lunch-time ceremony held on 27 June at the Michael Bruce Museum. It was a well chosen date, part of the week-long Portmoak Festival, and held just after school had broken up for the summer, so local children were among the good-sized crowd in attendance.

Wendy MacPhedran, Chairwoman of Portmoak CC introduced Charlie McConnell, praising him for his instrumental role in the project. Mr McConnell said many individuals and organisations had been involved, and he thanked P&KC, Portmoak Paths group, TRACKS and particularly local landowners. He explained that, though grateful to Tetley for their sponsorship in the development of the path more than ten years ago, there was a desire to honour Kinnesswood's most famous son, the poet Michael Bruce. The Land Reform Act, which allows greater public access to land, was also a factor in re-examining the Trail.

An attractive new leaflet has been produced, outlining the Way and showing how it fits in with the Heritage Trail and other paths, as well as highlighting interesting historic and natural features.



David Munro & Charlie McConnell at the Michael Bruce Way Opening

Professor David Munro told the story of Michael Bruce, the 'Gentle Poet of Loch Leven' who wrote about the nature surrounding him.

George Reid, retired MSP for this area and former presiding officer at the Scottish Parliament, put Michael Bruce's life into historical context: the poet was born in the year of Culloden and died aged just 21 during the period of great intellectual and aesthetic achievement known as the Scottish Enlightenment. It was an excellent speech in which he inspired those listening to walk the hillside, appreciate our beautiful surroundings as Michael Bruce did, and think great thoughts, or try to!

After a prayer by the Rev Robert Pickles, George Reid, assisted by local schoolchildren, cut the ribbon across the Cobbles and declared the Michael Bruce Way open.

Family History Day

The third Perth & Kinross Family History Day will take place on **Saturday 23 August**. Five venues in Perth are working together to give you a great day out and they will be connected by a free vintage bus service courtesy of Stagecoach.

There will be lots of interesting talks and demonstrations throughout the day. For more information please see www.pkc.gov.uk/localstudies

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Listening Books normally have to charge a membership fee for their service, but the organisation has recently been given some funding by a charitable trust. The trust has asked that Listening Books offer people who live in Kinross a free membership to Listening Books.

There are over 4000 audio books available in the Listening Books library; all postage to and fro will be free. Listening Books supports the national curriculum from the age of 7 and has a huge fiction library for both adults and children. Anyone wishing to join should email their details to Louise Powell at lpowell@listening-books.org.uk or call 020 740 79417.

Special send-off for Canadian tour

A Sportsman's Dinner is being organised as a fitting send-off to Kinross High School pupils who are taking part in a rugby and hockey tour in Canada later this year.

Thirty-eight pupils and five staff from Kinross High School are setting off on the joint tour to Vancouver in October and the dinner, as well as raising funds, is an opportunity to show community support for the teams and wish them well on their exciting adventure.

The dinner takes place on **Saturday 6 September** at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross. There will be fifteen tables of ten and friends, parents and local business directors are invited to book tickets at a cost of £250 per table or £25 per head. The company tables are already going well. Parents can come in pairs or groups.

There will be a raffle and a short auction during the evening – the Scottish Rugby Union has presented a signed Scottish shirt from this year's Calcutta Cup victory to be auctioned in order to add funds to the tour kitty.

Diners will also be entertained by two guest speakers.

The pupils taking part in the tour will be on hand at the dinner to check coats and help serve wine.

A letter and form has been sent out to interested parties but if you think you would like to go to the dinner and have not received a form, contact Helen Davidson on 01577 840400.

Cleish Village Hall

Reprinted from the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter

There have been many happy occasions in Cleish, but the Car Treasure Hunt and Safari Supper on 7 June arranged by the Hall Committee ranks very highly. The start at Tullibole Castle was absolutely fascinating, and the subsequent Treasure Hunt around Cleish had even those who thought they knew their own village scratching their heads (and not just from the midges). In between times soup, baked potatoes, sandwiches and strawberries and ice cream were served by Patty and her willing band and everyone agreed they had had the best of times.

Kinross-shire – the Literary County



Last month we reported on the publishing of two new books by Kinross-shire authors. This month we tell you a little more about the books and give you a chance to win copies by entering our competitions.

Torn Apart is the true story of Sybil and Blanche Le Fleur who were brought up in Burma in the 1920s and 30s. When the Japanese bombed Rangoon in December 1941, Sybil managed to get out of the city, but there was no way for her to return to her sister, or even to know if she was still alive, as the death toll was very high.



Derek Flory

While Sybil escaped from Burma and settled in Scotland after marrying a Scottish soldier, Blanche lived for over three years under Japanese occupation. She then left for a new life in India in 1958, though still wondering what became of her sister. Decades later, a chance set of circumstances led to the discovery by Sybil's son that Blanche was alive and living in India.

Torn Apart is co-written by Sybil, Blanche and Sybil's son Derek Flory, who lives in Milnathort.

Where the Shadow Falls is Gillian Galbraith's second crime novel. The blood-stained body of a retired Sheriff is discovered in Edinburgh's new town, and investigations lead Detective Sergeant Alice Rice into the unfamiliar world of wind farm developments, where the stakes are high for land-owners and protesters feel driven to extremes. Parts of the

novel are set in Kinross-shire and those who follow community matters will probably enjoy the familiarity of the issues as well as appreciate the location descriptions and the well-drawn characters. We also get to know DS Alice Rice, who was introduced in Gillian's first book *Blood in the Water*, better in this second book which is a great page-turner and a most satisfying read.



Gillian Galbraith

Derek Flory (with his mother Sybil) and Gillian Galbraith are appearing at the Edinburgh International Book Festival on Monday 11 August. Book tickets (£9 or £7 conc) at www.edbookfest.co.uk or 0845 373 5888.

Competitions

There are four copies of *Where the Shadow Falls* to be won.

To enter, answer these questions:

1. What grade of police officer is Alice Rice?
2. Where can you see Gillian Galbraith on 11 August?

There are two copies of *Torn Apart* to be won.

Enter by completing the crossword.

You can enter one or both competitions. Send your answers and/or completed crossword to: The Editor, Kinross Newsletter, 50 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU. Remember to include your name and postal address. **Closing date for entries is Saturday 30 August.** Results will be published in the October issue of the Newsletter.

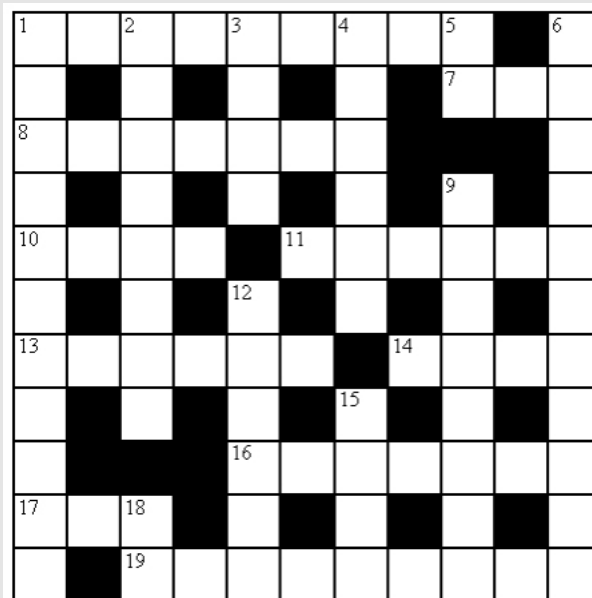
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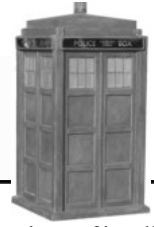
1. Clamp into expression of displeasure. (9)
7. Palindromic cubes. A stock answer. (3)
- 8 & 11. I sunk sauna guy, says pro-democracy leader under house arrest for 12 years. (4,3,3,3)
- 10 & 5, & 2. Nellie the elephant and the head of the herd met one night, in the silver light, here. (4,2,8)
11. see 8.
13. Seared or rubbed out. (6)
14. Canine, long in the tooth. (4)
16. City that was home to Sybil and Blanche Le Fleur, previously capital of Burma. (7)
17. Unit of electrical resistance, mixed up pointless home. (3)
19. My lax peer is worthy of imitation. (9)

DOWN

1. Orphan cries about who presides over a meeting. (11)
2. See 10.
3. Slip about speech impediment. (4)
4. I'm in Open University initially, scrambling to make Thorium isotope, used to date corals. (6)
5. See 10.
6. Y connecting makes for a future possibility. (11)
9. A ham look at famous musical. (8)
12. Measure of university success. (6)
15. Picture a quick break. (4)
18. A name I call myself before a long, long way to run. (2)



Police Box



T in the Park

T in the Park 2008 has now come and gone and we can report that the event has passed without the major traffic problems that were experienced last year. Tayside Police made 67 arrests at T in the Park this year, only one more than in 2007, with most of those for crimes that occurred within the venue itself. From those arrested 30 were detained for court appearing on charges relating to theft and drugs offences. Three people were charged with assault. Probably the most serious crime to have occurred during the weekend was the particularly nasty and much publicised stabbing of the young man who went to assist one of his friends. The incident proved the low point in what was otherwise a weekend of relatively few incidents but we are pleased to say the victim has made very good progress and that we are pursuing a very positive line of enquiry and remained determined to catch those responsible. In the area outside the main venue, policed by local officers, things appeared generally quieter with fewer calls to attend T in the Park related incidents.

The considerable efforts and emphasis we placed on managing traffic in and around the event have been rewarded. We were acutely aware of the difficulties experienced last year, with delays on the M90 and on roads from the west, and we believe that the measures put in place went a long way to easing the pressures on the roads. A complete review of the traffic plan indicates that there were few major delays and we have had nothing but positive feedback from local residents.

Event Commander, Chief Superintendent Matt Hamilton said:

“Overwhelmingly, people have been here to enjoy a friendly, party atmosphere and I am happy to report that in its 15th year, T in the Park has without doubt been a huge success again.

“Our officers have told me that they have experienced a good-natured crowd on each day that has been intent on enjoying themselves. Tayside Police were happy to play their part in ensuring that happened.

“Once again the relationship between ourselves, the organisers, other emergency services and our local authority colleagues has been superb. This has been reflected in the planning arrangements and come September we will begin the process of review as we start to plan for T in the Park 2009.”

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Kinross - Constable Ronnie Child.

Milnathort, Kinnesswood & Scotlandwell - Constable Graham Stephen.

Cleish and Blairadam, Crook of Devon, Powmill, Blairingone, Cambo and Glenfarg areas - Constable Lynne Petrie.

Community Car Association launched

The Annual Meeting of PKCTG was held at McDiarmid Park, Perth on 27 June with John Swinney, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, the keynote speaker.



John Swinney MSP (right), keynote speaker at the event

The Chairman, Norman Jarvie, welcomed a range of delegates from across the region all with an interest in community transport. He highlighted changing and challenging times for the voluntary sector, with funding a core issue. The contribution of the sector to the health and welfare of those who are disadvantaged by either physical or mental impairment is immense. Accessible community transport in all its many forms is a lifeline for

many and the Chairman urged government and local authorities to view favourably requests for adequate funding to sustain and develop this service.

In his address the Minister paid tribute to the commitment of volunteers in Perth and Kinross and their active involvement in so many areas of life in this area. He detailed the reasoning behind the recent transfer of funds from Central Government to Local Authorities whom he believes are often best placed to decide local priorities. Mr Swinney expertly dealt with a number of questions relating to the Blue Badge Scheme, disabled parking bays, hospital parking, rising fuel prices, abuse of the Concessionary Fare Scheme along with accessibility and funding issues. He was warmly thanked for his address and his continuing interest in community transport.

The Chairman acknowledged the co-operation of PKCTG Transport Unit in the formation of the Community Car Association, formally launched at this meeting. Voluntary Car Schemes are a valuable local resource but often work in isolation. The new Association aims to bring these groups together to promote best practice procedures, negotiate favourable insurance rates and facilitate the development of other groups. John Swinney congratulated PKCTG on this worthwhile initiative.

Further information about the Community Car Association can be obtained from PKCTG at The Learning Centre, Swansacre, Kinross or contact Angela on telephone: 01577 866766. Website: www.pkctg.org.uk

Community Council News



The Community Council News is produced from edited draft CC minutes. Some CCs have full minutes on their websites. Full Kinross CC minutes are lodged in the local Library and County Buildings. All Community Council meetings are open to the general public.

Kinross Community Council

News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 2 July were CCllrs D Cuthbert (Chair), D Colliar, S Bathgate, M Scott, D McKay, C Watson, L McKay, M Blyth and I Jack. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs M Barnade and K Baird and PC Child.

Police Report

PC Child gave a report on crime statistics over the past year including detection rates.

CCllr Jack raised various queries regarding roads at Kellieside at T in the Park. PC Child would pass these to an appropriate officer so that answers could be provided. There was a complaint from the floor on communication difficulties with T in the Park. The contact numbers given did not reply. There is general concern regarding abuse of residents passes for T in the Park. CCllr Blyth agreed to raise these issues with the T in the Park organisers.

Presentation by Stuart D'All – Area Roads Engineer

Stuart D'All provided a presentation on the roads service. Roads form part of the environment service. He gave an insight into the structure of the Roads Department and responsibilities of the Roads Department. He explained that Perth and Kinross road accidents reduce year on year. CCTV is expanding in partnership with the police. The Roads Authority have a duty to manage all roads but he explained that in fact some roads are not adopted and some are the responsibility of the Housing Department and so outwith the authority of the Roads Department. Cllr Jack raised a concern about drains; that drains and gullies were not being regularly cleaned by the Roads Department.

Also a query was made regarding the double yellow lines in the Muirs. The road had been resurfaced but the yellow lines had not reappeared and the Muirs was now an awkward place for parking and cars were finding it increasingly difficult to exit their drives.

Speed limits should be adapted when the new High School is completed to cover the new High School and also the Burnbank development.

It was observed that the road at the Kirkgate was in need of repair. Also the condition of the High Street near Sands Supermarket was in need of attention. A comment was made that cycle paths to schools were in need of improvement and there should be a cycle path for the new school. This comment will be passed to

the Sustainable Traffic Officer.

The roundabout at Douglas Crescent is to be checked for safety and its structure and there was an observation that there should be roundabouts at both ends of Springfield Road.

The signage at the quarry at Balado is apparently to be completed during the summer.

Action: Stuart D'All agreed to investigate these issues and to revert to the CC with answers.



Springfield Road - should there be a roundabout at each end?

Presentation by Jackie Clark – Senior Internal Auditor, P&KC

Jackie Clark was present at the meeting also. As Senior Internal Auditor for P&KC she wanted to know whether P&KC facilitated the work of the CC in its statutory role. In other words did P&KC make it easy for the CC to carry out its role? There was general agreement that P&KC did not assist the CC. For example after T in the Park various matters were raised with Mr Andrew Wilson at P&KC without any reply. It was agreed that the importance of the CC has been very much diminished by P&KC, without any prior consultation. There are concerns as to the timing of the planning process. Depending on when the CC actually receives information of a planning proposal, as related to the dates of the CC meeting, it is possible that applications can be decided upon by P&KC before the CC has even had a chance to consider them. Housing in the Countryside Policy is causing havoc and there are increasing

numbers of stalling developments which are inappropriate to the countryside. It was observed that we were forced as a CC to pay for our copies of the Kinross Area Plan which took up a quarter of our budget, paying for documentation which should have been provided free by the Council to enable the CC to carry out its role.

It was observed that no training is given to the CC to assist in carrying out its duties. There have in the past been difficulties in

the obtaining of plans for planning applications. Sometimes we are sent them, sometimes not; although it was observed that we had recently been allowed to use a room in the County Buildings and had been granted free access to all plans on the day of our monthly council meeting. Ms Clark was asked why it was that historic applications could not be inspected at Kinross, and why it was that the County Buildings could not be used for CC meetings as before? A disabled lift could easily be installed in the County Buildings for disabled access.

As part of this discussion reference was made to the role of the Enforcement Officer, particularly in relation to the Autograss Club which had sprung up at Tillyochie. P&KC had initially said in relation to the Autograss Club (which had previously been located in Lochgelly) that provided the land was not used for more than 28 days in one year, then no planning or change of use would be needed. However it was agreed that the land was

used for more than 28 days so a planning application was required although the Planning Officer had apparently indicated that there was still no problem in relation to the use by the Autograss Club provided there were no complaints and he seemed to be unaware of complaints, although Cllr Jack indicated that several complaints had been made. In any event the planning application was in now and to be considered later in the meeting but the observation was that various complaints from local residents had been completely ignored by the Enforcement Officer. There was a report apparently on this application and Kathleen Baird agreed that she would obtain for us a copy of it. Ms Clark agreed to revert to the CC with her findings.

Matters Arising

Newsletter: The Newsletter Sub-Committee had met with representatives of the Newsletter. There had been a wide-ranging discussion including the question of insurance, the status of the Newsletter and remuneration for those working for the Newsletter. The Newsletter might consider incorporating as a company limited by guarantee, but with the intention of obtaining charitable status. Cllr Watson was to explore the cost of incorporating a company limited by guarantee. As to remuneration, it was pointed out that the editorial team's hours had increased and so their remuneration should be increased proportionately. The Newsletter Sub-Committee had provisionally agreed sums with the Editor and Typesetter/Sub Editor, but these were subject to the approval of the CC, some of whose members expressed concern in relation to the percentage increase and concern also as to the profit margin that would be left in the Newsletter if these increases were approved. Cllr Watson expressed concern that the Newsletter Sub-Committee had been asked to speak to those working for the Newsletter to come up with recommendations for pay and felt unhappy that the recommendations that the Sub-Committee were putting forward were not going to be adopted. Cllrs Cuthbert and

Bathgate supported this view, and reiterated some of the arguments which had been considered by the Sub-Committee in arriving at their decision. A vote was held and by a vote of 5 to 3 the CC voted against adopting the recommendations of the Sub-Committee. Those voting against were Cllrs Jack, Scott, Colliar, D McKay and Blyth. Those voting in favour were Cllrs Watson, Bathgate and L McKay. Ultimately and after discussion, revised figures were agreed for the Editor's and Typesetter/Sub Editor's monthly pay, backdated to April. It was also agreed that once the CC had the new corporate structure in place then the pay would be reviewed again, there would be discussion at that time about contracts of employment, a management structure and other relevant items.

Swansacre Building: Cllr Kathleen Baird advised that there had been a Housing Association Commission to carry out a feasibility study but there was no news about that as yet.

Planning Applications Submitted

Alterations and extension at 7 Springfield Park, Kinross: No objection.

Erection of horse shed west of Heatheryford including erection of dwellinghouse and accommodation block for workers: This was at Easter Balado farm and there was no objection.

Alteration and extension 202 High Street, Kinross: No objection.

Garage at 14 Montgomery Road, Kinross: No objection.

Extension to 17 Sutherland Drive, Kinross: No objection.

New front shop and ramp entrance and new signage at Baynes: No objection.

Change of use, Autograss Track: Cllr Ian Jack declared an interest being a neighbour but was concerned about smoke and noise pollution and made the observation that there was nothing in the local plan for recreation in this area. It was agreed that we would object on the basis of smoke and noise pollution, and make the observation that there was nothing in the local plan for recreation in this area.

Removal of garage, alteration and

extension at 13 Tummel Place, Kinross:

No objection.

Goudierannet Farm, steading conversion to three houses: No objection.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle reported as follows:

Since his resignation from the Development Control Committee he had been promised regular meetings with Planning.

He indicated that there was no prospect of the Gravel Pit Liaison Group being revived.

On 7 July the Recycling Centre will adopt extended hours.

Petition to Parliament for improvements to be made to the A977: The CC was supportive of the claim of £1.25 million from the Scottish Parliament in respect of improvements to the A977 following its anticipated increased volume of traffic resulting from the new Kincardine Bridge. It was agreed that Kinross CC would take the petition to households in Balado once the wording of the petition was finalised.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Myre Burn: A letter from the Council was read out in relation to the problems here caused by the cutting back of branches which had been left by the burn but then later kicked into it causing problems. Discussions have been undertaken to establish a routine maintenance regime to remove litter from the burn, but the frequency of this has still to be decided. Desilting the burn is not an option.

Kinross High School site: Prospective consultants are to be invited to carry out an evaluation. The appointment of the consultants is likely to take place in July with their report expected by late September. The information does not suggest that the CC will be consulted as to any prospective sale.

Perth & Kinross Structure Plan:

Correspondence has been received indicating that the Structure Plan is likely to be adopted to enable more housing land to be allocated. Reports will be provided probably in the autumn and the Council will invite comments at that stage.

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BEAR are contractually obliged to ensure that litter clearance is carried out and they should be phoned if there are any problems. The Minister for the Environment had indicated that he would be happy to come to discuss our concerns. The CC wanted the Minister for the Environment to be invited to come to one of our future meetings.

Gordon Banks has indicated that he can attend the September meeting but it was agreed that he should be invited to come to the October meeting because Maria Walker, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services), was already intending to come to the September meeting.

Other Competent Business

Right of Way: The former right of way from Bowton Road through Levenfields has been blocked off by G S Brown's development and a question arose as to why it could not be reopened. It was believed that the G S Brown site would still be classified as a building site and therefore there was no prospect of that right of way being reopened at this stage.

A sign for the Drain Doctor had appeared in Station Road. Could we invite the Enforcement Officer to come and remove it?

Resignations: Sadly John and Carol Drummond had both resigned as members of the CC, therefore there were two vacancies. A notice is to be placed in the Newsletter inviting applications.

Balado Sand Pit: The planning conditions in respect of this were not being observed. It was supposed to have been wet working only but they are working in dry conditions and breaching in several ways the planning conditions imposed. The Enforcement Officer was said to be there almost daily, which was considered rather unlikely, and it was felt that he had not been vigilant in enforcing the planning conditions. He has asked the local residents for evidence of non-compliance with planning conditions when surely it is

his job to obtain that evidence himself? Cllr Barnacle indicated that there were only two Enforcement Officers for the whole of the P&KC area.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday 6 August 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 July Meeting

A meeting was held on Thursday 10 July in Milnathort Town Hall. CCllr Cottingham (Vice Chair) welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Porter, Thomson, and Smith to the meeting. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Robertson and Baird, Minute Secretary E Rougie and four members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman.

Police matters: There were no police present because of T in the Park duties; however CCllr Smith had a copy of the annual report prepared by Tayside's Chief Constable which showed a significant reduction in crime over the year. CCllr Cottingham referred to a letter from a member of the public about traffic speed and noise in New Road. There had been very little improvement. The writer thanked the police for their efforts but expressed disappointment about a lack of action by P&KC.

Seminar: CCllr Cottingham reported on a seminar he had attended run by P&KC at which a variety of issues were addressed, including the Data Protection Act. In order to comply with guidelines members of the public must not be identified in CC minutes, and to comply with the Act the CC must register, with the £35 cost being met by P&KC. CCllr Smith agreed to be the contact and will complete and return the appropriate form. Anyone who wants a copy of the CC minutes can access them under Freedom of Information at a cost of £10, but in any case they are available on the kinross.cc website.

CCllr Cottingham reported that there had been a change in the licensing laws, whereby it was no longer the premises that were licensed but the owner. CCllr Cottingham said that the general feeling at the seminar had been that CCs were worthwhile and should have more of an input into the larger councils. Other issues under discussion included the age at which people could stand as a CCllr and whether 16 was too young; whether CCs should change their quorum and whether there should be a minimum number of CCllrs. There are eight CCllrs in Milnathort and the quorum is three, but it was agreed that the size of the CC should depend on the size of the area it represents. It was generally considered that when it came to elections the postal vote system should continue but it would be advisable to hold elections on a different day from council or other elections and preferable for all CCs to have their elections on the same day in the interests of raising public awareness.

Planning

CCllr Thomson joined the public for this item.

The following items were noted:

Formation of decking (in retrospect) at 4

Morton Wynd; Change of use of land from agricultural to leisure and recreation use on land to the east of Tillyochie Mains, Kinross for Central Scotland Autograss Club; Extension to existing cottage and erection of a new dwellinghouse at Devon Cottage, Middleton; Erection of a dwellinghouse, straw shed and stable block on land south west of Wester Tillyrie; Erection of a dwellinghouse, grains store, straw storage shed and two cattle courts at land east of Nether Tillyrie, Milnathort.

Erection of 16 dwellinghouses at former Cattle Courts, Upper Tillyrie Farm, Milnathort: It was noted that this was included in the Local Plan. The farm buildings which the houses would replace are made from brick and tin, so would be razed to the ground. Another 36 houses were planned for the former Ochil Hospital site, which prompted concerns about access and road safety. P&K Cllr Robertson advised that the roads department would be consulted as part of the application process. It was also noted that the requirement for 25 per cent affordable housing would be mitigated by building four affordable homes elsewhere. CCllr Porter asked who was eligible for one of the new affordable homes in South Street, to which P&K Cllr replied that anyone who was on the Council or Kingdom Homes waiting list could apply. Following further discussion, the CC noted the Tillyrie application with a comment about access, and CCllr Thomson re-joined to the meeting.

Matters arising

Seats at Jolly Beggars: CCllr Lamont reported that it is not illegal for seats to be outside the Jolly Beggars, since its owners also own the pavement outside.



Seats at Jolly Beggars: not illegal

Repair of seats at the church: It was reported that there were now only four benches, one having disappeared, but this was considered to be adequate. CCllr Bennet will get a quote for the repair of the seats and report to the September meeting. CCllr Lamont will make enquiries in an effort to locate the memorial to the late Mrs Ferrand, which is missing, and CCllr Smith will explore the possibility of getting charitable funding to re-instate it.

Other business

Donaldson Park: CCllr Bennet will write to P&KC environmental services to ask them to remove and replace the concrete bin in Donaldson Park, which was overflowing and unsightly. P&K Cllr Robertson will get a progress report on the Council's play equipment replacement programme and report back to the September meeting. He will also find out when the P&K Countryside Trust plan to cut back the grass from the paths at the community woodland to the east of Burleigh Castle.

Path at Burleigh Castle: TRACKS project officer Jackie Yuill, who took up her post in May, was in attendance at the meeting. There is to be a meeting on 22 July at which the proposed path at Burleigh Castle is to be discussed. This issue has divided opinion, with some wanting the path to go around the castle and others, notably Historic Scotland, objecting on the grounds that the castle would lose its dignity.

Milnathort in Bloom were thanked for the good job they have done this year. The barrels at the bottom of Bal four Crescent were particularly attractive. CCllr Thomson extended particular thanks to Mrs Porter for saving the cherry tree in Stirling Road.

T in the Park: It was agreed that the organisation of this year's T in the Park had been commendable. CCllr Smith noted that portable toilets had been delivered to the car park in Stirling Road.

Grants: A member of the public advised that there were grants available through the Scottish Rural Development Plan for community projects, which could be accessed via the Scottish Government website. CCllr Lamont will follow this up.

Reed planting: Ms Yuill said volunteers were being sought to help with reed planting along the new heritage trail on 21 July. The official opening of the trail will be some time in October.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 11 September at 7.30 pm in Milnathort Primary School.

Milnathort CC minutes are posted on the webpage
www.kinross.cc/milnathort/milnathort.htm

Portmoak Community Council

News from the July Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on Tuesday 10 July were: Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Jim Shepherd, Mike Hally, Alistair Smith, Margaret Wilson, P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson, WPC Lynn Petrie and several members of the public. Apologies were received from CClrs Jo Morrell, Stuart Garvie and Charles Weedon.

Police Report

The Summer Drink Driving/Drug campaign would be conducted between 14 and 28 July. The Police would also be concentrating on matters such as speeding, the use of mobile phones while driving and the wearing of seat belts.

Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman was pleased to announce that Professor David Munro had been awarded an MBE in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List.

A letter was received from P&KC regarding a Scottish Government project to encourage carbon footprint reduction schemes within the community. Funds are available for this.

The Chairwoman and CClr Margaret Wilson had attended a P&KC promoted one-day conference on four issues: Licensing Regulations, Data Protection, the New Planning Act and a Code of Conduct for CCs. New licensing laws are being promoted in which applicants will have to meet five new objectives. Licensing Standards Officers are to be appointed. The CCs were advised on several matters regarding Data Protection. These included the publishing of minutes and the way minutes are prepared. On the new Planning Act, the new processes were explained. CCs have until 1st August to respond to the proposals for the Conduct of CCs.

Post Office Closure Update

The posting of parcels to the Minister in Westminster had been completed on 9 July. Members of the public were urged to attend a demonstration outside the Post Office in Kinnesswood on 11 July. The CC had lodged its protest to Post Office

Ltd, with copies to Postwatch, Gordon Banks MP, Keith Brown MSP as well as the four P&KC Cllrs.

Paths Matters

The Tetley Trail was renamed the Michael Bruce Way in a ceremony performed by George Reid. There is new signage and guidance sheets for the public. The CC is grateful to Charlie McConnell and the P&KC Ranger service for arranging all this.



George Reid at the opening of the Michael Bruce Way

The District Valuer is negotiating with the landowners for the new path between Woodmarch and the Village Hall. The process is being slightly delayed by the Woodland Trust purchase of land at Kilmagadwood.

Road Safety

P&KC Roads had promised that draft plans for the traffic calming proposals for Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell would be available for discussion at this meeting, followed by P&KC Roads attending the meeting in August to discuss the proposals and other road safety matters. Several members of the public had attended this meeting in anticipation of seeing the proposals. The Secretary will write to P&KC demanding an explanation for the

delay. It was proposed that the plans should be displayed on the Notice Boards before the next meeting.

Broadband Internet service

CClir Halley asked the meeting if anyone was having problems with the speed of transmission of broadband as he had received complaints. Several members of the public expressed dissatisfaction. CClir Halley will pursue this matter.

Planning Matters

Alterations and extensions to house, 9 James field, Scotlandwell: No comment. Replacement of exterior wood cladding with traditional pebble dash, Rathmore, The Cobbles Kinnesswood: No comment. Removal of condition 11 from 04/00223/OUT and condition 12 from 05/01686/REM, Glebe Field, Kilmagadwood. Erection of a dwellinghouse (reserved matters), 18 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood: The CC will visit the site before considering their response. Erection of toilet facilities, seated area, reception and small shop, Findatie Farm Car Park: The CC will write supporting this proposal.

Erection of 3 dwellinghouses with associated access and landscaping, land at Kilmagadwood, Scotlandwell: The CC has written to P&KC asking for copies of the detail plans. Cllr Barnacle reminded the meeting that the Scottish Office Reporter had already rejected a planning application for this site.

P&K Councillors

Cllr Robertson said that he had received a complaint about rabbits in the cemetery. He had passed this to P&KC Environment. Cllr Barnacle pointed out that the hours for the Kinross Recycling Centre had been extended.

Other Matters

The Chairwoman appealed for someone to assist the webmaster in developing the CC web site—someone who is prepared to give some of their time and who is experienced in computer software.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 12 August at 7.30pm in the Portmoak Village Hall.

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Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

News from the June Meeting

The CC met on 24 June in Cleish Hall and was attended by four Cllrs, the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter Editor and ten members of the public; the regular meeting was preceded by a presentation from Sgt Rankine concerning T in the Park and the arrangements which would affect the whole community. Topics covered included the arrangements for: car parks, buses, porta-loos, litter and weather forecasts. Other points were the provision of hard core for the run-ins, the provision of trackways to get traffic off the roads, cameras provided by Traffic Scotland and an "Eye in the Sky" blimp. Police Officers would be on duty in Cambo, Powmill and Blairingone, and there would also be mobile units.

The arrangements for Residents Passes were given. There would be Security Guards on surrounding points of access (all belicensed).

We are most grateful to Sgt Rankine for all of the above; he will be on duty from 9am to 9pm every day. As he reminded us this event benefits the whole community, not least CHAS.

Main Meeting

Apologies were received from Margaret Traylor and Richard Jeffrey.

Crime Prevention: Sgt Rankine said there was a significant number of plant and metal thefts, including a digger stolen from the T in the Park site. He asked us to be watchful for any vehicles, especially low loaders, and if we are suspicious to ring in immediately - 0800 600 505. The same applies to any incidents of fly tipping - the sooner this is reported the better.

There had also been an incident of a person in Milnathort throwing objects from the flyover over the M90; this could have been extremely serious.

A member of the public said there had been a series of texts re horse stealing; horse owners are asked to be vigilant. Sgt Rankine then left but not before a warm thank you from the Chairman and all attending the meeting.

Tracks and Trails: It was confirmed that the Secretary had responded and all information was now with Dave Stubbs who is contacting the relevant landowners.

CCs Meeting with P&K Council:

Catriona Culley had attended this meeting on behalf of Cleish & Blairadam CC when the topics discussed were: the Planning Scotland Act (2006), Data Protection and the overview of the Scottish Government's consultation papers on the draft model scheme of establishment of FCCs and draft model code of conduct for Cllrs. She said that some points were vague in conclusion, but that we need to appoint a Data Protection Officer which she would gladly undertake. A fee of £35 would also be payable which P&K Council would meet. As far as the Strategic Plan was concerned, it

appeared that Kinross-shire was bearing the brunt of demand for housing development.

Planning - Procedural Changes: This matter has been concerning Cleish & Blairadam for some time with special emphasis on community engagement in the planning process.

The Chairman had received information that courses and seminars were to be organised and we had been asked which course (for which no details had been given) we might prefer. Agreed that discussion on Local Plan enquiries would be useful. Decided that letter concerning the proposed forum be circulated to CCllrs for comment.

Planning Applications

Mr Drummond from Hatchbank had asked to speak regarding the proposed developments for a cattery and kennels, with 4 houses, a riding school and 12 affordable houses in his area, even although this was outwith Cleish and Blairadam, as it was realised such a development would impact on Cleish and surrounding area.

Agreed that Cleish & Blairadam CC would consider how to respond to Mr Drummond's request although agreed they had already made comment.

Gairneybridge: Erection of 21 houses on caravan site. This is an area designated for tourism. The CC voted against this proposal on the grounds of density and scale as well as it being on a site for tourism and urge that there should be a return to the principle of the Local Plan.

Ben View, Benarty Road - extension: no objection.

Lochran Farm, Blairadam - erection of 2 dwelling houses with garages: The Planning Department to be asked, when considering this application, to bear in mind that this is on a Greenfield site, there would be two further access points on to a main road where the traffic was already too fast, and there would be the possibility of ribbon development bearing in mind the proximity of Greenacres.

Pending

Templeton has been determined.

Cleish Mains Steading: Historic Scotland has been asked to comment.

Eriska has been approved.

Boreland Farm, Cleish: awaiting decision from Reporter.

Nivingston House, Cleish: refused.

Plot A Keltybridge: The design has been changed back to the original to which the CC had already objected on the grounds of design and location. Agreed that the decision of the CC remained the same.

Sunnyside Farm: refused.

Greenacres: land to the north and to the south: both applications approved on appeal.

Once again this raises the question of planning permission being given

retrospectively which has caused the CC much concern, which concern has not been met by the Council.

Housing in the Countryside

As a result of population projections, we are told that more land is needed for the increase in population.

The other point brought to the attention of the meeting was that ten households, not ten individuals, would need to object to an application in order to trigger a referral to Development Control.

Roads

What excitement! Almost immediately after the last CC meeting a miracle occurred and the bridge over the Motorway was the scene of a squad repairing not just the potholes but also the whole surface. At the time of writing they are still busy and we look forward to a spanking new bridge very soon. Thank you MR BEAR.



The motorway bridge, repaired by Mr Bear!

Keltybridge - Maryburgh: It is hoped that work will soon begin on this stretch of road.

Grass cutting on verges: The Cleish to Moreland stretch has not yet been mown, but it is hoped that this will soon be done. **Traffic on B9097:** Once again it would seem that this road is increasingly being used by heavy vehicles using the road as a short cut between the M90 and Crook of Devon, although it is no further to travel up the M90 to the Kinross exit and then to Crook of Devon. However it is appreciated that most vehicles use the B9097 to carry on local business and are legitimate users. If the CC is to take action they need to have details of users with times etc. of usage, following which a telephone call to the haulage firm would probably be the best solution.

A member of the public has volunteered to monitor the situation.

Best Kept Village: Remember that judging will take place during the early part of August - no further details available.

Dates of future meetings:

18 August, Tabernade; 20 October, Cleish; 8 December, Tabernade.

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Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

Summary of minutes of meeting held on 23 June 2008 at Milnathort Primary School.

Present: Chair - Bridget Barker, Vice Chair - Walter Cambers; Council Members - Janette Walker, Ann Malcolm, Dave Cochrane, Michael Longstaffe, Gill Freeman, Alyson Howe (Head Teacher), Nicky Drew (Deputy Head Teacher), Derek Morris (In School Coordinator), Margaret Anderson (Service Manager), Sheila Herron (Clerk).

Apologies: Lynn Dunne, Ann Malcolm

New School Discussion: Derek Morris acknowledged that the Council had requested information re the IT equipment within the school. A contract with MITIE had been negotiated for maintenance and repair of most areas of the new school for the next 30 years. However IT is not part of this contract. IT equipment would be transferring from the old school to the new. The IT equipment, however, will be repaired or replaced on an as and when basis by P&KC. Funding for IT infrastructure is to be maintained by P&KC. P&KC currently make available a selection of IT packages to schools and it is a choice for each school as to which package they want, the new high school will have this same choice of packages. The IT equipment of the current high school is good; however capacity appears to be a problem. Education Support Team (EST - IT Support) is currently looking at the Broadband facility. Most of the other equipment within the new school will be brand new and state of the art. Further discussion of the actual move ensued. DM advised that the plan is to close the old high school on the Friday and start in the new school on the Monday. It is generally felt that this is unrealistic. Disruption Planning is already in progress. Other areas covered under general discussions were: WIFI connection, Smartboards, Musical Instruments, Community Use - concerns re safety of pupils and Catering.

Classroom Painting: Two classrooms were

successfully painted on Saturday 21 June. Parents kindly gave up time and helped supply equipment. The money saved by parents volunteering time and effort has enabled another smartboard to be installed.

Questionnaire Summary: Parent Questionnaire (which covered a whole range of items, such as type of information received, parent concerns, skills which could be volunteered to support the school etc) results were sent out in May.

Parental Involvement Grant: £450 has been awarded to the Parent Council for Playground and gardening initiatives.

Insurance for Special Events: Parent Councils are covered for Insurance under an umbrella P&KC policy. However, special events may not be covered and additional cover may be required. Responsibility of HT, if on site, to assess if additional cover is required.

Composite Classes: There had been some unrest re composite classes in the 2008/09 session. A letter had been issued to all parents on the Friday prior to this meeting which explained how composite classes were determined. Some determinations had changed for this year over other years, MA went on to explain that each child now gets 2m of space within a classroom which is an improvement of the optimum learning space. This has had an impact on the number of children which can be taught in the size of classrooms within MPS. This year the whole school had gained an extra member of staff which enables the DHT to be non teaching. Funding for the additional member of staff will be central budget. By managing incoming pupil rate in future better class management will ensue. Discussions re the future classes, concerns for the P3/4 teacher, pupils and individual pupil needs were also discussed. It was generally accepted around the table that most of the issues/concerns regarding composite classing for this year had

probably been caused by poor communications. JW stated that if more information had been available this could have helped not only with answering the "playground" questions but may have pre-empted the questions. Reassurances were given that communications would be better next time.

Workplan: There are several items on the future plans for the MPSPC. Council members were asked to lead an item and be responsible for concluding.

Budget: £234 Clerk and £357 Administration has been received from P&KC.

HT Report: For a variety of reasons Liz Cooke, Kenneth Watson and Lindsay Ross are all leaving MPS, being replaced with Laura Knowle, Vicki Wardlaw and Laura Morgan. The secondment of Fiona Duff will continue into the next session.

MSA: Milnathort Festival raised a brilliant £1300. The Ceilidh was very successful with everyone enjoying themselves. Over £4000 had been raised over the year, all agreed that this was a fantastic total and thanked the MSA for all their hard work. MK stated that in order for the MSA to function properly next year, more volunteers are required.

Date of Next Meeting: It was agreed that there would be about two per term, SH and BB to diarise and advise council members. Parent Forum meeting has to be held within 12 months of the council forming. Due to other time constraints it was agreed to hold the Parent Forum meeting in September. BB to co-ordinate.

A full copy of past, ratified, Minutes are available in the school office. If you wish to contact the MPSPC regarding anything in these minutes or any other then please contact Sheila Herron on 01577 864015 or email Sheila_herron@tiscali.co.uk

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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 an interesting selection of walks to suit all; a gentle mid-week walk, a slightly longer historical walk and a challenging ascent of one of Perthshire's most famous summits.

Wednesday 6 August: Dollar East - 4 miles. Gentle walk with slow inclines via Westerton Farm, Lawhill and behind Gloom Hill returning by Dollar Glen.

Call Connie Hope on 01259 742853 for details, including where and when to meet.

Sunday 10 August: Around Loch Mearbroden - 6 to 8 miles. Circular walk in historic area, passing various stone relics.

Call Peter Edgerton on 01577 840449 for details, including where and when to meet

Sunday 24 August: Schiehallion - 8 miles. 760 metres ascent. Well-defined path ascending over moorland to boulder field (rough walking) then onto summit. Return via large boulder field with steep descent to Gleann Mor. Fitness and full walking gear required.

Call Bill Bedborough on 01259 742491 for details, including where and when to meet.

For general information on walking with the group, including walks for the rest of this season and our proposed winter programme, call Jacqui Ritchie on 01592 840451

Kinross-shire Round Table

Round Table is well into its new year in Kinross-shire and is more active than ever. We finished 2007/08 having had a fantastic year of increased membership, fun events and increased fund raising. In fact 2007/08 was our biggest ever year for donations. We donated £17,882, mainly to groups in our local area. We would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who supports us and makes this possible.

Under the leadership of our new Chairman, David Dumbreck, we have a full programme of events lined up for 2008/09. These will include rock climbing, sailing, quiz nights, karting and the annual Santa Collection. Highlight of the calendar is the 3rd Annual Kinross Round Table Charity Beer Festival, which will be on **Saturday 27 September**. If you were not able to make it last year you can see what you missed out on at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAge9UuU6gg> A new feature of the Beer Festival weekend will be a Charity Quiz Challenge on **Friday 26 September**. We would like to challenge teams of 4-6 adult members of any club, organisation, social group or workmates to pit their wits in support of CHAS, this year's nominated charity.

We will once again host the LEPRAs Edinburgh to St Andrews Cycle Run lunch stop, in conjunction with our friends in Ladies' Circle, and will be staffing the bottle exchange at T in the Park.

Details of these and all our other events can be found on our new website (<http://kinross-shire.org.uk>). For those not on-line, feel free to give us a call on 864713. There is a link on the site for ladies wishing to contact Ladies Circle.

If you are an 18 - 45 year old man, living in Kinross-shire and like the idea of putting something back into the community while having a good time then perhaps it is time you gave Table a try.



T in the Park Drop-in Centre

Once again the weekend was an outstanding success, possibly the best ever! The volunteers worked tremendously hard, yet always with good humour and the laughter that floated out frequently from behind the hatch brought smiles to even the most hung-over of faces. The food was wonderful and we kept being asked, 'How can you do it so cheaply?' How? We just do. And we were still able to make gifts of £415.46 to Christian Aid (for the Ethiopian water project), and £60 to the Day Centre for the use of the premises, and patience and help from the staff. Thanks again.



Many T in the Parkers visited the Drop-in Centre

The T in the Parkers were great and we enjoy seeing so many familiar faces each year. As is quite often said to us, 'you are now part of the culture' There's no greater compliment for the people involved. Which brings me to you, the volunteers, those we just can't do without. It's your work, given happily and freely year after year, which makes the Drop-in Centre the success we believe it is - a testament to hands-on Christianity and the willing of all to help in a cause in which they believe. So each one of you, on behalf of the core committee and myself, heart felt thanks and ... see you again next year?

And the Core Committee, ten committed folk without whom the drop-in would never happen. Meetings, food buyings, float givings, necessary bits and pieces obtainings and the general overall organisation which over the years has been honed to near perfection - and still gets tweaked each year. Thanks so very much for making each year so good, and the Day Centre the place to be on T in the Park weekend.

Peter, Convener

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Kinross & District Rotary Club



The Club Meeting on 16 June had the pleasure of listening to Sandy Stewart of the Markinch Wine Gallery who gave us his thoughts on the Globalisation of Wine. A frequent visitor to the wine growers and producers in Australia, he felt that the growing far eastern market would attract the finest Australian wines to the detriment of the UK and that climate change may alter the extent of the traditional grape growing regions. Duncan Davidson, the official butterfly and moth recorder for Fife and Kinross, gave a fascinating talk on his subject to the Club on 23 June. He explained that Scotland has 1300 different moths but only 33 species of butterfly all of which can be found from the highest mountains to the sea shore. He dispelled some common moth myths and related how moths are an essential part of our ecosystem and a fundamental ingredient in the food chain for many species. Duncan illustrated his talk with some fine photographs many of which had been taken in his own garden in Dunfermline.

Malcolm Mapp was installed as the new President of the Club at the change-over dinner held at the Windlestrae Hotel on 30 June. Malcolm thanked the outgoing President, Barry Davies, for a very successful and enjoyable year. The meeting also had the pleasure of welcoming new member Bill Blanche to the Club. After the formalities the meeting was entertained by Amu Logotse and friends on drums. Amu is raising funds for the Wumenu Community Farm Project in the Volta region of Ghana.

Throughout the past month Rotarians have been helping the Kinross in Bloom team by watering the hanging baskets on a Thursday evening.

Once again the bacon, sausage and hamburger tent at the Lethangie Camping site during the T in the Park weekend proved to be a successful and welcomed addition to the site facilities. In addition, a left luggage service was offered on the main site and all profits made will go to charity.

Rev Ian White talked to the Club on 14 July about the Homeless World Cup which is an annual international football tournament. The tournament allows the homeless and excluded to take a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent their country and change their lives forever. It has triggered and supports street football projects in over 60 nations working with over 25,000 homeless people throughout the year. Scotland won the competition held in Copenhagen last year and hopes to do well in this year's competition to be held in Melbourne.

The Club gratefully acknowledges the donation to our local Charity Account from Dr. Roddy Pattison following his successful completion of the 81 mile Etape Caledonia cycle race in May.

The Club will be manning an exhibition tent at the Kinross Show and we will be pleased to discuss with visitors the work of rotary both locally and internationally. Kinross Rotary welcomes new members and if you would like information on membership please come and see us.

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Kinross Potager Garden



Bowton Road

If you go out to Potager Garden today – You're sure of a big surprise....

The vegetables are looking really good and healthy. All the work of Anna John's primary 5 class from Kinross Primary School and volunteers of the Garden – Michelle Hardaker and Amanda James. If you would like to visit, please do so before the middle of August when the children will be harvesting their beautiful vegetables. The Garden is open April to October, 9am to dusk.

The Garden is a lovely place to have a picnic, so do bring your packed lunches and teddy bears, the birds sing so beautifully, it is a lovely place to relax. The vegetables are set out in raised beds at the back of the Garden. It becomes quite a splendid maze to explore with the lovely sunflowers in pride of place.

A new seven-week **Gardening Course** will be starting on **Tuesday 12 August**, time 7pm-9pm, cost £35.00. The course covers Sowing seeds, Propagating by cuttings, Soil preparation, Pruning & tying, Micro-propagation & grafting. All who have attended the courses have really enjoyed them. Come on, give Michelle a call and book your place, we have room for ten in the greenhouse.

There are always **Plants for Sale**, please phone one of the numbers on the shed or arrange to meet one of the volunteers in the Garden.

Kinross Community Council have developed a lovely website for us – please do check it out: www.kinross.cc/potager. Get in touch with Michelle if you do not have internet access and would like more info. about the Garden, I am there most days, or visit the Library.

If you can help with any aspect of the work – it would be music to my ears, especially with weeding or the creation of the mosaic – many hands make light work and mine are sore!

Looking forward to hearing from you, best wishes, Michelle Hardaker: Telephone 01577 862622, Email dhardaker@tiscali.co.uk Address: 57 Bowton Road, Kinross.

Milnathort WRI – Mrs Jessica Munro presided at our June meeting. As this was the end of our 90th birthday year, some of the members dressed in clothes past to present.

We enjoyed demonstrations by Betty Murchie and Margo King titled "Choc & Cheese", they also dressed in frilly caps and aprons. We finished with a buffet supper.

Competitions:

3 Pieces of Chocolate Tray Bake	- Grace Drysdale
90th Birthday Decorative side plate	- Jean Paterson
Flower of the Month	- Sheila Wardell

Fiona Hynds, Vice President, gave the vote of thanks.

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Kinross-shire Civic Trust



Professor David Munro: The Trust was delighted with the news that its President, David Munro had been awarded with an MBE in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List. The Trust sends its warmest congratulations to him.

Mid-summer Walk: The Trust held a very successful mid-summer walk in Kinross on Sunday 29 June. A very kind weather window appeared when it was warm and sunny for the duration and 25 people attended. Professor David Munro gave us a very fascinating walk around Kinross, showing us all areas that few were aware of, as well as filling in with an encyclopedic knowledge of the old town. The walk concluded with tea at the Kirklands Hotel and it was an afternoon much enjoyed by everybody.

Annual Best Kept Village Competition: This will be held in August and there is a good response as usual to this.

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 Trust needs volunteers to help man the stand throughout the day. If you have an hour to spare, please let the Chairman know.

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.

Milnathort Town Hall

Important outcome from AGM held on 17 July

At the recent Milnathort Town Hall Association AGM, the three office bearers unfortunately and with regret had to tender their resignation from the positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for varying personal reasons.

URGENTLY REQUIRED.....

The Milnathort Town Hall urgently require volunteers to take up these positions in order to keep this important community facility in operation.

The positions do not require much time and there is an existing committee in place to support the office bearers.

Support will also be provided for the new office bearers in terms of a hand-over period from the previous Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

It is vitally important that these positions are filled in order for the hall to continue to operate for the community.

So if you have always thought about putting something back into the community then now's the time **PLEASE ACT NOW.**

Please contact the acting Chairman to highlight your interest in any of the positions above or if you're interested in becoming a committee member: Murray Mitchell, 12 Burleigh Road, Milnathort, KY13 9SU.

Telephone 01577 862805, Mobile 07872 318186.

Email: murraymitchell@mscharacterhomes.com

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the July meeting the speaker was Stuart Skinner on "Behind the scenes at T in the Park".

He gave a remarkable insight into the organisation and preparation of this music festival.

Friday Walks: Our walk up Maspie Den, in Falkland, was on the Friday of T in the Park, when the sun shone all day, and the "early birds" in the walking group tasted wild strawberries growing at the side of the path. Our day was made perfect when we returned to find the streets in Milnathort and Kinross quieter than usual.

8 August: Glenfarg to Bridge of Earn along the Wallace Road and past Pitcaithly Wells and Dunbarney - a one way walk of about 7 miles along paths and country roads, and an old favourite.

22 August: Pitmedden Woods from The Clink, Auchtermuchty. This is another popular walk - a circular one of about 7 miles, and mainly along forest tracks.

Hillwalkers: 20 June saw us tackle Birmam Hill and the Obney Hills on a circular route of 6.5 miles. The weather stayed fine and with 1665 feet of climbing we had some spectacular views over the Perthshire area and as far as the Southern Cairngorms.

4 July heralded a return to Loch Skiach, another circular walk, this time of nine miles and with 1300 feet of ascent. On this occasion, the weather again held up and we were able to enjoy our 'picnic' lunch by the side of the loch with great views all around.

During August we have three walks planned and hope the weather remains kind to us, especially after the poor start we had to the year.

1 August will see a rare return south of the Forth when we again tackle a walk in the Pentland Hills of about eight miles and 2500 ascent.

A more gentle trek is planned for **15 August** - the Edzell Riverside Walk, 7.5 miles and a gentle 150 feet of ascent.

29 August will take us up Boreland Glen from Glen Devon, a circular walk of eight miles, with the opportunity of more panoramic views, which we hope are not too spoiled by the new wind turbine spreading in the Ochils, as we ascend a total of 1100 feet.

Drivers wanted for 50 Plus Club - we currently have only two volunteer drivers for the Club's use of the Community Minibus, which means that we have had to cancel outings at short notice when one is on holiday and the other has had an urgent call on his presence. We now need stand-in drivers who would cover for the few occasions that neither regular driver is available. Basic requirements are a full, current British driving licence including the D1 class and a maximum of three penalty points. Full details from Bill Blair, 01577 864450.

August Meeting:

At the meeting on **7 August**, Bill Lessels, a National Trust Property Manager, will be speaking on "Culross".

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

June Draw

1st	No 25	Anne Steven, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 82	Janette Gardner, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 71	Patsy Green, Easter Balgiedie



Sports News

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

The 2007 – 2008 season was very successful for Kinross Ladies, with the First XI regaining the Midlands First Division title. We are especially proud of our junior members who have shown their quality at regional and national level; Ciara Elwis and Jenni Smith both played for Midlands Under 16s, and Jenni went on to play in the Scotland Under 16s training squad in Ulster in March.

The club end of season tour to Newcastle was also a great success. As well as providing the necessary end of season celebrations the tour provided the opportunity to play in the Newcastle Hockey Club Charity Shield Tournament, against two Newcastle teams and one team from Whitley Bay. Almost £1000 was raised in aid of the local hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support Nursing team, and each player wore something pink throughout the day.



Kinross Ladies Hockey Club on tour

Kinross Ladies reached the final against Whitley Bay Ladies HC. With the score 2-2 at the end of extra time it came down to a tense penalty shoot out where the stress proved all too much for the usual crack shot team. Shots flew high and wide, ricocheting off the posts, and goalie Wendy Symington made several fantastic saves. In the end the last shot from Libby Simpson found the back of the net, winning the final.

At the end of the season Gill Robb stood down as coach, after five years of hard work; we are very grateful for all of her hard work over that time. We are grateful to Sue McCutcheon and Tracey Peterson who have agreed to coach us on a temporary basis next season.

Mixed hockey has continued over the summer, with a hard core of girls joining the blokes for matches and tournament play. Good effort ladies!

The new season of ladies hockey is almost upon us again. We hope to have a pre-season friendly match against East Kilbride Ladies on **23 August**, although this remains to be confirmed. The Bell Trophy Tournament which precedes the start of the Midlands League season will be held in September (date to be confirmed), and as current holders of the trophy Kinross Ladies are proud to be hosting the tournament. Full details will be available for September's Newsletter; all spectators will be welcome.

Training sessions resume on **Wednesday 20 August** from 6.30 - 8pm at the all weather pitch at the KGV playing fields. All players or potential players are welcome.

Further details are available at www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk

Kinross Tennis Club

July means the end of competitive matches in the ladies and gents competition of the Tayside Tennis league, but also the beginning of the Henderson Vase mixed competition and the Perth and District leagues. It is a busy competitive calendar for the club, but the players seem to enjoy their matches no matter what the results. As I reported last month, the ladies team has done extremely well this year and the men have also had a good season. The final results have not yet been published, but I will keep you updated. The mixed team has started strongly in the Henderson Vase, soundly beating both Montrose and Falkland II. They play on a Monday night, so if you are walking by and see them playing, give them your support.

In addition to our Wednesday club nights (from 18:30 onwards) club members are also playing at weekends. Members are encouraged to come down at 2pm for a friendly game of singles or doubles. This is the time to get some practice in before the club competition kicks off in August. More details are located on the notice board in the clubhouse.

We will be holding an **Open Day on Sunday 3 August** specifically to encourage less experienced members and non members to play more tennis. Feel free to come down from 2pm onwards for a game. We hope to arrange some friendly games for everyone to enjoy so don't be shy!

Finally, we have some great news to report. As you may be aware, flood lights were installed on one of our courts this winter making it possible for us to start playing tennis in February. We have recently been awarded a grant from the Arthur Margaret Thomson Trust to complete our plans and install floodlights on a second court. We are extremely grateful to the trust as this means our tennis club will be active all year round, weather permitting! We will continue to fundraise of course to ensure the quality of the courts and our new lights can be maintained for many years to come. Details of fundraising events will be posted in the newsletter and we look forward to seeing you at these events.

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Kinross Cougars Junior Rugby Club



The annual **Kinross Cougars Summer Club** will be running again from **14 to 16 August** (the week before school goes back).

P4-P7 10:00 to 12:00 Thursday – Saturday Cost £3.00
S1-S6 14:00 to 16:00 Thursday – Friday (cost included in membership).

S1-S6 10:00 to 12:00 Saturday (cost included in membership).

There are a few changes to the training programme for the new season.

Minis Rugby (Primary 1 to Primary 7 - boys AND girls)
Training starts **23 August**, every Saturday - 10:30 – 12:00.

P1 – P3 Cost £1 per week; P4 – P7 Cost £2 per week.

Midis Rugby (S1 to Under 18s)

S5 – S6 (U18). Starts Thursday 24 July 19:00 – 21:00, then every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the season.

S1 – S4 (U14 and U16) Starts **Monday 25 August** 18:00 – 19:30, then every Monday throughout the season.

Minis 2008/2009 Season

We would like to welcome all the boys and girls back and hope you all had a wonderful summer break. This season we hope to have as many boys and girls as last year - or maybe even more - training on a Saturday.

Get your friends and family down and perhaps we can have over the magic 100 kids at Saturday training this season! All those in Nursery last year who came and joined in at the end of the season we look forward to seeing you all back with new P1 friends. P2 and P3 this year we want to see all of you back and enjoying the training sessions and letting the coaches see how well you will do the when reaching P4 and playing your first match against other clubs. The first match for the P4 – P7s is a tournament against the Dundee Eagles tournament which is on **7 September**. This season P4 – P7 have matches against McLaren, Falkirk, Stirling County, Ayr, Atholl Highlanders and Linlithgow to name only a few.

Finally, to last year's P7s, we look forward to seeing you turning up for Monday night training with the Midis and playing 15-a-side matches on Sundays. The Mini Coordinator this season will be Ollie Cox.

Midis 2008/2009 Season

This year we have the **U18s** which is a first for Kinross Rugby and under the captaincy of Stuart and vice captaincy of Cameron we wish the boys well.

U18 matches will be played on a Saturday.

The **U16** side, captained by Duncan with vice captaincy Andrew this coming season, will have 11 Tayside Tigers in the team - which is better than any other club in the area. The U16 league will comprise Perthshire, Clacks Colts, Angus Colts, Grangemouth, Falkirk, Morgan and Glenrothes.

These are tough teams and we need to see good numbers at training and a level of commitment which hopefully will translate to us competing to win the league

The **U14s**, captained by Jake and vice captain Ruaridh, will play in friendlies hopefully mirroring the U16 matches home and away and therefore some tough opposition also. The team managers this year are Murray Hunter, Andy Williams and Brian Baglow for the U18, U16 and U14 respectively. Good luck to all teams in the coming year.

To find out more and get regular updates visit our website: www.kinrosscougars.com.

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



(Primary 7: 6-7pm, S1/2: 6-8pm)

Another basketball season for the Cavaliers starts again at the Games Hall in the High School on **Tuesday 26 August**.

The club is open to both boys and girls and is affiliated to Basketball Scotland and Sport Tayside and Fife with Basketball Scotland registered coaches.

Over the course of last season, the Club had a particularly successful year in several areas: funding was received from Awards for All for £2200 which contributed to coach payment and development, purchase of club basketballs and equipment, as well as our own club strips.

The club also fielded a successful boys' team in the Tayside-Fife Development League, and at the final tournament, won 3 out of their 4 matches demonstrating just how far they had come! They were now the team to beat!!

On a player development level, 6 members of the club were selected for the Basketball Scotland Talent Development Programme running from April to June:

Boys U14 – **Malcolm Jack, Jack Mead**

Girls U14 – **Hattie Lloyd**

Boys U15 – **Jack Nicholson**

Girls U15 – **Abby Lloyd, Katy Brown**

Then, as an extra bonus, **Jack Nicholson** and **Katy Brown** were selected for the **National U14 Squads** and have since represented Scotland in Manchester. "Not bad for a wee club frae Kinross" as the basketball development manager was heard to say!

Several of our S2 members have now had to reluctantly move on, so we do have membership vacancies available. If anyone is interested in trying basketball, they will receive a very warm welcome whether beginners or having played before. We have great, enthusiastic and committed coaches waiting to develop your skills! For further information, please contact Karen Nicholson (Secretary) on 01577 862623.

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Kinross Cricket Club

Junior Cricket – Under 15 Team



On a wet 6 July, Kinross Under 15s travelled to Glenalmond College for the Nationwide Cup finals day where they met Aberdeenshire in the semi-final. By the time the game started, the rain had stopped but had also forced the match to be reduced to 15 overs per side from 20. Kinross captain, Peter Ross, won the toss and put Aberdeenshire into bat. With a very wet outfield, fielding errors and extras were inevitable and by the time Aberdeenshire finished their innings they had scored 100 for the loss of 2 wickets. The wet conditions remained the same for both sides though and despite losing two early wickets, Scott Weir (39) and Nick Farrar (31) steered Kinross home to victory in the 13th over to take Kinross into the final with Scottish National Cricket League team, Grange. Amazingly, despite earlier conditions, the final started in bright sunshine and with everything starting to dry out, Kinross again won the toss and put Grange into bat. In their semi-final Grange had shown themselves to be a strong batting side and so it was to our credit that Kinross managed to restrict them to 106 for 7 in 20 overs, with Nick Farrar and Scott Weir both taking two wickets and Alex Scott-Gray and George Buchannan-Smith sharing the other two. Given that Kinross had chased down 100 in just 13 overs in their previous game, there were high hopes of chasing down this total in 20 overs. Following the early departure of Scott Weir, Peter Ross and Nick Farrar quickly built a partnership that was worth 34 off just six overs and kept the run rate ticking over nicely. Peter was then dismissed for 21, sky-ing a top edge to mid-wicket and 10 minutes later Nick joined him back in the pavilion having scored 13. George Buchannan-Smith was our second top scorer in the innings with 16 and despite the best efforts of the remaining batsmen, Kinross were left 12 runs short and runners up in the Nationwide Cup. With such high hopes and expectations resting on their shoulders, the boys conducted themselves very well throughout the competition, especially on the finals day. They never once gloated in victory in the semi final and when they were eventually beaten in the final, they were quick to offer their congratulations to Grange. They were all true ambassadors for Kinross Cricket Club and Kinross-shire as a whole.

International Honours

Under 15 players Peter Ross, Scott Weir and Nick Farrar have all been selected to play for Scotland in this summer's international fixtures. The boys travel to Northampton and Durham for a series of matches against English county teams and in early August they are off to Jersey for the ICC European Championships where they will play Ireland, Holland, Denmark, Guernsey and Jersey. Everyone at Kinross is delighted with the boys' selection and it is great for the Kinross CC coaching team to have the highest number of players of any club in Scotland in the Scotland under 15 team.

Senior Cricket

Early July saw Kinross beat Comrie in the quarter final of the small club's Scottish Cup in a very impressive display of batting and bowling. This meant that Kinross were in the semi-finals for the first time. Our opponents were previous winners Bon Accord from Aberdeenshire. The match was played at Kinross and Bon Accord were totally taken aback by the strength of our bowling attack with senior stalwart

John Ross taking three wickets for 33 runs in his nine overs, Peter Ross took 2 for 42 and there was a wicket apiece for Jeremy Dixon and Calum Watson. The addition of three excellent run outs meant that Bon Accord were all out for 232. Given that in previous years, Bon Accord had beaten semi-finalists by over 300 runs this was a fantastic achievement. Kinross went into bat with high hopes but without our top batsman James Ross who was out of action due to illness and midweek league skipper Simon Lopez who was at T in the Park. The opening pair of Dixon and Scott Weir held out for 6 overs before Scott was bowled. Jeremy Dixon continued to bat well as another 2 wickets fell with the score on 131 with 14 overs still to play. Jeremy top scored for Kinross with 69. Kinross were still in the running until Bon Accord bowler Awam found an ideal length and took 4 wickets in quick succession. The tail did all it could but Kinross eventually fell 57 runs short with only 8 balls left. This saw Kinross leave the Scottish cup trail but our heads were held high as we had performed well above our own expectations and certainly put Kinross seniors back on the Scottish cricket map.

Simon Lopez has successfully led the senior mid week team to the final of the Fife Midweek Championship. The final is to be played on Tuesday 29 July against either Townhill or Glenrothes who still have to play their decider. Hopefully Kinross will retain the title we won last year. The first XI are still Strathmore Union division three leaders and the critical matches against Clackmannan in August could well decide the league championship.

Fixtures

There are a smaller number of fixtures in August due to the Kinross Agricultural Society Show which is held on the cricket out field.

Sunday 3	Clackmannan	1st XI
Saturday 23	Kinross Ladies v Kinross U-13s (am game)	Ladies/U13s
Saturday 23	Orkney XI (Friendly) 1pm	1st/2nd XI
Sunday 24	Clackmannan (H)	2nd XI
Sunday 31	Kirriemuir (H)	2nd XI

Training

Training continues throughout the summer holidays. Mondays 6.15pm – 8pm for juniors. Tuesdays 6.30 – 8.30pm for Men, Thursdays 6.30 – 8pm for girls and women.

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Orwell Bowling Club

15 June proved one of the driest and sunniest of our Bowls season thus far; our Ladies Open Pairs, attended by 24 hopeful duos, saw Headwell's Ann Bernard and Sadie Philp beating Kinross's entry for the trophy (runners-up: Charleston and Dalgety Bay). Three mixed rinks attended Cambo's "secret garden" green on a damp and chilly evening on 18 June. The weather was more than made up for by the warm-hearted reception, the idyllic location and a delicious home-baked spread in the village hall. We left, feeling quite guilty at having won by two shots.

No fewer than three Orwell pairs went into the semi-finals, along with one from Aberdour, in the Open Pairs on 22 June. Orwell's President Gordon Morton and Donald Rose (unkilted on this occasion - and having just celebrated his 88th birthday), were narrowly beaten by our Patron Jock Taylor and partner Andy Lloyd, whilst Aberdour went down to Orwell's Alistair Morgan and Jim Paterson, the latter duo winning the coveted trophy.

On 24 June, Jock Taylor and Dave Scott were narrowly beaten in the Men's County Senior Pairs by Patons, whilst Sandy Greenhill, Brian Cook, Ian Rankine and Harry Kinloch won the rink against a strong Cambus entry.

As Orwell's Diane Foster is County Ladies President this year, we had the honour of hosting the Ladies County Finals on 25 June. A young piper led Diane, followed by all the County Representatives, resplendent in blazers and regalia, then the competitors who had bowled their way to finals day, around the immaculate green. This dignified pageantry was a most impressive sight - as was the standard of play which followed. Slightly marred by intermittent deluges of rain, the day produced a wonderful spectacle of superb bowling, with Orwell's entries just missing out on the honours list.

On 28 June a mixed friendly against Menstrie saw Orwell win the day by two shots.

The Rurals' bowling ladies took to Orwell's green on a very showery day on 29 June, with Methven winning. The weather then did its worst on 6 July for the Ladies Invitation Day which was washed out, and Bingo was played in the clubhouse.

Finally, on a brighter note, our East of Scotland rink, Anne Wilson, Jean Reekie, Anne McGouldrick and Sandra Fullerton won the District Final and now go through to the quarter-final play-off on 29 July.

Just on the halfway point of the season as this report is typed, we all fervently hope that summer has not quite deserted us this year and that the second half will prove far more amenable to all outdoor sports than hitherto.

Kinross Hockey – new season

Those Kinross Hockey players who did not wish a rest over the summer are enjoying Mixed Hockey at KGV on a Wednesday evening (6.30pm – 8pm) and mixed teams have taken on Madras, Perthshire and Dundee Wanderers over recent weekends. These have been close and enjoyable matches.

The new season for the Ladies, Men and Kobras (youth team) hockey starts in August. **Ladies' training** starts **20 August** and is on Wednesdays (6.30pm – 8pm), **Men's training** starts on **26 August** and is on Tuesdays (7.30pm – 9pm) and **Kobras' training** starts on **28 August** on Thursdays (6.30pm – 7.30pm). Both the Ladies' and Men's clubs enter teams into regional leagues and the Kobras have regular matches. The Kobras is open to all from P5 upwards and provides a great introduction to the game of hockey. Hockey is fun, friendly and enjoyable and training nights are open to people with all levels of skill and fitness.

Kinross Bowling Club

The Bowling Season is well under way now, with mixed weather and mixed results.

We have played some more friendly games against Glenfarg, Falkland and Cambo all of which were enjoyable. The Cowie Shield, a club competition contested by male and female players, was won by John Malcolm, with the runner-up G M Rennie.

The Wallace Trophy, a men's competition, was won by P Allcoat, with the runner-up G M Rennie.

The E Ford ladies competition was won by S M Rennie, with the runner up J Mitchell.

Our ladies day had to be cancelled due to T in the Park. The majority of our visitors are from the Hillfoots clubs and were concerned about the traffic. This game will be rescheduled as soon as possible. The other competition which was due to be played on 15 June was our Open Pairs, which was postponed due to lack of entries. Again this will be rescheduled.

We still have a few vacancies for our Ladies Open Pairs on **3 August**. Anyone interested in this one please contact S M Rennie 01577 864727.

Our Open Pairs competition is to be sponsored by Purvis Plant Hire, and the Ladies Open Pairs is sponsored by Sidey Glazing, Meiklem Drainage and Kinross Round Table. We would like to extend our thanks to all these sponsors. They are very much appreciated.

The latest competition to be played (on 13 July), The George Waddell Ford Mixed Competition, was won by G M Rennie, with the runner up D Hague.

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Eilidh sets sights on 2010 Games

Since last month's report on her progress, Kinross athlete Eilidh Child has been busy in more ways than one. On the track, at the end of June, she retained her AAAs of England Under 23 Championship 400m hurdles title in a time of 59.09 seconds in very windy and probably the worst conditions she has ever run in. Given that she ran a comfortable 58.55 seconds in the heat on the previous day, highlighted the problems created by the conditions. On 1st July she captained the Scotland team to victory in the Bank of Scotland Cup at Grangemouth and led by example by comfortably winning the 400m hurdles race, the first event of the evening, in 57.97 seconds. Speaking after the race Eilidh said, "It was a great honour for me to captain my country, particularly on home soil. Normally if you compete for Scotland it means travelling south or going abroad".

It proved to be a very special two days for the young athlete, who just over 24 hours earlier had graduated from Edinburgh University with a B.Ed. in Physical Education and now looks forward to completing her probationary teaching year at Perth Grammar School.

Back on the track, Eilidh competed at the UK Championships and Olympic Trials at Birmingham on 11 and 12 July and qualified as fourth fastest for the final, running 59.26 seconds in her heat. In a very good field that featured most of the top ranked runners in the UK including Tasha Danvers and Perri Shakes-Drayton, Eilidh equalled her 2007 performance with a third place in the final and a second bronze medal. Coming into the home straight, she was down in sixth position but her strong running over the final two flights ensured a medal winning finish. Later she gave her own frank assessment of the race, saying, "I was left at the start and wasn't in the race for the first 300m but I was able to dig in and just got third place. I am delighted with my medal".

She was also asked if she was disappointed about failing to make a qualifying time for the Olympics and stated "No, not at all, it was not one of my targets for the season, although to be on the medal podium was, and I managed that. I am targeting the 2010 Commonwealth Games as being the first major games at which I hope to compete and thereafter the London Olympics".

Eilidh now has three or four runs left before the end of the season with her final race being at the Scottish Senior Championships at Pitreavie near the end of August where she hopes to retain the title she won last year.

Kinross Badminton Club

BBQ/Presentation

With the Badminton season now over, members enjoyed the Club's annual BBQ held this year with kind permission at the Club President's house in Milnathort. The weather could not have been any better with glorious sunshine through out the day (with some members referring to how lucky Bill is off the court as well as on it). Members enjoyed food a-plenty through the day especially Patrick and a certain chocolate fountain!!! With the evening drawing to a close prizes were handed out to the winners and runners up of the annual tournament. Congratulations to all prize winners who will now look forward (with all us non prize winners) to the next competitions after the break, starting with the Kate Francis. Coincidentally, the committee was thinking of holding a golf competition about the end of July as a social night with prizes and a BBQ. Anyone interested contact Mark 01577 842239 (email moran319@btinternet.com).

Season starts on **Thursday 28 August**, hope to see you all there. Anyone who fancies a go, grab a racket and come on down!!! Contact Bill on 01577 862592 or Mark as above. To all committee members, a committee meeting will be held at Bill's on **Tuesday 19 August**, hope you can all make it.



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Out & About

Vane Farm



Another month gone, the summer chunters on, and wur past the longest day noo so maist o the avian aspect oan the reserve have been moultin post breedin. We hiv seen some late ducklins tho wi a bonny brood o seven wee shovelers jist a few days auld seen in Vane bay mid July.

Some o the summer migrants have startit tae drift back through wi sitings o greenshank and common sandpiper feedin oan the clarty muddy stuff around wur pools. Common crossbill hiv also been around searchin fur pine cones tae feed oan. Breedin bird numbers look tae be oan a par wi previous years.

At the end o August if it awe goes accordin tae plan we are intendin tae start a bit mair work oan the wetland which will involve "Donny digger" wur hydrology contractor rearrangin and tinkerin about wi bunds n things.

We hiv in place a big sooster plan tae dae major works throooot the wetland areas ower the comin years. The responsibility fur this master plan will faw tae oor new warden Chris Rodger wha has replaced Dave Jones wur previous yin wha went tae Caithness fur those o ye wi guid memories.

Chris seems like a fine chiel so far, hiz a lot less hair compairt tae Dave, bit a suppose if yiv no muckle tae lose in the first place if the worries mount up wi awe the pressure ye'll still look the same cos ya dinny hae much mair tae lose. He hiz been around the hooses a bit, workin fur RSPB, SNH and a few mair in a tween and noo he's come back tae RSPB, so shid hae a bit o experience and ken whit he's oan about? Let's gie him the benefit o the doot the noo onyway. Ye'll like enough see him howkin about the reserve if yer in, he disnae bite, so gan up and say hello.

Ok it's still July or not cos it's actually August when ye read this but Raymeister fae the shop has decided that equals Christmas, he's a strange chap! Yes folks the festive stock is noo rollin in tae the retail establishment wi this years selection o cairds n calendars fae yer local bird charity available tae spend yur bawbees on, start noo cos it'll no be long ye ken!!

The ither must-have which is no relatit tae Christmas or mibee it kid be fur yer granny, is.....puffin cruet sets!! After a bit o an absence fur whit ever reason? the ginormously popular saut n pepper sets are back oan the go. Everybudy luvs puffins, they look cute, thur practical if yer eatin chips n stuff an ye can buy them in the shoap. Roabins are also apparently wan o the new versions, which we hiv enaw, noo that definitely is relatit tae Christmas.

Next events comin up are **"Magical Moths" on 2 & 3 August**. Come along oan the Saturday nicht tae set the traps wi a local moth expert then cum back oan Sunday moarnin tae see whits been caught. Interestin things moths, but a bit underratit cos they flee aboot at nicht maist o the time.

Effer that we hiv **"Birdwatchin fur Begginers 3"** coverin waders n waterfowl **on 16 August**, that's a saturday wi an adults only session fae 11am till 1pm then Families fae 2 till 4pm. **Ye have tae advance book fur baith o these**. Mair details n costs fae Vane if yer interestit in booking.

Cheerie by till next month.

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



After a successful Osprey Walk in July, SNH are leading a second walk around Burleigh Sands on **Thursday 14 August** between 6-8pm. With a little help from the weather, it may be more favourable fishing conditions for our subjects. We did, however, get cracking views of Kingfisher, Common Sandpiper and Sedge Warbler along the way, so a fine evening was had by all.

During the last month we've been encouraging people to become more involved with volunteer activities around the reserve. A couple of reedbed planting projects have given locals the opportunity to explore the early stages of development toward Phase 3 of the Heritage Trail on the eastern shore of the loch. An extensive reedbed has been planted to act partly as screening and partly as new habitat for a range of bird species including Snipe and Water Rail. Further planting has also taken place around the site of the soon to be constructed Burleigh Hide (more news on this in due course!).

Our Insect Survey season is now in full swing, with weekly records of Butterfly, Bumblebee and Dragonfly surveys adding up to a substantial amount of data. This project will eventually become a fixture in the annual reserve calendar and is an essential part of biological records at any nature reserve. It's never too late to join the fun and contribute to the project, so if you are interested in learning how, where and what to survey, please do get in touch with me at the reserve office on 01577 864439. With weekly surveys taking place, there's always room for you to come along.

Our recent Volunteers' Meeting - "Buzzing with Bees", was a thoroughly enjoyable and very interesting evening, and my thanks goes out to our guest speakers Lucie Southern and Derek Abbott for their contribution towards another successful meeting. We hope the message about Bumblebee conservation is clearer now, and if any further information is required, SNH or the Bumble Conservation Trust are always happy to help. With a programme of quarterly Volunteers' Meetings being established, we'd welcome suggestions for future guest speakers or topics of particular interest. We aim to provide the most interesting and enjoyable evenings that people can learn from, so are open to new ideas for topics you'd like to know more about.

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The other main way is to make silage is to bale and wrap it. This has become a very popular way of making silage over the last 20 years and will have resulted in the biggest reduction in the area of hay made. Baled silage is usually made drier than clamp silage and is often called haylage. The bales are wrapped in a heavy duty cling film on a special machine before being stacked in a pile. Whichever method is used to



Neatly piled baled silage

make silage or haylage, there is no doubt that it has revolutionised the job of gathering the winter forage for livestock. Good silage can be made when the weather is unsuitable for making hay so as a result livestock are less likely to be given a poor quality feed through the winter resulting in happier, healthier animals. It also means that they have to be fed less high cost concentrate feed, so are cheaper to keep.

Hay does have a role to play, however, and in certain circumstances it can be an efficient way of feeding some stock. But with Scottish weather being what it is and weather forecasts seemingly being more and more unreliable, it is likely that silage will remain king of the fodder crops for the foreseeable future.

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Weather



June Weather Report From Carnbo

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Rainfall for month 89 mm (117% of average)

Heaviest fall 28.4 mm (21st)

Highest temperature 20°C (7th)

Lowest temperature 2°C (14th)

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		Sun	1300-1700				0844 4932186
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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 KVG-ROS	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.

Special Open Days

Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff, are open under SGS on **Sunday 3 August**, 1pm-5pm. The Italian style formal garden is one of the finest in Europe and the largest of its type in Scotland. Admission: Adults £3, OAPs £2, Children £1. (40% to British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association). Raffle, entertainments and stalls, plant sales, refreshments. Website: www.drummondgardens.co.uk

Myres Castle at Auchtermuchty has formal walled gardens laid out in the style of the Vatican gardens in Rome to reflect the Fairlie family's papal connections. The gardens are open on **Sunday 10 August** from 2pm to 5pm. Admission £5 (40% to Rachel House). Disabled access, plant stall and refreshments. Website: www.myrescastle.com

Comrie Village Gardens: Some of the gardens which helped Comrie to win an RHS Gold Medal and Britain in Bloom 2007 Best Large Village award will be open on **17 August** from 1pm to 5pm. A working o-gauge model railway is another attraction. Admission £4, children free (40% to Comrie in Colour). Plant sales, partial disabled access, dogs

on leads welcome. Route: from A85 turn into Bridge Street (near Royal Bank). Turn left into Strowan Road, follow road past fire station, first left. Tickets and map from Pat & David Onions, 21 Tay Avenue.

Ladies Lake, a terraced garden on the cliff overlooking the sea at The Scores, **St Andrews**, is open on **Sunday 17 August** from 2pm to 5pm. Admission £3 (40% to Hope Park Church). Disabled access with some help at steps, plant sales, refreshments. Tel: 01334 477769.

Various small, secret and private gardens in **Falkland** will be open on **Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 August** from 10am to 4pm. Admission £4 (20% to Maggie's Centre, 20% to Childhood Liver Disease Foundation). Route: on A912 and B936. Partial disabled access, plants for sale, refreshments available in village tea rooms and pubs.

Parleyhill Garden at Culross overlooks the Forth and the historic village. It has interesting displays of old-fashioned herbaceous perennials and a good variety of seasonal plants, bulbs and shrubs. Open on **Sunday 24 August**, 1pm-5pm. Route: A985 then follow signs to Culross. Parking at the Abbey and in the village. Admission: £3 (40% to Culross and Torryburn Church). Disabled access, plant sales, dogs on leads welcome.

More information about gardens open can also be found on our website, www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Congratulations



Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of **STEWART NEALE** to **FIONA MACKAY** on Sunday 13 July 2008.

CATHERINE O'HARE, Kinnesswood, and **SIMON HAMMOND**, Peebles, were married on 14 June 2008 in St Mary's Church, Leslie.

Robert and Helen **MOORE** (née Crabb) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, **MATTHEW STEPHEN**, on 2 June 2008 at Northampton. First grandchild for Alan and Kathy Crabb.

Kinross students who have recently graduated from the Robert Gordon University:

HELEN BURNS - MSc in Information and Library Studies

MARK JEFFREY - BA in Management with Marketing, 2nd Class Honours (1st Div.)

DAVID FOTHERINGHAM - BA in Management, 2nd Class Honours (2nd Div.)

JULIA OLDHAM has graduated from Aberdeen University with a Second Class Honours Degree in Sports Studies (Sport and Society). Congratulations from Caroline, Lucy & all the family.

HAMISH WOOD, former pupil of Kinross High School, has graduated from Aberdeen University with a Bachelor of Music with Honours. Hamish also achieved the Ogston Discretionary Award (part of the Derek Ogston Music Prize) for dedication and support to the activities of the music department, having also worked consistently at a high level. Hamish is currently providing tutor support to pupils of the International School in Aberdeen and will also shortly commence work in support of the music department in Aberdeenshire Council.

NICOLA GRAY, former pupil of Portmoak Primary and Kinross High, has graduated from Napier University with First Class Honours in Accounting. Nicola was also awarded the Henderson Loggie prize for meritorious achievement.

EILIDH CHILD has graduated BEd in Physical Education from the University of Edinburgh (*see also Sport, p. 29*).

ADRIAN DRYSDALE, Powmill, graduated Bachelor of Science with Honours Second Class, Upper Division, in Computing Science at Stirling University. Well done from Mum, Charlie, Gran and Grandad.

LAURA HAY of Linlithgow – daughter of James and Hazel Hay (née Meiklem) and granddaughter of Margaret and the late Robert Meiklem, Kinross – has graduated LLB (Honours) from Edinburgh University. Her brother **CALUM** has completed his apprenticeship in plumbing with excellent marks including being named 'apprentice plumber of the year'. Well done to both of them!

BETHANY GRANT and **JENNY DUNNE** were joint winners of the Academic Achievement award at Portmoak Primary School.

Congratulations to **BETHANY GRANT** on winning the Commitment to Music award at Portmoak Primary School and on her superb performance at the Portmoak String and Piano Concert.

At the Royal Highland Show, **MRS ELSPETH ALEXANDER** of Hilton of Burleigh, Milnathort was awarded second prize in the Embroidery Section of the Handcraft.

Kinross High School former pupil **TOM KITCHIN** has notched up yet another top culinary award. "The Kitchen" restaurant in Leith has been named the UK's top new restaurant of the year at the Caterer and Hotelkeeper Awards. Significantly, the winner is nominated and voted for by their peers, and past recipients include Gordon Ramsay, Marco Pierre White and Andrew Fairlie.

Cricknet Scotland and their sponsor Lloyds TSB have awarded **Kinross Cricket Club** Top Club Silver status for their commitment to junior development.

Thanks



MAISIE AND TOM REID would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the beautiful cards, flowers, gifts etc received during their recent stay in hospital. Both are now home and making good progress. Many thanks also for all phone calls and visits – all greatly appreciated.

TOM WEBSTER AND FAMILY would like to thank everyone for the kind words expressed by well-wishers concerning Jean's recovery. The amount of calls, cards, letters and prayers have touched the family dearly.

Jean is now recovering in Queen Margaret Hospital after an aneurism and stroke. She is making progress each day with her unfailing determination and courage to get better.

IRENE BROWN and **MARGARET CALDWELL** would like to say a big thank you to everyone who so generously sponsored their 'first' attempt at The Moon Walk, Edinburgh. They were delighted to raise £500 in total towards Breast Cancer Awareness, Research and Care.

MRS CLAIRE PATON would like to thank all friends from Mrs Barbara Foote's Yoga Classes (Kinross and Muckhart) who attended the Strawberry Tea Party at Lethangie on Wednesday 18 June. The magnificent sum of £525.70 was raised for the Marie Curie Cancer Care as part of their Blooming Great Tea Party Appeal.

Christian Aid Week: I would like to say thank you to all who gave and those who collected during Christian Aid Week 2008. The total for door to door collecting in Kinross is £3343.14 (which is up on last year). We also received £47 for Quizaid and £113.50 at the Auction, which is going to the Water Action Ethiopia appeal. Once again, 'Thank you'.

Sue Jones, Kinross Area Organiser

Fossoway & Devonside Church St Serfs would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our June Flower Festival such a success, especially the many visitors who came to view the arrangements and attend events over weekend. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Milnathort Baby & Toddler Group held a fundraising raffle at sports day and managed to raise £320.00. We would especially like to thank: Stewart & Smart Garage, Jolly Beggars Hotel, Milnathort Post Office, Jasons, Giacomazzi, Robertsons, The Thistle Hotel, Lochend Farm Shop, Zen Zone, Heaven Scent, Davidsons the Chemist, Silver Experience (Helen McNeil), Gillian Wallace, Beth Foley and all the mums who donated prizes. A big thank you to all of you.

The Kinross-shire Reiki Awareness Week event (organised by Lyn Haworth) raised £150.00 for the **Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre**. Grateful, spiky thanks to all who participated and/or contributed.

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service would like to thank all those who attended the donor sessions in June when 274 people volunteered to donate, including 20 who had never been along before. This was an excellent turnout and a great help to patients all over Scotland. The service next visits Kinross on Monday 20 October and Tuesday 21 October.

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Kinross High School Awards

SPECIAL AWARDS - WHOLE SCHOOL

Dux of the School
RNLI Award

Head Boy
Head Girl

Felicity Anderson

Andrew Clark

Louise Scott

Becky Laing

Sir Alan Smith Trophy for Leadership

Triumph over Adversity

S5 and S6 Citizenship Quaich

S3 and S4 Citizenship Quaich

S1 and S2 Citizenship Quaich

Christine Ryznar Award

Esme McIntyre, Greig Smith

Lotta Robertson, Sarah King

Amy Wishart, Victoria Carruthers

Andrew Greener

JUNIOR AWARDS

S1 Effort and Commitment: **Bethany Black, Emily Bradley-Parrish, Eilidh Kordula, Frances Lopez, Rory Muir, Laura Muncey**

S1 Merit: **Saffron Nicholson**

S1 Merit and Effort and Commitment: **Zoie Ballantyne, Robert Cairns, Abbie Clark, Neil Herron**

S1 Merit and Effort and Commitment and Scots Verse Speaking (the Gordon George Memorial Prize): **Charlotte Pattison**

S2 Merit: **Emma Godson, David Johnstone, Christopher Salmean**

S2 Effort and Commitment: **Katy Brown, Abigail Corsie, David Kettles, Jennifer MacKessack, Ailsa Morris, Braden Tinline, Tiffany Young**

Special Awards S1 and S2

Biology

S2 Merit and Overall Excellence

DL Chapman Trophy for S2 Nature Study

The Bertie Anderson Award

Emily Wood

Abigail Lloyd

S3 Merit Awards

Charles Cooke Accounting and Finance; **Megan Raine** Art and Design; **Nicola McLean** and **Jodie Watt** Biology; **Scott Andrew** Business Management; **Jodi Watt** Craft and Design; **Lauren Megginson** Drama; **Rebekah Stewart** English; **Alistair MacKenzie** French; **Isla Reid** German; **Ellen Mainprize** Geography; **Adam Ramsay** Graphic Communication; **Georgina Seviour** History; **Ashley Donachie** Hospitality; **Alice McKay** Mathematics; **Andrew Wilcox** Music; **Matthew Sloan** PC Passport; **Natalie McLintock** and **Daniel Pickering** Physical Education; **Rachel Logan** Art and Design and Computing; **Cameron Milne** Craft and Design and Graphic Communication; **Ruth Miller** Chemistry and Spanish

SENIOR AWARDS

S4 Merit Awards

Lorna Henderson and **Rachel Farnworth** Administration; **Owen McIntyre** Business Management; **Jonathan MacKenzie** Drama; **Abby Clark** English; **Jamie Ranaldi** Graphic Communication; **Rosie Maxton** History; **Callum Amos** Hospitality; **Johnathon Todd** PC Passport; **Michael Lindin** Physical Education; **Campbell Vaughan** Physics; **Jennifer Salmean** Art and Design and Craft and Design; **Amy Peacock** Biology, Geography and Spanish; **Roxanne Dyer** Biology, Chemistry, German and Mathematics; **Ruaridh Pattison** Computing, French, Music and RME

S5 Merit Awards

Duncan Cameron

Hannah Fuller

Esther Lockhart

Sophie Mead

Stephanie Hyde

Emma Bissett

Nicholas Lauener

Amy Maule

Accounts

Art and Design

Art and Design

German

Health and Food Technology

Information Systems

Music

Music

French

Human Biology

Mathematics

Physical Education

Product Design

RMPS

Spanish

Computing

Geography

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Drama

English

History

Graphic Communication

John and Marjory Moffat Quaich

John and Marjory Moffat Quaich

Marjory Fyfe Award

Marjory Fyfe Award

Lady Alice Smith Award

DL Chapman Senior Trophy

Coldon Trophy

Bella Anderson Trophy

Sam Mitchell-Henry Trophy

Burns-Begg Trophy

Cloan Trophy

John S Lowe Trophy

Probus Club Trophy

Arthur Donaldson Trophy

Callum Graham

Anna Raymond

Ian Cairns

Eilidh Kendrick

Tom Nurick

Lynsay Drysdale

Felicity Anderson

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Kinross High School Awards (continued)

S6 Merit Awards

Alasdair Shore Accounts; **Gavin McGough** Administration; **Andrew Stewart** and **Deborah Whitcombe** Art and Design; **Ashley Boyle** Biology; **Daniel Allan** and **Eilidh MacLachlan** Business Management; **Andrew Lauener** Chemistry; **Sam Dick** Computing; **Kristie Miller** French; **Christopher Thomson** Geography; **Ross Dickie** German; **Rachel Sture** Graphic Communication; **Benjamin Law** History; **Rachel Shackleton** Information Systems; **Kayleigh Webster** Mathematics; **Lesley Spencer** Music; **Becky Laing** and **Anna McGregor** Physical Education; **Stacey MacDonald** Product Design; **Gillian Walker** Psychology; **Christina Erskine** Health and Food Technology and RMPs; **Douglas Wood** Graphic Communication, Physics and Product Design

Senior Special Subject Awards

Hannah Sture	Art & Design (S4)	Rosamund Beveridge Trophy
Amber McNab	Art & Design	Kevin Kenny Award
Alisdair Shore	Business Education	Jean Lamont Award for Overall Excellence
Fraser Dow	Business Acumen	The University of Dundee Prize
Hannah Fuller	English	Nan Walker prize
Nicholas Lauener	Music	Hilary Hawksford Memorial Prize Trophy (for outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school)

KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

Badminton - Perth & Kinross Schools Badminton Championships:

Under 16 mixed doubles	Christine Sorbie and Rory Cooper
Under 16 boys' doubles	Callum Graham and Patrick McHugh
Under 16 boys' singles	Patrick McHugh
Under 16 girls' singles	Alessia Palmieri

Golf

Frank Gloak Trophy for Perth and Kinross Schools	Handicap: Sam Craigon
The Stocks Cup	Scratch: Jamie Arthur
JT Douglas Trophy	Team 1st Jamie 2nd Thomas White 4th Callum Graham
	League Captain Scott Barbour

Cross Country

Perth and Kinross Championships - S3 Boys Gold medal	Cameron Milne
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Table Tennis

Perth and Kinross Most Improved Player of the Year Award	Scott Bissett
Perth and Kinross Ladies Single Champion	Emma Bissett

Rugby

Perth and Kinross S1/2 League Cup Winners	Ross Mathieson and Jamie Richmond
Kinross High School	

Team Badges/School Colours - collected by team representative

Rugby	Daniel Brown
Hockey	Anna McGregor
Curling	David Kettles
Basketball	Steven Ross
Triathlon	Cameron Milne
Golf	Scott Barbour

Hockey - Jennifer Smith has been selected for the Scotland U-16 Squad

Sports Day Champions

Group A boys champion	Liam Swanson	Trophy German
Group A girls champion	Jennifer Smith	Trophy
Group B boys champion	Ross Mathieson	Trophy
Group B girls champion	Hannah McLeish	Trophy
Group C boys champion	Matthew Kilby	Trophy
Group C girls champion	Laura Muncey	Trophy
Best Performance on Sports Day	Laura Muir	
Overall Sports Champions	Stuart Hunter and Jennifer Smith	
House Championship Winners - Balado	collected by Nicole Jackson and Scott Gibson	

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Bronze: **Jessica Bird**, **Victoria Carruthers**, **Rory Cooper**, **Roxanne Dyer**, **Scott Findlay**, **David Gentry**, **Jennifer Innes**, **Ruauraidh Lauder**, **Emily-Kate McDonnell**, **Calum Macintyre**, **Jonathan MacKenzie**, **Alessia Palmieri**, **Amy Peacock**, **Michael Robertson**, **Jennifer Salmean**, **Grant Sharman**, **Christine Sorbie**, **Hazel Sweeney**, **Campbell Vaughan**, **Ross Whyte**, **Alastair Williams**, **Laurie Wilson**, **Shona Young**, **Craig Thomson**

Silver: **Duncan Malcolm**, **Isla Simpson**, **Laura Sorbie**, **Danielle Timmins**

Silver and Bronze: **Steven Ross**

Gold: **David McCulloch**

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Station Road, Kinross

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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 Rev Ray Gaston.

August

- Sun 3** 10.30am **Special Celebration Service: 21 years of Family Week.** Includes birthday cake!
- Sun 10** 10.30am Family-orientated summer Service
- Tue 12** 8.00pm at Kinross Parish Church - Time to Pray
- Sun 17** 10.30am Family-orientated summer Service
- Sun 24** 10.30am Cradle Roll Service. Junior Church, crèche and Jam Pact restart.
- Tue 26** 8.00pm at Kinross Parish Church - Time to Pray
- Sun 31** 10.30am Morning Service with crèche, Junior church and Jam Pact

Family Week: Monday 4 - Friday 8, 10.00 - 12.00 at Kinross High School. "Landlubbers" programme of fun for ages from pre-school to S4. For full details of other afternoon and evening events see separate notice (p. 8).

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

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

Church and Children's Sunday Club

Every Sunday at 10.30am
 in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.
 During each service there will be a time for ministry and prayer for healing.

Please mention The Newsletter when answering advertisements

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Rev Robert Pickles Telephone: (01577) 863461

E-mail: robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

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

Services at Levensen: first Tuesday of the month at 4pm
Oasis Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15 - 11.45am last Friday of the month.

3 August 11am at Orwell - Joint service led by Rev J Birrell for Presbytery (NB - **no service at Portmoak**)

31 August David and Lorna Ferguson (Japan) leading the services at both churches.

4 -5pm - Portmoak Hall. Powerpoint presentation on the Fergusons' work in Japan. All welcome.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY 13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

August Services

- Sun 3** Pentecost 13, 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11.00am Sung Communion
- Sun 10** Pentecost 14, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11.00am Sung Eucharist.
 Fairtrade goods in hall.
- Sun 17** Pentecost 15, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11.00am Family Communion.
- Sun 24** Pentecost 16, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11.00am Sung Eucharist.
 Junior Church and Crèche.
- Sun 31** Pentecost 17, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Junior Church and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

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

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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

August

Sun 3 11.15am Preacher: Brian Ogilvie
Sun 10 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 17 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 24 11.15am Preacher: Brian Ogilvie
Sun 31 11.15am Sacrament of Lord's Supper.
Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay.

30 August Joint Elders Conference: Fossoway Church Hall

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

August

Sun 3 9.45am Preacher: Brian Ogilvie
Sun 10 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 17 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 24 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 31 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

11 August, 15 August Children's Summer Club

30 August Joint Elders Conference - Fossoway Church Hall

Cleish/Fossoway Church Summer Club

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 number of children that we have had previously attending the Summer Club. Please contact Pamela Lowry (842260) to register your child.

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Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

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

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)

Obituary

JOHN GRAHAM CAMPBELL (aged 64) of 28 Bowton Road (formerly of 16 Station Road) died peacefully after a long illness bravely borne at Balhousie Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home on 5 July 2008.

Acknowledgements

The late **ANTHONY JOHN BERRY (TONY)** - Charmain Reid and family wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of Orwell Bowling Club for all their care and concern on 14 June 2008 and to all friends and neighbours who have given us support during these difficult times. Thanks also for the overwhelming care from all the staff at Loch Leven Health Centre over the past six years.

Tony left his body to Medical Research at St Andrews University but an informal "get together" was held at Orwell Bowling Club on 10 July 2008.

A more formal thanksgiving will be held at Abingdon-on-Thames in the Autumn for his family and friends.

CAMPBELL – Jan Campbell and family (Viki, Colin, John, Bea and Amber) would like to thank everyone who looked after John during his long illness: Dr Pattison and the District Nurses; the Homecare team; Gowrie Care visitors and the staff at Balhousie Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home who all looked after John so kindly. Sincere thanks also to the Rev Marion Keston for her pastoral care. Special thanks to the Rev I Watt for conducting such a fitting service at the crematorium and to Sarah Oxnard for the lovely music and invaluable support behind the scenes. Thanks also to Stewart Funeral Directors. Finally a big thank you to friends and family for the lovely cards, flowers and messages of comfort.

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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

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www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross



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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/carers

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/carers. For more information contact Caron 861607.

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



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contacts: Alissa 830124

GLENFARG VILLAGE PLAYSCHOOL



Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

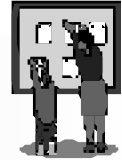
Come and make some new friends and enjoy a balanced morning of play, fun and learning!

We have a great outdoor play area too!

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

Places available for 2 - 4 year olds

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



Notices

Light Up Kinross OPEN MEETING

An open meeting of Light Up Kinross will take place in the Green Hotel on **Monday 4 August** at 7.30pm.

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: cambohallbookings@yahoo.co.uk

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

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 Show

in the grounds of Kinross House
Saturday 9 August

Farm Animals, Vintage Tractors, Flower Show,
Pony Club Games, Show Jumping, Dog Show, Craft Tent,
Children's Fancy Dress Competition on Horseback,
Highland Dancing, SWRI Tent, Trade Stands,
Local Groups, Food Stalls, Beer Tent
special demonstrations
Ruck lifting • Falconry • Gundogs
the Tamworth Pig Society
new this year
Ridden Cydesdale Horses
unmounted Fancy Dress Competition for children U12
Judging starts 8.45am. Entertainments from 2pm.
Admission: Family £15, Adult £6, Concession £3

(more information on p. 4)

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.

Bishopshire Horticultural Society Flower Show

Saturday 16 August
Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell
Opening Ceremony and Presentation of Prizes at 2.30pm
Admission Adults 50p Children free

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

to be held on
Saturday 16 August
Crook of Devon Institute

Schedules available from: The Shop, Crook of Devon,
Fossoway Garage or telephone 01577 840285

Pot Plants, Flowers, Vegetables, Baking, Industrial,
Preserves and Children's Sections

Something for everyone.
Why not give it a go and come to our show.

Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

Saturday 23 August
BINGO 8.00pm – 9.00pm
Then Dance Along to THE TWO ROBINS
Entry £2.00 for non-members.

Saturday Night Worship

(held once a month)
Isaiah 43, verse 10
For I am about to do a brand-new thing

Saturday 30 August, 7.30pm – 10pm
Millbridge Hall, Kinross (parking available)

Heart felt praise and worship	Prayer for healing
Opportunity for testimony	Refreshments
	Books and resources

Open to all
For further details contact Sarah Corsar 07795313864

Kinross Community Council

We have two **VACANCIES** on the Community Council. If you are interested in being co-opted on, please contact M Scott at 01577 862945 or email mbs21@btinternet.com

POSTCARD, STAMP & COLLECTORS FAIR

Church Centre

10am – 4pm

Saturday 16 August

Dunfermline Strathspey and Reel Society 18th Fiddlers' Rally

Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline
Saturday 30 August
Commencing 7pm

Guest Artistes:

Bruce Davies - Singer and Song Writer

Townhill Primary School Award Winning Choir

Conductor Ron Smith

Tickets £9.00 and £7.00 Concession from
Carnegie Hall Box Office, Tel. 01383 602302

Children's Hospice Association Scotland

Handmade Quilt Raffle

The draw will take place 28 November 2008 for a beautiful multi coloured quilt donated by the Kinross quilters. The quilt has a bow tie theme and is made from recycled ties. Tickets at £1 each are on sale in CHAS Bazaar and the CHAS Gift Shop.

2009 CHAS Diaries and Calendars

These are now on sale at the CHAS Gift Shop.

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

Opening Hours 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Saturday

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

Opening Hours 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday

Children's Hospice Association Scotland www.chas.org.uk

Charity no SC 019724



Children's Hospice Association Scotland
Sharing the Caring

Summer's End Market

25 October, 4pm – 7pm

Market Place (opposite Green Hotel)

The Kinross-shire Local Events organisation 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 (863107, bouwien-niall@tiscali.co.uk) or

Laura (861001, lauracuthbert1@hotmail.com)

Blythswood Care

Somerfield's Car Park

19 August between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed. Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

Lodge St. Serf No. 327



Regular Meeting Tuesday 2 September at 7.15pm

Master Mason Degree to be conferred by Office Bearers. Auction of Masonic Regalia which has been kindly donated by a local Freemason, proceeds of which is to go towards the Children's Christmas Party in December.

Regular Meeting Tuesday 16 September at 7.15pm

Entered Apprentice Degree to be conferred by Office Bearers. Appointment of Auditor for ensuing twelve months.

Special Meeting Saturday 27 September at 6pm

Master Mason Degree to be conferred by Office Bearers of Lodge Slamannan No. 484 from Falkirk, in the Province of Stirlingshire. A large attendance is expected.

The bar in the Robertson Lounge has been upgraded and is now open. Website can be viewed at www.stserf327.co.uk



Kinross & District Art Club 2008 ART EXHIBITION

18, 19, & 20 September

to be held as last year in

the Kinross Parish Church, Station Road

Thursday 18 & Friday 19 Sept: 3.30pm to 8.00pm

Saturday 20 Sept: 10.30am to 4.00pm

Come and see the colourful and attractive paintings enthusiastic Art Club members have enjoyed painting. Other attractive Craft items also available for purchase. Admission is free and you will be very welcome.

MTKY

(Musical Theatre for Kinross-shire Youth)

presents

West Side Story

A modern Romeo and Juliet story with well known songs including 'I Feel Pretty' and 'America'

Tuesday 23 September

Wednesday 24 September

Thursday 24 September

Friday 26 September

Kinross High School, 7.30pm

£6 Adult, £4 Schoolchildren/Concessions

Tickets available from:

MTKY members, Lynn 863271, Isobel 862970

Kinross-shire Residents Association coffee morning in the Kinross Church Centre

Saturday 30 August from 10am -12pm

This is an ideal opportunity to find out more about the Association, so please come along and show your support.

There will be tea and coffee available, as well as cakes, pancakes and scones. There will also be a raffle on the day, as well as a plant and toy stall.

If you are unable to attend the coffee morning, but would like to be kept informed by letter, local newsletter or Federation News, please contact the Perth & Kinross Tenants & Residents Federation Office on 01738 442302.

An allowance for childcare/caring is available to those with caring responsibilities. Details on how to claim are available from the Federation Office.



Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945

mbs21@btinternet.com

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

prvtraylor@ukonline.co.uk

Milnathort: Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025

joseph.giacomazzi@btopenworld.com

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

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for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanks.net

Email: constituency@gordonbanksmp.co.uk

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

Waste Paper Kerbside Collection

Next uplift in Kinross, Milnathort and Glenfarg:

Thursday 28 August

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

Kinross Temporary Library County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

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

MSP for Ochil Constituency

Keith Brown MSP

will be holding regular

surgeries throughout his constituency area.

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

Keith can also be contacted by email at

keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

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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: 13 & 27 August

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

Additional Events for August

Afternoon Trip	Tuesday 5	at 1 pm
Afternoon Trip	Wednesday 20	at 1 pm
Barge Trip	Tuesday 26	at 11.15 am



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

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays** 9am to 7pm
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Aluminium & Steel Cans, Car Batteries, Cardboard, Engine Oil, Fluorescent Tubes, Electricals (inc Fridges, Freezers, Televisions & Monitors), Garden Waste, Glass Bottles & Jars, Inert Waste, Metal, Paper, Phone Directories, Plastic Bottles, Textiles, Wood.

Kinross District Counselling Services

Kinross District Counselling Services offers a new, fully supervised, confidential counselling service brought to you in association with The Web Project.

It is open to all-comers.

To make an appointment call Hilary 07930 682902 or Wendy 07762 892252 (donations welcome to cover costs).

You can see us at "The Web", 28 New Road, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

Charges as from 1 July 2008 are:

Perth, Dunfermline

Stirling, Kirkcaldy

Dundee

Edinburgh

Loch Leven Health Centre

£8

£8

£15

£15

£3 from all areas



If you 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.

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.scottishcf.org

www.fundingthefuture.org.uk

Recently bereaved? Needing some support? AMONGST FRIENDS

(Bereavement Group)

meets at the gathering room behind Portmoak Church

on the last Thursday of the month, 7.30pm-9pm

A warm welcome awaits all. For details phone

Hazel 01577 863461 or Marg 01577 863557

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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