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Letters

Editorial

Use it or Lose it

There's some revitalisation going on in Kinross High Street, with a new cycle shop opening up where the carpet shop used to be, an enthusiastic new owner at the butcher's and the shop recently occupied by Online Magpies purchased and repainted (in colours to please Kinross CC?) ready for a new business. Good luck to all these new ventures.

It was pointed out at the last Fossoway CC meeting that, although Crook of Devon Post Office has been saved following the recent consultation exercise, there will be another review in 12 months and local people must use the service as much as possible if its future is to be assured. The same can be said of all local shops and services. The big supermarkets and city shopping malls have affected many small businesses, but we should recognise, before it is too late, what local shops and businesses give us: often better quality products, convenience, a friendly chat or a service tailored to our own needs. If we don't use them, we'll lose them.

Land Girls

We hope you enjoy reading about the local ladies who worked as land girls and lumber jills during WWII (page 9). If there are any other Kinross-shire women who received the commemorative medal, don't be upset that we missed you out – we just don't know about you! Get in touch with us and we will be happy to draw attention to the well-deserved honour.

Next deadline

Our deadline will seem early next month. It is still our normal deadline of the third Monday of the month, but it lands as early as possible in September, being on the 15th.

Letters Policy

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

Abbreviations Used

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

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T in the Park

Kinross Community Council convey their sympathies to the family of the gentleman who died at this year's T in the Park and also to the victim of the stabbing incident and trust that he is making a good recovery.

Fireworks, 13 July, T in the Park

18.8.08

While sympathising with the writer of the letter dated 14 July, many locals know that T in the Park ends annually with a fireworks display around 11pm. (See Ed's Footnote). Some of us senior citizens actually stay up late to view them! This year, they were particularly spectacular. Although loud, no way could they be compared to a wartime bombing raid. T in the Park has put Kinross on the map and has caused, this year especially, little inconvenience to the 'natives'. Many organisations and charities in the area have benefited from their substantial donations.

Remember that the Fifth of November will be coming soon, when fireworks often are used long before and after that date something to look forward to, or perhaps time for a winter break?

Isabel Gillon

Victoria Avenue, Milnathort

- *Ed's Footnote:* Notice of the fireworks was given in the T in the Park Guide for Local Residents supplied with the July Newsletter.

Milnathort Post Office

18.8.08

I just wonder how many people in Milnathort realise that if your postman, or parcel force, tries to deliver a package and you are not in, it no longer gets left at Milnathort Post Office but is taken back to Kinross Delivery Office where you have to collect it from. You can ask for it to be re-delivered but I believe there is a cost for this.

All sorts of problems arise from this in my opinion, many people work, many do not have cars to pick up their package and although buses do run, what if the package is too big?

Where the Post Office in Milnathort is open between 9am and 5.30pm during the week, 1pm on Wednesdays, the Royal Mail office in Kinross is closed at 12.30pm (certainly it is open from 7am) every day and the Post Office is open until 12.30pm on Saturdays where the Royal Mail Office is closed at 11.30am.

As far as I am aware, this is not a Royal Mail instruction but a decision which has been taken locally at Kinross Royal Mail Delivery Office. I think, especially on the back of the current situation with some of our very important Post Offices closing locally, this has not been thought through properly. I don't think this affects just a few people and I think we should make our feelings known. Why don't you drop a letter to Kinross and let them know how you feel?

I intend to send a copy of this to the Manager at Kinross and would hope he will make a response in next month's Newsletter.

Rosemary Tolson

4 Victoria Avenue, Milnathort



News & Articles

Discovery Day 2008

The Homes of Loch Leven

The word 'home' conjures images of a warm safe place, where you can rest, relax, eat and sleep, spend time with the family or loved ones, and as a base for an otherwise hectic life! But have you ever thought of Loch Leven as a 'home'?

Well, this year's Discovery Day will help show just how much 'life' call Loch Leven their home! The Loch has been an area of human habitation for hundreds, indeed, thousands of years, and today the loch is a focal point for the people, both residents and visitors, of Kinross-shire. However, it is more than the people that call the Loch 'home'.



A wealth of insects live around and about the Loch

The loch abounds with wildlife, from bats living on the islands and in buildings around the loch, to the magnificent bird life that calls the loch home at various times throughout the year (and gives the loch its title of National Nature Reserve), from nesting ducks, to geese

using the 5 star hotel facilities as a stop off on their seasonal migrations, the loch provides safety, shelter and food to tens of thousands of birds.

"Meet the people and organisations that help to keep the Loch special ..."

Of course, the loch supports a wealth of wildlife beneath the surface, with insects and plants thriving in the loch and in turn supporting other larger animals. Alongside the birds live water voles, otters, the famous Loch Leven brown trout. Just like a home, Loch Leven needs to be looked after and the Discovery Day gives you the opportunity to meet the people and organisations that help to keep the Loch special and help to ensure that you are able to visit and enjoy the loch for many years to come.

The Discovery Day will have stands from the RSPB, Perth and Kinross Council Countryside Ranger Service, Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Scotland, the Friends of Kirkgate Park and many more. From building a bird or bat box, exploring the murky depths of the loch, to quizzes, games, information stands and more, the Discovery Day is your one stop shop to finding out all there is to know about Loch Leven!

Not only will there be treats in store for all the family, but the Discovery Day will also be your opportunity to help



Lots to see and do!

create a lasting image of what Loch Leven means to you. The Friends of Kirkgate Park will be on hand to capture this, looking for words, or simple images that reflect aspects of the Loch. These images and text will then be re-created with the help of artists to create a carved bench in the park, creating a rest and reflection point for years to come! We look forward to seeing you on the 7th!

The third Loch Leven Discovery Day takes place on **Sunday 7 September** between 1pm and 4pm at the Kirkgate Park, Kinross. This free event will have activities for all the family all themed on Loch Leven as a 'Home'; build a bird box, take part in the quiz trail, design your own bag, find out what lives beneath the surface of the loch, and much more! With contributions from Perth and Kinross Council Countryside Ranger Service, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Scotland, and the Friends of Kirkgate Park, as well as many more, this event is not to be missed!



Looking across the Loch toward the Lomond Hills...

Photos courtesy of RSPB

Christmas Advertising Supplement

This year, for the first time, we plan to have a Christmas Advertising supplement in the **November** issue of the Newsletter.

The supplement will be a glossy sheet of COLOUR adverts in the centre of the Newsletter.

This may be of particular interest to businesses such as hotels and restaurants for the promotion of Christmas Dinner menus, Hogmanay parties etc. It would also be an ideal way for suppliers of seasonal goods such as Christmas Trees to advertise their wares.

Space will be limited, so if you are interested, call Ann Harley on 01577 864512 for price details and to book your space.

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Doors Open Day 2008 Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September



Doors Open Day is an annual event that gives you and your family the opportunity to visit historic and interesting buildings, many of which aren't usually open to the public.

Doors Open Day is organised and funded by Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust. Sincere thanks are due to the custodians and owners of

buildings and all others who contribute to Doors Open Day for their enthusiastic and voluntary participation.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Built in 1874, St Paul's owes its presence and much of its subsequent decoration to the Montgomery Family of Kinross House. The Church reveals the Montgomery Family and other Kinross families' histories through numerous memorials, plaques and the beautiful stained glass windows. St Paul's will be decorated in readiness for the Harvest Festival and there will be a table showing the work of the Church Recorder Group. Coffee and tea along with crafts and a Fairtrade stall in the new meeting room adjacent to the church.

Saturday 12noon - 4pm, Sunday 12noon - 4pm

Located at the junction of Muirs Road (B996) and Springfield Road (A922).

The Watchtower, Kirkgate Park

At the eastern end of Kirkgate Park in Kinross stands the 1852 Watchtower overlooking the medieval burying ground and the Loch. In conjunction with the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, moves are afoot to implement Phase Two of improvements to the Park and to also enhance the setting of this enigmatic little building. Members of the Friends of Kirkgate Park will open up the upper storey of the Watchtower on Doors Open Day to explain the proposals.

Saturday 1pm - 4pm, Sunday 1pm - 4pm

Located in Kirkgate Park on the shore of Loch Leven, to the east of Kinross town centre.

Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon

Tullibole Castle is a classic example of tower house, the main part of which was built in 1608. The castle has recently undergone a facelift with restoration work to the external finish or 'harling'. Visitors can walk through the Castle grounds to the atmospheric and ancient graveyard of Tullibole.

Saturday 10.30am - 4pm

Located on the B9097 one mile east of Crook of Devon.



*Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon
Photo: Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust*

Cleish Parish Church, Cleish

Cleish Kirk, the "Kirk of Cleishbotham" dated 1834 and mentioned by Sir Walter Scott in his novel "The Abbot", stands on a 13th century religious site at the centre of the attractive village of Cleish. Visitors to the church will be able to see interesting features including memorials to the Adams of Blair Adam, stained glass windows and memorial plaques. There will be a short organ recital at 2.30pm by Bruce Inglis.

Saturday 11am - 4pm

Located in the centre of the village of Cleish, three miles south west of Kinross.

Michael Bruce Museum, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood

Situated on The Cobbles in Kinnesswood is the weaver's cottage where Michael Bruce, the "Gentle Poet of Loch Leven", was born in March 1746. Exhibits explain the history of the village, parchment-making and weaving industries and the works of Michael Bruce whose 'Ode to the Cuckoo' was described by Edmund Burke as "the most beautiful lyric in our language". Doors Open Day this year features an exhibition about the vernacular buildings of Portmoak Parish.

Saturday 10.30am - 5pm

Located in Kinnesswood, four miles to the east of Kinross.



The Michael Bruce Museum, Kinnesswood

Balvaird Castle, Glenfarg

A fine example of late 15th century tower house that underwent a luxurious makeover in the 16th century (with the addition of decorative fittings, courtyard buildings, a pleasure garden and flushing latrines) to become a courtyard palace. Built by the Murrays of Balvaird, who became the Earls of Mansfield, it was their principal seat until 1658 when they moved to Scone. The L-shaped tower house was the principal accommodation, with a spiral staircase in the 'angle' creating more spacious rooms. The sophisticated buildings had deteriorated into a ruinous state as described by the New Statistical Account of 1845 and in 1974 were taken into care by Historic Scotland.

Sunday 10am - 4pm

Located off the A913 between Gateside (A91) and Bridge of Earn. Car park at bottom of hill signed off the A913. Half mile walk uphill to castle.

News from the Health Centre



We are delighted that work has finally started on our new health centre. There have been many delays over the past few years, but it is exciting to see the contractors on site at last. The developers, Medical Centres Scotland have appointed Stewart Milne Construction to build the health centre and it is estimated that the work will take about 14 months. It is unfortunate that contractors are on site for both the school and the health centre at the same time but we hope that this will not cause too much disruption either to those living in the immediate area or to passing traffic. The new health centre will bring many benefits to both our patients and our staff. The new waiting room will be large and airy and does not have a glass roof which, whilst it lets in lots of light, can make the current waiting room much too hot. There will be a larger car park and an on-site pharmacy. There are more consulting rooms, clinic rooms and treatment rooms for our GPs and nurses, a large physiotherapy room, and the health education room will at last have windows. Administration areas, meeting and staff rooms will all be greatly improved. There is much work to be done between now and next autumn and we are looking forward to working with the architect, Ken Reid, and our Patient Focus Group on the fixtures, fittings, and interior and exterior design. We have put up a new display board in the waiting room with the plans of the building, and we will be taking pictures of the work as it progresses so that everyone can see what is going on behind the metal fences.

Crook of Devon Post Office saved

Crook of Devon post office has been reprieved following the consultation period on Post Office Ltd's 'Network Change' proposals. Unfortunately the plans to replace Kinnesswood post office with a mobile outreach service will go ahead, despite a spirited campaign by locals to preserve the current service at the village shop.

The change of heart over Crook of Devon is a remarkable result. Kinross-shire was considered as part of the North East, Tayside and Fife areas and out of that huge area only three other post offices have been saved: two in Angus and one in Aberdeen. A total of 40 branches in North East, Tayside and Fife will close, with a further 35 to be replaced with a mobile outreach service.

Post Office Ltd cited "increased traffic levels caused by the new Forth crossing" as a reason for amending the proposal for Crook of Devon post office following the consultation period.

The decision to replace the post offices at Glenfarg and Kinnesswood with an outreach service still stands, though in both cases Post Office Ltd "will review the parking location with the community to help identify a suitable location."

Grass Cutting, Rotovating
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Turfing, Slab Laying, Fencing
work undertaken

I. Robertson, Station Road, Crook of Devon
Telephone : **Fossoway 01577 840526**

New owner at Bridges

The butcher's shop in Kinross High Street is under new ownership. New owner Chris Grove took over in mid August and has already started to widen the range of products on offer. Whilst retaining customer favourites such as the traditional Bridges steak pies, Chris has brought in free-range chickens and ducks and plans to offer game as well.



*New owner Chris Grove with
David Winton*

Chris, who owned a delicatessen store in Yorkshire before moving to Scotland, is keen to make further improvements: "We've been concentrating on expanding the butchery to start with, but next we want to expand the delicatessen range as well," he said.

Working alongside Chris are long-established staff members David Winton and Jimmy Syme.

Footbridge Repairs at Loch Leven and Milnathort

Perth & Kinross Council has begun repairing two footbridges on the banks of the Back Burn and North Queich Burn in Milnathort. It will be late September before the work is complete.

The bridge at the Back Burn is on the old railway line path that provides access to cycle paths and the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, and the North Queich Burn crossing is on the Heritage Trail near Burleigh Sands.

Members of the public are asked to avoid the affected routes while work is in progress. The paths will be closed while work is taking place around the bridges. For the North Queich Burn bridge this will be during weekdays, but the Back Burn bridge crossing will be closed entirely for about a week to allow works on the bank to take place. Some weekend work may also be required and additional restrictions will be applied.

Public information signs about the works have been erected in the area, and will be updated to ensure open access is retained as much as possible.

Bus booking service

Did you know you can book bus tickets from the Tourist Information Office? The staff there can book bus tickets covering the whole of Scotland, especially useful for those who do not have their own internet access.

Other services they provide, more useful to visitors, include the booking of accommodation and golf tickets.

The Tourist Information Office is located at the County Buildings, High Street, Kinross. Opening hours in September are 10am-4pm Monday to Friday, 10.30am to 3.30pm Saturday (closed on Sunday). The service will close for the winter around the end of September.

- New editions (dated 18 August 2008) of the Kinross-shire & Bridge of Earn Area bus timetables are available from the County Buildings, the Library, Post Offices and other outlets.

The Kinross Show

Kinross House, Saturday 9 August

Who would have thought, after the monsoon-like rains at last year's show, that we'd be on the receiving end of more of the same this year! At least the afternoon wasn't too bad, although sadly the bad weather did cause many of the livestock exhibitors to leave early, which was a shame.

Nevertheless, for those who braved the elements there were treats in store - show jumping, the vintage tractor display, fancy dress competitions and plenty more besides. Here is a little photographic reminder of what the day was like...



Judging the ponies in the morning: Photo - Alex Innes



The horse-driven ruck lifter in action during the afternoon



A glimpse amongst the livestock pens...



A prize-winning vintage tractor



Ponies preparing for the jumps...



Little Miss Rubik's Cube - first prize in the fancy dress!



Hats, anoraks and wellies - the crowded show ground

Kinross Show Local Prizewinners

Horses

Overall Champion: **Adam Show**, Lundin Links.
 Reserve: **David Greenhill**, Leuchars.
 Clydesdales: **David Greenhill**, Leuchars.
 Reserve: **Lyndsay Adamson**, Plean.
 Ridden Clydesdale: **Verona Lafferty**, Cleish.
 Reserve: **Brian Wight**, Cluny.
 Shetland Ponies: **J & G Wilson**, Muckhart.
 Reserve: **Mrs Catherine Marshall**, Forgandenny.
 Highland Ponies: **K & W Taylor**, Strathkinness.
 Reserve: **R Davidson**, Crieff.
 Hunter & Bowmore Qualifier: **Rachel Payne**, Dunfermline.
 Reserve: **Catherine Couser**, Saline.
 Third: **Emma Lawrie**, Milnathort.
 Hunter in Hand: **L & N Reid**, Plean, Stirling.
 Riding Ponies: **Mrs Donna Scobie**, Newburgh.
 Reserve: **A T Young**, Dundee.
 Most points in adult or juvenile light horse events: **Alan & Ogilvie Webster**, Abemethy.
 Mountain & Moorland: **Adam Show**, Lundin Links.
 Reserve: **A & L Walker**, Broxburn.
 Driving Turnouts: **Ron Forgan**, Kilconquhar.
 Reserve: **Mrs Kim Pearson-Miller**.
 Working Ponies: **Fiona Roebuck**, Abernethyven.
 Show Jumping non affiliated ponies under 148cm and riders under 16 years: **Mrs Sara Lean with Blairhill Treacle ridden by Helen Malley**.
 Show Jumping non affiliated horses over 148cm: **Gemma Dixon with Storm Control**.

Cattle

Interbreed Beef Champion (Chapman Frearson Trophy): **John Thomson**, Hilton of Beath, Kelty.
 Interbreed Dairy Champion (Centenary Challenge Rose Bowl): **Brian Weatherup**, Crossgates.
 Interbreed Dairy Champion (The Crossfield Trophy): **R D Young**, Dunblane.
 Ayrshires, Paton Cup Best Animal: **A & S Lawrie**, Milnathort.
 Holstein, Junior Champion: **A & S Lawrie**, Milnathort.
 Any other Dairy: **J & I Wilson**, Cupar.
 Pure Bred Limousin: **John Thomson**, Hilton of Beath, Kelty.
 Highland: **D & Mrs Margaret McGowan**, Cupar.
 Hamilton Cup (Best pair from any class in Cross Cattle): **Alistair McLaren**, Classlochrie, Kinross.
 Sandy Dawson Memorial Cup: **James & Moira Drysdale**, Kinnesswood.

Sheep

Jacob: **Barbara Webster**, Newburgh.
 Blackface: Reserve **Mrs Mary MacNiven**, Glenfarg.
 Blue Faced Leicester: **Jim Heggie**, Fossoway.
 Reserve: **Mrs Mary MacNiven**, Glenfarg.

Goats

Overall Champion: **F & B Fairley**, Avonbridge, Falkirk (formerly Kinross).
 Tom Page Trophy: **Brian Weatherup**, Crossgates.
 John F Watson Trophy: **Brian Weatherup**, Crossgates.
 Gardiner Cup (Most points in Sheep, Cattle, Clydesdale Horse, Goat Section): **Mrs Mary MacNiven**, Glenfarg.
 Reserve: **A & S Lawrie**, Milnathort.

Crops

Spring Oats: **Robin Niven**, Channel Farm, Wester Balgedie.
 Spring Barley: **D Smith**, Holton, Milnathort.
 Winter Wheat: **W Nelson**, West Brackley, Kinross.
 Winter Barley: **John Baillie**, Colliston, Glenfarg.
 Winter Oats: **Robin Niven**, Channel Farm, Wester Balgedie.
 Seed Potatoes: **John Baillie**, Colliston, Glenfarg.

Other Competitions

Paton Perpetual Pot (best advert in Catalogue): **Jean McGregor**, Tillyrie Racing, Milnathort.

Best Trade Stand: **Carrs Billington**, Milnathort.

Fancy Dress without an animal: 1st, **Harriet Lovatt**, Kinross - Rubik's Cube; 2nd, **Caroline Getty**, Milnathort; 3rd **Emma Hodgkinson**, Powmill, Kinross

Fancy Dress with a Pony/Donkey: 1st **Anna Campbell**, Crook of Devon; 2nd, **Chloe Morris**, Tillycoultry; 3rd, **Chloe Watts**, Kinross.

Art & Craft Tent: **Ms Elivra Nemané**, Newtonmore.

Flower Show Cup Winners

Cairns Cup (most points overall): **Tom Webster**.
Balado Salver (most outstanding entry, classes 1 to 16): **Bill Bolton**
Fisher Bowl (most points, Dahlias): **Betty Bolton**
Caesar Trophy (Sweet Peas): **Betty Bolton**
Kirkness Trophy (most points, Floral Art Section): **Jane Martin**
Renton Trophy (most outstanding exhibit, Floral Art): **Ann Munro**
Gavine Lindores Trophy (best single Rose): **Jane Smith**.
Scott-Davidson Cup (winner, Bowl of Flowers): **Amanda James**
Lena Graham Quaich (small): **Ruth Ritchie**
Lena Graham Quaich (Large): **Lucy Malcolm**
Maisie Pirie Cup: **Niamh Thomson**
C Pirie Cup: **Lucy Malcolm**
Mawcarse Salver (best exhibit overall in show): **Ann Munro**
 The Flower Show Committee thank you for coming to the Show and taking part, especially the children. Sorry about the weather and see you next year.

Dog Show

Puppy: 1st **Graham Paton**, Kinross. 2nd **Fiona Thomson**, Tillyrie, Milnathort.
Sporting: 1st **Graham Paton**, Kinross. 2nd **Shona McIntyre**, Yatts of Muckhart.
Non-sporting: 1st **Rebecca Thomson**, Tillyrie, Milnathort.
Open: 1st **Fiona MacGregor**, Cleish.
Confined to Kinross-shire: 1st **Hannah Ballantyne**, Wood of Coldrain, Kinross. 2nd **Daisy Galbraith**, Garden Cottage, Ledlanet, Milnathort.
Dog with Waggiest Tail: 1st **Katherine Peden**, Middleton, Milnathort. 2nd **Jayne Galloway**, Balneathill, Easter Balgedie.
Dog with most Appealing Eyes: 1st **Daisy Galbraith**, Garden Cottage, Ledlanet, Milnathort. 2nd **Ken Brown**, Ledlanet House, Milnathort.
Dog Handled by a Boy/Girl under 14 years: 1st **Daisy Galbraith**, Garden Cottage, Ledlanet, Milnathort. 2nd **Fiona Thomson**, Tillyrie, Milnathort.
 Trophies
The Walls Cup (Best in Show): **Graham Paton**, Milnathort.
Weaver of Kettle Trophy (Best Pup): **Graham Paton**, Milnathort.
The Balkello Quaich (Best Sporting): **Graham Paton**, Milnathort.
The Cairns Cup (Best Dog/Bitch in Kinross-shire): **Hannah Ballantyne**, Wood of Coldrain, Kinross.

SWRI Trophy Winners

Aldridge Sealy Trophy:	Carnbo
Enid Scott-Davidson Cup:	Carnbo
Benarty Trophy:	Cleish
Jane Elliot Bell:	Glenfarg
Stewart Cup:	A Messenger , Glenfarg
Hilton Cup:	M Ramsay , Blairingone
Teenage Trophy:	A Morris , Cleish
Balado Cup:	C Warnock , Blairingone
Morris Quaich:	R Warnock , Blairingone
Special Prize (Floral Section):	A Munro , Carnbo
Ann Watson Trophy:	M Moran , Glenfarg
Arnotlea Trophy:	A Bayne , Cleish
Irene Whitson Salver:	C Fairweather , Glenfarg
The Group Rose Bowl:	A Munro , Carnbo
Community A - Paperweight:	A Reid , Milnathort
Community B - Paperweight:	A Johnson , Crook of Devon
Community (Handcraft):	1st Carnbo , 2nd Cleish , 3rd Milnathort
Community (Housewives):	1st Carnbo , 2nd Glenfarg , 3rd Bishopshire

Bishopshire Horticultural Society Prize List 2008

1. Opdahl Cup for most points in Baking Section: Betty Elliot
2. Elliot Cup for runner up in Baking Section: Janette Gardiner
3. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Baking Section: Tricia Duncan
4. Tullis Cup for most points in Handicraft Section: Christine Hunter
5. Bell Cup for best exhibit in Handicraft Section: Janette McLennan
6. Buchan Rose Bowl for most points in Produce: Elaine Carruthers
7. President's Prize: £2 by Sandy Band for runner up in Produce Christine Cameron
8. £2 by the Society for the best exhibit in Produce: Christine Cameron
9. Fulton Quaich for most points in Floral Art: Jane Martin
10. John Boyd Salver for best exhibit in Floral Art: Jane Martin
11. Hunter Trophy for class 33: Elaine Carruthers
12. Clydesdale Shield for most points in Baking, Handicraft, Produce and Floral Art: Elaine Carruthers
13. Lamont Cup for most points in Cut Flowers: John McDonald
14. £2 by the Society for runner up in Cut Flowers: Jane Martin
15. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Cut Flowers: John McDonald
16. Isabella Foreman Quaich for best single rose: Margaret Brown
17. Eric Sword Tankard for best 3 gladioli spikes: No entries
18. Bag of compost from Carrs Billington for best 3 vases sweet peas: John McDonald
19. Akerman Rosebowl for most points in Pot Plant Section: Deborah Fladgate
20. Gift Token by Willie Robertson, Milnathort for runner up in Pot Plants: Jane Martin
21. Flint Quaich for best exhibit in Pot Plants: Jane Martin
22. Donaldson Shield for most points in Vegetable Section: Deborah Fladgate
23. Gift Token by Willie Robertson, for runner up in Vegetables: Simon Herrington
24. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Vegetable Section: Deborah Fladgate
25. James field Trophy for the best collection of potatoes: Dave Carruthers
26. Prize by Kirkcaldy Garden Centre for best collection of vegetables: Deborah Fladgate
27. Songhuist Cup for best 6 tomatoes: Isobel Baird
28. BHS Premier Tray: Certificate + £3 David Martin
Certificate + £2 Deborah Fladgate
Certificate + £1 Simon Herrington
- 28 BHS Premier Vase Certificate + £3 Jane Martin
29. Gardenland Trophy for most points in Fruit Section: Sylvia Herrington
30. BHS Trophy for most points in Horticultural Classes: Deborah Fladgate
31. Kirkness Trophy for Best Kept Garden
+ £15 Voucher Sylvia and Simon Herrington
£10 Voucher Margaret and George Brown
£5 Voucher Rosemary and Sandy Braid
32. George Harley Cup for best exhibit classes 130,133,134,139,140 Heather Wilson
33. The Sunshine Quaich for the most points 4 years and under: Amber Wilson
34. Special Prize by Mrs B Hunter for the best exhibit 4 years and under: Amber Wilson
35. Anne Robertson Cup for most points 5-9 years: Heather Wilson
36. Prize by Margaret Brown for best exhibit 5-9 years: Victoria Baird

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Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society held their annual Flower Show on Saturday 16 August at the Crook of Devon. The Show was opened by Mrs Catherine Erskine who also presented the trophies. Emily Wood presented Mrs. Erskine with a basket of flowers. The Society would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, everyone who gave donations, raffle prizes, attended and exhibited at the show.

The Trophy Winners were:

Ramage Dawson Cup (most points):	Mr. G.M. Harley
President's Shield (runner up):	Mr. R. Wilkie
Bob Wilkie Cup (Pot Plants):	Mrs. Elza Harley
Moir Cup (Cut Flowers):	Mr. R. Hamilton
David De Boer Cup (Gladioli):	Mrs. S. Anderson
Drummond Trophy (Sweet Peas):	Mrs. Roberta Carmichael
G.A. & G. Kendrick Cup (Vegetables):	Mr. G.M. Harley
J.M. Fraser Cup (Open Section):	Mr. D. Forrester
Stalker Cup (Baking & Industrial):	Miss Grace Carver
Barden Trophy (Baking):	Mrs. Gillian Taylor
Miss Pirie Cup (Industrial):	Mrs. Trudy Duffy
Nicolson Black Jug (Preserves):	Miss Grace Carver
Stewart Rose Bowl (Floral Art):	Mrs. Mary Wilson
Mabel Ross Trophy (Article in Wool):	Mrs. Elsie Johnston
Liz Wilkie Trophy (Best Exhibit Industrial):	Mrs. Betty Bolton

Children's Sections

Ramage Dawson Cup (most points overall):	Emily Wood
The Aldridge Cup (under 10 years):	Kirsty Skea
J.M. Fraser Cup (over 10 years):	Emily Wood
Spinningdale Trophy (article in wool):	Emily Wood
Good Yam Trophy (Writing):	Caitlin Duffy

Special Prizes

Best Exhibit Pot Plants:	Mrs. Elza Harley
Best Exhibit Cut Flowers:	Mrs. Fiona Bamfather
Collection of Vegetables:	Mr. G.M. Harley
Collection of Potatoes:	Mr. G.M. Harley
Best Exhibit Vegetables:	Mr. R. Wilkie
Best Exhibit Open Section:	Mr. D. Forrester
Best Exhibit Baking:	Mrs. Gill Kerr
Best Exhibit Industrial:	Mrs. T. Duffy

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Local Women Receive “Land Girl” Medals

Three Kinross women have recently received recognition for the essential work they carried out with the Women's Land Army and the Timber Corps during the Second World War.

Delphine Taylor, Christine Dall and Chris Renton have each received a commemorative medal and a certificate from Prime Minister Gordon Brown which expresses “profound gratitude” for the women's “unsparing efforts”.

Even before the war started, with tens of thousands of men who had been working in agriculture and forestry signed up to the forces, the government turned to the women of the country to feed the nation and carry out other essential land work. Women who were called up were given the option of joining the women's army or navy or to become ‘land girls’ or ‘lumber jills’ as the women who joined the Land Army and Timber Corps became known.



Chris Renton

Delphine Taylor, a Kinross resident for the last 20 years, was 17 when she was called up. She had been working in a bank, first in London and then Somerset, when she joined the Women's Land Army and spent the war years billeted in Reading and working on land belonging to Suttons & Sons, the seed company. The ground used for seed trials was given over to the growing of vegetables.

“It was very hard work,” Delphine recalls, “we were out in all weathers. I remember picking brussel sprouts with ice still on them.”

Delphine enjoyed her war-time experience, though, as she made some very good friends. She moved to Scotland after the war, having married an Edinburgh-born man introduced to her by her brother, who was in the navy.

Unlike many who joined the land army, Christine Dall was familiar with the countryside, as her father had a farm at Cupar. “I joined the land army so I could stay at home and help look after my mother, who was an invalid,” explained Christine, who worked as a land girl at Easter Balgedie.

Chris Renton, or Lamont as she was then, saw what a culture shock the countryside was for some women. Chris chose to join the Timber Corps and was sent to a six-week training camp near Brechin. Many of the young women had been hairdressers or secretaries in the cities and on the first day some of them struggled one and a half miles along dirt tracks to the forest in high heels! Chris, having lived in Kinross-shire since the age of three, was more sensibly shod, but in any case all were issued with boots on the second day.

Chris learned to swing an axe, cut a face on a tree and “sned” a tree, which means trimming off the branches to make the trunk suitable for going through the sawmill. Her favourite thing, though, was felling a tree: “We got to shout ‘timber!’ – that was great!”

After training Chris was sent to work in East Lothian. “I was luckier than some,” she said, “because I was billeted in private digs.” To this day Chris is still in touch with the family she stayed with in Haddington.

Most of the trees Chris cut down were used to make pit props for the mines. She and a friend wanted to see exactly how these were used and actually went down a mine at Musselburgh – she shudders at the memory.

Although the work was very hard Chris gained much from the experience, learning a lot about trees and an appreciation of nature. “There is nothing more beautiful than seeing a Douglas Fir early in the morning, with the sun shining on the dew on the cobwebs and the perfume of trees in the air” she said.

Chris was married during her time in the Timber Corps, and left the service just a month before the war ended, when she was given leave to

assist with her father-in-law's market garden at Milnathort. Though it was a long time coming, the women are pleased with their medals. “It's nice to get the recognition” said Delphine, though when reminded that some former land girls had been selected to visit Downing Street to receive their medals, she added, “well, a party in Edinburgh might have been nice!”



Delphine Taylor

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Loch Leven Heritage Project

by Felicity Martin

Plans are now being made for the grand opening of the full Loch Leven Heritage Trail. This is likely to be at the end of October or the beginning of November - we'll give you the exact date in the next issue, so you can put it in your diary and be ready with your walking shoes, bike, pushchair or wheelchair.

Work has advanced well on Phase 3 of the trail building over the summer. By mid August, the entire route of the path had been cut through the landscape, with embankments and culverts built and the new reed bed planted. After that, the contractors, MacLarty Ltd, set about laying the path surface, working from the Pow Burn towards Levenmouth Wood.

Once the path is complete - possibly towards the end of September - TRACKS will remove barriers to access so people can start using the whole trail straight away.

Construction of the Kinross Pier gateway to the trail started in August and it is anticipated that work will move to the Burleigh Sands gateway in late September and to the Findatie gateway about a month later.

All the trail hardware, such as seats, waymarkers and stone signs, are gradually being delivered from the crafts people producing them. They are being put in store and, once all these items have been amassed, they will be installed along the length of the trail.

It is marvellous to see artists' sketches being turned into real, solid, three-dimensional artworks that will fascinate and delight trail users for years to come.



Curling stones, from sketch to finished carving...

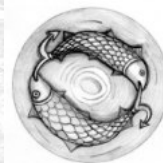
David Wilson, who is creating the gateway features, uses the intermediate step of a life-sized clay model between the sketch and chiselled stone. This enables him to see how the design will work in relief and lets him experiment by adding or removing clay until he gets it just right. One of the end stones he has just carved depicts curling stones skimming over the ice.

Artist Marion Smith uses a similar process to turn her sketches into moulds that are used to cast bronze 'medals', such as this mouse, right. She is creating these 'medals' to be embedded in the seats that are carved with texts. They will add an extra dimension to the stories being told.



Here are three examples of how the bronzes illustrate wee poems on the Heritage trail seats:

*The lairdie frae his muckle hoosie spies
the waters whaur his fush wull rise*



*Birchwoods, boys, are quite humungous,
full of magic brands of fungus!*



*On Orwell's faim staun twa auld stanes
whaur aince a kist did haud brunt banes*



It is hoped that the 'medals' will appeal especially to children. Once all the trail hardware is installed, there will be lots of images for them to look out for as they use the path. Even if they're too young to read, they will be able to recognise animals and other things represented.

The pictures and words that people find along the way will hint at different aspects of Loch Leven's past and present. The idea is that they will fire their imaginations and make them curious about the loch's rich history and natural heritage.

Perthshire Open Studios

Perth and Kinross is home to a large number of artists and makers who produce a great variety of original works of art. Many are internationally known and here is a fantastic chance to meet these artists and purchase pieces of their work in local venues or studios during the nine days of **Saturday 27 September - Sunday 5 October, 10am to 5pm**. Times may vary but can be checked in the brochure or on line.

To order your free brochure please ring Karole Jackson on 01738 477834, or visit www.perthshirestudios.com to download a copy.

The Perthshire Open Studios event will be held all over Perth and Kinross-shire and the various areas are designated to a coloured route. Kinross-shire is on the Turquoise route and in addition to the artist/makers venues, each route gives a list of its local cafes.

Energy saving advice

A new service has been set up in North East Scotland to help everyone become more efficient in their use of energy. Based in Aberdeen, the office also covers Perth and Kinross. The new centre's remit is to help people achieve a lower-carbon lifestyle. They provide free and impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home, sustainable transport choices and domestic and small-scale commercial use of micro-renewables and can offer advice to individuals, communities and small businesses. The number to contact is FREEPHONE 0800 512 012. They are also keen to make presentations and talk to community groups who might be interested in this.

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

Kinross Learning Centre Autumn Programme

Thwack, Kapow, Ker-splosh!!

Whether your favourites are Batman and Robin, Spiderman or the X-Men, learn how to create your very own comic book heroes with a new drawing course on offer in Kinross Learning Centre this September. The programme will teach you how to lay out pages; create superpowers and costumes; flesh out plots and use line drawing techniques, inking and colouring to create your very own comic strip.

For those who prefer more traditional art, a brand new Watercolour class starts in September offering basic skills in this medium. New courses for this term also include craft courses in knitting and textile art, Sign Language and The Da Vinci Code: study of renaissance art.

The full programme is listed below, but to find out more or to book your place, please contact Kinross Learning Centre on 01577 863863, call into the centre at Swansacre, Kinross, or email pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk

Computing



If you can't get your computer to do what you want, try one of our taught computing classes. You'll get to grips with basic word processing, tackle the internet and email or learn what to do when things go wrong!

Welcome to Computing	Monday	15 Sep	7 - 9 pm	8 weeks	£45
Welcome to Computing	Tuesday	16 Sep	2 - 4 pm	8 weeks	£45
Carry on Computing	Monday	17 Nov	7 - 9 pm	8 weeks	£45
Carry on Computing	Tuesday	18 Nov	2 - 4 pm	8 weeks	£45

Digital Photography



Get more from your digital camera and correct common faults in photos you've taken!

These courses will introduce you to the basics of digital photography and image editing using Photoshop.

Digital Photography - Intermediate	Wednesday	17 Sep	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£50
Digital Photography - Beginners	Wednesday	17 Sep	2.30 - 4.30 pm	10 weeks	£65

Languages



Use the dark winter months to prepare for your summer holidays. French, German Italian and Spanish at various levels will provide vocabulary, grammar and the confidence to deal with everyday situations.

Spanish 1	Monday	15 Sep	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£55
Spanish 4	Tuesday	16 Sep	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£55
Advanced Spanish Conversation	Monday	15 Sep	9.45 - 11.45 pm	10 weeks	£55
German 1	Wednesday	17 Sep	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£55
Italian 4	Tuesday	16 Sep	3.30-5.30 pm	10 weeks	£55
French 4	Tuesday	16 Sep	1.15 - 3.15 pm	10 weeks	£55
Advanced French Conversation	Tuesday	16 Sep	10.30 am - 12.30 pm	10 weeks	£55

Arts and Crafts

Develop your artistic talents, and bring that creative sparkle into your life!

Watercolours 4	Monday	15 Sep	2-4 pm	10 weeks	£55
Watercolours 6	Thursday	18 Sep	1.30 - 3.30 pm	10 weeks	£55
Watercolours 1	Wednesday	17 Sep	1.30 - 3.30 pm	10 weeks	£55
The Art of Drawing	Wednesday	17 Sep	9.45 - 11.45 am	10 weeks	£55
Drawing and Painting	Monday	15 Sep	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£55
Heroes & Villains (Comic Book Drawing)	Wednesday	17 Sep	6.45 - 8.45 pm	10 weeks	£55
Knitting for Beginners	Tuesday	16 Sep	9.30 - 11.30	10 weeks	£55
Textile Art	Tuesday	16 Sep	1.30 - 3.30 pm	10 weeks	£55
Beginners Patchwork & Quilting	Tuesday	16 Sep	6.30 - 8.30 pm	10 weeks	£55

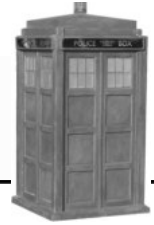
General Interest

There's always something to capture your imagination at your local learning centre

Sign Language	Thursday	17 Sep	5 - 7 pm	5 weeks	£32
Introduction to Antiques	Friday	20 Sep	9.30 - 11.30 am	10 weeks	£55
The Da Vinci Code: Study of					
Renaissance Art	Thursday	19 Sep	2 - 4 pm	10 weeks	£55
Genealogy	Thursday	19 Sep	2 - 4 pm	10 weeks	£55



All of these courses qualify for ILA funding. Please ask us for more details.



Police Box

Isolated Car Parks – Burleigh Sands Car Park

The above are popular with people who enjoy a walk in the country, particularly to exercise their dogs. Unfortunately cars parked at these locations are occasionally broken into and items stolen from within. We strongly advise people not to leave any valuables within their vehicles, unless they can be locked in a boot. Although it is good practice to keep valuables out of sight, previous experiences have shown that this is not entirely effective. Once a car is broken into, thieves will look under seats, look inside glove compartments and lift parcel shelves to look into tailgates. Unless you have a lockable boot, do not leave valuables inside your car.

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

Parking Outside Schools

Now that a new academic year is with us, we would like to remind those people who take children to and from school in vehicles to be considerate about how and where they park when doing so.

We understand that parents want to see their children, particularly the younger ones, safely on to school premises and on wet days ensure that the youngsters are as dry as possible when they arrive. However, in doing so, many people park their vehicles in a manner that compromises the safety of others. We have encountered, among other things, cars parked on the zigzag markings, obstructing the school crossing patroller, and on pavements whereby pedestrians are forced to walk on to the road to get past. Regretfully we have found that the attitude of a small number of parents appears to be that they don't care what happens to anyone else as long as their child arrives at and returns home from

school safely. We all have a duty to ensure that everyone, particularly the children, are safe at all times.

We would also ask that parents who are walking to school with their children, cross at and when directed to do so by the school crossing patroller. After all it is their function to ensure that the children cross safely and allowing the youngsters to think they can cross where and when they want is not a good example to set. More specifically motorists should be aware that there are parking restrictions outside the main entrance to Kinross High School which are in force in the morning and again at home time and during those periods the only vehicles which should park there are school buses.

Motorists taking children to and from Kinross Primary School should also ensure they do not obstruct access to or impede the view of residents emerging from Douglas Crescent and to remember the new one way system that has been introduced in Bowton Road.

CRIME STOPPERS Telephone Number 0800 555 111

This telephone number is a free phone number unless you are using a mobile phone, which any member of the public can contact at any time, if they have information relating to criminal activity of any sort. It is, if you wish, confidential and you will not be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous.

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

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**.

Special Bicycles for Loch Leven Trail?

Many people enjoy using the specially designed cycles available for the less able at Lochore Meadows in Fife. Lindsay Cant from Kinross has an ambition that similar facilities would be available for Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Assisted by Susan Bathgate she hopes to explore possible venues, operation details and cycle types to establish whether funds might be available to put this facility in place. The first information needed is whether there is a local demand. If you look at www.davincimobility.co.uk you will see some examples of possibilities, it is also worth visiting Lochore for a look. There is the possibility of motor scooters similar to those used for shopmobility. Lindsay's idea is that as many as possible should have the chance to enjoy the Trail, this may be those whose walking distance is limited through to those who require tandem assistance. If you would like to know more please email Lindsay at LindsayCant@aol.com or telephone Susan on 01577 864742. If you are able to tell us you are interested please contact us with your details together with an idea of how often you might use this facility eg once a week, month, twice a year etc. Watch this space to see how we get on!

Kinross Library

Latest News

Gold, silver and bronze medals have not been confined to Beijing. Over 100 children took up the Team Read Challenge which has been running in Kinross library over the summer. Those who complete the challenge of reading six books by 6 September will be invited to a medal ceremony to be held on Tuesday 16 September - invitations to this event will be sent to the winners.

If adults feel they have been left out of reading challenges, they are invited to take up the Decathlon Challenge. Entry forms and further information can be obtained in Kinross library. Entries, to be received by 20 October 2008, will be entered into a prize draw for £15 worth of vouchers to spend in the AK Bell Library Shop.

Story telling sessions in Kinross library for pre-school children are always fun. Due to popular demand an extra session is now available. In addition to the regular 10.30 - 11.00am Tuesday slot, story telling will also take place on Wednesday afternoons from 2.15 - 2.45pm. The *Wednesday sessions* start on *August 27th*. The weekly Tuesday sessions continue as before.



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 August Meeting

The meeting on 6 August was attended by Cllrs M Scott, D Colliar, M Blyth, L MacKay and D Mackay. Apologies were received from Cllrs D Cuthbert, C Watson, I Jack, and S Bathgate. Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs K Baird, M Barnacle and W Robertson; PC Lynne Petrie and four members of the public. The meeting was chaired by D Colliar.

Police Report: PC Lynne Petrie reported a spate of break-ins to cars at Burleigh Sands. The Police urge members of the public not to leave anything of value in cars. They recommend that the public remove all mobile phones and don't place handbags under seats. If the public should see anyone acting suspiciously at Burleigh Sands they should contact Kinross Police Station. It was noted that the warning signs at Burleigh Sands have disappeared and the Police are endeavouring to have these replaced.

A member of the public mentioned a public break-in at Wood of Coldrain. This was from a work site and the items stolen included computer equipment. PC Petrie was unaware of this incident.

- 08/01042/ADV Day Centre, High Street, Display of a Sign.
- 08/01457/FUL Lochleven Mills, Kinross, Change of use from industrial (class 5) to storage (class 6) building 49.
- 08/01258/FUL Chance Inn Farm, erection of two dwelling houses: The application was for the erection of the same two houses as previously applied for, the only change being to access. The sub-committee raised no objection. Cllr Barnacle mentioned that there had been representations from neighbours to the previous application and that it was subsequently refused under Delegated Powers. It was noted that no representations were received in respect of this current application.
- 08/01394/FUL Land at Turfhill Steadings, Kinross, conversion of steading to form a dwellinghouse, demolition of existing cottage and erection of two dwelling houses: It was agreed that we write a letter of support to in relation to this application as this would improve the entrance to the town. Some discussion was held on the following:

development would be. However, it was noted that there was good access to the site. Cllr Robertson advised that it is possible to object to the scale of housing rather than the type being erected. It was agreed that we write to P&KC outlining our concerns as to the density of the housing on this site.

- 08/01482/FUL Post Office, 52 High Street, installation of external ATM and bollards: The ATM machine would be a welcome feature, however the CC objects strongly to the three bollards in front of the window on the narrow pavement, not the corner. This would attract young people who would sit on the bollards and possibly vandalise them, or may intimidate any elderly person using the machine. The application does not confirm whether there would be CCTV coverage. It was agreed that we should write to P&KC confirming our agreement with the installation of the ATM but expressing our objections to the construction of the bollards.

Planning applications determined

The following applications have been approved: 08/00823/FUL Replacement of a garage at 51 Argyll Road; 08/01030/FUL Erection of a Conservatory at 2 Emslie Drive; 08/01214/FUL Erection of a garage (in retrospect) at 14 Montgomery Road; 08/01016/FUL renewal of previous planning consent (03/01540/FUL) for the conversion of farm buildings into two dwelling houses at Easter Balado Farm; 08/01223/FUL Extension to dwelling house at 17 Sutherland Drive; 08/01098/FUL Alteration and extension to house 7 Springfield Park; 08/01245/FUL Erection of a Conservatory at 56 Muirs; 08/00901/FUL Extension to house at 78 Bowton Road; 08/01009/FUL Replacement of existing wooden storage shed with new portal storage shed at Smiddy House.

Public Access Website: Cllr Colliar questioned the information available on the Public Access Website. There were no Consultees' reports in relation to the applications. It was explained that this was due to the Data Protection Act. All information, letters and reports had been withdrawn. However, the information can be inspected at the Council Offices. Cllr Robertson advised that this information will be reinstated but names and addresses will be withheld.

Reports from P & K Councillors

Cllr Baird had received good reports in relation to both the organisation and running of the **T in the Park** festival. Cllr Robertson raised complaints about the



Burleigh Sands Car Park - a spate of break-ins have been reported

Planning applications received

The sub-committee had met that morning to discuss the applications. There were several applications for alterations to dwelling houses, erection of conservatories etc to which there were no objections.

There were no objections to the following:

- 08/01152/LBC & 08/01151/FUL Lochleven Inn, Swansacre, Alterations to the Inn (conversion to office accommodation): The sub-committee was delighted that this building would again be put to use.

- 08/01339/OUT Bellfield, Kinross, erection of 6 dwelling houses and conversion of offices to residential use (in outline): The sub-committee raised no objections to this application providing it was not contrary to the Housing in the Countryside Policy. It was explained that the application is for Outline Planning Permission and the plan online is very vague. Cllr Robertson stated that this could triple the size of the existing settlement. It was difficult to assess what the full Planning Permission would entail and how big the

state of the **Park and Ride** in respect of litter and overgrown amenity areas. He explained that the responsibility of these areas was with the contractors, not the Council. This has been dealt with. He further added that the **drains** in Station Road had been emptied, however due to parked cars the tradesmen were unable to gain access to one or two. Good progress is being made on the **Heritage Trail** between Channel and Grahamstone.

The Council was unhappy with the arrangement of the **megaliths at Kirkgate Park**. A new entrance is being constructed and the megaliths are being moved to nearer the entrance to the special area. They are required to provide information about the NNR. CCllr Colliar suggested that a flat stone with an angled board would be more appropriate to the area. However, Cllr Robertson stated that we should reserve judgment until we see them in situ. They would also be placed at other areas, such as Burleigh Sands. Cllr Barnade had received two representations in relation to **T in the Park**, one in respect of the marshalling of Fossoway and the other about issues at the campsite. However, the feedback on the whole was good, T in the Park have addressed most of the issues and the event was dramatically improved from previous years.

A977 petition: Fossoway CC has started to collect signatures for a petition. Cllr Barnacle was hopeful that completion would take place by the end of August. Fossoway CC is to liaise with our CC. Cllr Barnade advised that finding for the A977 was very difficult to achieve. Financial restraints were in place, however we were not asking for a lot of money.

Kinross-shire Forum: A further meeting was to be considered. A reply was received to the questions raised regarding Housing in the Countryside. A structure plan should be prepared taking into consideration a long-term strategy for Fossoway.

Area Based Initiative Steering Group: A meeting has been convened for 13 August; the Council have been asked to attend.

Two topics to be discussed are Kinross town centre redevelopment and the High School site.

Kinross in Bloom: Cllr Barnacle handed over a copy of a memo received from Alan Grant (Convener) regarding services in Kinross. Cllr K Baird reported that along with David Cuthbert and Susan Bathgate she had toured around Kinross recently checking out the various garden areas and the grass was looking good at that time. She explained that spraying etc on certain areas was not carried out due to bad weather and staff problems and that certain sites had got out of control as the staff were not been keeping an eye on them. The grass was cut every 10 days. This exercise was to be repeated again shortly. CCllr Colliar stated that the communication from Kinross in Bloom had now been superseded, having been dealt with by the Council.

Dog fouling: CCllr Blyth stated that she had received numerous complaints. King George V Park was one area greatly soiled. Signs at one time were displayed in this area, but had been removed. There are two dog bins in the Park. Cllr Robertson offered to contact the dog wardens and ask them to monitor this.

Miscellaneous correspondence

National Parks Review: a survey is being undertaken to gather views.

Co-opted CC Members: Joe Richardson had intimated an interest by email. It was agreed that this matter be postponed for consideration at the September meeting. The Secy will check that Mr Richardson's name appears on the electoral roll and advise him.

Lighting at Tillyochie: Communication received from P&KC. Kinross Area Local Plan 2004 Policy 8 relates to Light Pollution. It states that "the Council will not grant consent for proposals which would result in unnecessary and intrusive light pollution." When a planning application is submitted it is passed to the Council's Environmental Health Dept if it was felt that it could cause significant light pollution. They would then assess the proposal and give feedback which would be taken into account during the

determination of the application. Our letter mentions a specific problem at Tillyochie, however it does not detail the source of this problem, whether it is from lights within the buildings, streetlights, any lighting for the equestrian activities or a combination of all of these. However, the Environmental Health team have been informed of our concerns and they will investigate the matter further. A further letter was received from the Council advising that at present Local Authorities in Scotland do not have any legislative powers to deal with nuisance complaints from light pollution. However, the Scottish Government is considering adding artificial light pollution to the list of Statutory Nuisances under Part III of the Environmental Protection Act in 2007. **County Buildings:** Letter from P&KC in answer to our recent query. They appreciate the CC's wish to see improvements to the accessibility of this building, however, this is likely to go beyond the installation of a disabled lift to the first floor. Any work to enhance accessibility for disabled persons would also need to encompass such things as external access ramps, automatic door entry, the creation of fire refuge areas, suitable disabled toilet provision, signage, improved lighting, an induction loop system, visual fire alarms and so on. Moreover, as a Listed Building, the required statutory consents would need to be sought. This is not a straightforward matter to pursue, but potentially a major project requiring a substantial investment. Having said that, they are willing to examine the issues further. The Council has recently commissioned the Perth and Kinross Access Group (the umbrella group for disabled organisations in Perth and Kinross) to carry out formal Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) surveys of all its public buildings. P&KC will ask the Access Group if it is possible to bring Kinross County Buildings forward in the programme. The Kinross County Buildings audit will be but one of several DDA reports commissioned this year and as with all such programmes of work, the essential/critical works will be prioritised.

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and will be allocated funding accordingly.

Kinross Park and Ride: Communication received from P&KC. Whilst it remains a long term objective to install toilets at all three Council operated Park and Ride sites, including Kinross, this is subject to funding being made available. At present no funding source has been identified and as a result there are no firm plans to install toilets. Cllr Barnacle advised that agreement had been reached sometime ago to place an APC at the Park and Ride. He would check this out.

Post Offices: Communication and booklet from Post Office re. Network Change Programme Area Plan Decision.

Tracking PKCT, Summer 2008: This has been forwarded to Dave Cuthbert.

Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre:

Communication advising that a new service has been set up, funded by the Scottish Government and managed by the Energy Saving Trust. They provide free and impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home, sustainable transport choices and domestic and small-scale commercial use of micro-renewables and offer advice to individuals, communities and small businesses. Freephone 0800 512 012. They are keen to make presentations to community groups and asked us to let them know if our CC area has any groups who might be interested in this. Also keen to know if we publish a local directory of services, or Newsletter. The Secy will provide details to the Newsletter and advise them accordingly.

Re-trunking the A977: Letter from Keith Brown with copy of letter from Transport Scotland.

Alcohol in Public Places: Review of Prohibition of Drinking Alcohol in Public Bylaws. Letter from P&KC. The review process entails consulting with relevant elected members, CCs, Tayside Police, and the Procurator Fiscal as to whether they consider that these Bylaws are still necessary and appropriate to prevent the problems that can be experienced with offensive behaviour which can be related to drinking in public. Thereafter a Report outlining the views received will be submitted to the Council's Community Safety Committee for its consideration. The review can only consider whether the current alcohol Bylaws are necessary and appropriate. Any consideration of changes or extension to the alcohol Bylaws must be considered under a different process.

P & K Carbon Reduction Project: Letter from P&KC. Scottish Government has ambitions to deliver an 80% reduction in Scottish Carbon emissions by 2050. The Climate Challenge Fund, of £18.8m over three years, is designed to enable communities to come forward with their own solutions to make a significant reduction in carbon emissions. The projects can involve a range of actions, from helping us to use less energy, or walk or cycle more, to local sustainable food. Details of the fund can be found on:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/SustainableDevelopment/funding/ClimateChallengeFund

The projects are to be led by local community organisations and the council are bringing this fund to our attention so that as many local groups are aware of the existence of the fund as possible.

Model Scheme of Establishment of CCs and Code of Conduct for Councillors:

Feedback from meeting at Perth in June.

Data Protection: The Secy completed a Data Sheet for CC Notifications to the Information Commissioner. P&KC states that a copy of their submission to the Scottish Government will be sent to us in due course. P&KC will produce guidance for CCs on Data Protection; this will be issued as soon as possible.

Other Business

T in the Park: Cllr Colliar congratulated Big Day Out for the organisation and running of the festival. He also suggested that we place an article in the Newsletter passing on our sympathies to the family of the man who died of natural causes and also to the victim of the stabbing incident, pointing out that we do regret that this happened in our area.

We received two complaints in relation to T in the Park. One from a lady in Ochil View who complained about parking of cars in the street. She was unable to park her own car on returning from work and the local bus on Sunday had to reverse as it was unable to pass along the street. She suggested that signs be displayed advising the "tourists" not to park in this area. It was noted that this was a problem experienced in other locations in both Kinross and Milnathort during the festival. T in the Park are to be asked to include some daytime parking allocation for one day visitors. The other complaint received was with regard to the Lathro Park, Lathro Lane, Gallowhill Wynd area and the noise, nuisance, litter etc suffered by the local residents by people at the campsites. The residents state that they are entitled to privacy and security and mentioned broken fences, urinating in the gardens and went on to suggest that the campsites should all be sited west of the M90. They further questioned the benefits to the local community and it was answered that the majority of businesses make more money that weekend than an average weekend, on alcohol, food stores etc. The hotels also do well during the weeks leading up to the festival with bookings from staff members. Taxi services are also busy and the farmers receive income from the campsites. Big Day Out have made donations each year, the most recent being a £64,000 donation to the Kinross-shire fund, of which £20,000 is received by CHAS with the balance going to worthwhile causes in our area. Taking all this into account the event is of economic benefit to the community and town.

It was noted that signs were to be erected

to prevent people walking along the middle of the A91, and divert them through paths down to Milnathort. Cllr Colliar stated that he had toured the streets after the event and the town appeared to be "unmarked" with no broken fences etc. No complaints were received regarding Gallowhill Road, however it was suggested that a sign be placed at Mavisbank notifying that it is a "no through road".

Mr Alexander stated that the campsites were private enterprises and any complaints regarding same should be directed to the owners. Cllr Robertson suggested that people could be placed on duty at peak times to prevent people climbing over fences etc and stop this damage.

We will reply to the email advising that the campsite is a private enterprise, however we will recommend that guards are placed on the paths to avoid this damage.

These issues should be conveyed to T in the Park and hopefully addressed before next year's event.

Cllr Barnacle advised that the Kinross-shire Border Sign, although sanctioned by Edinburgh, has not yet been put in place. Ian Jack also referred to an incident involving a local resident who was travelling to his house and was sent along various roads. However, on the whole, he stated that the event was well planned.

High School Site: It was noted that the CC has yet to meet with Mrs King, the Headmistress of the Primary School. Cllr Laura MacKay will arrange this.

Wall damage: Cllr Colliar mentioned that the gable wall next to Weaver's Cottage had been dislodged by a lorry hitting it. The Council should be asked to remove this rubble which is sitting on the pavement. The property is empty and being advertised for sale. The Secy will write to P&KC.

The Provost's lamp has been removed.

The lamp was broken and we had written to P&KC asking for its repair. This is now being carried out. It was suggested that we should ask Mrs McBain if she wants it at her building, or if it should be resited at a Council location.

County Buildings: Cllr Robertson advised that the staff informed him that every room is used and that it is a very busy building.

BEAR fence: Mr Alexander asked if the fencing could be repaired between Gallowhill Road and Gallowhill Farm, the area on the approach to the flyover. This is BEAR Scotland's responsibility. The Secy will write to them and to P&KC Roads. The mattress is still in situ.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will be held at the Masonic Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 September.

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.

Portmoak Community Council

News from the August Meeting

A meeting was held on Tuesday 12 August at Portmoak village Hall. In attendance were Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Jim Shepherd, Stuart Garvie, Charles Weedon, Alistair Smith, Margaret Wilson, P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and S Miller, PC R Child and several members of the public. Also in attendance were Mr Brian Cargill, P&KC Roads and Mr Ian Mair, Atkins Consultants.

Police Report

The Police are still concerned about the spate of car break-ins that are taking place at the Burleigh Sands Car Park. They are taking vigilance, but they urge the members of the public not to leave anything lying on display inside their cars that may be tempting. They are asking the public that if they see anything suspicious to dial 999 IMMEDIATELY.

Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman reminded the meeting about the Scottish Executive initiative about new community projects that would reduce Carbon Footprints within the community. Residents are encouraged to create come forward with ideas and proposals.

Secretary's Report

The Secy had received the final transfer document from the CC's lawyer for the transfer of land from Stephens at Kinnesswood to the CC. The CC was in agreement with it and the Secy will write to the CC's lawyer instructing him to write accordingly to Stephens' lawyer.

Paths Matters

With the Tetley Trail account now reduced to effectively nothing, consideration now needs to be given to the future maintenance of the Trail. Grass cutting takes place on a two-weekly basis throughout the growing season. CCllr Garvie was asked to look at ways of financing future maintenance.

A911

Mr Brian Cargill of P&KC Roads and Mr Ian Mair of Atkins, the Council's consultants, had attended the meeting to explain the draft proposals for traffic calming on the A911 as it passes through Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. There was a very long discussion during which the large numbers of the public attending expressed their concerns and asked questions. It was decided to have a further

public meeting on 26 August at which a response will be prepared for submission to the Council. Mr Cargill intimated to the meeting that £20,000 had been set aside for this work which would be completed within this Financial Year. This was a very short time scale and the Council would need to have a response from the CC by the end of August. Public Notices will be displayed confirming the time and place of the meeting.

The Secy also advised Mr Cargill that there were still four other matters that the CC wished the Council to address, namely: Auchmuir bridge; Easter Balgedie; the number of accidents in Wester Balgedie and the Mawcarse Road. Mr Cargill informed the meeting that the Council was carrying out a review of speed limits over all the roads within Perthshire and Kinross-shire on the instructions of the Government.

Kinnesswood Post Office Closure

Post Office Limited had confirmed that they have decided to close the Post Office at Kinnesswood and replace it with a mobile van. There has been considerable anger within the community about this decision and the manner in which it was conducted. CCllrs Wendy MacPhedran, Margaret Wilson and Charles Weedon had visited Gordon Banks MP to discuss if there was anything further that could be done to reverse the decision of Post Office Ltd. Mr Banks stressed that any further application would need to emphasise local issues. After further discussion with the Post master at Kinnesswood, he has reluctantly decided that the only forward is to accept the decision of POL. He intends to use the opportunity to look at ways of improving and developing the shop and hopes that the community will continue to support the shop for the future.

The Secy will write to POL expressing the CC's displeasure with the way that the consultation has been carried out and also with the dissatisfaction with the manner that Postwatch carried out their part of the exercise.

Planning Matters

08/01167/REM Erection of a dwellinghouse (reserved matters) 18 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood: The CC decided that there was no comment on this application.

08/01375/FUL Extension to

dwellinghouse Drunzie Cottage, Glenlond: The CC decided that there was no comment on this application.

08/01307/FUL Erection of replacement dwelling house, Butts Acre, Leslie Road Scotlandwell: The CC is extremely concerned about the proposals for development in this site. This application is described as Plot 3 and is for the demolition of the existing house and its replacement with a very much larger house, both of floor plan area and height, which is contrary to the Local Plan. It is also quite out of character with the adjacent old single storey houses. Of concern, also, the indications for the possibility of further houses to the south of this house which would be beyond the existing village building line. The CC would object strongly.

Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle stated that he was pleased with the outcome of the Planning Application for 10 houses at Wester Balgedie Farm which was unanimously rejected by the Development Control Committee, which decision was supported by all four local members. The first meeting of the new Kinross-shire Forum will take place on Monday 25 August.

Cllr Barnacle has received a letter responding to his complaint that among other situations there had been excessive speeding along the south-loch road. He also informed the meeting that there will be temporary road closures on the road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlond while road repairs take place. Cllr Miller also supported Cllr Barnacle's remarks about the Wester Balgedie Farm rejection. He felt that it had been important that the residents had not been averse to development, but were totally against this application which was out of scale, too dense and out of character with the Conservation Area.

Other Matters

A member of the public complained about the amount of Ragwort that there was in the road verges, which was a danger to animals. The secretary will write to P&KC Environmental Health.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be on Tuesday 9 September at 7.30pm in the Portmoak Primary School.

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Fossoway and District Community Council

News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting on 5 August were: CCllrs A Morrison (chair), A Lavery, H Wallace, L Stronach and T Duffy-Wigman. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Barnacle and 28 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from L Boulter, Ian Farquhar and H Johnson. There were no declarations of interest.

and Gordon Brown who went to see Gordon Banks. A special thanks to Muckhart CC who threw their weight behind our campaign.

Andrew and Jean Shearer also thanked the community; Andrew confirmed that he had now signed the partnership contract, which will be reviewed in 12 months. Cllr Barnacle added his approval to the campaign and expressed sadness about the

about the traffic situation, apart from a minor comment about the position of the barriers to close off some roads. Cllr Barnacle and members of the public both from Carnbo and Blaringone agreed with the CC that, especially compared to last year, the traffic was well organised and that David Rankine and his team from Tayside Police was to be thanked for their hard work leading up to and during the festival. The CC received one letter about theft and tent slashing with knives during the festival. This, and some minor traffic comments (barriers, speed limit at A823) will be taken up with the police. Douglas Alexander was happy with the positive comments.

Planning: In July the CC held a private meeting, which was attended by Cllr Barnacle to reply to some urgent planning applications:

- Craigton Bungalow: no recommendation.
- 08/00851/FUL Alteration and extension to a dwelling house and formation of a Granny flat, Townhead Cottage Carnbo for Richard Carter. CC recommends deferral for the provision of full details of the proposals.
- 08/01154/FUL Alteration and extension to an existing dwelling house, School House for Mr & Mrs Timmins: CC recommends deferral for consultation on design.
- 08/01179/OUT Renewal of planning consent 04/02585/OUT for the erection of a Children's Nursery and Chalets in outline, Birkfield Rumbling Bridge for G and B Limited: 08/01412/REM Erection of a nursery and 5 chalets, Birkfield, Rumbling Bridge for Baker Street Properties. CC recommends refusal on grounds that the access to the A823/ A977 is hazardous, and under the Long term Strategy proposals the site has been proposed as not suitable for development.
- 08/01194/FUL Extension and conversion of an existing garage, 2 nursery cottages, Solsgirth, Blaringone for Mr and Mrs J Wallace. CC recommends design to match existing cottages.



T in the Park: traffic was well organised at this year's event

Photo: Siobhan Dyson

Community policing: No community Police officer present. (T Pedersen phoned on 6 August to apologise for her absence.)
CC Notice boards in Crook of Devon and Rumbling Bridge are repaired and new locks put in.

CC consultation: The CC responded on 25 July to a Scottish-wide consultation on a model CC constitution and a Code of Conduct for CCllrs.

Post Office Campaign: a big thank you to the whole community who came together to fight the proposals: wrote letters, signed petition, came to public meeting or otherwise supported the campaign. Thanks to our local councillors, our MP Gordon Banks, MSP Keith Brown, Postwatch Scotland, and to Ian Farquhar

situation in Kinnesswood. Gordon Brown added that we should not forget that there will be a review in 12 months, so as a community we should now use the post office as much as possible. The public commended the CC and in particular Trudy Duffy-Wigman for their handling of the campaign. A member of the public inquired how this campaign had been funded. The CC explained that we are seriously short of money, as the Council grant did not meet expenses of meeting rooms hires etc. The matter was being taken up with P&KC. The same member of the public donated £5 to the CC. Many thanks.

T in the Park: This year's T in the Park seems to have gone very smoothly. The CC has received no negative feedback

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•08/01210/FUL 6 houses west of Carnbo Farm House for Caledonian Trust PLC: CC recommends refusal, on the grounds that the number of houses in Carnbo currently developed in the village exceeds the number stated in the plan.

A977 petition: The A977 will see an increase in traffic of 40% once the new bridge will open. In order to make life safer for people living in the villages £1.25 million is needed for improvements (three roundabouts, pavement, signs). There is currently £250,000 available from the govt. P&KC has no money set aside for this road. The CC received a letter via Keith Brown MSP from the Transport Authority that the A977 may come under review to be 're-trunked' again. A member of the public voiced his opposition to more street furniture. Speed should not be an issue, as lorries are only allowed 40 mph on single carriageways. The general feeling is that there is (1) too much commercial traffic on this road and (2) road users do not slow down enough in the villages. There was a short discussion on how to police the speeding, either through police presence, speed cameras or traffic calming signs that tell you how fast you are going. The latter were favoured by the public.

The petition is being coordinated by the CC and all households should be visited. There are also copies in the village shops in Powmill and Crook of Devon and in the garage. People who wish to sign the petition should do so but please only sign once.

Councillor Reports

Cllr Barnade informed the CC of some **planning matters:** Application for the School house in Carnbo has been approved under delegated powers. Naemoor Road application for GS Brown has been refused, though Cllr Barnacle expects that this decision will go to appeal.

Four houses in the grounds of Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home: gone to appeal. The Enforcement officer has looked at the Braehead development because there seemed to be some quarrying going on, but this turned out to be permitted development.

A garage has been built in Powmill without planning application. The Enforcement officer relies on members of the public to alert him or her to unplanned developments/activities.

The Kinross-shire Forum met in April and agreed on some actions re the Housing in the Countryside policies. Perth & Kinross is the fastest-growing county in Scotland and P&KC needs to review the Structure Plan for Perth and Kinross-shire. It was generally agreed that there is a need for another Forum meeting; announcement will follow.

In response to a question why Carnbo is excluded from the long-term strategy plan it was explained that the Fossoway Long Term Strategy Plan came about because of a disagreement between the community and developers. It will be discussed again when more is known about the alterations to the P&K Structure Plan. Cllr Barnade argues strongly for a local input – the alterations to the Structure Plan could be an opportunity for Carnbo to let their voice be heard.

Planning Reports

•08/01281/FUL Form a gated access, The Meadows Vicar's Bridge Road, Blainyone for Mr & Mrs F Saunders: CC recommends approval without comment.

•08/01336/OUT Erect 3 dwellings Hallhill Farm, Carnbo for James Petherick. Plans are unclear: is it a steading development or three buildings on a steading site? Also adjacent to Carnbo. CC recommends refusal.

•08/01386/REM Form boundary enclosures including retaining walls (in

retrospect), Pitcairney, Carnbo for Wilson Homes. CC recommends approval (final outcome is subject to another approval to another REM application).

•08/01398/OUT Demolish an out-building and erect a garage and stable with office over, Greenparks, Church Road, Crook of Devon for Mr A Sellar. CC recommends approval.

Submitted for Consultation:

•08/001353/FUL Erection of a non-commercial race horse facility consisting of 18 stables, training area with associated car parking and staff welfare facility/office accommodation, land at Middleton of Fossoway for Samantha Penman. These plans need alteration already because of a water mains on site. This is only consultation stage - we need more clarification. A member of the public raised concerns over floodlights that are used in such establishments and their effect on road users.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were available for public scrutiny. As a CC we get many invitations to be involved in consultations (this month: Procedures on School Closures, Support for Learning, National Parks); if any member of the public wished to be involved in this they will be made welcome.

Other Business

The wind farm development near Saline (see last CC meeting) has so far failed to attract many responses to this CC. The plans are in the consultation stage. Lorna Stronach is CC contact for this.

Fossoway Fun Factory (After School Club) will reopen after the holidays in Fossoway Primary School.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place in the Moubray Hall, Powmill on Tuesday 2 September at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross-shire Round Table

Building Up a Thirst!

Summer is gone (did it ever come?) and along with it another magnificent effort from Round Table and our fantastic body of volunteers helping out at T in the Park. The Table Team were to be found at the campsite and main entrance helping with special needs access passes and conducting the age screening for youngsters entering the venue, staffing the Bottle Exchange and controlling access to the camp-site showers. We also got to enjoy bits of the best festival in the country! A big thank you to all our helpers - see you next year - and Big Day Out for another great event.

You would think that after a hectic T in the Park you would find Tablers kicking back and relaxing. Well you would be wrong!

We are busy building up a thirst for the Kinross 3rd Annual Charity Beer Festival on **Saturday 27 September** at the Pier Bistro by Loch Leven. Our primary beneficiary in 2008 will be CHAS.

The main event will be the now traditional evening of conviviality and relaxation, enjoying over 20 of the cream of British beers from lagers to stouts and most variants in between. There will also be ciders, perries and a selection of specialist imported beers. Music from local bands will play through the evening. Tickets will be on sale at £8.00 each, available from all reputable Tablers and Sands the Ironmongers. Order early to avoid disappointment.

A new event this year will take place on the Friday night before the Festival. We are challenging all local clubs/organisations/associations to put up a team of 4 people to enjoy our first Charity Quiz Challenge. Entry is £20 per team and includes a jug of beer to get the brains lubricated at the start. To enter a team contact Round Table.

We would also be delighted to hear from any local, or national, businesses willing to sponsor a barrel. Details of the sponsorship package are on the web-site. Without the great support of our sponsors the festival could not raise so much money for our nominated charity.

Our full programme is available on www.kinross-shire.org.uk and you can e-mail us on Table@macpherson.plus.com or call on 864713.

Common Grounds

The August project was Self Help Africa - specifically a national beekeeping development programme in the Elabared, Emni Haili and Gogne areas of Eritrea.

We continue to depend on the support of our customers to help us to reach our goals each month. We are open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of each week, 10am to 3pm. Come along and join us for coffee/tea and home-baking; we also sell a wide variety of Fair Trade goods.



Deadline for all Articles
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Kinross Potager Garden

Bowton Road

Hi Friends of Potager Garden. I hope you have found time to come and wander around the Garden. Some of the vegetables we have grown this year have been an experiment, and have been fun to grow. The children will be harvesting in late August and will delight their parents with a large bag of all sorts of goodies!

I am in the process of taking cuttings, potting on those which have rooted and pruning the large bushes. If you would like to give me a hand - even one shrub would be a grand help, give me a ring

On **Saturday 6 September** at 10.30am, we will be holding a **Coffee Morning** to raise funds. There will be cakes galore and lovely refreshments. I am in the process of inviting some very special people and their wee guests, so please come along and meet them. Look out for our adverts in the local shop windows to discover just who our special guests will be

Best wishes to all. Michelle Hardaker, Convenor,
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Flowers and vegetables are thriving in the Potager Garden!

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



A party of Gacé schoolchildren will be arriving in Kinross on the evening of Tuesday 23 September for a one-week stay as the first part of the High School exchange visits with Gacé.

A **Quiz Night** will be held in Milnathort Bowling Club starting at 7.30pm on **Thursday 25 September**. Community teams are encouraged to take part in what is sure to be a fun evening with prizes for the winning team members.

There will be a twinning visit to Gacé in summer 2009 and anyone interested in travelling with the party should make contact with chairperson Jean Paterson (telephone 862159).

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

July Draw

1st	No 48	Enid Brown, Scotlandwell
2nd	No 18	Mary Nicol, Scotlandwell
3rd	No 101	George Elliot, Scotlandwell

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the August meeting, Bill Lessels, National Trust Property Manager, gave a talk on "The Royal Burgh of Culross", a very enlightening and enjoyable talk which showed there is a lot of history for such a small town.

Friday Walks: Our walk along the Wallace Road, from Glenfarg to Bridge of Earn, was on one of the warmest days this summer - enjoying sweet wild raspas as we came down the hill to West Dron. This was on the day before Kinross Show, when the weather was almost too bad to be out in.

5 September: The Fish Supper walk, from St Monans to Anstruther and back again - our annual leisurely stroll along the Coastal Path, when we sit at Anstruther Harbour with fish suppers.

19 September: Forestmill and Gartmorn Dam, returning by the Lade to Forestmill. This is a new walk, starting along the road behind the café in Forestmill, then following a country road down to the Dunfermline to Clackmannan cycle track, as far as the Black Devon. From Linn Mill, farm roads and paths bring us back to Forestmill. Although it is at least 9 miles, this is not a hard walk.

Hillwalkers: No walks were able to be completed during July due to the twin problems of poor weather and non-availability of bus drivers. We can only hope that our run of bad luck cannot continue and our September walks can go ahead.

12 September: Glen Lyon from the Ben Lawers NTS centre, a linear walk of about eight miles and 1500 feet of ascent.

26 September: Turnhouse Hill-Carnethy Hill-Scald Law, a circular route in the Pentland Hills of around eight miles and 2500 feet of ascent.

Drivers wanted: 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 neither is available. 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.

Great Scottish Walk: Edith Oswald, Pat Crawford and Ray Young would like to thank all who sponsored them in the above Edinburgh walk. Edith and Pat raised £411 for Marie Curie Cancer Care walking 6 miles and Ray raised £400 for the RNLI walking 12 miles. Very well done to all three!!!

September Meeting: At the meeting on 4 September, the speaker will be Gavin Logan from Cupar on "Peruvian street children".

The Elderberries enjoyed their trip to Kenmore in July. It was a beautiful sunny day and they had a lovely lunch in the Kenmore Hotel.

The final trip for this year is to **Arbroath** on 22 September, with lunch at the Bervie Chippie. For further information telephone Zena McRae 01577 864342.

Kinross & District Rotary Club



Rotarian Simon Byford spoke to the meeting on 21 July about his involvement in the award winning conversion of the head office building of the Bank of Scotland on the Mound, Edinburgh. The conversion of the building originally started in 1806 was part of the 200 year celebrations of HBOS plc. During the £17.2 million contract many unforeseen difficulties were encountered as the project progressed and Simon described with the aid of slides how these were all successfully overcome.

The grand sum of £4163 was raised for charity from the Club's activities at T in the Park. During the weekend the Club provided a well attended bacon, sausage and hamburger roll facility at the Lethangie Caravan Site and a left luggage service in the main arena.

A full house gathered on 28 July to hear Jenny Wood relate her experiences of her five week visit to Western Australia earlier in the year. Jenny, sponsored by Kinross Rotary Club, was part of a team of six who visited the country under the Group Study Exchange scheme. The scheme enables exchanges of teams of outstanding non Rotarian business and professional people between districts in different countries. Jenny, with the aid of slides, described the opportunities she had to visit twelve Australian Rotary Clubs and a variety of different businesses and organisations including her own special interest - local and district newspapers.

The Rotary District Governor, David Rankin, visited the Club at its first meeting in August. David represents the 86 clubs within the north and east Scotland district of the association and he outlined his ideals for the coming 12 months under the banner 'make dreams real for the children of the world'. Rotary seeks ways to reduce the 30,000 avoidable child deaths that occur daily globally and its campaign to eliminate polio throughout the world is almost complete.

Richard Brickley, MBE spoke to the meeting on 11 August about Disability Sport Five. Richard outlined the developments that have taken place in wheelchair design and the techniques now used by the athletes. Following the Olympic Games, the 14th Paralympic Games will be held in Beijing where disabled athletes from around the world will compete in 20 events ranging from wheelchair fencing to power lifting. Of particular interest will be world champion, Andrew Lindsay from Cowdenbeath, who will be competing in the swimming events.

Managing the gates and the car park at this year's Kinross Show proved to be a wet affair for the Rotarians on duty but a good opportunity to let visitors to the Club's tent at the showground know all about the work of Rotary locally and internationally.

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has selected Leonard Cheshire Disability as its partner charity from 1 July 2008 until 1 July 2009.

Over the course of the year Rotary members throughout the world will also seek to raise £500,000 for the "School 4 All in Africa" educational programme in Uganda.

The Club's Annual Charity Golf Match will be held on 22 August at Kinross Golf Club. The charity event will be followed a week later by an in-house golf competition on 29 August. Afterwards wives and partners will join the players to discuss the day's play over supper in the Club House.

Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit www.kinross.cc

Portmoak Film Society

2008/09 season opens with cracking programme

For all you local film lovers who couldn't wait for the summer (sorry) to be over so you could settle into the new comfy chairs at the Portmoak Hall of a Saturday night, the waiting's over!

On **13 September** we open the new season with "La Vie en Rose", the biopic of France's beloved songstress Edith Piaf, starring the wonderful Marion Cotillard. Piaf's world-famous "Je ne regrette rien", sung at the end of the film, is guaranteed to reduce the audience to tears. (I know, I've been there). This is followed in October by the film adaptation of "The Kite Runner", the heart-rending novel set in Afghanistan which topped the best-seller lists in 2007. In November, we show "The Assassination of Jesse James" starring Brad Pitt as the eponymous bandit and in December see the year out with the all-time classic "Lawrence of Arabia".

Experienced PFS film-goers know the procedure but for those of you who are new - and we hope to welcome many more this year! - you can buy a membership card for £24 for the entire season of at least 8 films. Do the math, as the Americans say and you'll see the unbeatable value of £3 per film which your local film society offers. No other cinema comes close! Membership cards can be bought from Stuart Mackenzie at the Pottery in Kinnesswood or on the door.

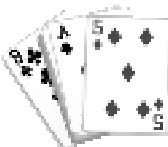
If you don't wish to commit in advance for the entire season, you can buy a ticket on the night for £4. Films start promptly at 7.30 p.m. but we ask you to arrive earlier so you can arrange your cushions in time, and there is normally some refreshment afterwards for those who wish to stay and chat in the relaxed atmosphere.

This season promises a cracking selection of films (chosen by you!) - to see them all, visit our website at www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Kinross Bridge Club

The start date for the 2008/09 Season is **Wednesday 1 October**. The venue is the Kinross Church Centre and the start time is 6.45pm.

New members of all grades are very welcome to join. For any further information contact Sandy Greenhill, Club Secretary, on 01577 862901.



Milnathort Bridge Club

For the new season 2008-2009 the Club will meet at Loch Leven's Larder. The opening meeting will be on **Monday 29 September** at 7pm prompt. This will start with the Annual General Meeting followed by duplicate board Bridge and include refreshments.

We are a club of approx 40 members of varying ages and abilities and would be very keen to welcome new members. If you are interested or require further information please contact Secretary, Beryl Harley, tel 01577 863590 or e-mail beryl.harley@zen.co.uk



Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issues from September 2006 to three months ago available

The Milnathort Town Hall

Still Urgently Required...

We are very pleased to welcome Kirsty Cassells to the committee as our Treasurer and look forward to the support she can provide.

The MTH still urgently require volunteers to take up the positions of Chairman and Secretary 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 any new office bearers. 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
Mobile: 07872 318186
Email: murraymitchell@mscharacterhomes.com

Hall Improvements

The Committee are very pleased to confirm that the main hall has been repainted and we are in the process of renewing the window and stage curtains. There are still many improvements required, however this is a start.

We'd especially like to thank Scott Irvine, a local decorator, for donating his time for free to decorate the hall. He's done a fantastic job and we very much appreciate him volunteering to carry out this work. We're happy to have had at least one local company support the town hall by carrying out much needed work - thank you, Scott.

We'd also like to thank Craig & Rose for donating the paint for free and to our committee members Grace Drysdale, Rosemary Tolson and Kathleen Mitchell who have done a fantastic job in bringing all the above together.

If there are any other companies or tradespeople out there who could donate some of their time to the town hall improvements then please contact any of the committee members.

Friends of Kirkgate Park to Disband?

The group will hold its AGM on **Wednesday 24 September**, in the Church Centre at

7.30pm. We need a new committee, and the group will disband after the AGM unless new members step forward. The current committee feels that the original objectives have largely been met, with the magnificent improvements carried out in 2007, and the prospect of further upgrading in the Watchtower area soon to take place. The funding available to the Friends has been spent or committed to these projects. Future tasks for any new Friends group could include encouraging or organising events to take place in the park, ensuring that the Park is fully integrated with the round-the-loch walkway and liaising with the Council on Park matters.

Before the AGM, the Friends of Kirkgate Park will be involved in the park **Discovery Day** on **7 September** and the **Doors Open Days** on **20 & 21 September**.



Kinross-shire Civic Trust

The Civic Trust Autumn Visit: By kind permission of Sir Robert Stewart, the Trust will visit Cowden Castle and the Japanese garden on **Saturday**

27 September at 2.30pm. Meet at West Lodge, Cowden, which lies between Muckhart and Dollar to the North of the A91 road. Entrance is on the right on a bend shortly before Dollar – gumboots or walking shoes essential. Please inform Mrs Bridget Lindsay, 01592 840 252, if you would like to attend.

The original Castleton, as it was then known, was a fortalice, probably of 13th century origin. Having been lost to the English during the War of Independence and regained in 1311, the site marked the western boundary of the Diocese of St Andrews. After various changes of ownership, including the Earl of Argyll, a mansion house was built in the 19th century and the name changed to Cowden Castle. Extensions were added in 1892 to a design by Keppie Henderson, architects of Glasgow, for whom Charles Rennie Mackintosh worked as a young man. This became the home of Miss Ella Christie, a formidable lady traveller of the world, who in 1907 constructed a Japanese garden in the grounds, on instruction from a lady of the Royal School of garden design in Nagoya, Japan. Until his death in 1937, the garden was tended by Matsuo, a Japanese gardener, and became famous for its attractive and unusual design. The house was demolished in the 1950s, leaving just the arch and turret of a former building and now only the 'bones' of the garden, the lake and rocks remain as the centrepiece of a pleasing landscape.

Kinross Show 2008: The Trust had a stand at the Kinross Show this year. The morning unfortunately turned out to be somewhat of a 'dreich' affair, for the second year running. However after 2pm the weather took a turn for the better and the stand enjoyed many visits, recruiting new members and entries for our Photo Competition. The competition was to identify 22 sites around Kinross-shire. The Trust are delighted to announce that we had two joint winners, two members of our eagle eyed Police Force, who obviously know their way around the county and Eileen Thomas, Editor of the Kinross Newsletter. Congratulations to them all and thank you to all the other participants.

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust Shield: The Competition for this Woodland Award was held in July and judged by Andrew Barrie, John Gallacher and Sir Robert Stewart. The Winner was Graigow Woods, with Highly Commended, Pittendreich Wood and Runners up The Muckleton and Thomtonhill.

The judges were very impressed by the high standards presented by all the entrants. They described Craigow Woods as "an excellent example of integrated woodland and agricultural management that could inspire others" and Pittendreich Wood as being "clear that the ongoing work has significantly increased the local biodiversity".

The Award ceremony for this competition will be some time in October at a date to be decided.



Best Kept Village Competition: Judging for the Competition took place on Tuesday 5 August, when our three judges, Mrs Elspeth Skinner, Mrs Sue Hendry and Mr Mike Brown, had a very busy day going round all the entries for the Best kept Village and the Best Kept Hamlet. The judges were very impressed by how attractive the County looked and the obvious enthusiasm of all the communities to make their villages look good.

The final results for the **Best Kept Village** were:

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| 1st | Milnathort |
| 2nd equal | Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell |

and for the **Best Kept Hamlet**

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| 1st | Wester Balgedie |
| 2nd | Easter Balgedie |
| 3rd equal | Cleish, Kelty Bridge/Maryburgh. |

The Sir Robert Stewart Cup for the **Most Improved Village** went to Wester Balgedie.

The Prize Giving will take place on **Monday 29 September** at the Scout Hall at Milnathort at 7.30pm and all villages taking part in the competitions are invited to attend.



Milnathort: Winner of the Best Kept Village Competition

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.

Contact: Alistair Smith, Chairman 01592 840215.

Central Scotland Autograss Club



Autograss is a non-contact sport that takes place on an oval 440-yard track on a natural soil surface. Due to the close nature of the racing, thrills and spills are never far away.

Racing takes place in the various classes with up to eight cars starting on a straight line grid and racing over short 4-8 lap races. This results in the major meetings, most of which are staged over two days, offering upwards of 200 races. All classes normally race through qualifying heats and finals and, if time permits, open races where different classes race against each other.

The social side of the sport is a very large factor in its appeal and on the Saturday evening of meetings the aroma of barbecue cooking is hard to escape from, as friends from all over the country meet up. This just seems to emphasise the family nature of the sport encompassed by the fact that husband, wife and children can all compete in the same car.

No Autograss event requires competitors to enter prior to the day and with the exception of the National Championships, which require qualification/registration, any NASA licence holder can race at any NASA meeting just by turning up.

Racing licences are available for men, ladies and juniors (12-16 year olds restricted to class 1 cars only). Also available are mechanics and social licences for those who do not wish to race but would like to be part of this very affordable motor sport.

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

Remaining race dates for 2008 are: **14 September, 5 October, 26 October.**

Please contact Drew/Angie on 01674 676566 or email chairman@scottish-autograss.co.uk

Web Address: www.scottish-autograss.co.uk

Track Site: Tillyochie Mains, Balado.

Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade



Following a successful session and summer camp in Canada, the Company resumes for business on **Friday 5 September** at Kinross Church Centre.

The Anchor Section is for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three and operates a range of activities starting at 6pm until 7.15pm every Friday from September to May.

The Junior Section is for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six and operates a varied programme of award activities starting at 7pm until 8.45pm every Friday from September to May.

The Company Section is for boys and girls from primary seven to S6 and starts a new awards programme of activities starting at 7pm until 10pm every Friday from September to June.

Anyone interested in joining the Kinross Company should just turn up with a parent or guardian any Friday evening where details and membership consent forms can be issued. For further details contact Company Captain David Munro on Kinross 862126.

Kinross BB 125 year celebration weekend

The Kinross Company will be holding its own celebratory weekend over **15 and 16 November** with all current and former BB members in the Kinross-shire Community invited to attend.

There will be a dinner dance at the Windlestrae Hotel starting at 7.30pm on **Saturday 15 November** with tickets priced at £27 for a three-course meal followed by a dance.

On **Sunday 16 November** it is planned to have an afternoon re-dedication service in Kinross Parish Church with a march past and salute at the County Buildings. This will be followed by a "Down Memory Lane" exhibition of memorabilia, photographs, newspaper cuttings and videos from 4pm to 6pm at Kinross Church Centre.

Further details can be had from Company Captain David Munro (telephone 862126).

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, take advantage of the last of the summer months to try out a walk with us. We're a friendly and welcoming group. This month we have the last two walks of the season before our new winter programme is released.

Saturday 6 September: Dunning Glen - 6 miles. An easy forest walk on tracks to the summit of Innerdouney (ascent 550 feet). Excellent views to the south. Returning to the car park via Littlerigg. This walk is suitable for accompanied children, if fit.

Sunday 21 September: Gartmorn Dam to Alloa Dunfermline railway 7.5 miles. The walk is part of this year's Clackmannanshire Walking Weekend. A relatively flat circular walk, mainly on tracks (and partly on a minor road) from Gartmorn Dam to the disused railway to Bogside, Bathmoor Plantation and returning via Forest Mill to Gartmorn Dam. This walk is suitable for accompanied children.

For further information on where and when to meet, as well as for general information on walking with the group and our proposed winter programme, call Jacqui Ritchie on 01592 840451.

Orwell Dramatic Society

We are excited to announce a number of upcoming plays for September.

Shakers

On the evenings of **Thursday 11** and **Friday 12 September** we will be putting on a performance of "Shakers" by John Godber at Kinross High School. It is a hilarious comedy set in a yuppie cocktail bar during the 1980s. It will feature an all female cast and will be directed by Gemma Cook. Posters are up around the county. Tickets will cost £5 and can be purchased from Newsplus, Kinross, Milnathort Post Office, or on the door. The performances start at 7.30pm but doors will be open from 7pm.

A Dinner/Theatre Evening At The Grouse And Claret

We are delighted to announce we will be performing two short comedies: Sherlock Holmes' Last Case, written by Charlie Cook and Over My Dead Body written by Pat Baker. These will be as part of a combined dinner/theatre ticket. There will be three performances: **Friday 19 September** at 7.30pm, **Saturday the 20th** at 7.30pm and **Sunday the 21st** at 12.30pm. Dinner is at 7pm on the Friday and Saturday nights with the plays following afterwards at 9pm. The tickets will cost £32.50 each. Sunday's showing is a combined lunch/theatre ticket. The tickets for this will be £28.50. The ticket price includes a tip and a free raffle ticket.

If you would like any more information contact Jimmy Lamont on 01577 862331.

Kinross in Bloom



It has been a very full year for the Bloom committee. We successfully arranged to store our plants in a polytunnel, acquired a new watering buggy and the new gateway is in hand and will hopefully begin in the autumn.

Lack of sunshine has made the flowers slower to blossom but they have finally started to bloom.

We have had quite a few more helpers this year to help with the watering and I wish to thank them all very much for their help. It is very much appreciated and I hope that they will be able to continue to support the Bloom in future years.

Unfortunately we have lost a few of our committee members this year. We would like to thank them very much for all their hard work and devotion that they have given to the Bloom committee and to the town of Kinross. I think you will agree that the town has improved a lot over the last few years. We could really do with a secretary to record the minutes of meetings which are usually once a month and write a short newsletter article. Do you think you would be interested in helping? If so please contact Aileen on 861477.

200 Club results

£20	No 29	Mrs C McIntosh
£15	No 71	Molly Dobson
£10	No 17	Norma Anderson
£5	No 92	David Cuthbert

On **18 October** around 10 am we intend to get the baskets down and clear the barrels. We hope to plant up some pansies too if they are ready. If you feel you could help out for an hour or two we would most welcome your help. If you could help, please contact me on the above telephone number.



Sports News

Kinross Rugby Football Club

Start of a new season

This is a good opportunity to let you all know what's happening, what's changed and also to share the club's expectations for the forthcoming season.

So what's changed? New coaching team headed up by Craig Machan with fitness coaches, specialist backs and forward coaches, team managers for the youth section, specialist coaches invited to run sessions and finally, but by no means last, is a committee focussed on supporting rugby at all levels within the club.

Kinross Rugby Football Club, playing in the Caledonian National Division 1, kicks-off the new season with a series of friendly fixtures against National Division 1, 2, and 3 sides. The strength of the opposition for preseason is an indication of the club's vision to progress in to the National Leagues via promotion and build year on year going forward.

The first two pre-season fixtures were competitive and the opposition were surprised by the strength and ability of the players. When the main squad players were on the pitch the score line was 0-0 and 5-0 to Kinross, (third match still to be played at time of writing). Kinross used both matches as a means to play 1st XV, 2nd XV, O35 and U18 players which further illustrates the vision of the club going forward and the development of each team.

So what does all this really mean? A fantastic atmosphere in what was already a social club, a belief in ability to improve and progress, a commitment to the playing side and the success of rugby in Kinross.

1st XV

This year the side is Captained by the experienced Tom Coll who is supported by Vice Captain Duncan Wood, both bring a wealth of rugby experience and are very much focussed on the development and progression of the playing aspects of the club. The team is made up of a blend of youth and experience as the club strives not only to get back to previous heights but competing with the elite of Scottish rugby.

Upcoming Fixtures

30 August Mackie (Home) Kick-Off 15:00
6 September Aberdeen University (Away) Kick-Off 15:00
13 September Aberdeenshire (Home) Kick-Off 15:00
20 September Orkney (Away) Kick-Off 15:00

2nd XV

Captained for the second year running by Craig Purvis, the second XV has a blend of senior players, some in their 40s and even 50s and youth of 17 and 18 - year olds (most players in their early 20s) who, within a couple of years, will progress to the 1st XV. The senior players are now in the minority and the team will encourage player development and progression to the 1st XV.

Upcoming Fixtures

30 August Hillfoots (Away) Kick-off 15:00 (friendly)
6 September Forrester (Home) Kick-Off 15:00
13 September Falkirk (Away) Kick-Off 15:00

Over 35s

The team is captained and managed by Jimmy Handyside and has players ranging from late 30s to 72 (Norman



Smith)! The season kicks off with the "Golden Oldies Festival of Rugby" in Edinburgh from **1 to 8 September**. It will be a fantastic event featuring 160 teams from all over the world with only 16 coming from Scotland. Our boys will play 6-8 games over the course of the week, playing teams we would never have dreamed of playing. It is a fantastic opportunity for our really old boys like me to end our playing days on a real high.

If anyone is interested in coming to watch any of these games I will be posting the dates, times and venues on the club web site and also behind the bar at the rugby club, 01577 861773.

Come and see us at the opening ceremony on the castle esplanade on the evening of 1 September.

Anyone wishing to see more about the tournament can check out the web site of the golden oldies, www.goldenoldiesports.com. Look forward to seeing you there.

Youth - U18

Captained by Stuart Hunter and vice Captain Cameron McDonald, this team is at the leading edge of development of youth rugby in Kinross. Over many seasons extensive work by the likes of Andy Williams, Murray Hunter, Ollie Cox, Raymond Milne, Craig Machan and Steve Wilcox (Kinross Rugby Club Youth Convenor) has seen many of these boys progress all the way from 5 to 17 year olds and are playing their 10th year of competitive matches against local clubs.

So when does it all happen?

Tuesday 7pm to 9pm Fitness and Skill Sessions - U18, O35, 2nd XV and 1st XV;

Thursday 7pm to 9pm Skill Session and Game Plan - U18, O35, 2nd XV and 1st XV;

Saturday - Match Day: see website for match details.

What does it cost?

Equivalent to one month's gym membership you would get a year's Kinross Rugby Football Club membership providing fitness sessions, team sport and social events!

So why not come and join the club whether U18, O35, a competitive rugby player in the 1st or 2nd XV team, or a social member supporting you local rugby club?

Visit the website to find out more: www.kinross-rugby.com

Why don't you come down and give it a try? Contact: Craig Machan 07793 028939

50 Club Winners, August:

Winner: Stevie Easton 2nd: Fraser Thomson

Kinross Curling School

Kinross ice rink opens for the season on **Monday 22 September**, and we

KCS are holding a free Come and Try in the rink at 7.45pm. All are welcome; all you need are cleaned soled trainers and an extra fleece, we supply the rest.

If interested, please contact Ena Stevenson: telephone 01383 850257, or email enastevenson@aol.com



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Kinross Cricket Club

Fife Mid-Week League Final

The final of the Fife mid-week 8-a-side cricket league was held at Kinross House on Tuesday 29 July between the two top teams. Kinross had finished the season at the top of the league table with 89% and second place was taken by Townhill, with 81%, after a close victory over Glenrothes in their final game of the season. The previous games this season between Townhill and Kinross had ended with a victory for each side.



Left to right: Ian Barron, James Ross, Dave Goodenough, Calum Watson, Simon Lopez (captain), Findlay Watt, Stuart Brand, Michael Smith

Kinross won the toss and chose to bat first, with the cloud and mist gathering. The Kinross openers, Stuart Brand and James Ross got off to a steady start against some tight bowling from Murray and Philp. Two run-outs, Stuart Brand going for a tight second run, and Ian Barron for a quick single looked to have squandered the early good work. However, Findlay Watt came in to join opener James Ross and this pair then added a brisk partnership of 68 in the next 8 overs to give Kinross a chance of posting a good score. Findlay Watt was finally out for 31 and James Ross retired when he reached his 50 (off 41 balls). The Kinross tail continued to score quickly, with a useful contribution from Mike Smith, before a mini collapse, when Dave Goodenough and Calum Watson fell cheaply. This brought James Ross back to the crease for the final two overs. Kinross finished their innings on 136 for 6 from 20 overs, with James Ross unbeaten on 61. The pick of the Townhill bowlers was Drew Smith with 3-33.

The Townhill team reply started in the late evening sun, and their innings got off to a great start, with Hynd and Philp pushing the scoring along at the asking rate before Hynd was bowled by Findlay Watt. This bought the dangerous Murray to the crease, and the new pairing continued to score briskly before a double Kinross bowling change started to peg the scoring rate back and resulted in Ian Barron and Calum Watson removing Murray and Philp (42) respectively, with the score on 60 after 10 overs. Townhill lost wickets at regular intervals after that. Smith scored a rapid 17 before being run-out, and Callan fell to a great catch on the boundary by James Ross off the bowling of Calum Watson. The Townhill innings was ended when Simon Lopez bowled the final batsman with the score on 114 in the 18th over, bringing to an end a thrilling match that was always in the balance.

Congratulations go to Kinross for their first out-right victory in the mid-week league. Thanks to all the teams and players that took part over the last 11 weeks for playing the games in the true spirit of cricket and grateful thanks to the scorers and umpires that gave freely of their time.

1st XI Continue Winning Ways

On a wet Sunday 10th August, Kinross travelled to Clackmannanshire for the return leg of the double header and having won a tough battle at home the week before, Kinross were expecting another fight if they wanted to come away with all the points. However a sublime performance with the ball, especially by John Ross who took a club record 7 for 20 off 7 overs, limited Clackmannanshire to 76 runs which Kinross knocked off for the loss of just 2 wickets.

Congratulations to John Ross for his personal performance and to the team as a whole and with just 4 league games left to play and a 100% record to maintain, the end is in sight, but it is all still very much to play for.

Player Successes

Under-15 players, Peter Ross, Scott Weir and Nick Farrar have returned triumphant from the European under-15 Cricket Championships winning firstly their group stage matches against Holland and Jersey and then beating Ireland in a rain affected and very tense final. This is the first time the Scotland under-15s have ever won the European Championships with Ireland being champions for the past 8 years. Peter Ross was top bowler of the tournament.

John Ross has beaten the club bowling record set by the late Richard Oldham in 2004 with a magnificent performance of 7 wickets for 20 runs against league rivals Clackmannanshire.

James Ross took part in the Cricket Scotland annual inter-district U16 championships in Glasgow and was a key member with both bat and ball for the winning Caledonian Team.

Junior Awards Night

The junior awards night is being held in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross this year on **Wednesday 24 September** starting at 6.30pm when all players and their families are invited to attend to hear about the work undertaken in the junior section of the club and the successes achieved this year.

Forthcoming Fixtures

As the season draws to a close, a handful of home matches remain. Spectators will be warmly welcomed to our ground at Kinross House.

Sun 7	Almond Valley (H)	1st XI	1pm
Sun 14	St Modans (H)	1st XI	1pm
Sun 21	Hawick (Friendly) (H)	1st/2nd XI	1pm

Bridges Butcher

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Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

Take a deep sniff Go on.... Can you smell it? That's the smell of excitement about imminent start of the new hockey season! ... well actually there also seems to be the heady tang of foisty shin pads and the nostril-clearing niff of Ralgex in the air, but give it a couple of weeks and that will fade.

Both ladies teams remain in the Midlands First Division this year (yeay!). The format of the season has been overhauled to try and prevent a repeat of the glut of cancelled matches which needed to be rearranged because of weather. The League season is now going to run from Saturday 13 September through to 13 December. Each team will play each other twice; once home and once away. There is then going to be a longer break until mid February, which will hopefully help avoid the worst of the frozen pitches! Indoor hockey may well run during January and February to help us run off the festive excesses, but dates have not yet been confirmed. When outdoor hockey resumes on 14 February it will be for the Midlands League Cup, followed by the Midlands Knock-out Cup from 14 April until the end of the season.

Training is back in full swing on **Wednesday nights** from 6.30pm - 8pm at the KGV all weather pitch, and by now we will have a friendly game against East Kilbride under our belts.

As current holders of the Bell Trophy we are hosting the **Bell Trophy Tournament** in Kinross on **Saturday 6 September**. All supporters welcome!

The first league matches of the season on Saturday 13 September see the First XI up against Perth 1, and the Second XI playing Madras. There's nothing quite like starting with a bang!

Although training has restarted new members are always welcome – goalkeepers and umpires in particular are always in short supply. For more information visit www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk or come along to training from 6.30pm to 8pm on Wednesday nights at the all weather pitch at King George V playing fields.

Orwell Bowling Club

Kinross-shire may not have had the polluted air problems suffered by Olympians in Beijing, but it has certainly had some downpours to rival theirs during the past month, when bowling events have had to be re-arranged due to sodden greens. Played in very mixed weather, the following are the latest Club results: The Roy Dougray Memorial Trophy on Sunday 20 July was won by our President Gordon Morton, and Orwell were triumphant on 27th in a mixed friendly against Dalgety Bay. The Haig Cup went to Vic McKechnie and Kirsten Dougray on 10 August, with Orwell again well up against Cambo in the home game on the 13th. With two major events, four friendlies and many club ties still to come, we can only wish for a suitably placed high pressure area for the remaining few weeks of the season.

Kinross Cycling Club

You may have noticed a hardy group of two, three or even four cyclists around Kinross-shire the past few Sunday mornings. We are the Kinross Cycling Club! Runs are generally around two hours and are tailored to ability. If you want to get fit and enjoy the camaraderie of a group, sign up at <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/kinrosscyclingclub/> or meet at Kinross High School at 9am on a Sunday morning.



British Aquathlon winner from Kinross

Cameron Milne, from Kinross, has won the Mazda Junior British Aquathlon Championships held in Parc Bryn Bach, South Wales on 26 July. He was competing against the UK's top young triathletes in his age group.

This pinnacle of the British Youth Aquathlon season sees the Youth (14-16 age category) competitors donning wetsuits for a 400 metre swim in the open water lake of Parc Bryn Bach. They scramble out of the water into transition where they whip off their wetsuits and slip on running shoes to complete a 2,500 metre run course, undulating through one of Wales' most beautiful country parks.

Cameron (15), who has been training with the Triathlon Scotland squad at their Stirling University Campus throughout the summer holidays, finished in 16 minutes 0 seconds, just 17 seconds in front of the top English competitor, Jake Watson who pushed Daniel Winter into the bronze medal position.

Cameron said, "I was second out of the water but managed to get to first position after the transition. The run was really hard but I managed to keep Jake and Daniel behind me. They are both strong runners and I was pleased that my recent hard training with Chris Volley, the Scottish Triathlon Coach, helped me stay in front."

Earlier this year, Cameron, who trains throughout the year with East Fife Triathlon Club, won the Stirling and Balfour Aquathlons, which are part of the Mazda Scottish Aquathlon League 2008. Full results and race details are available at: <http://www.britishtriathlon.org/news/article.php?id=9839>

Kinross Tennis Club

Alas the weather has not been kind these past few weeks and we were unable to hold the Beginner's Sunday. Puddles galore on our lovely courts forced even some competitive matches to be rescheduled. However, although not basking in sunshine, matches have been lost and won; fortunately the condition of the courts is such that puddles quickly drain away.

One excellent bit of news since the last Newsletter is that the Ladies Team has won promotion and will be attempting to conquer Division 2 of the Tayside Tennis League next year. Well done girls!

On **Sunday 21 September** we would like to invite down to the courts all tennis players who might be interested in playing some fun, but competitive, matches next season. We are particularly interested in new members for the men's and junior teams, although we would also like to enter a second ladies team into the competitions. There is of course no obligation on anyone who attends to enter these teams, but on the day we hope to explain away any worries anyone may have about playing competitive tennis. You don't have to be of international or even of national or county standard. You just need to love the game and enjoy playing doubles. We'll explain all the rules answer any questions you may have on the day and of course play some tennis too.

Hopefully next month I will be able to update you on our **Club Championships**, as the Finals will be held on **Saturday 30 August**. A Junior Tournament will also be held that morning. Please come down and support the players, both juniors and seniors. Refreshments will be provided. The Junior Tournament will start at 10.30am, the senior Finals will commence at 12.30pm, weather permitting of course. Should the weather be a spoilsport that day, we aim to hold the tournament on Sunday 31 August.

Aileen Jones, President KTC, tel. 07881 594 093



Bronze in Belgium for Kinross club

It was a weary but cheery return to Rosyth for the 24 travelling members of Kinross Volleyball Club who took part in the 35th De Haan Outdoor Volleyball Tournament in Belgium. The three teams returned satisfied with their performances with the men's side returning with the club's first ever European trophy – a third place cup as the side finished in bronze medal position. Kinross Volleyball Club has been playing at King George V Park every Monday evening since June in preparation for Belgian tournament.

"Park Volleyball" as it is called, is gaining in popularity across the world and this is recognised by the international federation FIVB as being ideal for promoting the sport as an ideal mix of fun and competitive spirit. Perth's own Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament has built on this principle right from the outset and is rightly the largest and best volleyball tournament in the UK.

It is the fourth consecutive year that the Kinross club has taken part in a continental summer tournament since their first venture abroad all of 25 years ago when they travelled to the Roeselare tournament, meeting up with local rivals Kelty Chiefs and Scottish champions Murray Metals.

Club chairman John Cameron sees participation at De Haan as ideal preparation for the forthcoming challenge of the local Perth and District Volleyball League, where last season the Kinross Scot Range team finished as Premier League and Cup winners with Kinross BB winning the Recreational League and Kinross Kintronics winning the Recreational Cup.

The opening match for the men's team competing in provincial league A was against an experienced Unidek side. The opening set was very closely contested, Unidek winning by the narrowest of margins at 25-24. The Kinross men levelled the match with a 25-20 score in the second set. Kinross won their second match but lost their third to Antwerp side VCO. However, two wins out of three allowed the Kinross side to qualify for the top four play-offs on the Sunday.

The youngsters in the party played as Scot Range Babes and they settled in well to the mixed recreational division B competition which saw games of two sets. The youngsters won one, drew one and lost one which saw them set to meet the lower teams in recreational division A on the Sunday. The more mature members of the party were also playing in mixed recreational division B as Kinross Kintronics Crocks. They too had mixed results and were set to play off for positions 20 to 24 (out of 36 teams) on the Sunday.

Early Sunday morning saw very heavy rain fall but thankfully it had stopped before play commenced. The wind was back stronger than ever which helped to dry the ground but

conditions were still slightly slippery underfoot.

The Scot Range men's side opened their Sunday account with a stunning three sets to love victory, playing their best volleyball of the year. Unfortunately as can often happen they followed this up with an under par performance against their next opponents and they crashed to a three love loss.

The final game of the tournament saw Scot Range meet the Antwerp side who had finished top of their section the day before. Although Scot Range competed well they were outclassed by a well-drilled side whose setter was exceptional at picking attacks which regularly broke down the Kinross side's defences. So the afternoon finished with the Antwerp side winning the competition with the Kinross lads proud to finish in third place in a strong competition.



The Scot Range bronze medalist team before Saturday's competition

Indoor training at Kinross High School games hall commences on **Monday 1st September** from 8pm to 10pm, with new members both male and female most welcome. Junior members (from S1 to S6) are particularly welcome from 8 until 9pm, when they can learn the fundamental skills required to enjoy small sided games (2 v 2 and 3 v 3) as well as the full size 6 v 6 version.

The Perth & District League commences in mid September with both Recreational and Premier League Cup competitions. There will be a two-week break for the school October holidays and the League Competitions will resume in mid October with the Kinross Club defending all of the available trophies in the Perth League.

Anyone interested in joining the Club's success story should just turn up any Monday evening – they will be made most welcome.

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Out & About

Vane Farm



Colin is away as we produce this issue of the Newsletter, so nae Scots blether this month, but we have other news from Vane Farm for you.

Vane Farm goes back to its roots

Vane Farm is going back to its roots by converting its café into a venue which uses local, fairly traded and organic produce. The change is timed to coincide with Organic Fortnight, an annual event arranged by the Soil Association. During **Organic Fortnight**, which runs this year from **6 to 21 September**, staff at The View Café (formerly the Lapwing Café) will host a range of tastings, culminating in a special event, "The View from Vane" on **Saturday 20 September** to launch the Café's new status.



The café at Vane Farm will soon be using organic, local and fairly traded produce

Vane's new Shop and Café manager, Raymond Welsh and his team have been busy sourcing foodstuffs from local, organic and fair trade producers over the last three months in a bid to practise what their organisation preaches. "RSPB Scotland aims to create a cleaner, safer environment for birds and people, so I thought why not reflect this through our café" said Raymond of Kinross, who took the job at Vane earlier this year after a long association with the reserve through other roles at RSPB Scotland.

The View from Vane on **Saturday 20 September** from 7pm until 9pm will include an evening of locally sourced music from the Glenfarg Folk Club and art by Auchtermuchty artist 'Lucy Moose', who creates art from her children's doodles. All are welcome. More details will be available nearer the time on the RSPB website. There will also be a talk in the afternoon by Mike Small who has been living on a diet of food only produced in Fife for almost a year now.

RSPB Vane Farm folk will be at the **Discovery Day** at Kirkgate Park on **Sunday 7 September**.

There will be an **Optics Weekend** at Vane Farm on **13 and 14 September**, 10am to 2.30pm.

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Loch Leven NNR



Success on the second of our scheduled Osprey Walks! Jeremy was able to find two Ospreys fishing the loch on a blustery evening, much to the delight of the group. Conditions were not ideal for watching birds on the water, so these sightings were particularly exciting.

The deadline for the Loch Leven Photography Competition passed on Friday 29 August. Any last minute entries will be accepted if delivered to the reserve office before **Thursday 4 September**. Thank you for all the entries received so far. The standard has been high, and we look forward to displaying the winning entries at Discovery Day on Sunday 7 September.

Plans are well underway for **Discovery Day 2008**, with Scottish Natural Heritage teaming up with Perth & Kinross Council, RSPB, Historic Scotland, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Bumblebee Conservation Trust and Friends of Kirkgate Park among others to deliver what should be a very entertaining day in the park for all. The SNH stand will be buzzing with activity, with games for kids and information about the reserve and volunteering. Keep a look out for the hidden homes of Loch Leven, which will be situated at various points around the event. With a range of other activities from nest box building to discovering life in the depths of the loch, there'll be plenty of fun for all the family. The event starts at 1pm on **Sunday 7 September**.

There was an exciting discovery at Loch Leven this month by scientists from the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology. An aquatic plant (*Potamogeton praelongus*) un-recorded here since 1910 was found while surveying the vegetation in the loch. The plant needs good water conditions to survive, so this is an encouraging indication of ever improving water quality.

Lastly, for the chance to volunteer and take a behind-the-scenes look around Levenmouth, please contact the reserve office on 01577 864439 regarding the Levenmouth weekend.

Cheers for now,
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Farming



September is the month to bring in the harvest. It is a busy time and farmers are focussed on harvesting their crops before the weather breaks. As a September baby my Dad was out on the combine harvester the day I was born and as a farmers wife I often enjoy my birthday tea at the edge of a field of wheat or potatoes!

2008 looks set to be a wet and soggy harvest; this will bring many difficulties for farmers in Kinross-shire and beyond. With so much water on the land the combine is at risk of sinking in the soft ground and getting stuck in the mud! The crop may be flat because the rain has softened the stem and made it weak. One stem could be holding up an ear of grain laden with seeds. A heavy crop which has been battered down by torrential rain will be difficult for the combine harvester to pick up. The moisture content of the grain will be higher if it is harvested in damp or wet conditions and if the crop has gone flat, harvesting losses will be increase.

Drying the grain reduces the dependency on good weather conditions, so many farms have installed facilities to cope with the problem of wet grain. To prevent fungal growth the grain must be dried quickly, in the case of cereals to less than 14% moisture. A batch drier can dry up to 20 tonne of grain. Hot air is forced into the grain by a fan from a burner (similar but on a larger scale to your central heating system). The air, laden with the moisture, then escapes through the tiny holes in the mesh sides of the drier. Once the grain is dried, the burner is switched off and the grain is cooled to ambient temperature before it is emptied to be stored safely. Malting barley destined for the whisky distillery has to be very carefully dried. The temperature of the hot air is reduced by turning down the burner and the batch is dried slowly and evenly to protect the germination potential of the barley. The barley will be stored until the distillery is ready to take delivery of the barley and start the germination process to produce malt.

Grain drying allows farmers to store the grain until it is ready to feed to livestock on the farm or if the grain is to be sold, a pile of properly dried grain can be stored until the farmer decides the time is right to sell the grain. The drier gives the farmer control over the marketing of the product.

So my only chance of a romantic meal for two at a local eatery is if the sun comes out for a few days, the combines don't get bogged and the grain drying is up to date!

Fiona

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Weather



July Weather Report From Carnbo

Despite a July rainfall total slightly above the average, the feeling was of a rather wet month, this probably caused by the showery nature of the weather. The month closed with a very heavy downpour of 36.2 mm on the very last day.

Rainfall for month 106 mm (101% of normal)

Heaviest fall 36.2 mm (31st)

Highest temperature 22°C (27th)

Lowest temperature 5°C (21st)

Average temperature 14°C

10 days with maximum above 20°C

No days with maximum temperature below 10°C

Lowest max temperature 14°C (6th)

Ground frost not recorded

Sunless days 11

Cloud cover 75%

Thunder not recorded

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Elcho Castle (Historic Scotland)

The St John's Toun Executioner will demonstrate how poachers, drunks, witches and nagging wives were dealt with in times past on **Sunday 21 September**. Not for the faint-hearted or very young children. Sessions run at 1.30, 2.30 and 3.30pm and are included in the standard admission rates. Further info from 0131 657 8443.

Stirling Castle (Historic Scotland)

Castle of Magic: A festival of magic featuring award winning magicians including Magic Circle Magician of the Year. **Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September**, noon – 4pm. Adult £8.50, Child £4.25, HS member free. For further info tel 0131 668 8885. Tickets can be purchased via Historic Scotland website.

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

The Deadly Medley – Described as an indoor concert, light-hearted comedy repertoire involving missing war-time secret plans by an entertaining ensemble. **Saturday 13 September** at 7.30pm. Interval drinks on the terrace included in ticket price: Adults £12, Concessions & NTS members £10. Book on 0844 4932185.

The restored **Hickory Golf** course was opened on 28 June and is open until 2 November. Details on costs and reservations from www.golfandthistle.com

Falkland Palace (NTS) 0844 4932186

Flowers of Falkland: Garden tour, flower arrangement demonstration and lecture by Ann Monroe at the Palace Gardens, 1.30pm to 4pm on **Sunday 7 September**. £10 for non-NTS members, £5 for members. Refreshments will be served.

Falconry Display on **Sunday 7 September**, 1.30pm–4.30pm. Standard Falkland Palace admission prices apply.

Sealed Knot Attack on **Saturday 20 September**, 10am to 5pm and **Sunday 21 September**, 1pm to 5pm. 17th century battle re-enactment and a chance to learn about period cooking, clothing, herbs, weapons and battle strategies. Living History. Standard Falkland Palace admission prices apply.

Kellie Castle (NTS) 0844 4932184

Classical guitar concert by Simon Thacker on **Friday 19 September** at 7.30pm. Complimentary glass of wine during the interval. Adult £10, Concession £8.

Apple Day: an exhibition of apples and pears, guided tours of the orchard, pruning tips, children's games and competitions, cookery demonstrations and more. **Saturday 27 September**, 10am to 4pm (talk 10.30am – 12.30pm). Adults £3, Children £2, additional £5 for the talk includes tea and cake. Advance booking essential.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Kinross

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



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

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

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

Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

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

Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

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

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Gardens open regularly not too far from Kinross	Opening Arrangements			Admission		Disabled	Contact Number
				Adult	Child	Access	
Kinross House gardens	1 Apr - 30 Sept	daily	1000-1900	£3.00	free	yes	01577 862900
Arnot Tower gardens, Leslie	6 May - 28 Oct	Tues only	1000-1700	£3.50			01592 840115
Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	1 Mar-31 Oct	Mon-Sat	1000-1700	£10.00	£7.00	yes(gdn)	0844 4932186
		Sun	1300-1700				0844 4932186
Hill ofTarvit mansion & gdns, nr Cupar (NTS)	1 Sep-31 Oct	Thu-Mon	1300-1700	£8.00		yes	0844 4932185
Grounds only at Hill ofTarvit	all year	daily	to dusk	£2.00		yes	0844 4932185
Kellie Castle & garden (NTS)	21 Mar - 31 Oct	daily	1300-1700	£8.00	£5.00	partial	0844 4932184
Garden only at Kellie Castle	all year	daily	0930-1730	£3.00		yes	0844 4932184
Culross Palace and gardens (NTS)	1 - 30 Sep	Thu-Mon	1200-1700	£8.00	£5.00	no	0844 4932189
Gardens only at Culross Palace	1 - 30 Sep	Thu-Mon	1200-1700	£2.50		difficult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	21 Mar - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.00		partial	0844 4932193
Scone Palace grounds only	21 Mar - 31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£4.50	£3.00	yes	01738 552300
Braco Castle gardens, Braco, FK15 9LA	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	free	partial	01786 880437
Kirklands Garden, Saline, Fife	Apr-Sept	Fri-Sun	1400-1700	£2.50	free	yes	01383 852737
PittencreeffPark, 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

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	Opening Arrangements		Adult	Child	Access	Number
Rossie House, Forgandenny (SGS)	1 Mar-31 Oct	by appt	£4.00	free	yes	01738 812265
Barham, Bow ofFife (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

New to SGS, the garden at **Machany** at **Auchterarder** is open on **Sunday 7 September**, 11am to 4pm. There are trees over 200 years old, 12 acres of lawn, a wooded area and a dell leading to a dry stone dyked burn. Substantial footwear is recommended. Route: A9 to Gleneagles, signed to Crieff A823. Follow road past hotel for approx 3 miles. Machany one and a quarter miles turn right. Admission £4, children free. 40% to Hope & Homes for children. Limited disabled access. Wine, soup and rolls available.

Also open on **Sunday 7 September** is **The Steading at Yetts O' Muckhart**. This is a 2½ acre garden which featured on the "Beechgrove Garden" last year. It has a wide range of seasonal plants and species trees. The Steading is open 2pm to 5pm and is at the Yetts junction A91/A823 on left at 40mph sign. Admission £3, children free. 20% to Crossroads and 20% to Muckhart Parish Amenity. Plant stall and refreshments.

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Cameron and Lynsey **EWEN**, (née Frew), of Burnbank Meadows, Kinross are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, **ANGUS CAMERON**, on Monday 28 July 2008 at Forth Park Hospital, Kirkcaldy.

JACKSON - Gordon and Victoria (née Bowstead), formerly of Milnathort and Kinross, are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, a son, **OLIVER FREDERICK**, at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh on 7 August, 2008.

Michael and Ellie **OSBORNE** (née Garden) are very happy to announce the birth of their first child **SAM BAKER**, on 8 August 2008. Sandy and Frances Garden are delighted with their fourth grandson.

Brother and sister **CHAS** and **KATIE WHATMORE**, former pupils of Milnathort Primary and Kinross High, have graduated on the same day at the same time at different universities! Chas graduated in Computer Arts B.A. Hons (2:1) at Dundee Abertay and Katie Whatmore graduated in Civil Engineering with Architecture M.Eng. (2:1) at Glasgow University. Mum and Dad are very proud of them both. The celebration lunch was at the Sherrifmuir Inn!

LAURA MUIR (15) of Kinross, currently U-15 Scottish 1500m champion, is the latest winner of the Highland Spring young sports person award. She helped win team silver for Scotland in the 2008 London Mini-Marathon.

Local Rotarian, **CAMPBELL WATSON** has been presented with a Paul Harris Award. Harris founded the Rotary movement, and the award goes to members who have given exceptional service to the Club and the Rotary movement in general.

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JULIE AND ZOEY would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped and contributed at the Fun Day on 28 June for Cancer Research (Scoot to Africa), raising a grand total of £1,692.49.

The Committee, staff and all the users of **Kinross Day Centre** would like to express their sincere thanks to Graham Ramsay for his valiant effort in walking the GR11 route across the Spanish Pyrenees. Graham was accompanied by his niece Marilyn Lamont.

An unfortunate accident prevented him from finishing the punishing 502 miles but he still raised a staggering £2406.84 for our funds. Thank you very much, Graham.

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Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church

Church of Scotland
Station Road, Kinross

website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

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

Please direct pastoral enquiries to Rev Ray Gaston.

All Sunday morning services include a crèche (age up to three), Junior Church (three to Primary 7) and Jam Pact (Secondary age).

August

Sun 31 10.30am Morning Service.

September

Sun 7 10.30am Morning Service, including Quarterly Communion.

6.30pm Evening Communion Service.

Sun 14 10.30am Morning Service.

Sun 21 10.30am Morning Service.

Sun 28 10.30am Morning Service.

Pram Service: Each Tuesday at 10am in the Church. All under 3s and carers welcome. Children's worship followed by coffee and juice. Contact Evelyn Cairns tel.01577 863990.
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.

Crossfire: A fun evening (7.30pm to 9pm) on Sundays at the Church Centre for Secondary 1 age upwards. Contact Jaffrey Weir 01577 865780.

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).

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.

September

Sun 7 Formal Communion – Portmoak

Sat 13 Portmoak Sale of Work,

Portmoak Hall, 2 - 4pm

Sat 27 Harvest Supper – Milnathort Town Hall

Sun 28 Harvest Thanksgiving in both Churches

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

September Services

Sun 7 17th Sunday after Pentecost, 8.30am Holy Communion.

11.00am Sung Eucharist with Baptism

Sun 14 18th Sunday after Pentecost, 8.30am, Holy Communion. 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 21 19th Sunday after Pentecost, 8.30am, Holy Communion. 11.00am Harvest Festival.

Thu 25 9.45am, Service of prayers for healing.

Sun 28 20th Sunday after Pentecost, 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.

Doors Open Day 2008

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September.

St. Paul's church will be decorated for the Harvest Festival and there will be a display of work of the Church Recorder Group. Coffee, tea available, also a crafts and Fairtrade stall in the meeting room.

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.

Saturday Night Worship

(held once a month)

Next dates: **Saturday 30 August**
and **Saturday 27 September**

7.30pm – 10pm

Millbridge Hall, Kinross (parking available)

Heart felt praise and worship

Prayer for healing

Opportunity for testimony

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For further details contact Sarah Corsar 07795313864

Cleish Parish Church**Church of Scotland**

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

Sunday Services 11.15am
Crèche 11.15am
Junior Church 11.15am

September

Sun 7 11.15am Elders lead worship
Sun 14 11.15am Preacher: Reader: Brian Ogilvie
Sun 21 11.15am 800th Anniversary
 service of worship
Sun 28 11.15am Guild Dedication Service

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

“Wrigglers Group” (0-3 year olds), Junior Church and Teenage Group 9.45am

Tots Music: Friday mornings in hall, 9.30am-10.30am

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

Housegroup/Bible Study group:

contact Margaret Hamblin (01577 850252)

Fossoway Church Choir rehearsals:

Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm-9pm

September

Sun 7 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 14 9.45am Preacher: Reader: Margaret Michie
Sun 21 9.45am “Bring a Friend Sunday”
Sun 28 9.45am Elders Dedication Service. Worship
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30 August Joint Elders Conference - Fossoway Church Hall

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 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)

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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(Bereavement Group)

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

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

Contact Carolyn Robertson 01383 831129
Venue - Portmoak village hall

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times

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

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

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

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

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

Contact Pam Jones 01577 864839 or Sophie Butcher 01577 863288 for further details

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - Lucy Lomas 01577 864868

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Moubray Hall, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

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



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21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacre.co.uk



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

Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.00-11.30am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

Storycraft Mon 1.15-2.45pm

Storytelling, craft & puppetry for 3-5yrs

Rising Fives Wed 1.00-3.15pm

This is complementary to Nursery

Wee Swans Fri 1.15-2.45pm

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

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

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1pm-3pm

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

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



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contacts: Alissa 830124

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Village Hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

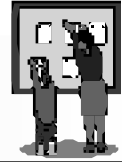
9.30am to 11.30am during term time

A health snack is provided for children and tea/coffee and biscuits for carers.

First session free and £1.50 thereafter. All welcome.

Contact Claire on 07796 320182 or just come along.

Notices



Dunfermline Strathspey and Reel Society 18th Fiddlers' Rally

Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline
Saturday 30 August
Commencing 7pm

Guest Artists:

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

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.



Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

Saturday 13 September at 8.00pm
DANCING TO BOB PRYDE
(Entry for non-members £2.00)



Kinross-shire Round Table CHARITY QUIZ CHALLENGE Friday 26 September

Teams invited from
local clubs, organisations or associations
Entry £20 per team, inc free jug of beer
See page 19 for more details



3rd ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL

The Pier, Loch Leven
Saturday 27 September
Beers – Lagers – Stouts – Ciders – Perries
Music from local bands

Tickets £8 from Round Tablers and Sands the Ironmongers
See page 19 for more details

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

Discovery Day at Loch Leven "THE HOMES OF LOCH LEVEN"

Sunday 7 September, 1pm - 4pm

Kirkgate Park, Kinross

Come along to this FREE afternoon out to meet the people and organisations that help look after Scotland's best and biggest lowland loch!

Learn about the wildlife that calls the National Nature Reserve home, the creatures and animals living above and beneath the water's surface!

Find out about the people that have called Loch Leven "home" in the past!

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Rachel House Open Evening



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The Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) would like to invite residents of Kinross to visit Rachel House on **TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER** between 7.15pm and 9pm (last admissions 8.30pm).

This is an opportunity for local residents to see inside Rachel House when there are no families staying (barring emergencies), as well as learning more about the work of CHAS. There will be trained staff and volunteers on hand to answer any questions, as well as literature to take away and our new DVD will also be shown.

We look forward to welcoming you. Refreshments available. Enquiries to Alison on 01577 865222 or alisonrennie@chas.org.uk

Children's Hospice Association Scotland
Charity no SC019724 www.chas.org.uk

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 St John 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

Blythswood Care

Somerfield's Car Park

16 September between 10.30 am and 11 am
Further details from 862258



Children's Hospice Association Scotland Craft Sale at CHAS Bazaar



Thanks to another large donation of craft and card making equipment, Bazaar 2 at 76 High Street Kinross will again be offering great bargains at their craft sale on **Monday 15 September** from 9.30am until 5pm.

Christmas Cards Now on Sale

An excellent selection of CHAS Christmas cards is now available in the CHAS Gift Shop and online with over 50 pence from every £1 of sales going directly to CHAS. Please let us know if you would like to sell Christmas cards on behalf of CHAS or if you would like to take some CHAS Christmas collection brochures to distribute within your local community.

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

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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

Set in Mahattan's West Side/Hell's Kitchen in the mid 1950s, the musical explores the rivalry between two teenage gangs of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The young protagonist, Anton (Tony), who belongs to the White gang, falls in love with Maria, the sister of the leader of the rival Puerto Rican gang. Bernstein's score for the musical has become extremely popular; it includes "Something's Coming," "Maria," "America," "Somewhere," "Tonight," "Jet Song," "I Feel Pretty," "One Hand, One Heart," and "Cool."

50 years after the first Broadway show was produced, MTKY hopes to give you a night to remember as we perform this musical show with a fabulous cast.

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

Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

Saturday 18 October at 8.00pm

MAKE A DATE TO DANCE WITH JACKIE

(Entry for non-members £2.00)

Kinross Floral Art Club

Thursday 25 September

At the Windlestrae Hotel at 7.15pm

Demonstration by Mrs Alison Redmond entitled
'Something Old Something New'

New Members and visitors welcome

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 26 September

10am - 12noon

Guide/Scout Hall, Church St., Milnathort
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Entry by donation

Scottish Country Dancing

Classes resume on

Wednesday 24 September

at 7.30pm in

Milnathort Town Hall

Enquiries - Jennifer Wallace Tel: 863855

Lancastria Association of Scotland COFFEE MORNING

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Saturday 11 October, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Lancastria Display, Stalls, Raffle, Lucky Ticket Draw

Tickets £2.50 or phone Fiona Symon 01577 863879

All proceeds to the Lancastria Memorial Fund

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

Monday 20 October 3.30pm to 8.00pm

Tuesday 21 October 5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

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

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prvtraylor@ukonline.co.uk

Milnathort: Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025

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

duffy.wigman@btinternet.com

Portmoak: Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

Kinross Community Councillors

Susan Bathgate	42 High Street	864742
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Michael Barnacle, Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ. Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

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

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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 25 September

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.

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Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

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

MSP for Ochil Constituency

Keith Brown MSP

will be holding regular

surgeries throughout his constituency area.

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

Keith can also be contacted by email at

keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

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

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Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

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Tuesdays 7 pm - 9 pm

Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm

Saturdays 10am - 12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

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Tourist Information Centre

County Buildings, 21/25 High Street, Kinross

Tel: 01577 863680 Email: kinross@visitscotland.com

Opening hours in September:

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10.30am - 3.30pm

At the end of September the Tourist Information service will be closed for the winter.

Mobile Library - Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: 10 & 24 September

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, and **every Wednesday afternoon** from 2.15pm to 2.45pm. 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 September

Perth Concert Hall	Wednesday 3	at 1 pm
Barge Trip	Monday 8	at 10 am
Barge Trip	Tuesday 16	at 11.15 am
Elderberries Trip	Monday 22	at 11 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.

Perth Association for Mental Health

PAMH is a community based non-profit organisation providing services for people recovering from mental health problems. PAMH offers Counselling, Day Services and hosts a Depression Support Group and Bipolar Support Group. For more information telephone (01738) 639657. Website: www.pamh.co.uk



TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE



Don't Become a Victim

Every year domestic fires account for over 500 deaths and 14,000 injuries. Many of these could be prevented if people had early warning and could get out of their home in time.

Simply by fitting smoke alarms you could save your family and your home.

Home Fire Safety Visits

Tayside residents can arrange for firefighters to come to their home and assess any fire hazards that they find. The firefighters will give advice on how to make your home safer, what to do in the event of a fire and what to do if you are trapped by a fire. They will also fit a smoke alarm FREE if required and explain how to maintain it correctly.



To arrange your FREE Home Fire Safety Visit please contact 01382 835804

Or Text "Check" to 61611

Or visit our website www.taysidefire.gov.uk

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