



Kinross Newsletter



Founded in 1977 by Mrs Nan Walker, MBE

Issue No 368 October 2009 www.kinrossnewsletter.org ISSN 1757-4781

DEADLINE for the November Issue

**2.00 pm, Monday
19 October 2009**

for publication on
Saturday 31 October 2009

Contributions for inclusion in the Newsletter

The Newsletter welcomes items from clubs, community organisations and individuals for publication. This is free of charge (we only charge for commercial advertising - see below right). All items may be subject to editing. Please also see our Letters Policy on page 2.

Submit your item (except adverts) in one of the following ways:

Email: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

Post: Eileen Thomas
Editor, Kinross Newsletter
50 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU

Hand in: 50 Muirs, Kinross

or: 24 Victoria Avenue,
Milnathort

Editor

Eileen Thomas
50 Muirs
Kinross, KY13 8AU 863714
editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

Advertising Manager

Ann Harley
2 Hatchbank Road,
Kinross KY13 9JY 864512
advertising@kinrossnewsletter.org

Subscriptions

Glenn Neve
Saltire Transport Services
15 Marshall Place
Ballingry, Fife KY5 8JW 01592 860808
subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org

Distribution

Glenn Neve (address & tel as above)
distribution@kinrossnewsletter.org

Treasurer

Ross McConnell
3 High Street
Kinross KY13 8AW 865885
treasurer@kinrossnewsletter.org

CONTENTS

From the Editor	2
Letters	2
News and Articles	4
Police Box	9
Community Councils	10
Club & Community Group News	17
Sport	31
News from the Rurals	38
Out & About	39
Gardens Open	41
Congratulations and Thanks	42
Church Information, Obituaries	43
Playgroups & Nurseries	46
Notices	47
Day Centre & Chemists	50
Classified Adverts	51
Situations Vacant	51
Diary	52

Commercial Advertising in the Newsletter

Display Adverts

We have updated our arrangements for Display Adverts. Please go to our website www.kinrossnewsletter.org and click on Advertising for full details, or contact our Advertising Manager.

Typed Adverts

A typed advert may be placed for one or more months. These adverts are text only (no graphics allowed). There are two rates:

Up to NINE lines (including blank lines) £7.00 per insertion

TEN to FIFTEEN lines (including blank lines) £11.00 per insertion

As a guide, eight words is the maximum that can be fitted on a line. To place a Typed Advert, contact our Advertising Manager, Ann Harley (see left for contact details). You will need to send her:

- Your name, address, telephone number and, optionally, email address.
- The wording of your advert.
- A note of the number of insertions required.
- Your remittance – cheques payable to “Kinross Newsletter”.

Send all this to the Advertising Manager by the normal monthly Newsletter deadline (see top of left-hand column for date).

The Newsletter reserves the right to vary the physical size of these adverts from issue to issue according to the space available.

If you wish to place a Typed Advert on a permanent or semi-permanent basis, contact the Advertising Manager to see if you can go on to our billing list.

The Newsletter reserves the right to refuse or amend any advertisement or submission and accepts no liability for any omission or inaccuracy.

Editor Eileen Thomas **Typesetting and Layout** Tony Dyson **Word Processing** Julia Fulton
Advertising Ann Harley **Treasurer** Ross McConnell **Distribution** Glenn Neve **Subscriptions** Glenn Neve



Letters

Editorial

October 2009 – a significant time for Kinross as the school buildings at 8 High Street close for the last time. The move to Kinross High School's new home at the Loch Leven Community Campus will be marked in appropriate style with a procession of staff and pupils from the old school to the new, led by Kinross & District Pipe Band – a historic moment worth witnessing if you are in Kinross that day (29 October). There is information about this and much else concerning arrangements for the new campus throughout this edition of the Newsletter, particularly on pages 6, 7 and 29.

I am looking forward to taking the word 'temporary' out of the Newsletter's library opening times notice next month! The dictionary definition of temporary is: "not lasting or needed for very long". It is eight years since P&KC closed the Carnegie Library when dry rot was found, and seven, I think, since the portacabin was put up at the County Buildings (Kinross was served by the mobile library for about a year.) The new library at the campus will bring longer opening hours than before, much more comfort and space and a wider range of facilities.

The Kinross community has lost a most active member and dear friend in the past month with the passing of John Stewart. John was involved in a huge array of activities and had the most wonderful, cheery, friendly demeanour. He was a very supportive person, too, and always had a word of praise or encouragement for the Newsletter. He will be much missed. (Note to guys at the ice rink – you'll have to buy your own copy now!)

STOP PRESS – NutzBoltz

The local lads who successfully completed the Mongol rally to raise funds for charity have been totting up the pledges and donations and are delighted to announce that the sum of £10,250 has been raised! They are most grateful to all who supported them. They are dispersed at various locations now – universities etc – but we hope to hear more from them in a future issue of the Newsletter.

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

Lost Property

A small yellow egg-cup in the shape of a chicken was left behind at the Flower Show at Kinross Show. If it belongs to you, please contact Mrs Claire Paton (Flower Show Convener) on 01577-863431 who has it in safe-keeping for the owner!

14.09.09

On attending the World Café evening which rounded off the Community group discussions on the Draft Appraisal of the Kinross Conservation Area, I was both stunned and appalled to ascertain that, in this the Year of The Homecoming, P&KC is selling off the Kinross family silver; included in the package of Town Hall, Library, and Old Post Office buildings is the Church Tower, with bids allegedly already on the table. Having liaised with Historic Scotland prior to the meeting, and not knowing that this part of Kinross's heritage was for sale, I made the suggestion that the building of lesser historic status (i.e. The Old Post Office) be carefully dismantled, leaving the church Tower building to be refurbished as a possible Tourist Information Office (now lacking), and as one of two most attractive focal points in the resulting Town Square (the other being the fountain). The Old Kirk was originally erected in 1741, the tower added in 1751, and the clock in 1875.

Historic Scotland informed me that the church Tower is of National importance Listed Category B, as is the Old Post Office, but is also a Scheduled Ancient Monument, known as SAM 998 Clock Tower, and any development must be sensitive to its setting and subject to certain constraints. It would have to be demonstrated that every effort had been made to retain The Old Post Office before it could be de-listed and demolished, with Government Ministers having to authorise any action. Perth and Kinross Council assured the 60 attendees at the meeting that past mistakes would not be repeated and that we should move on. We already have a perfect example of what planners, Historic Scotland and Government Ministers can produce, supposedly sensitive to its setting: the Parliament building - extensive use of concrete and bamboo having passed the sensitivity test!

Can our community conscience allow the sale and unknown fate to befall this irreplaceable landmark in the hands of developers, not known for their sensitivity and possessing an uncanny ability to dodge constraints? Stand united with common voice - ideally to our MSP, and we may have a Town Centre for future generations to be proud of. Stand by and do nothing and past mistakes will undoubtedly be repeated.

Marie Young
South Cottage Meikle Seggie,
Milnathort, Kinross KY13 0RP
Tel: 01577 865205

Rumbling Bridge mystery

11.09.09

Do any of your readers know the history behind the stone plaque on the upper tier of Rumbling Bridge? The stone is dated 1864 and bears the name of Thomas Henry Tuckett, a road surveyor who died in Dunfermline in 1871. Below his name are what appear to be stonemason's or surveyor's symbols and groups of letters, possibly Roman characters.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone with any information which could help solve a mystery.

Leslie Coventry
85 Priory Oak, Bridgend, CF31 2HZ
Phone 01656 660443
Mobile 07762 414626

Portmoak Traffic Calming Measures

1.09.09

I noted with interest comments in the Milnathort CC minutes, which were also raised at the successful Placecheck community meeting in Milnathort, commenting in a somewhat negative light on the installation of traffic calming measures recently implemented in Portmoak. I also attended a community meeting in Portmoak on the subject of the traffic calming measures where, again, the attitude toward these measures was somewhat negative. As a resident of Portmoak and a regular attendee of the CC meetings, I have over the past two years or so, noted the discussions and developments regarding traffic calming in the area and the installation of the build outs. To be honest, I did not think that there was a significant issue with traffic moving fast through the parish, but as a fairly new resident and aware of the strong body of community feeling that traffic did need to be slowed through Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell, I felt it inappropriate to state this at the time. I attended several very well attended community meetings where the case for traffic calming was very clearly made, and a planning meeting where the location and design of the build outs was agreed, by a large section of the community (at least as large as the voice being negative about them in the August meeting!) as the best way forward.

Now these measures are in place, we find a strong voice - not present in any of the discussions leading to the installation of the build outs - stating that the build outs are dangerous. I drive through the parish at least twice a day, passing through many of the build outs, and struggle to see what the difficulty is. If you approach the build outs on the right side of the road, at the correct speed limit, the visibility is fine, and there is plenty of room to stop for oncoming traffic. I admit, that the initial build out heading into Kinnesswood near Gamekeepers can cause problems when traffic is busy with people turning in and out of the junction, and again, the build out coming into Scotlandwell from the Leslie direction does have reduced visibility meaning you need to slow to beneath the speed limit to check its clear, but essentially, the build outs themselves are not dangerous. It's the drivers. As I say, I drive along the road regularly and stick to the speed limit. The number of times I am caught by a vehicle, me doing 40 in a 40 limit so they obviously exceeding the limit, or, worse, being overtaken whilst doing 40 in a 40 limit, is quite worrying. And these drivers live locally, as I see them turn into or out of side streets and residential streets.

A build out cannot be dangerous. It's a static piece of tarmac, curbed, with bollards, again static, affixed to it. If a driver is approaching too fast, on the wrong side of the road, or simply not being observant, then it is the driver at fault, not the bollard. I am not saying they are perfect; better signage, greater visibility and perhaps adjusting the position, or removing one or two of them might make them better, (as the Council have suggested they will do), but the build outs essentially are not dangerous. They may well be inconvenient - but then that's what we wanted - to slow traffic down through our villages.

I have no doubt that this will provoke letters stating that the build outs are dangerous and I admit, I may well be a lone voice, but personally, I do not see a problem with the traffic calming undertaken in Portmoak.

Name and Address supplied

Glorious Kinross

21.09.09

The Glorious 12th, not August, but September. The day the sun shone on Kinross. Not a cloud in the sky, family and friends enjoying music and food on the lawn of Kinross House. A wonderful experience for all those who came along and enjoyed the music not only from the main bands but the local bands and the Ceilidh band who certainly got the crowd to their feet.

The gazebo gathering is the most ambitious event organised by KLEO to date and I think the most successful. This event has taken months of planning and KLEO should be proud of their achievement.

KLEO is group of volunteers who wanted to provide entertainment for the people of Kinross-shire and beyond. This was achieved and I wish to thank all the volunteers who gave of their time to make this event the success that it was.

We can't always guarantee the weather but the location is fantastic. The week before I was also at an event on the lawn of Kinross house when 1000 members of Perth & Kinross Girlguiding celebrated the launch of their Centenary year. A noisy happy event where young and the not so young enjoyed the afternoon.

September has been a good month for Kinross starting with Loch Leven Heritage Trail as a finalist in the Lottery Awards featuring on prime time TV. Community Engagements events with council culminating in the World Café event and only last week funding agreed to allow work to commence to regenerate the Swansacre in partnership with Hillcrest Housing Association. No plans have been submitted for the project and no timescale. We may have to look at the eyesore for another few months.

Congratulations to all the Bloom committees who have worked so hard to enhance the towns and villages throughout Kinross-shire. In the Autumn sunshine the area is stunning

Councillor Kathleen Baird

Great Gazebo Gathering

16.09.09

Great day! All of my fiancé Kate's family (five sisters, brothers and brothers-in-law, daughter, son-in law, niece, granddaughter and grandson and assorted friends) completely enjoyed themselves, as indeed did I.

Bill Wright
High Street, Kinross



A great day out at the Gazebo Gathering photo: Bill Wright



News & Articles

Campus construction update

For works up to 31 August 2009

We have a progress report from month 18 of the 20-month build period when activities on site were as follows:

- "Snagging" of the completed brickwork, render and cedar cladding was taking place.
- Mechanical and electrical works were proceeding in all areas.
- Internal paint work was carried out on the Sports, Music, Assembly and Teaching areas, which also received their ceiling and floor coverings.
- Hard landscaping, including the external site road crossings for toucan crossings was carried out. The sewer connection was completed.
- The climbing wall was completed in the Street Area.
- Woodsorba and Pregybel to the Games Halls and Assembly Hall are complete.
- Externally, water, fire hydrant works and gas pipes were installed to the building. Soft landscaping was continuing on schedule.

As we produce this Newsletter we are in month 19 of the build. When it is published it will be the 20th and final month, with everything on schedule for the agreed entry date of Monday 26 October.



One of the teaching areas in the new High School

Learning for Adults at the new Campus

P&KC's Adult Learning Team is preparing for the launch of the Loch Leven Community Campus by offering a range of tasters and drop-ins to show what they can offer the citizens of Kinross-shire. Taking advantage of the new facilities available, there will be opportunities for people to pop along and meet with adult learning workers to discuss the kind of activities they would like to take part in as well as tasters in subjects such as remembering school days and finding out about how to trace your family history. As part of this series there will be a session on Adult Learning itself, featuring how it is done and more importantly why. This would be of interest to anyone who might wish to work as an Adult learning worker in a voluntary capacity.

These sessions will be held in the Loch Leven Campus on Wednesdays from 25 November – 16 December, 10am to 12 noon. Tasters in Computing will also be available on Thursday mornings. A full programme of events will be available nearer the time. For more information contact: Tom Suttie, Adult Learning Worker, Kinross CLC. Telephone 01577 863439.

Campus Community Event

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 November

As previously intimated, a large-scale community 'event' is being planned to:

- Celebrate the opening of the new campus
- Showcase the facilities which will be available for use by both the school and the community
- Provide a wide range of activities and events which will bring together all sectors of the community



The Community Group Fair - an ideal opportunity for local groups, clubs and societies to promote themselves

Calling all clubs / groups / societies!

Community Group Fair

On **Saturday 21 November**, between 11am and 3pm, there will be a Fair in the campus. This includes:

- Craft Fair – items for sale
- Charity Stalls
- Local Services – information stalls
- Local Clubs and Groups – information stalls
- Cookery Demonstration
- Music
- Teas, Coffees, Snacks, Lunches

This is an ideal opportunity for local groups, clubs and societies to promote themselves and engage with a large number of people from the local community.

To book your **FREE** stall, please contact Derek Morris as soon as possible:

Email: dmorris@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk

or

Telephone: **Kinross High School 01577 862430**

DRIVING TUITION

LOCHLEVEN DRIVING SCHOOL

Call Marie Scott

on

Kinross 862266

Established 23 years

Opening arrangements for new campus

Preparations for the opening of the new Loch Leven Community Campus are well underway and P&KC has confirmed arrangements for the moves of Kinross High School and Kinross Library to the new campus.

To make facilities ready for school pupils, library users and the wider community, the school and library will close towards the end of October for a short period of time.

KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL will be **closed** to pupils for normal school work on Friday 23, Monday 26, Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 October to enable the school to move to the community campus. Orientation tours of the campus for pupils are planned for Wednesday 28 October. The school will advise pupils of details (*See also KHS news on p. 29*).

KINROSS LIBRARY (at the County Buildings) will **close** at 8pm on Thursday 22 October and will **re-open** at 10am on **Thursday 29 October** in the new Loch Leven Community Campus. The opening hours of the new library will be:

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday	10am – 8pm
Wednesday	10am – 8pm
Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 6pm
Saturday	10am – 3pm

During the closure period, all library users will be able to borrow up to twice as many items as usual. Loan periods will also be extended to avoid any worries about books becoming overdue.

Staff are looking forward to welcoming the whole community to the stunning new library, which provides a wide range of new resources, lots of comfortable social space, meeting rooms, vending services and much enhanced computer provision, including wi-fi.

The brand new community library will be among the wide range of facilities available for all members of the local community at the Loch Leven campus. State of the art classrooms will combine with the latest sports and cultural facilities including fitness suite, gym, dance studio, outdoor sports pitches, meeting rooms, a hall with cinema-style projection, art and design rooms, drama and recording studio and ICT suites.

Catering facilities will provide drinks and snacks throughout the day. A great range of hot and cold snacks will be on offer from the Food to Go kiosk and vending services will also provide refreshments throughout campus opening hours.

See also p. 29 for news of the museum which will share space with the library.

AUSTIN HEATING & ELECTRICAL

SERVICE, REPAIR & INSTALLATION OF:

- Central Heating Systems
- Boilers, Fires, Warm Air Heating
- Cookers, Ranges, Water Heaters & Showers
- GAS, LPG & OIL

Plus – Gas Safety Checks & Landlord's Certificates
Also all Domestic Electrical Works undertaken
No Call Out Charge in Normal Working Hours

Tel: 01577 861188 or Mobile: 07786 705261

News from the Health Centre



The autumn seems to have come round quickly again and it is time for the annual flu campaign. At this stage, arrangements for a vaccination programme for swine flu have not been finalised. We are therefore going to proceed as usual with Saturday morning clinics to administer the seasonal flu vaccination. Any swine flu vaccination which becomes available will not be administered at these clinics and separate arrangements will be made to vaccinate those in the 'At Risk' groups for swine flu.

Clinics to administer the seasonal flu vaccine will be held on the following dates:

Saturday 7 November
Saturday 14 November
Saturday 21 November
Saturday 28 November

The clinics will run from 9.30 am until 12 noon and appointments may now be booked with reception. However, we would ask that if a child requires a seasonal flu vaccination, a routine appointment with a GP or nurse is made rather than Saturday flu clinic appointment as the Saturday clinics tend to be a bit busy and overwhelming for young children.

We would encourage all those in the following groups to come for a seasonal flu injection:

Over 65s	Those over 65 by 31 March 2010
Those aged 6 months or over in clinical 'At Risk' Groups	Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions. Chronic heart disease. Chronic renal disease. Chronic liver disease. Chronic neurological disease. Diabetes. Immunosuppression.
Long stay residential	Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities
Carers	Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without help. Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility which would normally be taken by an adult.
Poultry Workers	

Clinicians will visit the day centre, and the residential and nursing homes as usual. Any patients who wish the seasonal flu vaccination but do not fall into any of the above categories should attend one of the pharmacies who offer this service as the practices are unable to vaccinate anyone not in one of the above categories.

Patients who have just become 65, or will be 65 by 31 March 2010, will also be offered the pneumovax vaccination.

Positive discussions at community consultation

by Perth & Kinross Council

Residents and Council officers met on 10 September to discuss the future of Kinross at a World Café event.

A wide range of matters were discussed at the World Café, which is the second stage in a series of consultation events held by the Council in Kinross. Points raised included the recent Conservation Area Appraisal, the development of the link road proposal and the regeneration of Kinross town centre.

In relation to property matters, the Kinross High School site is presently being marketed and is due to be boarded up shortly after the school moves to the new Loch Leven Community Campus. There are currently no plans to demolish the existing buildings on the site, but plans are being made to allow the main car park to be temporarily retained for public use.

The Council at its Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on Wednesday 16 September approved the application of £150,000 of Council Tax Income on Second Homes funding towards the future renovation of Swansacre for social housing in partnership with a registered social landlord.

Kinross Town Hall is currently being marketed for sale and early notifications of interest have already been received by the Council. A decision will not be made on the setting of a closing date for offers until the later part of October 2009. This decision will be market-driven as notifications of interest do not always result in the submission of an appropriate offer.

Council officers also explained that the Council is always looking to secure best value for communities and maximise the return on significant investments such as the Loch Leven Community Campus. The co-location of staff for the benefit of the community, to improve customer and frontline services are options being actively considered and, if adopted, will require alternative uses to be identified for traditional civic buildings in the town, for example the County Buildings. Discussions were encouraged on how community groups could work together with the Council to develop ideas for enterprises that could attract funding necessary to support new uses of vacant buildings.

Alongside this, a number of ideas were suggested about what could be located in the town centre in the future as well as how to promote and publicise the Loch Leven Heritage Trail as a tourist attraction. The Council is keen to work with interested parties in the community to put together a business plan for potential projects that would regenerate the heart of the town centre. Officers will be in touch with local representatives to set up a meeting to discuss this further.

Design work on the link road is currently underway and a detailed programme for delivery of the project is being developed. Whilst early indications were that an on-site start in June/July 2010 was feasible, it is now more likely to be January 2011 when work starts. The road is dual purpose with the aim being to relieve the main street of through traffic and also open up development land which requires the road to be fully serviced. This necessitates programming with a number of different utility companies to get the necessary agreements and commitments in place. It is anticipated that works on site will take 16 to 18 weeks to complete.

Consultation on the review of the Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal took place during the same period and closed on

Monday 21 September. The review of the Appraisal provides an opportunity to identify conservation and design issues that should be considered in managing development in the area and identifying proposals for enhancing the built environment in Kinross. The exhibition held in the town was attended by 84 people and comments to date have been positive in relation to the issues identified as being important in the area and the opportunities for enhancing the town centre.

In addition, a new Senior Community Worker has been appointed for the area. Tracey Ramsey will take up post on Monday 21 September and will work to support the community in taking forward initiatives.

Council Leader, Councillor Ian Miller said: "On behalf of the Council I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the local community in Kinross-shire who attended the World Café event and the recent focus groups. Residents' participation in this consultation process is vital and we are looking forward to continuing to work with the community to keep them updated and involved."

"If anyone in Kinross or Kinross-shire has other issues they wish to raise about the future of the area we would also like to hear from them and I would encourage them to come forward by contacting the Council's Senior Community Worker locally in the first instance. They will be based initially at Kinross High School and then at Loch Leven Community Campus once it opens later this year."

The local community in Kinross-shire will receive further updates on the consultation in due course.

LOST



This is Bobby Bear and he is a lost teddy from P2/3 at Kinross Primary School. He went missing at the Gazebo Gathering. If you have any information please contact the School on 01577 863515. thank you.

by Hollie

This poor bear belongs to P2/3 at Kinross Primary School, and has travelled around the world with children from the class before sadly becoming lost. If anyone has any information about Bobby's whereabouts please could they phone the school on **01577 863515**. Many thanks!

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

By Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director

We were disappointed not to win the National Lottery Award for the best environmental project in the UK, but we were runners-up with over 5000 votes. From a relatively small community that is an impressive voting response and we are extremely grateful to all those who supported us so enthusiastically. We have had some excellent publicity from the event and the BBC TV show, and this will be valuable in attracting support for future development.

Regular users of the trail will have noticed two new features that were installed in August. At the Kirkgate viewpoint there is now a curved stainless steel handrail that depicts the heritage features of the loch against the actual background terrain. This is the work of David Wilson, the Perth artist who was also responsible for our stone entry gates and their end-piece heritage carvings. It is a fine piece of work and worth some detailed study. At Burleigh Sands there is a new tree seat that is wrapped round the lovely Scots Pine by the waterside. This is the work of Patrick Green who designed and constructed our other seats on the trail.



Neil Kilpatrick, John Sargeant and George Lawrie at the BBC TV Lottery Award show

Everybody is now asking us when we are going to finish the trail by completing the missing section between Vane Farm and Kinross Pier. We are now well into negotiations with the landowners and Scottish Natural Heritage in order to establish a possible route through the ground. This will take some further time and then we shall have to seek planning consent and obtain the funding required. In the present economic climate raising the money may be more difficult than usual. If all goes well we would aim to start work on the ground in 2010 and complete the whole trail in 2011. A second Visitor Survey was conducted in July which involved over 100 face to face interviews. The results indicate that 25% of the trail users are day visitors from outside the area and nearly 10% of them stay overnight. Over 90% of those questioned were very satisfied with their trail visit. Suggestions for improvement included bicycle hire facilities and a better bus service with bike racks and pram storage on board. The final survey this year will take place in October. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who helped collect the survey data.

Cleish Church Lights

Reprinted from the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter

The original lights at the top of the Church steps were stolen nearly five years ago, and have never been seen since. However, thanks to Fred Whalley who knew where the original photographs could be found, and to Bert Ironside, replacements have been made and installed, five long years later.

On Wednesday 26 August Donald Erskine performed the switching on; by some miracle the day-long rain stopped and some 30-40 adults and children attended.

In his speech Donald reminded all those present, and no doubt told some for the first time, of the history of the original lamps which, inspired by the Bruce Statue at Bannockburn and sculpted by one of Scotland's foremost sculptors, Pilkington Jackson, were also sculpted by the same man. They were the gift of Mr Walter Scott Davidson of Dowhill, the dedication was by our then beloved Minister, the Rev. Dr Alfred Reid, and were switched on by the Prime Minister of the time, Sir Alec Douglas Home. Also present were Lady Douglas Home, Lord Clyde, Lord President of the Council, the Lord Lieutenant Captain Charles Adam of Blairadam and Mrs Adam, and the Kirk Session. There were some 300 at the ceremony, many of whom were afterwards entertained by Mr Walter Scott Davidson at his home.

Why did we need lights at the top of the church steps? That too is worthy of explanation, going back again to Dr Reid who instigated the Midnight Carol Service in Cleish in 1962, and, as we all know, the unlit steps were a hazard.

Finally, back to Walter Scott Davidson. He was a well known figure in Cleish, which he loved, and could often be found gardening and generally tidying up in the village. He was our County Councillor, and Chairman of the Village Hall Committee from 1952-1978 and in addition to the two lamps he gave to the Church, he gave the flagpole to the school, arranged for the repair to the school clock, for the re-roofing of the Beadle's store and was responsible for transferring the four street lights from Blairadam when they became redundant. See also the Civic Trust 'Buildings of Interest' feature on p.41.

Ribbon Walk follow up

The 2010 Scone Palace & Perthshire Ribbon Walk in association with



Woman & Home magazine was a wonderful day. Over 380 participants took part in either a ten- or twenty-mile route and, to date, over £730,000 has been raised through all the Ribbon Walk events.

Breast Cancer Care would like to thank everyone who was involved in the event.

The event will take place again next summer and Breast Cancer Care is aiming to make the walk even bigger and better and they need your help to do this! They are now recruiting Ribbon Walk Champions to help promote the event in your local community. This could involve putting up posters or leaflets in your local libraries, shops and sports clubs or where ever you can. They are also seeking Ribbon Walk Committee Members to help grow and develop the event.

If you are interested in hearing more about these roles, then get in touch with the Ribbon Walk team on 020 7960 3509 or email rwassistant@breastcancercare.org.uk

Concerts in Kinross Parish Church

This season begins in high style on **Saturday 30 October** with a visit from **Maestro Cabaret**, a new group from Perth with the mission of bringing quality performance to our doorsteps. Ian Grieve and Amanda Beveridge are leading lights of Perth Theatre Company and they will sing songs from the shows on the theme of Getting To Know You accompanied by Michael Ellacott, who, though a local lad, has worked with Stephen Sondheim and Bette Midler in between times! Tickets are £10 at the door.

Later in the month is a visit from Bruce Davies, a popular entertainer with his repertoire of Scots folk songs and his own varied compositions. He comes on **Sunday 18 October** and tickets are a bargain £5 with children free. Money raised here will go to Church funds.

In early November, there is a return visit of Paul Livingston who is in his final year at RSAM. He comes to give a short programme of violin fireworks by Dvorak and Wieniawski. The date is not yet confirmed.

On 15 November the famous Polish cleaner in Glasgow who Cinderella-like turned into a concert pianist is coming to Kinross to play Chopin and Rachmaninov before jetting off to Australia to open a new concert hall! This should be a special occasion.



Kinross Parish Church will host several concerts this season

Pupils asked to support their lollipop person

Keith Brown, SNP MSP for Ochil, is calling on schools, pupils and parents across his constituency to show their appreciation for their dedicated lollipop people and nominate them for the UK-wide accolade of Lollipop Person of the Year 2009. The awards are sponsored by Kwik Fit.

The Lollipop Person of the Year is an award that will not only benefit the winning lollipop person individually but will also benefit the school which they serve. The Lollipop Person of the Year will win a holiday and the winning school will be presented with £3,000 to spend on school equipment. There will also be twelve regional winners from across the whole of the UK who will receive £500 worth of holiday vouchers and each of the twelve schools will be awarded £100 worth of book tokens.

Mr Brown has written to a number of schools across Kinross-shire to make them aware of the competition and to encourage their participation.

Pupils, parents and teachers can vote online now for their lollipop person of the year at www.bestlollipop.co.uk

Morale high at Seamab

The third and fourth of September were important days in Seamab School's calendar this year. The school makes provision for children who have, in the main, been abused or neglected and who have not had the opportunity to form the solid and secure attachment to a parent that is so essential for their further development. At Seamab, children are helped to make attachments. The work is based firmly on up to date ideas about attachment theory, mainly on the work of Dan Hughes, an American psychologist who has made a life-long study of the subject and is now recognised internationally as a world expert. Most of the Seamab staff have done training with him on his rare visits to Scotland, several to an advanced level. This year, despite having only a few days in the country, Dan agreed to spend two days at Seamab.

He was really impressed at the work going on there and in particular with the commitment and professionalism of the staff. Anne Anderson, Principal of Seamab, said: "It was a great privilege for us to have Dan Hughes for two whole days. He spent his first day seeing everything we do and talking to lots of staff. On the Saturday he presented a seminar to all the staff who could manage to come. It was a wonderful experience and left us feeling inspired and energised. It was so helpful to know that he approved of our work, in fact he was very enthusiastic about it. We look forward to seeing him again in the future and will continue to put his ideas into practice here in Rumbling Bridge."

Morale is very high among Seamab staff just now. Shortly after Dan Hughes' visit, the school was inspected by the Care Commission, as happens every year. Anne Anderson said, "The Care Commission Officer could not have been more positive and we are looking forward to seeing her report when it is published."

There is no doubt that Seamab's work has a profound effect on these most vulnerable children. Recently collected statistics show that nearly 65% make a successful return to family life and nearly 80% move on to local educational provision.

Meditation, dance and relaxation for adults

Dance A Story presents "May I Have the Pleasure"

Following the success of her June workshop, local experienced teacher Adele Reynolds is offering another enriching experience, open to all. No previous knowledge or talent is needed, just a willingness to make time for yourself one Sunday afternoon in October. This workshop is also a fundraiser for CHAS. Adele made £100 for them last time, and hopes to be able to do the same this time.

The workshop itself is a precious opportunity to relax, enjoy some creative dance, (no steps to learn!), and try a little meditation. The combination of these three makes for a nurturing and pressure free afternoon. It takes place on **Sunday 25 October**, from 2pm to 5.30pm in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell. The hall, if you haven't been, is clean and cosy, near the woods, and is the starting point for several lovely walks if you have time for that too. The cost of the workshop is £15, with £5 of this going to CHAS. To book your place, phone Adele on 01592 840062.



Police Box

New High School traffic

The new High School at Kinross is due to open on 29 October 2009. We have all watched with anticipation as the development of the school has taken shape and changed the landscape for all of us. As well as the school and campus buildings, the road layout in the area has had to be altered to cope with the associated increase in traffic. These alterations have been put in place after much consideration and planning and are primarily for the safe flow of both pedestrians and vehicles. However it is anticipated that on opening day and for the first few weeks there may be unforeseen problems which require addressing. Tayside Police are aware of this potential for teething problems and will be monitoring the situation on opening day and thereafter. However it is requested that locals using the roads at this time do so with consideration and patience and understand that all efforts will be made to ensure a smooth transition for all.

And finally we would like to wish all pupils and staff of Kinross High School all the very best during the move to their new environment.

Beware the darker evenings

As the evenings become darker earlier, it may be beneficial from a security point of view to leave a light or two on around your home. Should you be out for the evening or just

late back from work then a light left on will give the appearance of someone being at home.

There are devices available which can be plugged into your electricity supply, and can automatically switch lights on and off at times set by you. These timer devices can also be used for switching a radio on to provide background noise, again making your home appear occupied. Most retail outlets selling household goods should have these timers for sale.

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 cannot be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous. Community Liaison Officers (details shown below) can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 0300 111 2222.

Kinross - **Constable Ishbel Wallace.**

Milnathort, Kinnesswood & Scotlandwell - **Constable Graham Stephen.**

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

Brown encourages voter registration in run up to UK elections

Keith Brown, MSP for Ochil is encouraging residents of Kinross-shire to make sure that they are registered to vote. The Electoral Registration Office is currently carrying out their annual autumn canvas which allows voters to check that their information is correct and that everyone in the household who is entitled to vote can do so.

Mr Brown said, "A General Election has to be called before June 2010 so it is vital that everyone's information is up to date if they want to vote.

"Though you may be over 18, pay your Council Tax and have voted before, you may not necessarily be eligible to vote next time, so please don't just throw the letter away.

"The best way to have your say on the issues which matter to you is by voting. By completing this simple form and then voting on polling day, you can influence decisions at Westminster."

More information on voting can be found at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Guide movement Centenary Celebrations

Hundreds of Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbows past and present gathered at Kinross House on 6 September to celebrate the centenary of the founding of the Guide movement.



Part of the fashion show of Guides uniforms through the decades.

ALDERBANK LTD Hardwood Flooring Specialists

- New Floors Supplied and Fitted
- Old Floors Repaired, Sanded and Refinished

For Free Advice and Quotations
Call **Niall Simpson on 07778 772354**
or **01259 781394**
or see www.alderbank.com
for more info and special offers

Imaginative & sustainable design solutions
for domestic, commercial & public buildings, via
a flexible, highly skilled & professional service.

Phil Dean Architect

Free consultation and competitive free quote
01577 865101 or 07817 617481
phil@phildeanarchitect.co.uk

Community Council News



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

Kinross Community Council News from the September Meeting

D Cuthbert (Chair) welcomed Councillors D Mackay, D Colliar, M Scott, M Blyth, S Bathgate, L MacKay and J Richardson to the meeting held on 2 September. Also in attendance were P&K Councillors K Baird and W Robertson; PC Ishbel Wallace and six members of the public. Apologies were received from Councillors I Jack, C Watson and B Davies.

Minutes of August meeting: Under correction on the last page of the reference to Swansacre, which should read Gallowhill Road, the minutes were approved.

Police Report

PC Wallace reported that there had been few incidents over the last month until recently, when there were reports of thefts, one being a car from the motor auction. Sands' storage facility was also targeted and enquiries are ongoing. The Police again stress that anything suspicious should be reported IMMEDIATELY to the Police so as to allow the matter to be investigated promptly. The police are grateful for calls from the public and should it result in a false alarm no harm is done. The number to phone is 0300 111 2222.

Answering a query from Councillor D Mackay regarding the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Kinross, PC Wallace advised that a computerised system manages this information and that it is not capable of differentiating between areas. As such, information is forwarded notifying of crimes which are happening in other locations. The Police hold a list of the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes; this requires to be updated and should be reviewed shortly.

Councillor Richardson mentioned that a quad bike was running over the pitches in the Myre. On phoning the Call Centre he was advised that the police "could not do anything about this". PC Wallace explained that Perth would have to relay this to the local police and it would not be an "instant" response. She confirmed that they were aware of this. It was noted that the owner of the land has to provide permission for bikes to be used on their ground.

A member of the public stated that cars legally parked near the junction between Gallowhill Road and the Muirs were creating a visual obstruction. This is due to the bad design of the road in this area. It was suggested that the Police intervene and alert residents to the problem. It was noted, however, that there is no parking spaces for the residents' cars, their only option being off the street. The CC has requested double yellow lines at this location. It was agreed that we should wait until the school opens and we can determine the extent of this problem at that time and, if necessary, invite a representative from the Roads Department to a meeting.

Councillor Bathgate stated that there is a problem with traffic parking at the junction on to Station Road from the High Street. This also creates an obstruction to both vehicles and pedestrians. The Police will act on any call received relating to traffic offences if received at the time of the incident.

Planning Applications Received

09/00968/AML Land to the north of Kellieside: Erection of two dwelling houses. No objection.

Planning Applications Determined by P&KC

08/01085/FULL Goudierannet Farm: Conversion of farm steadings to three residential units. Approved.

Sainsbury's Extension/signs for supermarket. Approved.

It was noted that under the new legislation we have a deadline of seven days from the date of the Weekly List to intimate that we wish to be consulted on a planning application.

Other Planning Matters

Training meeting: Councillor Colliar's name had been put forward for this meeting on Monday evening. Unfortunately, he was now unable to attend. No-one else was available and it was agreed that we cancel the booking for his space.

Baltree: A further copy letter of objection was received in relation to the proposed erection of 3 residential dwelling houses at Baltree Farm.

Curling Academy: An acknowledgement was received to our communication to the Council regarding this application. The CC also received a letter of support from a local resident.

Autograss: Representatives from this organisation advised that they were planning to hold a consultation meeting in September. It was suggested that they advertise in the Newsletter and that a possible venue could be the Church Centre, with the meeting to be held in October. (*See p. 81.*)

Report from P&K Councillors

Councillor Baird advised that there was little to report on the **derelict buildings** in the town. It is hoped that movement on Swansacre will happen shortly and no decision has been reached on the other buildings.

The Focus Groups proved to be very successful. Councillor Baird reported that she attended the **Tenants' Meeting** last month and that they raised similar issues to those raised at the Forums.

A977 Improvements: A meeting had been held with representatives before summer regarding this road and they were to return with proposals to Kinross CC with Fossoway CC being invited along to the meeting. Unfortunately, the Council organiser failed to do this. A further meeting was held today to discuss the ways to improve the road and make it safer for pedestrians and vehicles. The CC should receive information before our next meeting and, if necessary, we can invite a representative down to our meeting to discuss the proposals. The plan is to start from Kinross and work towards Fossoway. Pathways, cycle ways, bus shelters etc are to be looked at. It was agreed that in light of this proposed work we should write to P&KC requesting once again that a reduction in the speed limit be introduced between the MOTO Services and Kinross. It was noted that a high number of accidents happen in this location.

Resurfacing: Councillor Robertson reported that the roadway has been resurfaced between Kinross and Milnathort. Councillor Colliar stated that the bus shelters have been removed. Councillor Robertson confirmed that they are to be replaced.

The Housing in the Countryside Policy has now been published and the CC should receive a copy.

Perth City Hall: It was noted that the proposals for the Hall in Perth have fallen through. The building has been vacant for five years. The CC expressed its support for the people of

Perth who could now be facing the prospect of a dilapidated building in their town centre.

Flooding at Lethangie: Cllr Robertson advised that the flooding in Lethangie Road at the entrance to the school is to be addressed. CCllr Bathgate also asked if anything could be done about the ponding of water on the road to the rear of the old Health Centre.

Overhanging bushes: CCllr D Mackay reported that a number of bushes/trees are overhanging at properties in Station Road making it difficult to walk past on the pavement. The trees at Queens Crescent also require to be cut back. CCllr Colliar further added that a tenant in Bowton Road has her grass cut by Council staff, however they advised that the overgrown hedge at her property would not be cut until October. Primary school children have to go out on the road to get by the pavement. CCllrs Scott and Cuthbert also mentioned a complaint from a resident at Green Park in regard to the path and open spaces; the person had spoken to Council officials regarding general maintenance. Finally, CCllr Cuthbert reported similar problems at Lathro Park. Mention was also made to the area zoned for the Fire Brigade. Residents had planted over this and it was now difficult to access. Residents are asked to cut back any overgrown trees/shrubs which are obstructing roadways/pavements.



Overhanging bushes and trees are causing problems on Station Road

Correspondence

Premises Licences: Somerfield and Sainsbury's. Mention was made as to the delay in retailers receiving licences and the fact that legally these are to be displayed on the premises.

TAYplan Strategic Development Plan Authority Awareness Raising Consultation Database: TAYplan are the body set up to prepare the Strategic Development Plan for Kinross and other areas. It was agreed that we should register to be included on their Database in order to be kept informed of progress being made. Consultation is until 18 September. Main Issues Report expected to be published in June 2010 which will be the key stage of engagement. There will be a formal consultation at that stage, to seek views of individuals and organisations.

P&K Draft Placemaking Guide Consultation: online guide to set out the vision and best practice for making our public spaces and settlements better places. Website www.pkc.gov.uk/placemakingguide. It was agreed that CCllr L MacKay would check out this information. Consultation period ends 13 October.

Local Development Plan: Submissions will be displayed on

the website.

Association of CCs: We have still to renew our membership. The Secy will arrange for a cheque to be forwarded to the Association.

Age Matters event: Dewars, Perth on 1 October from 11 to 3. This is a free drop in day of activities and information on services for older people. There will be demonstrations of Country Dancing, Kurling, Aerobics, Computer Awareness etc.

Other Business

Council Budget: Cllr Robertson advised that there is to be little monies available over the next two years.

Newsletter: A sub committee meeting is to be held on 14 September. CCllr Colliar mentioned the recent announcement in the Newsletter advising that a Scotlandwell business would no longer be able to advertise in the Newsletter. He stated that such decisions are the responsibility of the CC as owners of the Newsletter and should not be made by editorial staff. It was agreed that clear guidelines should be set down for the Newsletter staff.

Remembrance Sunday: The Secy was asked to circulate notices to the various bodies notifying them of a meeting to arrange the Parade.

Common Good Fund: Following on further discussion, we are to write to P&KC intimating that we wish to be involved in the Common Good Fund for Kinross.

Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal: CCllr Cuthbert informed the meeting that P&KC had produced an excellent publication, entitled "Draft Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal" which he commended to all residents for close study. This can be downloaded from the Council website. It was agreed that we should invite Rachel Haworth to our next meeting to go through the proposals.

New Surgery: A member of the public questioned pedestrian/vehicle access to the Health Centre, there being no pavement and the Surgery not being served by buses. This was discussed. It was suggested that the route could be along the side of the Bed and Breakfast. It was noted that only one bus service would be stopping in the school grounds.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 7 October in the Masonic Hall at 7.30pm.

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

AQUARIUS HEALING

Usui Reiki – Jikiden Reiki – Karuna Reiki
Traditional Indian Head Massage

Hopi Ear Candle Therapy
Paraffin Wax Treatments for Hands & Feet
Bio-Energiser D-Tox Spa Foot Treatments

Try a course of Natural Therapies to reduce your stress levels and bring balance back into your life.

Reiki classes also available at all levels

Sandra Caldwell BSYA(IH)TATH-MACTA-BSYA(BIO)
Member of the Association of Energy Therapists

BCMA REGISTERED

Holistic Therapist-Reiki Master

Karuna Reiki Master

Tel: 01577 864258 www.aquariushealing.co.uk

Milnathort Community Council

News from the September Meeting

CCllr Cottingham, Vice Chair, welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Smith and Lamont to the meeting held on 10 September. Also in attendance were Minute Secretary E Rougvie, two representatives of Tayside Police and three members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Giacopazzi (Chair), CCllrs Porter and Thomson, and P&K Cllrs Baird and Robertson.

Police matters: The police reported that there had been three break-ins to cars in the Auld Mart Road area, which were thought to be related. One vehicle had not been secured. Once again the public are urged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity, as the police would rather have to deal with a well-intentioned false alarm than a crime. People are reminded that they should not leave anything of value in their vehicle, even if it is parked in a driveway. Items such as sat-navs, mobile phones and handbags are particularly vulnerable and should be kept out of sight.

Matters arising

Venue for CC meetings: CCllr Smith reported that CCllr Giacopazzi had asked him to contact P&KC to ask for a booking form in order to secure the school for CC meetings. In the past this had been free of charge but now a fee had been introduced of £5.60 per hour or part of an hour, to the dismay of a number of other CCs. The Town Hall is used during school holidays at a cost of £8, which is not refunded by P&KC. It was also considered that the Town Hall would not be a practical option because of the number of other activities that are held there. The possibility of using a room at the new community campus was suggested, but dismissed as inappropriate as it was felt MCC meetings should be held within the village. After further discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Bennet would contact P&KC to ask if the CC's grant could be increased to cover the extra cost. No action will be taken to complete the booking form until the Chairman's return.

Placecheck: CCllr Bennet reported that she had been out with pupils from Milnathort Primary School the previous Monday and they had come up with a lot of good ideas in terms of improving the village under the Placecheck scheme, which they would bring either to a future CC meeting or to the public meeting in November. The Placecheck event on 29 August had attracted around 40 villagers. The Thistle Hotel, while a good venue, did not have disabled access, and a discussion followed about the most suitable venue for the November follow-up event. CCllr Bennet agreed to contact Diane Cassidy of P&KC to discuss this further. CCllr Smith said that it seemed that Placecheck was already resulting in benefits, as a link chain at the telephone box at The Cross was repaired the following week.

Wheelie bins: CCllr Bennet referred to a property in South Street where four bins were always lined up on the pavement

despite there being a large garden. Villagers are asked to put out wheelie bins only on pick-up days to avoid blocking pedestrian access.

New planning regulations: CCllrs Cottingham and Smith reported on a meeting hosted by P&KC that they had attended, along with CCllr Thomson, about the new planning regulations that came into force on 3 August. The key changes are as follows:

- Detailed planning applications are now suffixed FLL and outline applications suffixed IPL.
- In terms of the implications for the CC, the response period has changed to 21 days, which means that if a contentious application is issued during the first week after the monthly meeting, an opportunity to comment could be missed. It was agreed that CC members should monitor applications closely and that a meeting should be called if there were any applications that required a response.
- It is now the responsibility of P&KC and not the applicant to issue neighbour notification after an application has been validated and the area has been extended to 20 metres.
- There will be more freedom to carry out alterations without planning permission.
- What are deemed to be major developments will require a pre-application consultation with a view to addressing any objections before the developer starts work.

The new legislation has been introduced on a national level and Planning Aid Scotland is to hold a further meeting in the new Loch Leven Community Campus at the end of November which will give CCs and individuals the chance to find out more about the new Act.

Planning applications: Formation of a balcony at 38 New Road. Noted.

Other business: CCllr Smith said he had been approached by people about the state of the hydrants in South Street, particularly the one by the bus stop at the former church. Concerns were also raised about the hydrants in Burleigh Road and Whyte Place. After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Bennet would e-mail Diane Cassidy of Placecheck to find out whether these had been earmarked for attention under the Placecheck scheme.

Members of the public: A member of the public asked for the CC's support in a personal dispute he was having with P&KC. It was explained that it was outwith the CC's remit to take up individual grievances but if representations were received from 20 people then they would be obliged to call a public meeting.

Another member of the public asked for an update on the situation regarding the semi-circle at Bridgefauld Road. P&KC had indicated that raised beds would be established but this hadn't happened and the grassed area was being used for football, raising safety concerns in surrounding households. It was hoped that this was on the Placecheck list and the situation will be addressed at the October meeting, when Diane Cassidy of P&KC will be in attendance.

The same member of the public reported that one of the two gardens in Crawford Place that were badly overgrown had now been tidied up.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 8 October at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall.

PIANO AND MUSIC THEORY TUITION

LEARN TO PLAY THE PIANO IN YOUR OWN HOME
ALL AGES AND ABILITIES
DIGITAL PIANO AVAILABLE

PLEASE CONTACT
CATRIONA NICOL BMUS (HONS) EDINBURGH
01577 864528 OR 07876 591 553

Portmoak Community Council

News from the September Meeting

I McGrattan, J Shepherd, J Bird, R Cairncross, S Garvie, M Hally and C Weedon attended the meeting on 8 September. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs W Robertson, K Baird and S Miller; PC Stephen and 19 residents. Previous minutes were approved following an addition previously notified by a resident.

Police Report

Two reported break-ins, both at Lochend Farm shop, weekends of 15/16 and 21/22 August.

Theft of scaffolding at the stables, entrance to the Moss. Police would be pleased for any information.

Replying to a question from a Cllr, the Police had no knowledge of a dog being caught in a snare trap at Portmoak Moss.

Treasurer's report: £409.74 in the bank account.

Planning presentation

Mr Peter Marshall, Planning and Sustainable Development Manager, gave a presentation on the planning services provided by P&KC. He outlined the planning services and discussed in detail the new Planning Act, Strategic Development Plans and the Local Plan. Recently the planning team had been increased to include more enforcement officers and a new post of Affordable Housing Enabler.

The first stage of the preparation of the new local Development Plan has just been completed and as part of the process of keeping the public better informed the 500+ initial comments received from people and groups within the area will shortly be available on the P&KC website.

The increase in housing in the Portmoak area, 2001-2009, has been around the P & K average of 10%.

Generally for Kinross-shire, 2008-2020, there is an expected increase of 855 houses. Taking into consideration present planning consents, there is an expected increase of 460 houses; 400 for Kinross and Milnathort and 60 for the 'landward' area of Kinross-shire. Due to different accounting techniques the quoted figures are for developments of 5+ properties, however, single or less than 5+ (windfall) add some flexibility into the system.

Following the presentation there were a number of questions on the following topics: enforcement conditions, standards of developers, neighbour notification, local roads, streetscape design, amending plans once agreed, permitted development rights, independent review bodies.

Peter closed his presentation by informing the meeting of further training events on the new planning system and introduced 'Planning Aid for Scotland', a body set up to assist anyone with planning problems. Their helpline number is 08456037602.

The Chairman thanked Peter for his presentation.

Matter arising from previous minutes

Mail box at Post Office: Following the report sent to Edinburgh Office, one letter received to say that the letter had been sent to London Office and second letter received from London office acknowledging letter.

Website: Webmaster on holiday until 14 September, so current minutes will be late.

Notice Board: Minutes at Kinnesswood notice board regularly removed.

Cleaning of roads: The B9097 between B996 and B920 and the A911 between Easter Balgownie and Burleigh Sands were reported as needed cleaning. Mechanical Cleaner is presently broken.

Subcommittee reports

Paths Group

There is not generally a problem raising money to create new paths but there is a problem raising money maintaining them. As a community if we want to keep the walks in our area then we need to come up with an idea to raise the money to maintain them and one way would be to ask for sponsors. This would be especially useful for those areas outwith any other area of responsibility, which is approx 2 kms of the Michael Bruce Way. Maintenance for this part of the MBW works out to approx £500 and if sponsorship could be arranged for 25p/metre it would require 25/30 people who would be given a certificate of sponsorship as a receipt. People who might wish to participate are businesses and people who use the paths for pleasure and dog walkers. Posters on the MBW could also be used to advertise for sponsors. The signage for the MBW should be ready in the next couple of months.

Cllr Robertson added that the Countryside Trust was looking at the problem of maintaining walks and had asked for a paper to be prepared on the subject and was keen to keep in touch with this proposal.

A resident stated that the lack of maintenance on the walk meant that the bracken was nearly taking over the path in certain areas. The owner of the land could apply for a maintenance grant but it was not known whether he had done so.

A resident raised the question of responsibility of the path from Gamekeepers to the Cobbles which was used by school children to keep them off the busier roads. It was suggested that this should be maintained by P&KC. Action required.

Cllr Robertson suggested to the meeting that since this was the last winter when a commonly used weed suppressing chemical could be used by anyone (now a Government banned substance) is was likely that path maintenance would become more of an issue.

Planning Group

The following planning applications were discussed.

09/01465/FLL Change of use from disused farmyard area to garden ground for dwelling units 1 and 2, Former Hay Store, West Bowhouse Farm, Leslie: No objection.

09/01487/FLL Erection of an agricultural shed, Wester Balgownie Farm: The CC had previously objected to this proposal and found no grounds to move from their previous position. The applicant was present and queried the decision by the CC. It was agreed to write to the applicant setting out in summary the reasons for the objection.

09/01436/IPL Erection of a dwelling house for an agricultural worker (in principle) Kirkness Farm, Lochgelly: No objection.

There was no further news on the planning application at Friar Place.

Management Group

The Chairman gave an update on the Traffic Calming situation. An e-mail had been received that afternoon explain that the new bollards were not in stock and new ones were not available until later in September. The CC had informed the P&KC Roads dept that they would support the request of local opinion to move the 'Gamekeepers' build out.

Cllr Robertson informed the meeting that he had asked P&KC to have a speed restriction placed on the road between Mawcarse old railway bridge towards Balgownie.

A resident asked if build outs were the best method of traffic calming. The Chairman explained despite everyone having an

opinion on the subject, the build outs were the chosen method by the experts.

Further questions on the build outs were asked by residents concerning benefit to the community, lighting and drivers continually speeding.



The 'Gamekeepers' build out: the CC supports local opinion that it should be moved

Reports by P&K Councillors

Cllr Miller informed the meeting that the Wester Balgedie hearing would be taking place shortly.

Other Business

1. A resident raised the issue of the poor standard of signage at Scotlandwell around the Well Green. The signs would be identified and the problem raised with P&KC.
2. A resident raised the issue of dog fouling in Bruce Road and was advised to contact the Dog Warden.
3. A resident raised the issue of a 30 mph sign being missing and was advised to contact Clarence either by telephone 0800232323 or e-mail, Clarence@pkc.gov.uk

(Post meeting note: After leaving the meeting Cllr Baird noticed a number of street lights not working which she reported to Clarence.)

Communications

Email in support of proposals for build outs and P&KC suggestions. Agree that CC should take community/majority view and not minority.

Email: Build outs would not stop bad driving; new bollards and signs detract from visual appreciation of village scene, consideration of other methods such as rumble strips.

Licensing Board applications.

Email from resident: various complaints re planning etc. Reply sent 30.8.09.

P&KC Local Development Plan, comments will be made available on P&KC website.

Planning enforcement re fence at Gamekeepers, agreed in 2008.

P&KC Traffic and Road Safety, confirming what was suggested at previous meeting re bollards etc.

Email complaint re minutes, no vote, wrong statistics. Reply sent 20.8.09

Email from P&KC re 'Better at Funding' session.

Email re Round Table Quiz challenge.

Letter from Royal Mail, Edinburgh, CC report sent to Head of Customer Services

Letter from Royal Mail, London, receipt of letter, Assistant to Board Members

Email: proposal for moving build out and reply sent 29.8.09.

Information on the National Older Peoples Day, 1st October

2009, Dewars Ice Rink.

Email from Clarence, Sweeping of roads, mechanical breakdown of sweeper.

Email from P&KC Enforcement re burial site and open space piece of ground at Friar Place.

Email request from resident for information on apparent difference in meetings, minutes etc. Reply sent 4.9.09.

Completion of application for school accommodation

Email, received from resident detailing information on pollution caused by slowness of traffic due to build outs.

Email from P&KC re training meeting, update on new planning system.

Telephone call re problems with building site behind Wellside Motors and communication with P&KC enforcement officer.

Email: P&KC Roads detailing waiting time for new bollards.

Email: P&KC Roads detailing information on accident statistics. (Received after meeting.)

Email: Kinnesswood Bus Shelter, would it be possible to consider replacement with smaller shelter to open up area as village space. (Received after meeting.)

Email confirming problem on land behind Wellside Motors. (Received after meeting.)

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be held in Portmoak Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 13 October.



- Tailormade Family Solutions
- Personal and considerate towards your needs
- Specialised nannies/childminders to allow natural child development within your own home environment
- Flexible hours available to provide long or short term solutions
- Introduction, security, confidentiality and peace of mind
- Qualified and experienced staff available
- Full background checks/disclosures done, references checked, also payroll service available if required



Wendy Turnbull
Mobile: 07777 635 708

Stephen Gray
Mobile: 07894 523 894

6 Hatchbank Lane, Kinross KY13 9LA
Email: sunnysidechildcare@mail.com www.sunnysidechildcare.co.uk

Looking for Contact Details?

For listings of local clubs, businesses, public services and more, visit **www.kinross.cc**

Fossoway and District CC

News from the September Meeting

Present at the meeting on 1 September were: Sandy Morrison (Chair), Sheila Anderson, Rod Paterson, Alastair Lavery, Trudy Duffy, Marion Anness and Hugh Wallace. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr M Barnacle and 15 members of the public. Sandy Morrison declared an interest in planning application 09/01324/OUT, Muirfield, Drum.

Community Policing: no issues raised.

CC business: A response to funding queries for FDCC is expected from John Swinney 09.09.09, but P&KC have agreed to have invoices sent to them as an interim measure. Cllr Barnacle confirmed that charges will be introduced for using Council properties in the future.

Lambhill Forest Blairingone: About 20 people attended the walkabout which was very well received. A further meeting at Blairingone School is scheduled for 16 September as a consultation measure.

P&KC Consultation Local Plan: Cllr Barnacle wrote on 30.06.09 re the single development plan against the expansion of Kinross to the West of the M90. KCC disagree. 12.08.09. Strategy Group Meeting. 20% response to survey re area plan to 2020:

- Bulk of population in the middle – retirement age, with low unemployment
 - More rental/ sheltered properties needed
 - No material alterations to plans other than the Crook of Devon – Naemoor Road small development to be removed
- FDCC, 25.08.09: Private meeting giving a response to the letter, including road traffic and drainage.

Fossoway after school care: Having financial difficulties. A child with mental health issues requiring additional cover, the costs of which threatened to close the club. Trudy had a meeting with P&KC and Keith Brown questioned the Council's obligations to provide care. One year's funding of £4,500 has been secured as an interim measure from a charity.

Blairingone Church memorial: Cllr Barnacle is encouraging removal of the scaffolding in advance of Armistice Day and resolution of the dispute thereafter.

New waste uplift: Some houses across the ward did not receive information but problems now seem to have been resolved, although there is concern over domestic and commercial uplifts coinciding. Rob Patterson suggested that Rab Beattie at PKCC should be contacted.

Traffic survey Fossoway: FORK's recent survey reported an overall increase of 14%, with lorries down by 7% apparently due to increased use of rail freight and falling trade volumes through Grangemouth are also likely to have had an effect. There has therefore been a very significant increase in car and light commercial road traffic.

Reports by P&K Councillors

Cllr Barnacle explained that at Dunning Glen there are no litter bins but there is an advisory sign on camp site with contact numbers. Bins in the past were burnt and vandalised. Request for litter bins still being pursued.

Cllr Barnacle is in dialogue with Scottish Water: £1,000 to the Institute for Station Road upgrade, given to Sandy Morrison. Meeting to follow re costs and adoption of plans for leakage.

Is there a law for bikes to have bells?

Cllr Barnacle to attend a meeting on 2 Sept re A977. To determine start of work on mitigation measures; thus far only crossings in Powmill and Blairingone have been completed.

Additional funds mooted.

No progress re speed limits and traffic lights on Rumbling Bridge.

Japanese knotweed along the Devon: some clearance has been done and P&KC Ranger to investigate further.

The Development Control Committee has approved the Barnhill Steading Development despite representation by Councillors. The Committee followed the planning officer's advice, many community and local views were ignored. The review on the Housing in the Countryside policy should tighten these procedures up. The Barnhill Development seemed to be contrary to the local plan, overturning previous decisions. Cllr Barnacle reiterated that the majority of applications are delegated to officers in the absence of six valid objections.

Planning

Relatively quiet month!

09/01299/FLL, North Claysyke Farm, Cambo: Erection of storage sheds. No CC comment.

09/01324/OUT, Muirfield, Drum: Renewal of previous consent (07/00312/OUT) for erection of four dwelling houses. Application withdrawn.

09/01409/FLL, White Wisp, Crook Of Devon: Erection of replacement house. No CC comment.

09/01413/FLL, Middleton Stables, Fossoway: Erection of a guest house. No objections had been received by the CC at the time of the meeting and a general call was made for people to object if they felt minded to do so, to force such applications to be considered by the full Development Control Committee.

09/01481/FLL, Middleton of Aldie: Extension to house. No CC comment.

Correspondence

Discussion about an objection to a wind turbine in Drum. FDCC felt P&KC should develop a clearer policy to counter the presumption in favour of small scale wind turbines. FDCC will object to the planning application in question.

Other business

A member of the public reported concerns that Seamab children running away pose a risk to local farm safety and requested that Seamab notify local farmers when this occurs, as they have previously committed to do.

George Lawrie, project officer of TRACKS, intimated plans re Crook of Devon bridleway between the Aldie Road and waterworks, and to have a cycle path from Kinross to Powmill.

A comment was made that SERAD are the appropriate authority to contact re ragwort at the Monarch Deer Farm.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will be held on Tuesday 6 October at Moubray Hall, Powmill. All welcome.

JOE BURNS

Computer Repairs & Servicing

Computer slow, virused,
needing upgraded or internet problems?

If you suffer from any of the above or just need advice,
give me a call.

Local collection and delivery, competitive rates, call-outs
and evening visits available.

01577 862399 (24hr Ans Mc)

07850897924 Mobile

JBcomputing@btinternet.com

Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the August Meeting

The CC met on Monday 24 August in Cleish Village Hall and was attended by five CCllrs, P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and Cllr K Baird; George Lawrie representing TRACKS; a representative from Perth and Kinross Police; 15 members of the public and the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter Editor.

Apologies were received from Sandy Morton and a welcome given to Hugh Somerville, the new member of the CC.

Kerbside Recycling: The Chairman introduced Ellen Scott from P&KC who gave a presentation concerning the new bin collections; although leaflets had been handed out, generally there was still some confusion regarding what goes into which bin when and where. To sum up: Blue lidded bins contain paper, cardboard, clear plastic bottles (no lids or envelopes). Brown lidded bins contain garden waste and food. Green lidded bins contain non recyclables and that includes glass bottles.

There were several questions from the floor which were answered and also taken on board were the problem of no bins Foreland road and westward. It was hoped that this would be put right before too long.

Crime Prevention: The Chairman welcomed P.C. Wallace who began by saying that it was most important to report anything of a suspicious nature to the police AT ONCE - tomorrow may be too late.

The non-emergency number is **0845 600 5705**.

The Chairman gave a report on a meeting held at the end of July regarding the activity on the hill road which is still giving serious concern. Whilst it is impossible to stop all activity, the dumping of 'unreasonable' rubbish near Loch Glow is putting off walkers, and there is still the reporting of car parking in parking places by single men, and meeting places at Loch Glow. It is hoped that during the winter the Forestry Commission and the Environmental Services will have a clear up, and in the spring there could be closing off of the upper car park.

Unfortunately Till Hill were not represented at this meeting, and again there is dumping of rubbish. PLEASE do tell the Police of such dumping; they can check the rubbish and very often trace its origins.

Appreciation for all the Police do regarding the worries on the Hill Road was expressed not only from the CC but also from the floor. P.C. Wallace was thanked for her attendance.

Tracks and Trails: George Lawrie, Project Officer of TRACKS and of the Loch Leven Heritage Project, and well known to many of those present has taken over Tracks and Trails; he is presently engaged in two projects, a Bridle Way at Crook of Devon on the Core Path, and a walkway taking away the blind corner at Burleigh Castle. He is also working hard with Neil Kilpatrick and it is hoped to extend the trail from Vane Farm to Kinross.

Planning

Development Plan: The CC is actively engaged in collating all the replies received to the letter sent out with the previous C&B Newsletter. The main comments concerned the AGLV, Conservation Status and areas for community use.

New Applications

3 houses Woodlands, Nivingston: there are concerns re the size and the visual impact on the AGLV, and that 3 houses are contrary to the reporter's findings. There has also been tree felling and foundations built despite planning permission not having been given. Plots 2 and 3 will stand above Nivingston House. The already approved access from the top road is unsightly. The CC will contact the Council and ask for work to be stopped until permission is granted.

Lochran Moss - 1 house

Sunnyside Farm - 2 houses

Kirkdale - extension

No objections to any of these.

Pending

1. Dullomuir Farm, Blairadam - erection of dwelling house - approved.
2. West Main Farm, Cleish - still pending.
3. Boreland Farm - still pending.
4. Site adjacent to B996 on opposite side of road to the north area of Greenacres.
5. Land to north of Greenacres.
6. Gairneybridge Caravan Site.

Agreed that Nos. 4, 5 and 6 should be considered together; the Planners will not have a meeting with the developers, but are prepared to meet with the CC who seek clarification on boundaries.

7. Dunvegan - gone to appeal.

Roads: There was little to report apart from the rash of potholes, especially at the foot of the Nivingston Road. These will be notified to the Roads Department.

The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 19 October at the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam at 7.30 pm.

ADVANCED DENTURE

COMPANY Ltd.

For DENTURES & DENTURE REPAIRS

A wide range is available; from basic quality, to high quality **COSMETIC DENTURES**.

All produced in close consultation with the skilled technical craftsman.

NO REGISTRATION

NO LONG WAITING LISTS

A.D.C. MOUTHGUARDS

Sports mouth guards

Night protectors for tooth grinders, can also be used to cure certain types of tension headaches.

Ian Mackay 01577 864751

KINROSS GARDEN SERVICES

For domestic and commercial garden maintenance and soft landscaping

- * *Lawns turfed and seeded*
- * *Lawn sand supplied*
- * *Wood chip mulching for sale*

Agent for Sinclair McGill and John Watson's seeds for Agriculture and Horticulture

For contracts and orders phone
Jim Oswald on 01577 864020



Club & Community Group News

Kinross High School

Goodbye to the High

We have organised days, Thursday 1 October and Friday 2 October, 2pm to 4.30pm, for former pupils, parents and staff to visit the current High School Buildings before we close the doors for the last time. Take this last chance to see the old school. Refreshments will be available and entertainment provided.

School Closure

KHS will be closed to pupils on Friday 23 October and Mon 26 and Tues 27 October. We plan to have orientation tours for pupils, a third of the school at a time on Wednesday 28th, with school opening for normal business on Thursday 29 October. Senior pupils will lead these visits so they will likely be inducted to the campus on Tuesday afternoon.



The new High School, which will open on Thursday 29 October

Campus Lets

For Lets from October you should continue to complete a new campus form available from and return it to Support Services, Pullar House. Lets will be confirmed once the new booking system has been completely configured, towards the end of September.

First Day in the New Campus

We are planning to have a school procession from the old site to the new on the first day of school, **Thursday 29 October**. Led by Kinross Pipe Band, pupils and staff will walk along the High Street to the new campus. The intention is for school buses to decamp at the current site to facilitate this.

Visits to Loch Leven Campus

The number of people allowed to visit remains low with the constraints of a working building site. We are aiming to have organised visits in the period after the campus is open in October, so watch out for more details.

Campus Launch Event:

Friday 20, Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November

An exciting programme of events is being arranged to showcase the new facilities and organisations which will be using the campus. If you are interested in participating in some way, please contact Derek Morris at Kinross High School. Look out for the programme of events and don't miss this chance to join in the fun!

See also p. 7.

Kinross Library

On Tuesday 15 September a ceremony took place for the junior readers of Kinross library who had completed Quest Seekers, the summer reading challenge. From more than 90 children who joined the scheme, 43 managed to read six books in the required time. Their achievement was marked by the presentation of a Quest Seekers medal and bag. Preparations are presently being made for the move to the new Loch Leven Community Campus which will open at 10am on Thursday 29 October. (*See p. 7 for details.*)

Kinross Museum

With the opening of the new Loch Leven Community Campus in late October, a museum in Kinross will be created after a gap of 13 years since the closure of the Marshall Museum next to the Carnegie Library in 1996. Sharing space with the Public Library, the museum will be managed by the Kinross (Marshall) Museum Trust with help from the Friends of Kinross Museum.

A museum was first opened in Kinross following the death of the local antiquarian, archivist and collector David Marshall who died in 1903 leaving his entire collection to the town. For a few years some items were put on display in the Carnegie Library, but it was not until 1974 that the Joint Library Committee of the Town and County Councils of Kinross were able to mount a full display with assistance from members of the Kinross-shire Historical Society including Nan Walker, Robert Buchanan and David Munro. Following the closure of the museum by P&KC, the Kinross (Marshall) Museum Trust was set up in 1997 as a charitable trust aiming to re-establish and manage a museum for Kinross. Under the chairmanship of Professor David Munro, the trustees are currently in the process of planning the move into the new community campus at the end of October and the creation of a number of public displays on a variety of themes including 'Kinross Burgh Folk', 'A Sporting Loch' and 'Made in Kinross-shire' in time for the campus community event in late November.

The Museum Trust hopes to refresh the exhibition on display to the public on a regular basis and hold events at the museum. Watch this space for regular reports and features on Kinross-shire items of special interest that will be on show.

The joint AGMs of the Museum Trust and the Friends of the Museum will take place in the Kinross Church Centre at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 20 October**.

ANDREW CRAIG

Electrical Services

- Rewires, Alterations, New Additions
- 17th Edition Certified Testing
- Free Estimates and Advice

Call: 07813 331740

E-mail: andrewcraig35@hotmail.com

Kinross High School Parent Council

% Kinross High School, 8 High Street,
Kinross, KY13 8AW



Scottish Qualification Agency Exam Results

Once again the school's performance in the SQA Standard and Higher examinations was very good with many individual successes, and compares well with previous years. The highlights being the performance of the 4th year as a whole and the number of pupils achieving four or more Highers. A more detailed review of the exam performance has been published by the school. The KHSPC would like to congratulate all the pupils on their success. Well done!

New High School

Hard to believe but the move to the new campus is already upon us, with the pupil start day on **Thursday 29 October**. Don't forget the old school open days on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 October when you can visit the old classrooms and reminisce about past glories; and why not come along and watch the grand procession to the new campus, starting from the old school at 9.15 am on Thursday 29 October.

School Uniform Purple Blazer

Sales of the new blazers continue to do well with 300 already sold. So much so that we've sold out of some of the smaller sizes, especially in the girls' sizes, and we've ordered more stock to meet the demand. This should be with us by mid November and we are already taking advance orders for these smaller sizes. We've only ordered 50 more of the smaller sizes so please make sure you place your order early to avoid disappointment. We still have a full range of the medium and larger sizes boys and girls blazers in stock. Members of the KHSPC will be on hand to sell blazers at the school on Tuesday lunchtimes or alternatively they can be purchased via the school main office during normal school hours.

Looking at the number of new blazers already sold together with the number of the old style blazers we know are being recycled and liberated from wardrobes, there are now more than 450 blazers in the school. That's about half the pupil population. This is a great achievement and one which we will continue to build upon until the blazer is the standard across the school. The KHSPC would like to take the opportunity to thank the pupils, staff and parents for their continued support for this important school initiative.

The November blazer delivery will be the last this year. New stock for the next academic year will be manufactured in the spring and delivered before the end of the current academic year. The KHSPC will start taking orders for next year's stock from February onwards. If you have any questions regarding the new blazers or the Kinross High School uniform policy in general please contact the KHSPC Chair Andy Williams.

Former Pupils Association

The KHSPC is keen to support the creation of a KHS Former Pupils Association. We believe an active FPA would be good for the school, the FPs themselves and for the wider community. With the move to the new school campus at the end of the month, it is a great opportunity for FPs to help celebrate the old and the new school premises. May the KHSPC therefore invite former pupils and teachers of KHS, and the old Kinross Secondary School, to get in touch will your old school pals and get the FPA ball rolling. The KHSPC is happy to provide whatever help is needed to

get the FPA off the ground and to support it when it is up and running. Anyone interested please contact the KHSPC Vice Chair Jaffrey Weir.

Role of the KHSPC

The objectives of the KHSPC are broadly to represent the views of the parents of pupils at the school in the areas of education and welfare. We wish to work in partnership with the school to create a positive and proactive environment which supports pupils, staff and parents. Within the KHSPC the Events and Fundraising Team looks after the activities of the old Parent Teacher Association.

The next KHSPC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 3 November** starting at 7.15 pm at the new High School. Parents and guardians of pupils attending Kinross High School are most welcome to attend the meeting.

The elected officers of the KHSPC for the 2009/10 academic year are:

Chair:	Andy Williams - 01577 861682 a.b.williams@bopenworld.com
Vice Chair:	Jaffrey Weir - 01577 865780 jaffreyweir@lebc-group.com
Treasurer:	Denis Sweeney - 01577 861651 sweeney5@tiscali.co.uk

If you wish to raise any issue regarding the KHSPC and parental involvement in the High School please don't hesitate to contact one of the above officers. Alternatively you may write to the Chair care of the school address noted above.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the work of the KHSPC and its EFT. Any parent (or guardian) of a pupil studying at KHS may volunteer as a parent member of the KHSPC. For further information please contact Andy Williams the KHSPC Chair.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



You may have wondered recently whether we are still as active in the community as usual - we can assure you we are! Our co-ordinator, Ann Munro, has been very busy trying to organise the number of requests for our service into runs the available volunteers can carry out. It only needs a few drivers to be away or otherwise "off the list" to cause some difficulty so you will not be surprised to see the following appeal:

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED

If you enjoy driving and have some spare time to fill now that autumn is nearly upon us (wonder what happened to our "barbecue" summer?) you could join our transport / befriending group and help with an enjoyable cause. You will meet many very pleasant folk who are most appreciative of the help we give. KVG-ROS was formed some twenty-eight years ago and a few of our drivers have enjoyed being with us for twenty of those years so it cannot be so hard! Last year we carried out 1580 journeys to various destinations.

If you would like to have more information, contact Ann Munro on 01577 840196, she will be very pleased to hear from you.

We would like to thank the members of Lodge St Serf No. 327 for their generous donation to our funds, they have supported us for several years and we are very grateful for their help.

Kinross and Gazebo fun!

What a fantastic day.

The first Gazebo Gathering was a great success!! People gathered with their gazebos, picnics, friends and families to listen to all the bands in a relaxed atmosphere. The wonderful weather helped but without the great support of the Kinross audience we couldn't have done it all. Big Al, the presenter from Real Radio, was very impressed with the audience who danced and sang along to the songs of all the bands.

High school band Blue Fuse very professionally opened the festival, followed by local cover band Vital Sign. In the middle of the programme there was open air ceilidh dancing with the Gary Sutherland Ceilidh band. There was a lot of singing and dancing going on during the main acts Abbanania and The Champions.



The first Gazebo Gathering at Kinross House was a great success!

In between the acts on the main stage Paul Nicholson & Aileen Ogilvie, Drumatik and Handle with Care provided us with musical entertainment. Kids were entertained in the youth corner next to the stage, they could have a stint on a giant Wii, street-football or do some graffiti art. On the other side of the lawn were inflatables, children had their faces painted or did some craft activities, while their parents had a look at the different market stalls.

All in all everything went very smoothly and KLEO can look back on a very successful event. We would like to thank Jamie and Lizzie Montgomery very much for the use of their front lawn. This wonderful setting made a spectacular backdrop to our event!

There were numerous people who helped us out. A big thank you to Stuart Skinner who kindly let us sell tickets through his shop, 'John and JH Sands Ironmongers'; the Rotary who helped with the parking; the Inner Wheel who made wonderful cakes and helped at the coffee and tea stall; the staff of the Kinross Estates Company who cut the grass, lent us a gator, provided us with tractors to remove a stuck lorry and offered assistance every time it was asked for; David Sands Ltd who provided us with pallets and T-shirts for the volunteers; the Green Hotel who provided us with the bar staff and wherewithal to run the bar; The Army cadets who provided us with equipment and willing helpful recruits; the Community Learning Team who ran the street football, and young adults area; the Round Table who helped the day after the event, by assisting with the clear up of the site; and last but by no way least the wonderful volunteers who helped us out before, during and after the event! Without this help we couldn't have done it all. Thank you very much!!

Please Note: some lost property was found at the site and has been handed in to the Kinross Police Station.

Scary fun at Summer's End Halloween Market

Saturday 24 October, 4-7pm, Market Park

Come along to our next event - the Summer's

End Market - and see for yourself if you are easily scared off!! Hopefully the weather will be better this year, so we can have that big bonfire again at the Market Park! There will be a variety of local produce, craft and charity stalls and also a lot of Halloween entertainment! Children can take part in craft activities, Halloween fun and a lantern and fancy dress parade. Great prizes to be won for the scariest outfit! Adults can have some mulled wine around the bonfire and enjoy some early Christmas shopping at the market.

So dress up in your scariest outfit and see you there!



Kinross Primary Parent Council



Kinross Primary Parent Council (KPPC) held its first Orienteering Challenge for children on Saturday. Pupils from various schools took part in the fun challenge in Kirkgate Park. The focus was on participation, allowing children to learn about orienteering. Participants were timed as they ran about the park and along the first part of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail to find markers. Councillor Kathleen Baird presented the prizes and praised the children for taking part in the challenge and enjoying the outdoors. The event was the inspiration of KPPC Chair, Stephen Crawford with support from KPPC members, parents and pupil volunteers from Kinross High School. A Perth and Kinross Council Interactive grant was used to help cover the running costs of the challenge and pupils have been asked to obtain sponsorship to raise funds for KPPC.

Results are as follows:

Nursery	Lisa Robertson	Adam Gallagher
P1	Isla Skea	Hanson Low
P2	Kirstin Fotheringham	Duncan Forbes
P3	Audrey Doyle	Harry Cormack
P4	Anna Corsar	Struan Fotheringham
P5	Lorna Doyle	George Smith
P6	Niamh Mullen	Alasdair Bennett
P7	Rosie Forrest	Daniel Lockhart



Kinross Primary pupils Georgia Chick, Bethan Thomson and Ellie Nicholson taking part in the KPPC Orienteering Challenge

Kinross & District Rotary Club



On 17 August Guthrie Hutton spoke about the Forth and Clyde canal, from the first excavation in 1768 to its most recent upgrade and reopening as the Millennium project in 2001. Work commenced at the River Carron at what is now Grangemouth. By 1773, construction had progressed as far as Kirkintilloch and in 1790 the canal was finally completed to Bowling, with a branch into Port Dundas. Through a series of locks, the canal rises to 156 feet above sea level at its highest point. Unfortunately, with the advent of the railway system, commercial traffic waned. The canal was used solely for pleasure cruises from about 1867, with the last cruise in October 1962. The canal was finally closed on 1 January 1963 when the A80 was upgraded at Castlecary and a culvert was constructed under the dual carriageway. Today, the canal is open again for its full length, including the Falkirk Wheel, thanks to Lottery Funding.

Our annual Charity Golf Tournament was held on 21 August when, thankfully, the rain stayed away long enough to allow the 19 competing teams to enjoy a pleasant afternoon's golf. There was stiff competition for the various prizes.

Our speaker on 24 August was Dr Miriam Faulds, who spoke about micro finance in third world countries and about Ghana in particular, having visited that country in 2003 to see for herself how Opportunity International organises a small loan scheme for the poorest in society. The scheme has HRH Princess Anne as patron and operates on Christian principles, although loans are granted irrespective of religion. Loans are given to assist people to set up their own businesses, buy farm animals, etc. and are for a period of four months, after which they are repaid, with generally 95 to 98% success in repayment. Education, training and monitoring is also carried out and where candidates have proved worthy, individual loans are granted allowing them to start up their own businesses. This generates more money for the individuals who can then afford to send their children to school.

We were entertained on 31 August by an illustrated talk by David Goslin who described his journey by train from Milngavie to Beijing. Although he experienced some security problems en-route, all trains ran to time and the route took him via London, Moscow and Ulaan Bataar.

Club members assisted with traffic marshalling at the Girl Guides Centenary celebration on 6 September and at the Gazebo Gathering on 12 September.

At the Business Meeting on 7 September, President David Reid congratulated Rotarian Barry Davis on his appointment as Group Leader for the 2010 Group Study Exchange from our District to Arizona. More of this in later editions.

14 September saw an interesting illustrated talk by John Dein from the Dundee Club, on shipbuilding at the Caledon yard in Dundee. John had been employed at the yard as an apprentice draughtsman and has in later years built up a fascinating history of shipbuilding in Dundee from its outset in 1866 to its final demise in 1981.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death on 11 September of Rotarian John Stewart, whose cheery demeanour and ready wit livened many of our meetings. John joined Rotary in Monifieth in 1981 and the Kinross Club in 1993, following his move to the town as manager of the Bank of Scotland. He served as President in 1997/8 and was a great stalwart in upholding the traditions of the Rotary movement. He will be greatly missed and our sympathies and condolences are with Betty and daughter Karen at this sad time.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

Enjoy October's Autumn colours before the days really shorten. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, take advantage of our new season's programme to try out a walk with us before joining the Ramblers' Association. Walking is one of the best and cheapest ways of keeping fit and healthy, and with us, it can be sociable too. Walks are led by volunteer leaders from the group members. To kick off our winter programme, we offer two weekend walks in October.

Sunday 11 October. Lochore Meadows Country Park (5 miles). A gentle walk through Harran Hill Woods and around the loch providing fine views of the country park and loch. Children welcome. Dogs on lead welcome.

Saturday 24 October. Glen Tarken (11 kilometres). A superb moorland route high above St Fillan's and Loch Earn. A fine woodland walk climbs from the west side of the village past the small Hydro station and the old railway line. On through Glen Tarken Wood to moorland above. Views of Loch Earn at first and then of surrounding high mountains. No dogs, please.

For all walks you will require appropriate clothing and equipment, including boots and waterproofs. Weekend walks can be of up to 4½ hours duration and a packed lunch, warm drink and water should be brought.

For further information on walking with the group, including further details of the above walks and where to meet, call our group Secretary Edna Burnett on 01577 862977. Or see our group website www.koramblers.org or the Ramblers' Association website: www.ramblers.org.uk

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

July Draw

1st	No. 47	Etta Lawrie, Kinnesswood
2nd	No. 40	James Gardner, Scotlandwell
3rd	No. 91	Keith Milne, Wester Balgedie

August Draw

1st	No. 54	Elsbeth Baird, Kirkness Farm
2nd	No. 101	Elenor White, Kinneston
3rd	No. 94	Mr D Sherratt, Kinnesswood

Your Local Joiner

ALAN HERD JOINERY

Internal & External Doors
Kitchens Supplied and Fitted
Staircases & Balustrades
Sliding Doors
Fencing & Decking
Laminate & Hardwood Flooring
Renovation Work
Loft Ladders Fitted
No Job too Small
For Free Estimate and Advice
Call ALAN

Home 01577 865415

Mobile 07765167982

Deadline for all Submissions

2.00 pm, MONDAY 19 October
for publication on Saturday 31 October

Children's Hospice Association Scotland

Halloween Fancy Dress

Head to the CHAS charity shop at 76 High Street Kinross in October for great dressing up bargains for Halloween. If you have any fancy dress items you would like to donate, please contact Liz Aitken on 01577 861380.

New Season Styles

Freshen up your wardrobe and donate your unwanted clean clothing, shoes, bags and accessories to CHAS. New autumn styles are now on sale at the CHAS Bazaar charity shop at 88 High Street Kinross.

Volunteer

If you are interested in volunteering with CHAS in the shops, mail order or in the Kinross fundraising office and would like to know more, please call Frances Todd at the Gift Shop on 01577 865557 or Alison Rennie at the fundraising office on 01577 865222.

Scottish Handcraft Circle

Tuesday 1 September was an exciting day for the small group of ladies who had decided to start a Kinross Branch of the Scottish Handcraft Circle. Imagine our surprise and delight when 25 ladies turned up for the inaugural meeting. We were particularly pleased to have a visit from Rev. Pickles, who popped in to welcome us to Orwell Church Hall. Two of the ladies from the church were in the kitchen to help us and explain the routine. Thank you for making us so welcome.

Since our first meeting, most people have paid their subscription and we continue to get phone calls. We look forward to working together and learning new skills.

October dates: 13th and 27th, from 10am to 12 noon in Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort.

Kinross in Bloom

Planting of the tubs with the winter plants will take place on **Saturday 17 October**. If you can spare an hour to help then please join us at 10am at the County Buildings. Bring your trowel and gloves!

200 Club: Subscriptions are now being renewed for the next series. Could you give a small contribution by joining? It costs £1 a month and 50% of the proceeds are returned in prizes each month. Contact Sarah Cuthbert 01577 861001.



HOLIDAY APARTMENT TO LET IN CYPRUS

Luxury 2 bedroom apartment, about 2 km from Paphos Harbour, and only 900m from the sea.

One bedroom with fabulous 4-poster bed.

Second bedroom with 2 single beds.

Fully air-conditioned, and furnished to a high standard.

2 communal pools, plus a children's pool,

Set in lovely gardens,

close to bus route and local tavernas

Only 20 minutes from Paphos Airport.

Airport collection can be arranged.

Available now, at realistic rates !!

Contact Lawrence on 07836 578563

Or e-mail lbcc@rumenco.co.uk



Children encouraged to add drama

The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy celebrates 30 years this year, and its schools around the world will be involved in their campaign Drama Takes Centre Stage, in an attempt to bring to the fore the positive benefits that drama offers all children.

The campaign takes place during the first **National Drama Week, 28 September to 4 October**. To celebrate this, the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy is offering children and their parents free taster sessions during the week. All schools in the area are also invited to participate by running free workshops or by sending their children to the nearest classes.



Perth Pirates from the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

To find the nearest centre, visit www.helenogrady.co.uk. For more information on Drama Takes Centre Stage, ring Barbara Brett on 01382 330052 or Nigel Le Page of Helen O'Grady Drama Academy on 01481 200250.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The Club's seventeenth season got underway with a fascinating talk by Nick Burns of Perth auctioneers and valuers, Lindsay Burns. After outlining his studies and career to date, Nick described the work involved in preparing for and running a modern quality sale. He proved the value of the internet in involving potential bidders from around the world. The previous day, Nick had taken the podium at a large antiques and fine art auction. It takes skill, not to mention hawk eyes, to manage the room plus phone lines and computer screen. From the sale, we were fortunate to see a nineteenth century Chinese Canton tortoiseshell fan, which had had a guide price of £200 - £300. Thanks to internet bidders from far and wide, it sold for £2700. Also on show were a beautiful little early twentieth century pate de verre bowl, a bronze model of Greyfriars Bobby, which sold for six times its estimate, a George II Irish silver spoon which made £1700 and an arts and crafts silver spoon which sold for £340.

At the October meeting, the topic will be Toile de Jouy.

CERAMIC TILING SERVICE

*A large range of wall and floor tiles for supply and fix
or*

You may require a labour only service

Free estimates

Phone **GEORGE BIRD Kinross 862253**

Gala dinner raises £7000 for water project



Kinross Parish Church and Christian Aid jointly ran a glittering and highly successful Gala Dinner at the Windlestrae Hotel on 5 September, which raised £7000 for a Water Action Project for Ethiopia.

140 guests glamorously dressed in evening wear enjoyed a champagne reception, sumptuous meal, live entertainment and dancing to the classic big band sounds of the Tommy Sampson Orchestra.

Christian Aid has partnered with The European Commission to undertake a three-year project which will bring clean drinking water to 55,000 people in central Ethiopia and is endeavouring to raise £400k – with the balance to be funded by the EC.

Kinross Parish Church is helping to raise funds for this life-transforming project.



l to r: Kinross Parish Church Minister Rev Alan Reid, Claire Aston Acting Head of Christian Aid Scotland and Campaign Fundraiser Alisdair Stewart

Alisdair Stewart, Campaign Fundraiser said, “I would like to thank all involved for helping make the gala dinner such a success. Not only did we get an enthusiastic response from our guests (the event was sold out back in June), we have also had tremendous support and encouragement from donors, suppliers and sponsors*. Despite these hard economic times, auction lots generously donated by sponsors contributed over half the amount raised on the night.

“Kinross Parish Church partnered with Christian Aid for this appeal in June 2008. We set ourselves an ambitious target of raising £10,000 over 3 years. The response to the appeal has been immense and the amount raised at the gala dinner brings our total contribution to the project to over £20k in half the time envisaged. It has been a real pleasure working with the folk at Christian Aid who are to be highly commended for not only bringing the plight of the people in Ethiopia to our attention, but also for the highly effective way in which they have made it possible for churches to partner with them for this most worthy cause. Every £ raised is effectively quadrupled by the EC and this greatly encourages generous support.”

* Suppliers & sponsors: *Montgomery Hotel Group, Forth Wines, David Sands, Istfor Balloons, Isle of Skye Scotch Whisky, Crollas Ice Cream, Millers Auctions, Grassicks BMW, Slaters Menswear, Ideal Images, Sigma Communications, Todd & Duncan, Sainsbury's, Morton Golf Holidays, Fairmont St Andrews, Vion Food Group (Grampian Country Chicken) Scottish Gliding Centre, Tayside Aviation, Loch Leven's Larder, Hatrick Bruce, Bower Hair Design, The Complete Look, Stewart & Smart, Cree8, The Howard Hotel, Highland Industrial Supplies, The Kirklands Hotel & Restaurant, Carol Kay, Pat Shanks, and Frances Drysdale.*

Probus Club



On 2 September, the President, Duncan Stenhouse welcomed the members to the first meeting of the season when the subject was “Street Pastors” The speakers were Rhona and Michael Archibald. Every Saturday night about 3,000 people gather in the centre of Perth. These are the night clubbers who frequent the bars and night clubs of the town and for the past 18 months they have been joined by groups of “Street Pastors” who come in a uniform with the words, STREET PASTOR written on the back of the jacket, working in teams of three or four, and their aim can be summed up under three headings: Caring for the night clubbers, Listening to the night clubbers and Helping the night clubbers.

Each team is equipped with (1) flip flops (the young girls wear very high heels) (2) space blanket (some of the young girls wear very little and can get cold) (3) spikes (for the beer and wine bottles) (4) bandages (5) paper handkerchiefs (6) matches (for cigarettes) (7) torch (8) mobile phone (9) pocket Bible. Rhona and Michael started their talk with a mock interview of a street pastor meeting a drunk girl, to show how easily contact is made, and how quickly the conversation can move to serious matters of faith, mainly because they are considered friends of the night clubbers. Their presence has a good effect, and the Scottish branch of the organisation say that it has led to a 25% reduction in crime. The English branch claims an 80% reduction in crime. In Scotland there are now 800 Street Pastors working in 26 different towns. To be a Street Pastor you have to be recommended by your minister or priest and undergo a period of training. People join because it is good fun, and they are committed to be on duty once a month from 9.40pm to about 3.30am. Ken Morrison gave the vote of thanks for a very interesting afternoon.

“A Haunted House in Fife” was the title of the talk for the Probus meeting on Wednesday 16 September. The house in question was Pitmilley House near Kingsbarns in the East Neuk of Fife. The talk was illustrated by pictures taken Dr. Lorne McIntyre, the speaker. Pitmilley House was owned by the Monypenny family for a couple of centuries, but the Victorian owner of the property, Sir William Charlton-Monypenny, ruined the reputation of the family by his character and behaviour. This reputation transferred to Pitmilley House, and by the 20th century the house was said to be haunted. Strange stories circulated about curtains going on fire for no reason at all, and heavy objects being flung about the house by poltergeists. The house by this time had been bought by the Jeffrey family.

Come the Second World War, and the house was requisitioned for war purposes. A detachment of Polish soldiers were billeted in the house, but the mysterious happenings continued. An American war correspondent heard about this, and wrote a sensational report on the poltergeists of Pitmilley House, and, of course, Pitmilley House became the centre of attraction. Dr McIntyre had done a lot of research on the history of the house, and had interviewed many of the people concerned who were quite adamant that these strange happenings occurred. The curtains did catch fire of their own volition. Heavy objects were flung around the house as if by Poltergeists. Bill Scott gave the vote of thanks for an interesting and thought provoking afternoon.



The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



Trust site visit to the Drum, Bo'ness

The Civic trust had a very successful visit to the Drum, Bo'ness to see the development that had been initiated by Mr Bill Cadell, the eminent architect. Mr Cadell had two years earlier given the Trust a fascinating talk on the development of his site at the Drum and the Trust were very pleased to accept his invitation to visit.

Mr Cadell conducted the party of visitors around the site and explained and showed the development so far. Phases 1 to 3 have been completed. Mr Cadell instigated a development brief for the whole site and then awarded the design and construction of each phase to successful teams of architect and builder to proceed with the design of the construction of each phase along the specified lines of the development brief. This has led to very successful construction of housing units, in the three separate phases, each of which has had its own unique architectural style.

It was a very beautiful afternoon to carry out a site visit and the members were gratified and delighted to see the completed project, having heard it so graphically described before by Mr Cadell. The members were entertained to tea after by Mr and Mrs Cadell and it was a very successful afternoon.

Programme

Annual Architectural Award

The Trust has postponed its Architectural Award for new-build until the Spring of next year. The Trust is looking for new architectural projects in Kinross-shire and Glenfarg. The Trust is looking for interesting new and innovative architecture. Anyone wishing to enter the competition should contact Bridget Lindsay on 01592 840252.

Future Programme

The Executive Committee has agreed a provisional programme of events for the coming months:

2009

Sat 21 Nov **New Kinross High School**, Campus Community event: the Trust will have a stall at this.

2010

Wed 10 Feb **Annual Chairman's Dinner and Talk.**

Wed 14 Apr **Trust Annual General Meeting.**

Sun 20 Jun **Annual Mid Summer Walk.** Loch Leven Heritage Trail, Fishery Pier to Loch Leven's Larder.

Further details will be confirmed in future issues of the Kinross Newsletter.

Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire Cleish Kirk

Immortalised by Sir Walter Scott as the Kirk of Cleishbotham in his novel *The Abbot*, the Parish Church of St Mary in Cleish stands on a small mound at the heart of a conservation area that was designated in 1980. It is unusual amongst the parish churches of Kinross-shire in that it stands on its original site. All of the other churches moved to new locations in the 17th and 18th centuries in order to be closer to growing centres of population. To give it its full title, the hamlet of Cleish is the Kirkton of Cleish, a name that signifies the importance of the church in the development of this small rural settlement. The mound occupied by the church may well have been used in pre-Christian times but for nearly 500 years the 'Chapel of Cles' was linked with the Church of the Holy Trinity of Dunfermline. Part of a cross dating from the 12th or 13th century stands in the churchyard.

In 1775 the church was rebuilt for an expanding congregation to a design by John Adam, elder brother of the famous architect Robert Adam. Destroyed by fire in 1832, a new church designed by Daniel McIntosh was immediately erected. This was a simple rectangular building with the pulpit on the west side. Sixty-five years later, as part of the celebrations marking Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, a chancel and crenellated tower, designed by Edinburgh architects Hardy and Wright, were added to the church.

In 1964 two new outside lights designed by Pilkington Jackson and presented by W Scott Davidson of Dowhill were switched on by local MP and Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home and in 1966 a vestry was built. Both the modern vestry and the older church were built of local sandstone from nearby Nivingstone Quarry.

A small crow-stepped session house stands next to the entrance gates, and in the churchyard can be found an ancient font, the grave of Marie Lurie Duncan who wrote the hymn "Jesus Tender shepherd, hear me", and small crosses marking a former debtors' sanctuary.

Inside the church are memorials to the Adams of Blairadam, a chandelier from St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, and a wooden cross made of timber from HMS *Victory* gifted by the Rev. Hugh Purves, a former Royal Navy chaplain.

For more on the Cleish Church lights, see Article on p. 11



Cleish Kirk

PIANOFORTE TUITION

ANTHONY J. FOOTE, L.R.A.M.

Member of European Piano Teachers' Association
Pupils entered for Associated Board Examinations and Festivals

Refresher Courses for Adults

Also Tuition in Theory, Clarinet, Recorder and Electronic Keyboard, and for school pupils taking Piano or Electronic Keyboard for all SCE exams
If no transport, visiting homes would be considered

Tel: (Muckhart) 01259 781446

Kinross Potager Garden

During the summer term, Mrs MacDonald's P5 class from Kinross Primary School visited the Potager garden one afternoon a week, to learn about plants and gardening, and to grow vegetables there. Over the holidays, the beds were tended by our volunteers, and everything grew well with all the rain.

Now P6, with Mrs Marlborough, the class returned in September, to see and harvest the "fruits of their labours", and were amazed at the giant sunflowers, and runner beans. They worked hard to lift potatoes, and pick other crops, before a tasting session of some vegetables, salads and fruit. They also found baby frogs, lots of bees and hoverflies, and seven types of butterfly.



P6 children proudly show some of their harvest

We would like to thank the children for their interest and enthusiasm, and for the lovely card which they made for us. Thanks too, to the hardworking volunteers, and new helpers are always welcome.

We have had visits from the Brownies, and Rising 5s group, and also ran a successful introductory gardening course with Andy Ness from Perth college. The garden is still open every day if you would like to look around, before tidying starts for the winter.

Any enquiries please to Amanda James tel 840809, or amanda@james-james.freeserve.co.uk.

Kinross Garden Group

The Garden Group will commence its 2009/10 Autumn/Winter talks on **Thursday 8 October**. The meetings will be held as usual in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2 p.m. We welcome back our popular Garden Experts, Willie Duncan and Bob Mitchell who will hold a 'Gardener's Question Time'. The Membership Fee remains £5.00 and it would be appreciated if members could come alone a little earlier to the first meeting to pay their subscriptions. New members will be made most welcome.

'ALTERED IMAGES'

UNISEX HAIRSTYLING
in the comfort of your own home
Call LINDA on 01577 863860

Portmoak Film Society

Book your ticket now for The Flying Scotsman!

The fourth season of PFS got off to a cracking start in September with 35 filmgoers giving "Slumdog Millionaire" the big thumbs up in almost unprecedented fashion, with 34 marbles (our very own audience satisfaction gauge, deceptively simple but incredibly efficient) for an "Excellent" rating, and one "Very good". Only one other film in the history of our local film club has topped that, and although many people don't think "Slumdog" is Danny Boyle's best film, you can't help but get sucked into its young hero's determination to resist the brutality of Mumbai slum life and the injustices of globalisation. Perhaps in the end it is just our love of seeing the underdog (and true love in this case) win out against the big shots.

Our next film, "The Flying Scotsman" has nothing to do with trains but again, everything to do with individual tenacity against seemingly overwhelming odds. It is a Scottish film with well-known Scottish actors, shot in Scotland and is based on Graeme Obree's autobiography, the cyclist who famously built his own bicycle out of washing machine parts and broke the world record for the fastest one-hour race. But it doesn't end there and the film is an emotional as well as sporting roller-coaster. Don't miss it and join us on **Saturday 10 October** at Portmoak Village Hall for a prompt 7.30 p.m. start.

There may be some surprises along the way too as last time, to celebrate our new automated Big Screen, we were entertained after the film not only to tea, coffee and cakes (thanks to Marion as always), but to several Walt Disney cartoons - taking most of us back several decades to our childhood days!!

Membership tickets are available at the Pottery in Kinnesswood (01592 840638) for the sensational value of £24 for the whole season. These are transferable and you can also bring a guest for £4 on the night.

For further information about your local film club, visit our website at www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE WINDLESTRAE

Leave the cooking and washing up to us
and treat yourself to a delicious
Christmas Day lunch at The Windlestrae.
Join us for some traditional festive fayre
and not forgetting the festive cheer.

12 noon – 3pm

£45 per adult

Children's rates also available

To book, call us now on **01577 863217**
The Windlestrae Hotel, Muirs, Kinross KY13 8AS

BOOK-KEEPING SERVICES

Free up your time to run & develop your business

Trained in use of SAGE LINE 50
and experienced administrator

Sally-Ann D'Ath
01577 840223

Common Grounds

As we prepare for October's cooler weather it's time to start lighting our log fire; do you have spare wood for us?

Also it's time to organise our Christmas Catalogues and cards, come along and peruse - it's never too early to get the pick of the bunch.

Project: The current project is Vision Africa. Their aim is to provide food, clothing, sanitation and recreation for African children, fully utilising resources that are available, further they secure accommodation to protect against exploitation. Also they provide materials and fees for schooling at primary and secondary levels, plus where needed tertiary levels for vocational and life training with no discrimination against nation, sex, colour, tribe or religion. They operate out of Nairobi in Kenya, a city which has one of the largest shanty towns in Africa.

Project Lunch: On Wednesday 16 September it was pleasing to have Alison Graham from Sightsavers give us a talk with slides of the charity's work to save and cure different kinds of blindness. An example (amongst many) we were given was River Blindness which is caused by parasites in river water. It costs a few pence for the medication and cures/protects you for a whole year. Alison also spoke about their work in Cameroon, one of the poorer African countries, they train people locally to test people's eyes and also source lenses and frames etc within Africa. The thirty something people who attended the talk and light lunch gave Alison a heartfelt round of applause. A big thank you to Pat, Elaine, Linda and other volunteers who supplied food and helped serve.



Alison Graham from Sightsavers receiving a cheque from Jim Henry of Common grounds

Our next Project Lunch will be on **Saturday 14 November** at 12.30pm and our speaker will be Kirsty from Lake Victoria Disability Centre.

Book Club: The book club continues to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. If you are interested in joining the club please contact Marlene Whyte on 01592 840371.

AGM: Our AGM will be held on **Friday 23 October** at 7pm in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. A reminder, we are still seeking a Treasurer so if there is anyone out there who would like to be our Treasurer please get in touch.

As usual our opening hours are 10am – 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Contacts outside of opening hours are: James Henry (Convener) 01577 864452 and Linda Freeman (Secretary) 01577 865045.



Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade

The new session is now underway with all three sections already into their badge award programme.



The Anchor Section (for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three) meets in Kinross Church Centre from 6 till 7.15pm every Friday evening. There are still spaces for each age group so if you are interested just turn up at 6 o'clock any Friday evening.

The Junior Section (for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six) meets in Kinross Church Centre from 7 till 9pm each Friday evening. There is also a club night on Tuesdays at Kinross Church Centre where boys and girls can learn to play bugles, drums and glockenspiels. Battalion competitions will commence soon with Kinross teams aiming to retain the trophies they won last session and hopefully add to their total. Junior Activity Camp is being prepared for the May weekend.

Company Section (for boys and girls in primary seven up to age 18) meets at Kinross High School (during term time) from 8 till 10pm. During school holidays we meet in the Church Centre, again from 8 till 10pm. The Company has entered National Competitions in badminton, table tennis, masterteam quiz and chess with the opening round draws being made in October. Summer Camp 2010 has also been booked with an exciting three-country trip to Holland, Belgium and Germany, staying at a small family run hotel in Valkenburg.

Lodge St Serf No 327

October

- Tue 6th Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.
Entered Apprentice Degree with Candidates.
- Tue 13th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm to arrange work for next Degree. Any other competent business.
- Tue 20th Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Fellow Craft Degree with Candidates.
- Tue 27th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm to arrange work for next Degree. Any other competent business.



The Lodge are to work a Demonstration Entered Apprentice Degree in Lodge Shafesbury No. 327, Arthur Square, Belfast on Saturday 31 October, time to be finalised. Brethren are welcome to attend. Those of us who are to attend are flying from Edinburgh to George Best Airport Belfast on Saturday morning 31 October, returning on Sunday evening 1st November. Please contact Bro. Secretary for further information.

Perth band **Face2Face** return once again to entertain us, and hopefully raise further funds for our local good causes on **Saturday 21 November** at 8.00pm. Tickets cost £5.00 and are available from 01577863298 after 6.00pm. Donations of raffle prizes would be much appreciated.

Primary Tuition

Qualified Primary Teacher
with 10 years experience.
For more details, contact

Denise on 01577 861465
or denise.dupont@hotmail.co.uk

Kinross-shire Historical Society



The 2009-10 season of talks starts on **Monday 19 October** at Kinross Parish Church at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Mr Gordon Menzies of Gaberlunzie. The talk is 'From a Bairn to a Baldie' about his childhood and life in Milnathort. We hope to see a good turnout of members and visitors are very welcome to attend.

Membership: £6 [£5], visitors £2; eighteen and under free.

Meetings are held in Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross at 7.30 pm on the third Monday of each month.

Programme for 2009 – 2010

19 Oct From a Bairn to a Baldie: Growing up in Milnathort. Gordon Menzies of Gaberlunzie.

16 Nov Culross: The history of the Palace and the town. Bill Lessels.

14 Dec The Burns Connection: Robert Burns and his family links with Kinross-shire. Professor David Munro MBE.

18 Jan The Links Market: The history and development of the market, the entertainments, the show families and their relationship with local people. Dallas Mechan BSc AMA.

15 Feb Exploring along the Fife Coastal Path from the Forth Bridges to Largo Bay: Dr Hamish Brown MBE

15 Mar The Black Watch 1725 -2006: A thumbnail sketch of the history of the regiment. Thomas B Smyth MA.

Annual General Meeting

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

We would like to invite anyone who wishes to assist in this appeal to 'Fill a Shoebox'. Many of you have kindly done this in the past. The box is to be filled with presents for a certain sex/age group. Explanatory leaflets are available in the Library and in the Day Centre.

In Eastern Europe and Southern Asia - in ghettos, slums, remote villages and communist-era blocks of flats - Blythswood distributes hundreds of thousands of shoeboxes each year prior to Christmas. These boxes are given to poor and deprived people who greatly appreciate a little touch of kindness and love, bringing a smile to their faces.

We do hope that you can help. Please hand in boxes to Common Grounds (Guide/Scout Hall Milnathort 10am – 3pm Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat) or to 44 Lathro Park Kinross. Please follow the instructions given on the leaflet carefully so that all of our boxes meet the local import-customs regulations.

We would also like to invite people to come and join us at the Guide/Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort on **Thursday 12 November** from 10am until 6pm to help check and pack the boxes ready for shipment. Anyone is welcome for as little or as long as they can help – refreshments will be available.

Please let Pat Payne (862715) or Shona Wales (863859) know if you can help on 12 November. Please contact us if you wish any more information. The details of the Blythswood Care charity can be found on www.shooboxappeal.org

Community Website

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

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the September meeting Sandy MacFarlane gave a most enjoyable talk entitled 'My Granny was a Knitter'. He certainly had us in stitches - having many amusing stories of the times spent with his Gran, Sandy gave us an entertaining afternoon. His type of humour appealed to the members.

Friday Walks: There are three walks in October:

2 Oct: A circular walk starting and ending in Culross, going round Preston Island and through Valleyfield Woods for the first time – about 6 miles with some gentle inclines in the woods.

16 Oct: The Pitlochry Autumn Walk, starting at the Dam – our annual visit to see the autumn colours round Faskally and Killiecrankie. **This walk leaves at the earlier time of 9 am.**

30 Oct: Walking the Devon Valley Way from Dollar to Alloa, along the old railway track – the easiest 7 mile walk in the district.

Hillwalkers: From October we will revert to our winter start time of 9am. The group's membership list is currently full.

9 Oct: A new walk in the area of Eccles McGridle of about 8 miles and 1500 feet of ascent.

23 Oct: A circular walk in the Ochils from Muckhart, round Geordie Wood and Auchlinsky Hill, approximately 10 miles and 1000 feet of ascent.

October Meeting: The speaker at the meeting on 1 October will be Roberto from Nathans on 'Waste Products'.

Light Up Kinross

(Kinross Christmas Lights)

The LUK Committee have purchased new lights for the town, thanks to a generous grant from the Kinross-shire Fund. The new lights will be erected this year along with some new tree lights in Gacé Gardens.



LUK are responsible for all costs for erection, dismantling and all repairs and renewals of the lights, which is normally around £3,000 per annum.

These costs until now have been shared between the local Traders and Kinross Community Council and fundraising events run by LUK.

LUK would like to thank all who support us and trust you will continue to do so.

We would like to appeal to all businesses and residents of Kinross for your support in the form of an annual sponsorship or a donation to our funds. Donations can be made to the Light up Kinross account at the Bank of Scotland, High Street, or deposited in the collecting cans situated in local shops.

Sponsorship or donations can be sent to our secretary, Mrs. Margaret Scott, 23 Ross Street, Kinross KY13 8EF or handed into her at Macbeth Currie's office, High Street, Kinross.

We hope you can support us to improve and brighten our town during the festive season. The Light Up this year will take place on **Thursday 26 November**.

Subscriptions to the Newsletter

Useful for readers living outside the distribution area of the Newsletter, a subscription service is available.

For further details see www.kinrossnewsletter.org or phone Glenn Neve on 01592 860808 or email **subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org**

Milnathort in Bloom

At the recent 'Take a Pride in Perthshire' Competition awards night, Milnathort was awarded Silver as well as gaining the 'Most Improved Community Award' for 2009. In the 'Kinross-shire Civic Trust Best Kept Village' competition, Milnathort won third place. So we know what we are aiming for 2010, a Gold and getting back the Best Kept Village award.

The end of the gardening year always bring with it a burst of activity as we clean up and tidy things away for the winter. This year is no different and October is already looking quite busy.

On **3 October** from 10am onwards, MiB will be planting **spring bulbs** at the War Memorial. All are welcome to join in, so bring your trowel along and get your hands dirty.

On **13 October** we will be holding our **AGM** at the Scout and Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and afterwards we will be holding the first meeting of the 2009/2010 year. Everybody is welcome to attend and all suggestions and ideas for next year are welcome.

On **17 October** we will be finishing our **clean up** of the village for the year. This involves emptying the tubs and beds of their plants. We will be saving the begonias and geraniums to store over the winter and re-use next year. The exhausted compost and remaining plants are recycled via our compost stacks. We will be meeting at 09.30am at the Cross and if you want to help, please come along.

You can contact Milnathort in Bloom at: graemehs@tiscali.co.uk or 01577 864357.

Friends of Kirkgate Park

The management committee of the Friends has one remaining purpose now that Phase 1 of the park improvements have been in use for some time: to encourage the Council to complete Phase 2 or those elements of it that can be achieved within the budgets. The principal addition to the Park that we believe is achievable, is the installation of a toilet, although this has taken much longer than expected and is, we understand, still in the planning stage.

In accordance with our Constitution we will hold an **AGM on Wednesday 28 October**, at 7.30pm in the Church Centre. This is a public meeting, and as we did last year, we encourage any member of the public with an interest in Kirkgate Park to come forward and get involved.



Kinross & District Pipe Band

Just a brief entry this month to announce that the Band took a very creditable 3rd place at the end-of-season competition at Peebles on 13 September, against a strong field of 17 bands in total. So the final tally this season runs to two firsts, (Bathgate and Cupar) a second (Markinch) and two thirds (Peebles and Cupar, Grade 3). A very successful season altogether!

There will be a couple of parades towards the end of the year and the RSPBA Branch solo competitions being held in the new **Loch Leven Community Campus** as part of the Inauguration Weekend on **Saturday 21 November**, but otherwise that's pretty much it for the "active" side for this year. So if you are considering joining the Band, now is the perfect time as we settle down to practice the new sets of tunes for the 2010 season. The next opportunity to see the Band locally will be **Thursday 29 October**, as we lead the whole **High School in their parade** from the existing school to the new Loch Leven Community Campus at 9am. For all information on the Band, visit the website at www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk, or call Nigel Kellett on 07801 182283.



Kinross Pipe Band on their way to taking 3rd place at Peebles

Kinross-shire and District Town Twinning Association

Plans are underway to host our Gacé friends next summer when they visit Kinross during the first week of August 2010. The annual general meeting of the Association will take place in November (details in next month's Newsletter). New members always welcome – contact secretary David Munro (tel. 01577 862126).



CRAFT 4U EVENTS

Christmas Extravaganza Craft Fair

Come along and join us
NEXT MONTH on

28 & 29 November

At The Green Hotel, The Muirs, Kinross
10.30am – 4.00pm

Crafts include – jewellery, designer cards, scarves,
woodturners & many more things great for that
elusive Christmas Gift

LOTS OF FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

How the best parties work We Work You Party !!!!

Get this year's party season off with
a bang with a festive party night at

The Green or The Windlestrae
Most Fridays and Saturdays throughout December
Only £29.95 per person - B&B also available.

Live Music, Fun Casino Nights & Murder Mystery Dinners

Our party nights are guaranteed to offer
a great night of food and entertainment.

Call us now for dates and more in fo **01577 863217**

Kinross-shire Round Table

All Hail to the Ale!

The barrels were well and truly rolled out for Kinross-shire Round Table's 4th Annual Charity Beer festival for a weekend of fun, friendship and fundraising.

After three years of supporting large charities, we decided that, in these "fiscally straightened" times, charity begins at home. The aim of this year's beer festival, apart from giving loads of Kinross-shire folk a really good, fun time, was to raise funds which we will disburse back into the community via local charities, clubs, associations and good causes, where relatively modest amounts can make a huge difference.

The Beer Festival Sub-Committee, led by Richard Pool (if you enjoyed the weekend it was his fault, if you didn't we can recommend a good therapist!), organised a veritable feast of fun – over 30 real ales, ciders, perry and imported bottled beers with catering from the Boathouse Bistro and Heaven Scent.

Friday night saw the return of the Charity Quiz Challenge which was hotly contested by 34 teams. The quality of the teams must have increased dramatically from last year as there were more than ten teams within ten points of each other at the final count. The final honours went to Kinross Cricket Club who were most generous in donating their winnings straight back into the charity pot. Well done and thanks guys!

Saturday night saw over 300 locals enjoying the festivities, which were kept bowling along with live music from Luxury Fitted Kittens and Laura White accompanied by James Watson. If they have not achieved international stardom by next year then it will be great to have them back.

An event such as this could not happen without the backing and generosity of our many sponsors and supporters, to whom we extend a heartfelt "Thank You"! They are too numerous to mention here but please visit www.kinross-shire.org.uk/sponsors where you will find their details and links. They have been generous in supporting us to support our community, please return the compliment and support them in turn. Thanks also to Kinross Estates for their continued support in allowing us to hold the festival in the Boatshed and to the team at the fishery and Bistro who so cheerfully tolerate the annual disruption.

We are off now to plan for the Santa Collection, which will be coming to a street near you during the week commencing 7 December (dates and areas are on the website). We'll probably fit some more fun in between times as well.

Round Table is an organisation for young men between 18 and 45 who want to put something back into their community while having fun. We are always happy to welcome new members. Contact us via the website www.kinross-shire.org.uk or call Mike on 864713.



Portmoak Community Woodland

All summer long there's been a banner in the field opposite Portmoak Village Hall telling people it's the site of their new community woodland and inviting passers-by to, "Watch this space grow". But so far all they have seen growing is the grass. Now the 'Field Abin the Kirk' is beginning to change shape.

The former grazing land acquired by the Woodland Trust, after a huge fundraising effort, lies next to the ancient Kilmagad Wood which is already owned by the Trust and jointly managed by the Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group. So, in the past few weeks, the fences between the two areas have been removed and the stiles taken down. Perth and Kinross Council have helped replace the old steps with smart new ones leading up to the wood from the main A911 road. All this means that access is a great deal easier.

In a few weeks time the Trust will prepare the ground for tree planting. Deer fencing will go up to protect the young trees and there'll be self-closing gates at various access points. Not everyone likes the idea of fencing but most prefer it to the alternative of five thousand plastic tubes.

Roy Barlow, senior woodland officer with the Woodland Trust, says: "The trees will need to be protected from rabbits and deer, both of which are plentiful in the area. This can be done by using plastic tree shelters on each tree or by fencing. At an open consultation meeting last March it was decided to go with fencing – it's far less obvious in the landscape and the trees will grow stronger and to a more natural shape."

Tree planting will begin on **30 November** when ten primary school classes will help to put in native varieties like rowan, oak, ash, birch, hazel and holly. On **5 December** there'll be a public planting event to coincide with a national 'Tree O'Clock' project. There'll be more details nearer the time. As it says on the field banner: "Watch this space."

Kinross Camera Club

The Club meets at 7.30pm at the Church Centre, Kinross on Thursday evenings. All welcome. Any enquiries to Wallace Shackleton, 01577 864050.



October

- 1st An illustrated talk by Wallace Shackleton on his bicycle pilgrimage along the The El Camino de Santiago in northern Spain.
- 8th Everyone a Judge - An opportunity for everyone to take part in selecting inter-club entries. This is a chance to gain insight on how photographs are selected for competitions and how to improve your own photography.
- 15th 'Travel Photography' - Bruce Percy. Bruce has travelled the world; Scotland, Iceland, Cambodia, Norway, Patagonia to name but a few – www.thelightandtheland.com
- 21st 'Work in Progress' - Roy Robertson. Stimulating and thought provoking photography.
- 29th Four on a board competition & slide knock-out. Four, small themed prints are presented on a board and they are judged against each other followed by a slide knock-out competition, where two sets of slides are judged against each other. The winner is selected by the audience and goes through to the next round until a final winner is selected.

Grass Cutting, Rotovating
Hedge Trimming, Tree Pruning
Turfing, Slab Laying, Fencing
work undertaken

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

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

Edited summary of draft minutes of meeting held on 24 August 2009.

Present: Chair – Bridget Barker; Council Members – Janette Walker, Ann Malcolm, Michael Longstaffe, Mark Koziel, Robin Miller, Deidre Hutson, Chris Edwards, Clerk – Sheila Herron. **Apologies:** Dave Cochrane, Walter Cambers, Gill Freeman and Alyson Howe.

Workplan

a. **Parent Drop In** – No volunteers to facilitate this yet. To be kept on Workplan for 09-10.

b. **Internet Safety** – Awaiting further information from AH (re Child Exploitation Online Protection training). To be kept on Workplan for 09-10.

c. **Walking Bus** – ML keen to take this forward. ML to follow up with AH re new dates. However it was noted that parents had made particular efforts to be available for the previously arranged Walking Bus to be given very short notice when it was postponed.

d. **Music Groups** – MAK has continued to try and get in touch with Andy Young with little success via email. MAK to take this forward in 09-10 session.

e. **School Website** – School to advise when ready to move forward with MPSPC involvement with website information. MAK to take this forward.

f. **Roles and Responsibilities** – An added item to reflect on who had done what during the year and if there were better ways for inclusion of others.

Topics/Issues from School Improvement Plan: HT not present to be able to discuss this.

MPSPC Members 2009-10: MAK agreed to host a small presentation at Meet the Teacher evening, advising what the MPSPC does.

Letter from Parent: A letter highlighting some issues with the summer term (lack of educational continuity, pupils moving furniture etc) was received by the Clerk from a parent. The Council discussed this letter at length. It was recognised and noted that AH ought have a chance to

respond to the points made by the parent. Meantime the Clerk would write to the parent acknowledging receipt of letter, advising that the council recognised and supported some of the concerns raised and that the HT had been approached with a view to responding. BB to request responses from AH. It was also acknowledged that assurances could be sought, in that this year was unique with major moves of classrooms etc and educational continuity would not be affected in the same way in future years.

Information for new P1 parents/new to school: An updated leaflet to be produced after the Parent Forum.

Preparations for Parent Forum on 14 September

a. **Parent Flyer** – sent out to parents on 19 August.

b. **AGM Roles** – Financial statement to be presented. Clerk to invite Alice Getley (Growing Ideas), Susan Park (Supergrounds) and Susan Britten (MSA) to do short presentations to the Forum. AM - agreed to audit the accounts for handing over the next clerk. Clerk to make available all previous minutes etc in electronic and (where necessary paper) format for new clerk.

MSA Update: MAK advised new members were being sought for the new session. He also advised that he was stepping down from the MSA at the AGM.

Financial Report: Balance stands at £800.90. The clerk fee has been paid till September and the Parental Involvement funds have now all been distributed.

School Uniform: It was noted in the School Handbook that blazers are encouraged as part of the school uniform. Both the school office and Pullar House were unable to advise where to buy blazers. It was suggested that since the High School were successfully encouraging pupils to wear blazers the MSA could investigate the sale of blazers as a fund raising activity. MAK volunteered to approach the High School Parent Council to find out more.

Next Meetings: Parent Forum on 14 Sept. Provisional date for next Parent Council Meeting: 28 Sept.

Past, ratified minutes are available in the school office. Any queries, contact Mark Koziel through the school office – 01577 863264.

YOGA & RELAXATION

With **BARBARA FOOTE – Dip. Hatha Yoga**

FOR ALL – Women & Men – Young to Senior
BODY – MIND – BREATH

Yoga strengthens – Relaxation calms

KINROSS CHURCH CENTRE

Mondays 7.30 – 8.45 pm

LOCH LEVEN LEISURE CENTRE

Tuesdays 9.45 – 10.45am

11 – 12 noon & 12.15 – 1.15pm

☀ **NEW Thursdays 11.15am – 12.15pm**

Booking essential for all Leisure Centre Classes

Tel: 01577 863368

Further information: **BARBARA – 01259 781446**

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE GREEN

What better way to treat yourself
and the family on Christmas Day,
than to leave all the hard work to us?
Join us for a fabulous traditional meal
with all the trimmings.

12 noon – 3pm

£55 per adult

Children's rates also available

To book, call us now on **01577 863467**

The Green Hotel, 2 Muirs, Kinross KY13 8AS

Visiting Kinross-shire?

For information on Eating Out, Parks and Gardens, Historic Buildings and more, visit

www.kinross.cc

Click on "Visitors" then "Things to See and Do"

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Milnathort Primary School

Parent Forum *Edited summary of draft minutes of AGM held on 14 September 2009.*

Present: Chair – Bridget Barker; Janette Walker, Ann Malcolm, Michael Longstaffe, Mark Koziel, Robin Miller, Deidre Hutson, Chris Edwards, Alice Getley – Growing Ideas, Neil Fuller, Lesley McCormick, Gerrold Kuijpers, Graham Irwin, Gillian Sands, Susan Park – Supergrounds, Lorraine Holdsworth, Gavin Anderson. Clerk – Sheila Herron. AH was in attendance for a few minutes at the start of the Forum. **Apologies:** Dave Cochrane, Walter Cambers, Gill Freeman and Susan Britten

P7 Presentation of Milnathort Placecheck – Excellent presentation by Cameron Nelson and James Simpson about Milnathort Placecheck. The process, timeline, conclusions and what happens next were presented. AH, CN and JS left the Forum at this point.

The Parent Forum – BB advised how the Parent Forum was first initiated, the aims and membership. Also provided information of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006.

Parental Involvement – Outcomes for 2008-09

BB advised the Forum of the activities of the Parent Council throughout the academic session of 2008-09.

The most significant were: Worked to maintain an open door policy for accessibility for parents/carers; Held two meetings per term to determine and take forward Council business; Supported parent and community concerns and issues such as composite classes, safe parking and school staff industrial action; Successful distribution of Parental Involvement Grant to Growing Ideas and Let's Play; Discussions held with Community Co-ordinator for the New Community Campus; Held Parent Drop In sessions at Common Grounds linking the Council, school, community and Common Grounds; Worked in partnership with school staff to produce a homework audit. Providing questionnaires to parents/pupils, collating results, concluding the audit and relating this back to parents; Liaised/consulted with P&KC re issues of interest to parents, such as the Parental Involvement Strategy, Standards and Quality Report and Lifelong Learning Committee; Liaised/consulted with Scottish Government and other National bodies on issues of interest to parents through completion of surveys. The Council also took note of opportunities of availability to attend National Conferences; Maintained links with Community Council, local Councillors and other Parent Councils.

Parental Involvement – Ongoing Activities for 2009/10

Areas which could be continued by the Parent Council in 2009-10: To ensure continued links with the school, parents, MSA and the community; Continue to maintain open door policy for accessibility for parents/carers; Work in conjunction with school and Child Exploitation and Protection Online (CEOP) to ensure safety for our children on the internet; Organise and implement the Walking Bus to School – most of the organising has been completed (it had been postponed from June); Ongoing commitment to school for the School Travel Plan and Health Week; Continued planning for Parent Drop In Sessions; Encourage and commit to parental support for musical activity within the school; Support with and contribute to the school website; Encourage Parent Council representation at all school events; Continue links with the School Improvement Plan priorities.

Supergrounds and Growing Ideas

Susan Parks gave a very informative account of the timeline,

history and installation of the Nature Trail within MPS grounds. SP stated that over £4000 had been given to the school by the RBS Supergrounds project.

Alice Getley followed this with a very informative talk on Growing Ideas. She reported that: residents of Ashley House had received lavender bags, hyacinths and hand-made cards during the year; the vegetables grown had gone down extremely well again this year; each class within the school will be encouraged to take ownership of a plot of land to be used as seen fit by each class and enable access to other areas of the curriculum. BB thanked both Susan and Alice for their time and commitment for each project.

Milnathort School Association

MK gave a full and informative talk about the MSA, its aims and achievements. The MSA had successfully held a Halloween disco, Christmas Fair, Summer Fete, Quiz Night and Ceilidh. It has raised over £4600 for the school this year and over £12000 during the last three.

Accounts Approval – Accounts from 07-08 and 08-09 were presented to the Forum, assessed and passed.

Nominations and Elections

BB advised that most of the current Council were stepping down. She asked for a raise of hands to show who would be willing to stand this year. The following showed hands: Mark Koziel, Lynne Dunn, Neil Fuller, Lesley McCormick, Gerrold Kuijpers, Graham Irwin, Gillian Sands, Deidre Hutson, Lorraine Holdsworth, Chris Edwards and Gavin Anderson. The number of people willing to stand for the Parent Council was within the maximum number within the constitution, so no contested elections had to be held. All those who stood were duly elected to this year's Parent Council.

Nomination had been received for Mark Koziel to be elected as the Chairperson for the Parent Council. This was uncontested and Mark was unanimously voted in post.

Mark thanked the outgoing Council for their commitment and hard work over the past years. He made particular thanks to Bridget Barker for her personal contribution as Chair. This was supported by the Council and floor.

Any Other Parent Forum Business

Lorraine Holdsworth raised questions on the composite classes with P1/2 for this academic session. There had been a lack of factual information, resulting in confusion and general anxiety for both parents and children. This was reinforced by another member of the Forum stating that some information had been given out after the start of the academic session that was clearly inaccurate which had caused even more distress for parents and children. BB thanked Lorraine and the floor for their comments. BB advised that parents had been advised of this being discussed and had been given an opportunity to come along to a Parent Council meeting and had chosen not to do so. BB went on to state that decisions re the operation and use of resources within the school was a management and therefore Headteacher decision. BB also stated that AH had an open door policy and was always ready to listen and act appropriately for each situation.

MK raised a vote of thanks for the outgoing clerk for her commitment, baking and effort over the past years. BB presented SH with a bouquet and card from the Forum in recognition of this.

Past, ratified minutes are available in the school office. If you wish to contact the MPSPC regarding anything in these minutes or any other, then please contact Mark Koziel through the school office – 01577 863264.

Sports News



Kinross Road Runners



As the nights start to draw in we have moved into winter training mode which means an end to the very popular Tuesday night 1km sessions in Kirkgate Park and a return to the regular Wednesday night programme. The full schedule is available to download from the club website but the sessions for October are as follows:

- 7 October 2 mile time trial
- 14 October Diagonals at KGV
- 21 October 8 x 400m runs at Bridgend
- 28 October 8 x 600m runs at Lathro

For all sessions please meet at the old health centre car park beside the swimming pool at 7pm prompt.

There were a number of notable race results recently, in particular the speed with which Cameron Milne managed to finish the annual Graham Clarke Memorial Race on 19 August. The route is three circuits of Knockhill race track and those who know it will realise that it is far from flat! Cameron's average speed was 5.3 minute miles or 11.4 miles per hour. Few of us can even run one mile at that speed let alone 4! Well done Cameron. Well done also to Gregor Milne (Milnathort Primary School) who managed to beat a number of other club runners to finish in a very respectable time indeed.

Some dates for your diaries

On **22 November**, Kinross Road Runners will host the annual inter-club 'Hartley Relay'. More information will be available nearer the time but teams of 6 men or 5 women are currently being organised so if you are interested in taking part, let Martin Hill or Isabella Carmichael know.

The club handicap will take place on **Saturday 13 December** and will be run over a 10k route, starting and finishing in Milnathort.

For more information about the Road Runners, including race results, check out the website at:

<http://ftp4.dns-systems.net/~kinrossroadrun/krr/>

BODY BLISS

"Therapies to Enhance Your Life"

REFLEXOLOGY / REIKI
SWEDISH BODY MASSAGE
AROMATHERAPY MASSAGE
REMEDIAL SPORTS MASSAGE
ON-SITE MASSAGE

Contact: **Morag Abel** / Powmill

Tel: 01577 840171

GIFT VOUCHER AVAILABLE

Men & Women Welcome!

Member of the International

Council of Holistic Therapists

Kinross Cycling Club



I'm sure I'm not alone in saying this but August was a bit of a challenge for the cycling club, weatherwise! However, even on a blustery Sunday morning, we managed to attract people to the 'Give it a Go' ride who subsequently have become members and have continued attending. Result! Membership now stands at 23. The whole point of this is, of course, to get more people on their bikes on a regular basis. People who exercise regularly tend to look and feel ten years younger than they actually are.

Blustery weather also blighted the Stronachie Hill Climb at the beginning of September. There was no stopping Peter 'El Pistolero' Owen, however, from racing away with the win! The full results were as follows:

Name	Gender	Category	Time
Peter Owen	M	Sn	8.19
Roddy Pattison	M	Vet	9.05
Gillian Corsie	F	Vet	9.17
Alan Corsie	M	Vet	9.25
Tony Brotherton	M	SnVet	9.37
Rashmi Shah	M	Vet	9.50
Paul Zarb	M	Vet	11.03
Duncan Campbell	M	Vet	11.52
Margaret McCuskier	F	SnVet	15.30

It has been an exciting time for the club. We have managed, thanks to John Myerscough's efforts, to attract two separate grants – one for banners and signs (for time trials etc) and one for stock for our new club kit. We are hoping to take delivery of this sometime this month; so very soon, you will see us out on the road in uniform. I won't give too much away but the main colours are purple and gold. Hope you like it!

The midweek run is now at an end due to the changing of the seasons. I would make a plea to all cyclists to wear high visibility clothing at this time of the year. It is essential that you take note of "lighting up" times to stay safe. Happy Cycling!

RP

Kinross Bowling Club

Who would have thought we would be playing in brilliant sunshine during September! Making up for the horrid August.

The Open Pairs was played (all through), on sunny 13 September. A really good day was had by all competitors, the winners coming from Orwell Bowling Club – Brian Cook and William Reid – beating Sheila Ronnie (Kinross) and Agnes Hutchison (Lochore) in an excellent final. Well done, boys.

This competition was sponsored by Kintronics, Newsplus and Diageo; thanks to all sponsors.

The Club competitions are almost all played and a full list of winners will be in next month's Newsletter.

The George Smith Trophy was played on 19 September. Mixed Pairs was won by Jean Cousar and G.M. Rennie; R/up Jim Cousar and Betty Paterson.

Closing of the Green is on Sunday 4 October.

The Newsletter reserves the right to refuse or amend any advertisement or submission and accepts no liability for any omission or inaccuracy

Kinross Otters

Fins Graded Swimming Meet, 22 & 23 August

With the summer break



out of the way, Kinross Otters blew the cobwebs away with the Fins Graded Meet in Kirkcaldy on 22 and 23 August. A team of 20 swimmers was entered and unusually it was the senior swimmers who led the way and showed what they could do.

The most impressive Kinross swimmer was Ruth Miller who won gold medals in the Girls 14 and over 50m Front crawl (29.94 secs dipping under the magical 30 secs for the first time), Back crawl (35.51 secs taking a ridiculous 8 secs off her personal best!!) and Breaststroke (37.21 secs) and a silver medal in the 100m Front crawl (1.04.75 secs). She smashed her personal best times in all events.

Kayleigh Reid continued the Kinross Girls 14 and over dominance with two gold medals in the 100m Breaststroke (1.27.81 secs) and 100m Back crawl (1.21.24 secs), again both in personal best times.

Ruairidh Haig continued to improve rapidly as he has done of late with excellent swims in the 12-13 year old Boys 100m Front crawl where he won the gold medal with a new personal best time of 1.06.59 secs (knocking some 3.5 seconds off his personal best) and in the Boys 50m Front crawl where again he too dipped under the 30 sec barrier for the first time in a time of 29.96secs to win the silver medal.

Callum Baker, despite two disqualifications, still managed a gold medal in the Boys 12-13 year old 50m Back crawl in 36.37secs taking some 2 secs off his personal best. He also achieved bronze medals in the 100m Breaststroke and 100m Front crawl, again both in personal best times.

Not to be totally outdone by her big sister, Rachel Miller won a bronze medal in the 100m Individual Medley taking some 3 secs off her personal best in a time of 1.25.20 secs. Nicola Saunders achieved exactly the same feat in the Girls 14 and over 100m Individual Medley in 1.25.29 secs. Shona Young completed the medals tally with a silver medal in the Girls 14 and over 50m Butterfly in 35.05secs in yet another personal best time.

Other top six finishes were achieved by Fiona Thomson, Conor McCormick, Mhairi Boyle, Elspeth Young, Vicki Reid, Ross Ballingal, Amy Baker and Aaron Gillon.

The statisticians and record keepers will be busy! For further information visit kinrossotters.co.uk

Carnegie Mini Meet, 30 August

This high quality and very popular sprint meet had some of Scotland's most talented juniors in action at The Institute pool in Glenrothes. They came from far and wide (North Ayrshire, Kelso and Oban to name but a few) to join in competition with many clubs from this region. The permitted ages were between 8 and 11 years old and Kinross Otters entered a very large team of 24 swimmers. For many of them this was their first gala and the whole team acquitted themselves very well.

Cameron McCloskey led the way for the Otters with a clear and very significant win in the 11 yr old Boys

Crawl in 36.50 secs and is now ranked number ten in the UK behind King who is ranked a very clear number one smashing the meet record in an incredible time of 32.00 secs. Laura Manson went on to break her personal bests in the 50m Girls Breaststroke in a time of 42.66 secs achieving a bronze medal in the process and in the 50m Girls Butterfly where she came fourth in 36.99 secs. She also achieved a bronze medal in the 50m Freestyle in 32.35 secs.

Most significant newcomer for the Otters was Iona Crawford who won a bronze medal in the 8 yr old Girls 25m Breaststroke (24.24 secs) and came fifth in the 25m Back Crawl.

Euan Boyle also achieved a bronze medal and fifth place in the 9 yr old Boys 50m Back Crawl (44.75 secs) and Breaststroke (55.08 secs) respectively.

David Elder and Aaron Gillon battled each other all day with David eventually edging the competition.



Kinross Otters Swimming Club, Carnegie Mini Meet, 30 August 2009

50m Back Crawl in a superb time of 35.82 secs. He is now ranked number one in Scotland over this age/stroke/distance. He later completed his double golden day with another clear win in the 11 yr old Boys 50m Butterfly in another new personal best time of 37.56 secs in his second ever competitive swim at this stroke.

Laura Manson had yet another very good day even though she spent most of it up against the truly exceptional Jennifer King from North Ayrshire, who we must surely see at the Olympic Games one day. Laura managed a silver medal in the 11 yr old Girls 50m Back

Crawl in 36.50 secs and is now ranked number ten in the UK behind King who is ranked a very clear number one smashing the meet record in an incredible time of 32.00 secs. Laura Manson went on to break her personal bests in the 50m Girls Breaststroke in a time of 42.66 secs achieving a bronze medal in the process and in the 50m Girls Butterfly where she came fourth in 36.99 secs. She also achieved a bronze medal in the 50m Freestyle in 32.35 secs.

Most significant newcomer for the Otters was Iona Crawford who won a bronze medal in the 8 yr old Girls 25m Breaststroke (24.24 secs) and came fifth in the 25m Back Crawl. Euan Boyle also achieved a bronze medal and fifth place in the 9 yr old Boys 50m Back Crawl (44.75 secs) and Breaststroke (55.08 secs) respectively. David Elder and Aaron Gillon battled each other all day with David eventually edging the competition.

Deadline for all Submissions
2.00 pm, MONDAY 19 October
for publication on Saturday 31 October

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

Kinross Tennis Club

The last Saturday in August saw the finals of our club championships after earlier rounds had been played throughout the month. Lady sunshine was unexpectedly with us for the day, making a change from the dreich days which had off turned our courts into a duck pond. From experience I note that tennis balls don't bounce well in puddles and that it takes approximately 50 seconds to dash from court number 1 to the club house when the heavens open and one needs to escape from a sudden rain shower.

The junior finals were played in the morning and offered some long rallies and close matches. This made umpiring quite a challenge, I assure you, but also delighted the parents and clubmembers who had come down to watch the matches. It was clear that the junior players had all improved greatly this year, perhaps due to the amount of time the kids have spent on court during coaching sessions, junior club night or playing with parents and friends. The results were as follows:

- 9 - 10 years: Toby Irwin beat Josh Anderson
- 11 - 12 years: Cameron McCloskey beat Finlay Young
- 13 - 14 years: Rachael Campbell beat Andrew Greener



Left, Rachael Campbell and Andrew Greener, right, Cameron McCloskey and Finlay Young

Lunch was provided and my thanks go to those members who brought in sandwiches and homebaking and of course the Pimms. The sustenance ensured the adult finals in the afternoon were an energetic affair and supporters continued to enjoy the tennis and the sunshine. It was good to see some new members contesting the finals this year, even some players relatively new to the game! Well done to everyone who played on the day. The results were as follows:

- Men's singles: Scott McLean beat Ian Coulter
- Ladies doubles: Gillian McCloskey and Elaine Jessop beat Clare Abbott and Charmian Reid (even the Pimms didn't help, did it Charmian?)
- Mens Doubles: Paul Deas and Mauro Salmi beat John Brown and Cameron Hill
- Mixed Doubles: Gail Nelson and Lex Aitken beat Elaine Jessop and Robin Rofe

As you can see there was no Ladies' singles final contested this year, perhaps next year more ladies will have honed their skills to perfection to ensure the Ladies' cup can find a new home.

The end of the club competition does by no means mean the end of the tennis season at Kinross Tennis Club. Adult club



nights on a Wednesday will continue throughout the winter, the floodlights meaning that, weather permitting, play could continue until 10pm. The Sunday morning club sessions will also continue. However, please note that Junior club night does finish at the end of September.

Our club AGM will be held in the middle of November, an opportunity for all members to have their say on how they would wish the club to be run. We have vacant office bearer posts as well as vacancies on the committee so there is a real opportunity for members to input into the club. I will be in touch with all members nearer the time regarding the AGM.

If you have any queries about the club, or wish to join please contact Aileen Jones on 01577 865 449.

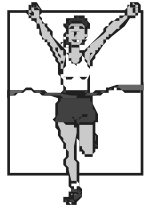
Athletics

It was reported in the last edition of the Newsletter that Kinross 400m hurdler Eilidh Child had gained selection for the Great Britain and N.I. team for the World Championships held in Berlin last month. Eilidh was drawn in lane 7 in her heat and finished comfortably in third place in a time of 55.96 seconds, just ahead of American Sheena Tosta, the world ranked No. 2. In the semi final Eilidh again found herself in lane 7 but ran a steady 56.21 seconds to finish 6th in the race. Her time of 55.96 seconds in the heat ensured she was the 16th fastest out of the 40 or so athletes who competed in the event.

Her targets for the 2009 season were to run under 56 seconds and to win a medal at the European Under 23 Championships. Not only did she run under 56 seconds but did so on no fewer than seven occasions. Throughout the season she ran five personal best times and set her current personal best time of 55.32 seconds, winning the silver medal at the European Under 23 Championships in Kaunas in July. Eilidh ended the season ranked 18th in the world, 10th in Europe and 3rd in the United Kingdom and achieved the qualifying time for the 2010 Commonwealth Games on seven occasions. In addition to being selected for the World Championships, she was also selected for the Great Britain and N.I. team for the Europa Cup held in Portugal in June.

Her targets for the 2010 season are to run below 55 seconds and to be selected for, and reach the finals, of both the European Championships to be held in Barcelona and the Commonwealth Games to be held in New Delhi.

Eilidh would like to thank everybody from Kinross-shire for all the support, encouragement and kind words they have given her throughout the season and hopes to come out next season and do even better.



T.M. GARDEN SERVICES

Garden maintenance at competitive prices
Grass Cutting – Hedge Trimming – Pruning
Hand Weeding – Timber Preservation
Greenhouse Cleaning – Leaf Clearance etc.

Tom Marshall
46 McBain Place Kinross

Reliable Service. Public Liability Cover.

TEL: 01577 8656647
MOBILE: 07724137091

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club



The new season has brought early success for Kinross Ladies Hockey Club. Good numbers of players have attended training, including a number of ladies who have not played since school! The very positive mix of fitness and skills training from both Ryan and Scott is proving beneficial to all.

Sunday 6 September saw the opening of the season with the inaugural Corporation Cup, a 7-a-side tournament for men and ladies. The competition took place at DISC in Dundee, with the men competing on the water-based pitch and the ladies on the sand pitch. Teams from Dundee Wanderers, Brechin, Madras, Perthshire, Kinross and a team of Allsorts competed in the ladies event, playing games of 9-minutes one-way. The round robin results for Kinross were as follows:

Kinross v Brechin	2-0
Kinross v Madras	0-0
Kinross v Allsorts	3-0
Kinross v Wanderers	1-0
Kinross v Perthshire	1-0

Having won the round robin we then went on to play a semi-final of 12-minutes one-way on the water-based pitch against Perthshire. A tight game, with slow adjustments to the faster and bouncier surface resulted in a 0-0 result, so penalties followed with Kinross finishing up 2 penalties to nil. The final was then played against Brechin where an on-form Zoe Femie volleyed her 6th goal of the day to secure our win 1-0 and our first silverware of the season.

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club: winners of the inaugural ladies Corporation Cup 2009 (together with mens winners, Wanderer's 1sts,)

The following Saturday (12 September) saw a return to DISC in Dundee for the 11-a-side Bells Trophy Tournament. A brilliantly sunny day saw group matches against Perthshire 2nd XI, Brechin, and Madras.

Kinross prevailed against a Perthshire side which had a veritable mix of experience levels, before encountering more stiff opposition from Brechin. The final group match saw Kinross and Madras evenly matched. Madras almost managed a breakaway goal from passback, before Kinross regrouped and started to pressure their defence in return. Despite spending the last ten minutes encamped on the Madras circle, it proved impossible to convert this pressure into a goal. Unfortunately this allowed Madras to edge through to the final with a better goal difference tally.

The league season was due to start in earnest on Saturday 19 September, however with the opposition for both teams struggling to raise a side these games have been postponed. We look forward to league matches in the coming weeks.

We are pleased that that individual players within the club continue to excel at regional levels, with Maeve Weldon being selected for the Under 16 Midlands squad, and Jenni Smith being selected again for the under 18 Midland squad. We wish them well as they compete for Midlands in the Interdistrict Tournament on November 7th and 8th.

Anyone who is interested in coming along to training can find more details about the club by visiting www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk or alternatively you can come along to training on a Wednesday night. Training continues on our newly rejuvenated all weather pitch between 6.30 and 8pm. Our coaches are very keen for a prompt start! Bring along trainers and a bottle of water, together with a £2 training fee. We look forward to seeing you!



Kinross Ladies Hockey Club and Wanderer's 1sts show off their hard-won trophies

DOG-GONE-WALKIN'

Dog-Walking and Pet Care

10 years veterinary nursing experience
Insured, References available
Claire Murison BSc (Hons)

Tel. 01577 830588 / 07983 118757
E-mail: d-g-w@tiscali.co.uk

J. MILLER

CARPET AND UPHOLSTERY
CLEANING

Domestic and Commercial
Free No Obligatory Quotations
Free Deodoriser

Fully Insured & Qualified
01577 864129 or 07961415871

Kinross Volleyball Club

Kinross Cup Triumph

Three Kinross volleyball teams participated in the Perth & Kinross District Volleyball Recreational League Cup recently as a warm up to the league season which commences in October.

Current holders Kinross BB were joined by Kinross Scotrange and Kinross Boys' & Girls' Brigade in the competition.

The young Boys' & Girls' Brigade side performed well, despite fielding three very young players.

With the teams playing in two sections, the section leaders progressed to a final and it was an all Kinross affair with holders Kinross BB playing Kinross Scotrange.



The winning Kinross BB team who retained the Recreational Volleyball League Cup competition at Bell's Sports Centre

The Booth brothers were in fine form as they helped the BB side to a 15-10 first set win. Despite a spirited fightback by Scotrange the second set went the same way as the first, 15-10 to the BB.

A delighted BB side were more than pleased to retain the League Cup for a second consecutive season.

Both Kinross Scotrange, current Premier Cup holders and Kintronics will be battling things out for the Premier Cup competition over the last two Sundays in September with Scotrange being favourites to retain the trophy for a third consecutive season.

Volleyball continues at Kinross High School after the October break with training on Monday evenings, 8 till 9pm for junior training and 9 till 10pm for adult training. New members always welcome.

Thursday After School Club Curling



The above season begins on **Thursday 19 November** at the Green Hotel Ice Rink, from **4.00 pm – 5.15 pm**.

All enquiries and/or application forms (s.a.e. appreciated) to: Mrs Anne Porter, Middle Balado House, Balado, Kinross KY13 0NH. Tel: 01577 864018

Kinross Curling School



The ice rink opened on Monday 21 September. We started the season off with a free curling come and try. Our programme for the next month is the following:

Adult Beginners Course starts on **Saturday 24 October**, 11.45am – 2.30pm, continues Sunday 25 October and then Saturday 7 November, all at the same time.

The first of the **Curling Clinics** is on **Wednesday 7 October** at 5.45pm.

Primary 7 pupils from Kinross primary school are the first to get going for the school curling curriculum starting on Wednesday 23 September, the After School Club for up to 12's starting date is Monday 28 September, 3.30 – 4.30pm.

We are running a free Come and Try for the High School pupils on Monday 28 September from 4.30 – 5.30pm.

Kinross Junior Club starts up on **Sunday 18 October** with a come and meet everyone evening (see report below).

The Visually Impaired club gets going on Monday 28 September at 12.15. Kinross Wheelchair Club are holding a free come and try on Saturday 26 September at 12.15.

Anyone interested in knowing more about any of the clubs or courses please get in touch with Ena Stevenson, tel 01383 850257 or email enastevenson@aol.com

Kinross Junior Curling Club

Calling all curlers aged 12 – 21. Note the age range – you can still play once you have left school and we would love to see more 17 – 21 year olds joining us! **The club resumes on Sunday 18 October at 5pm.** This is a Come and Try session when newcomers to curling as well as experienced curlers will be welcome.

Some of our curlers have taken part in events since the season closed in March.

An under 13 rink took part in a Funspiel at Braehead, having qualified to represent East of Scotland. Kinross won all their games but lost in a very close contest to Inverness (representing North of Scotland) who fared better in the Hotshots competition.

In April, five of our new curlers took part in the RCCC Newcomers Competition at Greenacres. All the players were mixed into teams with others from all over Scotland. Anna and Beth Sutherland were in teams who met in the High Road playoff for third place, while Kathryn Spain was in the rink winning the Hotshots challenge.

Over the summer Grant Barr and Fraser Thomson took part in the RCCC Summer Camp for young curlers aged 13 – 17 at Galleon Ice Rink, Kilmarnock. Iain Wilson and Hamish Geyer attended the Homecoming Scotland Curling Camp, held in Dumfries which was an international camp for curlers aged 16 – 21. At both camps the young people were given the chance to improve their curling technique and knowledge and meet other junior curlers. As a result, the boys are planning to compete in the Dutch Junior Open in October.

The club meets at Kinross ice rink most Sundays from 5pm – 7.15pm. For further details contact Elaine on 01577 864713.

Kinross Rugby Football Club



League action is well under way now with the first game being away to Crieff. The boys were up for the game with both teams looking to get the season off to a flying start. Fortunately it was Kinross that took the lead with a 21-10 victory. The following week we were on the road again with an early start away to Invergordon. It was a very hard fought game but we went down 19-10; not a bad result for being on the road from 9am. The first home game of the season saw us play Aberdeen Uni. Unfortunately we could not match the pace of the students in the back line, going down 25-10. Back on the road again with a team that was put together at the last minute, we were to face Grangemouth where we were beaten 60-0 ... enough said about that one! The match report can be found in full on the web page. Glad to see numbers creeping up again at training but we need to train as a team to be able to play as a team and keep big Ferner's blood pressure down on Saturday afternoons with better performances and less results as above...

Find us at KGV Playing Fields, The Muirs, Kinross.
Tel: 01577 861773, website: www.kinross-rugby.com

Bonus Ball

August £50 Brian Darcy £25 Eric Titterington
September £50 Iain Spence £25 Louise Livvy

October fixtures

		kick-off
3rd	Stirling Uni vs. Kinross	3pm
10th	Strathmore vs. Kinross	3pm
17th	Kinross vs. Mackie	3pm
24th	St Andrews vs. Kinross	3pm
31st	Madras FP vs. Kinross	2pm

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

After a month with both teams involved in friendlies with mixed but encouraging results, the league games start on 26 September with both teams in action against Falkirk at KGV with the 2nd XI starting at 12pm followed by the 1st XI at 1.30pm.

The next matches are:

3 Oct	1st and 2nd XI away at Inverleith
10 Oct	1st XI home v Edinburgh University 2nd XI away at Stirling Wanderers
17 Oct	1st XI away at Edinburgh University 2nd XI home to Livingston
24 Oct	1st XI away at Grange 2nd XI away at Waverly Inveresk Trinity

Training is on Tuesday nights from 7.30 to 9pm on the King George V (KGV) artificial pitch and is free. The club aims to encourage interest in hockey for all ages and abilities for those 14 and over. For those under 14 the Kobras training is on Thursday nights from 6.30 to 7.30pm and girls are most welcome too.

The formation of a 2nd XI this season is a huge commitment for the club to have two teams in the EDL and provides an ideal opportunity for those who may have been considering playing again, so why not come down to training and you will be made most welcome. For anyone wishing to umpire then please come along too! The club also organises a number of lively social events throughout the year for those who don't wish to play.

For further information please visit our website at www.kinrosshockey.co.uk, or contact Douglas Ogilvie on 07768 708250 or email captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk

Kinross Squash Club



The "winter" Kinross squash leagues are now up and running. They are currently very healthy with six leagues of five players. If you enjoy playing squash, consider joining the leagues so that you experience a broader range of styles of play which can lead to an improvement of your own game. At the recent AGM it was decided to once again hold the level of subscription for the 2009 / 2010 season. Subscriptions are now due and a form to accompany payment can be found in the slip attached to the Squash Club notice board at the rear of the courts. There is an attractive incentive to pay the fees by end of November as there is a reduction down to £12. After November the cost to join KSC is £15.

At the AGM Peter Hookham was elected as Chairman, John Myerscough as Secretary, and John Colburn elected as Treasurer.

If you want to join the leagues simply PRINT your name and phone number on the bottom of the current league tables on the sheet provided, which is located on the squash notice board to the rear of the squash courts in Loch Leven Leisure Centre. Alternatively contact Peter Hookham on 01577 861033. If possible play a game with somebody already in the leagues to ascertain the league level you would like to be considered for. Please note you may play in the leagues for one month as a guest but thereafter you are required to be a fully paid up member of Kinross Squash Club.

Monthly Squash Club night is scheduled for the last Thursday of each month starting this October. Come down for an enjoyable night of varied and interesting squash played in a relaxed and friendly manner.

August League winners:

Premier: Joe Crawford

League 1: Drew McQuillain League 2: Fergus Dowds

League 3: Chris Martin League 4: Steve Oliver

Orwell Bowling Club

The weather was kind enough on our fun Night on 15 August to allow a melee on the green - all keen to have a go at target practice, followed by fun and indoor games. An enjoyable evening was had by all. Not so fortunate on Sunday 23rd for our Bells' Invitation Triples, but undaunted, 24 teams took to the green, and the winning Trios and runners-up were as follows:

Section 1 - Betty Hamilton, John Fullerton.

Section 2 - Gordon Morton, Dave Scott.

Serious rain stopped play, rendering a full play-off impracticable. We have had mixed fortunes in the friendlies played since last month, being beaten by 2 shots at Cambo, 6 shots at Kingseat, and with a thorough trouncing by Luncarty. Our seniors, however had a good win at Perth West End, with Orwell beating the same club with a decisive 40 shot victory on our home turf on 29 August. Our last friendly turned out to be a "mixed club" affair, rather than "mixed rinks" at Aberdour on Saturday 12th, as they spread an extra 4 players into the Orwell team. With an assurance that no plain brown envelopes had changed hands, Orwell sallied forth and lost by 6 shots on a perfect September day in that most beautiful setting. May the Indian summer continue until our Closing of the Green game on Saturday 26 September when a good turnout is hoped for with donations in aid of the RNLI.

Kinross Cricket Club



This has been another wonderful year for the cricket club with junior numbers remaining very healthy and the club now fielding two XIs at the weekend, a girls and women's team and lots of junior teams.

Senior 1st XI: The poor weather throughout August couldn't dampen the 1st XI's spirits as they claimed their second successive league title and in the process won promotion to the Strathmore & Perthshire 1st Division. By the end of the season the 1st XI had won all 13 matches they played. This is slightly better than the 2008 season which saw 12 wins out of 13 matches. The 2010 season will see the 1st XI travel much further afield as they play teams from as far North as Huntly and Aberdeen. A number of players put in excellent performances throughout the season and these will be recognised at the annual awards dinner at the Green Hotel on **Saturday 14 November**.

Junior Awards: The annual junior awards night took place on Monday 14 September at the Windlestrae Hotel. Club Chairman, John Ross said that as he looked around at the room full of young cricketers, he found it hard to believe that the junior section only started in 2005. He thanked the coaches and junior convenor for their continued dedication and hard work. He also thanked the families of the youngsters that transport their children to training & matches, support the teams and offer help and support to the club generally. He congratulated the players for their efforts at training, their good behaviour throughout the season representing the club at all age groups and excellent performances in matches.

The following awards were made:

ECB Kwik Cricket Bronze Level Award

Jack Muncey, Alexa Cornish, Jamie Gibson, Luke Crichton Oscar Thompson, Ailish Hunter, Sam Bracken

Best Performance Winners: Jamie Gibson, Luke Crichton

ECB Kwik Cricket Silver Level

Louise Clarke, Andrew Gibbons, Suley Ulla, Wilson Baillie James Houldsworth, Sara Cooke, Michael Drysdale, Michael Bracken, Freddie McFadyean, Sean Keegan

Best Performance Winners: Sara Cooke, James Houldsworth, Michael Drysdale

ECB Kwik Cricket Gold Level

Sally Weir, Niall Baird, Charlie Turnbull, Gregor Malcolm, Toby Irwin, Jeremy Bidwell, Tom Morris, Christopher Wilcox, Nicholas Baughan, Lewis McLaren, Sam Law, Jack Cross, Samuel Smith, Ryan Shah, Charlie Dineen, Alasdair Bennet, Rory Cooke, Hanzah Ulla, Harry Stewart, Struan Smith, Stuart McCreanor, Jack McCreanor, Euan Duthie, Craig Lewis, Scott Wyllie, Silas Pease, Aidan Mitchell

Best Performance Winner: Rory Cooke

INTER CRICKET AWARD

Katy Robson, Darcy Elles, Hamish d'Ath, Cameron Turner, Matthew Gilmour, Oliver Smith, Robin Scott-Gray, Rory Hunter, Finlay Graham, Connor Emslie, Andrew Duthie, Conor Cook, Oliver Cornish, Thomas Bidwell, Rory Anderson, Robert Watson

Best Performance Winner: Matthew Gilmour

Under 11 Age Group Awards

Batsman of the Year	Thomas Bidwell
Bowler of the Year	Gregor Stewart
Fielder of the Year	Robert Watson
Most Improved Player of the Year	Ryan Shah

Under 13 Age Group

Batsman of the Year	Fraser Gosse
Bowler of the Year	Fraser Gosse
Fielder of the Year	Calum Weir
Most Improved Player of the Year	Zoe Conway

Under 15 Age Group

Batsman of the Year	Rory Weir
Bowler of the Year	Fraser Christie
Most Improved Player of the Year	Mark McLaren

Kinross Cricket Club – Junior Player Of The Year

Fraser Gosse

Junior Winter Training: Winter training for players aged 10 to 15 will be held in the new community campus. It is hoped that this will commence at either the end of October or the beginning of November – dates will be emailed to players.

Social: The cricket club entered a team into the Round Table quiz night and were very proud winners of this event. The team (Stuart Brand, John Ross, Simon Lopez and John Muncey) was pleased to donate their winnings back to the Round Table charities fund which is raising money for local clubs and organisations.

Dates For Your Diary: The club dinner will be held on **Saturday 14 November** at the Green Hotel to which all members, friends and family are invited. Information will be on the club website – www.kinrosscc.co.uk - in the coming weeks.

The Christmas Party is on **Friday 4 December** at the Windlestrae Hotel and members will be emailed with details of where to buy tickets.

SAFESTORE, KINROSS

A SUBSIDIARY OF David Sands Ltd
Alligin House, 2 Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kinross KY13 8GD

Telephone: 01577 865141/Fax: 01577 865104

SAFESTORE, KINROSS offers containers which are available for customers to utilise. As it is self-storage, you will be required to load and unload the container yourself thus keeping costs to you down.

The containers will accommodate the contents of an average 2-3 bed house or are suitable as storage facilities for a small business..

Min rental period one month. Long term available.

Opening hours – Monday to Friday 7am – 7.30pm
Saturday 7am – 3pm Sunday 7am – 1.30pm

Subscriptions to the Newsletter

Useful for readers living outside the distribution area of the Newsletter, a subscription service is available.

For further details see www.kinrossnewsletter.org or phone Glenn Neve on 01592 860808 or email

subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org



News from the Rurals

CLEISH – Mrs. Kilpatrick, President, welcomed twenty one members to the first meeting after the summer. She thanked all who had contributed items for the Kinross Show. Mrs. A. Bayne was awarded the Jamieson Cup for gaining the most points. The Community A entry came third. Also, Community B was third place.

Mrs. Kilpatrick introduced our speaker, Susan Payne, of Perth Museum. Her talk, A Stitch in Time, explained the way in which the Perth Museum was gifted a doublet dated 1620 – a very rare and precious artefact in remarkably good condition. Susan told us of all the research and restoration that ensued, resulting in a very important exhibit for the museum. The doublet is not on show as it requires special conditions to guard against further deterioration. Susan Payne will be giving talks and demonstrations about the doublet throughout the next year. Mrs. Dorothy Morris gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Jar of Jam	- Mrs. A. Bayne
Flower of the Month	- Mrs. F. Barnfather
Item of the Past	- Mrs. B. Robb

BLAIRINGONE – President Fiona Clark welcomed everyone back after the summer to Mowbray Hall, Powmill on Wednesday 9 September. Mrs. Susan Mills gave a slide show and very informative talk on the pottery in Alloa. Jean Broome gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Tea Loaf	- Agnes Murray
Favourite Teapot	- Martha Warnock
Flower of the Month	- Mary Croy

CROOK OF DEVON – Mrs. Arbuckle presided over our first meeting of the new session. After business was concluded she introduced Johanna Willi, Red Squirrel Project Officer from Fife Coast & Countryside Trust who gave us a very interesting talk on the work they do to try and help protect the Red Squirrel.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Margaret Arbuckle.

Competitions:

Wild Animal Ornament	- Mrs C Bennett
Flower of the Month	- Mrs C Bennett

CARNBO – President Mrs Eileen Thomson welcomed everyone to the first meeting after the summer break. On completion of business the President welcomed Ms Lynne Pollock Nursing Practitioner, who gave a really good talk and slide show, sharing with us her experience on the “Hope Medical Ship Down The Amazon”. Her enthusiasm and passion of her experience was portrayed to us all and the insights on how the people live were very humbling. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs A Petherick.

Competitions:

Holiday photograph	- Mrs C Dawson
Flower of the month	- Mrs E Thomson

BISHOPSHIRE – The speaker at the opening meeting was Jim Crombie, whom many of us see going around the locality with his metal detector. He described his various finds, and in whose fields they had been found, and showed slides of some of the artefacts which are now in a museum. There was much local interest here.

Competitions:

Object dug up from the garden	- Ann Hughes
Jar of chutney	- Ann Hughes

MILNATHORT – Mrs Jessica Munro presided at our first meeting after the summer break. We had a most interesting and informative demonstration on the art of sugar craft by Mrs May Webster from Tay Valley Group. Fiona Hynds gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Photograph of Flower	- Grace Drysdale
Flower of the Month	- Grace Drysdale

GLENFARG – J Kirkland, Vice President, welcomed members to the first meeting of the new season. Duncan Davidson from Dunfermline showed excellent slides of moths and butterflies, dispelling some of the myths commonly held by the public. He highlighted the importance of recording sightings of moths and butterflies and the location where seen.

I Bettaney gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Holiday photograph	- M Blair
Fruit crumble	- I Bettaney
Flower of the Month	- J Kirkland

POWMILL – President Mrs Janie Buchanan welcomed members and friends to the first meeting of the new syllabus which turned out to be a bit of a “Hen Night”.

Mrs Mary Wilson assisted by Miss Grace Carver gave an interesting talk on Breeding and Showing Hens and brought along “Elvis” a very handsome Cochin Cockerel, two types of Silkie Hens and some Cochin hens and chickens. Vote of thanks was given by Vice President Mrs M Thorn and a nice supper was provided by Mrs J Buchanan and Mrs W Sim.

Competitions:

Lemon curd	- Mrs J Mitchell
Favourite egg cup	- Mrs E Johnston
Garden gem	- Mrs M Wilson

GARDEN STEPS & MORE

Bricks, blocks, mono block
& stone work etc. –
Steps, paths, walls, patios, paving
Repairs/pointing etc.

Specialists in stone work

for advice and a free estimate call

William Morris

01592 840095

07866 961685 (mobile)

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

Out & About



Vane Farm



Hello again, Shaw is back in journalistic mode after missing out the column last month. Thank goodness for that, I hear sum o ye shoutin!

Muckle thanks tae Andrea for fillin in in ma absence; her bit probably made mair sense than mine.

Ok then, doon tae business. Chris wur warden hiz been busy playin about wi sluice boards n stuff tae lower the watter levels tae mack loads o feedin areas. Which hiz resultit in a load o passage waders pilin in tae glean the delicacies allo the mud. Wiv seen burds like green sandpiper, black and bar tailed godwit, greenshank, little stint, ruff, common sandpiper, dunlin and golden plover awe tuckin in tae the feast along wi residents like lapwing, redshank n snipe.

Ither non waders hiv includit osprey, marsh harrier quarterin the reserve wetland and oan the mammal front an otter seems tae hiv taen a likin tae the flood and hiz been seen regularly chompin up wee fish in its chowks.

Winter duck numbers are startin tae increase wi sooster flocks o pochard awready bein seen along wi pintail, tufted duck n wigeon, Loch Leven, as ye nae doot ken, bein internationally important fur winterin wildfowl or if ye didnae, ye do noo. So keep yer een peeled fur rarer yins like ring necked duck or ferruginous duck which hiv also been seen wi yin o each oan 20 September.

Twa whooper swans flew ower on 14 September. The first pinkfeet flew ower the reserve oan the 16th bit didnae hing about, fleein oan tae maybe Norfolk or the like tae feed oan sugar beet tops. No be long noo, tho, till the skies are ringin wi the sound o winter as thoosands o pinkies return fae Iceland, probably by the time ye read this they will be arriving in droves.

Another camera hiz been installed oan the loch shore lookin ower Vane bay so that shid gie us some richt close up views o the geese when they are feedin oan the Carden strip. Ye kin play about wi it in the centre tae see whit ye kin spot, hiv a go the next time yer in.

Sale time again in the shop. Help yer gairden birds n beasties through the winter, by getting them a hoose tae shelter fae the winter snell. Burds, bees frogs, insects we hiv a selection oan show tae hoose them awe.

Next events comin up are a **"Dawn Goose Watch"** on **Saturday 17 October** stertin at 6.30am until 9.00. Diz whit it says in the title, watch geese takin aff at dawn ... awesome, followed by if yer still awake at 11am by **"Wild Goose Chase"** endin at 4pm, a veritable goosefest o a day. Find oot about awething goosey, get breakfast n lunch n stuff like that. Costs are £4 non-members and £3 members fur the dawn watch and £20 non-members and £15 members and concessions fur the goose chase.

The **weekend o 24 n 25** we are runnin **"Feed the Birds Day"**. On baith days ye kin get advice oan feedin yer gairden birds, plants tae pit in tae encourage them n the like. Nae siller tae attend, so come along n ask us whatever ye like.

Saturday the 31st it's **"Halloween Fun in the Hide"** aippie dookin, mask makin n general spooky fun. Again nae bawbees required - jist drap in. If ye need mair details or information gie us a ring oan the usual number 01577 862355. Ta ta till next month.

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



Autumn is a great time of year for wildlife enthusiasts at Loch Leven National Nature Reserve, with passage migrants and wintering wildfowl returning daily. Shoveler, Teal, Wigeon and Pintail are all being seen, and a selection of waders including Black-tailed Godwit, Green Sandpiper, Greenshank, Knot and Ruff are passing through on their way south. Others to look out for this month are Green Woodpeckers, Common and Black Darter dragonflies, and Otters as they fish the River Leven and nearby pools.

This month features two **Fungi Forays**, on **Sunday 4 October** at Findatie car park and **Sunday 25 October** at Burleigh Sands car park, both meeting at 2 pm.

Tony Wilson from the British Mycological Society will be leading us in to the lochside woodland habitats to explore the rich diversity of mushrooms on display throughout the season. Following his illustrated talk at our recent volunteers' meeting, people will have the opportunity put their identification skills to the test in the field.

Look out for the last in this year's series of volunteers' meetings on **Tuesday 11 November**, when we'll be welcoming special guest Roy Dennis to Loch Leven for a talk about his acclaimed work radio-tracking raptors in Scotland. As one of the country's leading ornithologists, it is a privilege to have Roy join us for the meeting, and we are anticipating a busy evening. More information follows in next month's newsletter.

With the return of the Pink-footed Geese, locals will now be seeing movements of large skeins as they travel to feeding grounds from their night time roosts on the loch. Scottish Natural Heritage has two **Dawn Goose Watches** planned on **Sunday 11 and Saturday 17 October**. Both will take place at 6.30am, meeting at the Watchtower in Kirkgate Park, where you will have the chance to witness the spectacular sight of several thousand geese rising from the loch shore.



A fly agaric mushroom



Geese in Flight against Benarty Hill: photo by Alan Lindsay

To book your place on the Fungi Forays, Dawn Goose Watches, or Roy Dennis's talk in November, please contact the reserve office on 01577 864439.

That's all for now folks.

Craig

Farming



Mamma Mia! Wasn't the Gazebo Gathering a fantastic family day out? The kids and I made camp about 1 o'clock just as Vital Sign were warming up the crowd with a few old favourites. We had packed enough sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes and bakes to last about a week and settled down with our camp chairs to enjoy the sunshine. By the time Abba-mania came on stage we had already met more than a few friends, caught up on their news and joined the crowd in front of the stage. Bumping into a neighbour, I stopped for a chat and soon realised I had joined the end of a row of farmers' wives. Now if you are thinking we may all have been wearing checked shirts and jeans held up with baler twine you can stop there! I reckon there were eight of us and there wasn't a checked shirt in sight. I only noticed we stood out because we were all missing the same thing. A man! Each of us had left our husband or partner at home making the most of the sunshine. My husband was combining, I think someone else was baling and I imagine that catching up with field work meant that everyone else had to forfeit their Gazebo wristband and make do with the radio instead. To be honest I doubt that anyone minded too much. The constant rain in August and the first half of September put a stop to harvesting and it is now a race to make up for the lost time. It's not just getting this year's crop off but getting next year's in that can become difficult, when everything is so soggy. Fewer fields than usual that grew Winter Barley have been ploughed and sown with Winter Oil Seed Rape. With a growing season just short of 12 months, early establishment is crucial. From now on, many fields of potatoes will also be ploughed shortly after the harvester has left to get winter wheat sown. The aim is to get the crop off to a good start before the November frosts.

Working under pressure is part of many jobs and at this time of year farming is no exception. Eating on the move can seem like a good idea to make the most of the day so a large piece box is usually required, unless of course you have a wife that visits the field laden with supper and flasks of tea. Yes, I think only one of us slipped away from the gathering to make sure the squad was fed and watered. You know who you are and I expect that everyone in the field was delighted to see you. I just hope they know how lucky they are!

Fiona

Pauline now grooming at
LOCHRAN MOSS GROOMING
(1/2 mile Junction 5 M90)

All dog breeds catered for sympathetically
and to owner requirements
Clipped, trimmed and bathed
in a friendly environment

For appointment:
**Call Pauline 07825 367804 or
01383 830752**

LOCHRAN MOSS, BLAIRADAM, KELTY
FIFE KY4 0HZ

Weather



August weather report from Carnbo

August this year was a real let down, with very few sunny days but plenty of downpours, especially around mid month. Only six dry days recorded.

Rainfall for the month	155 mm	(206% of normal)
Heaviest fall	31 mm	(13th)
Highest temperature	20°C	(6th)
Lowest temperature	6°C	(8th)
Average temperature	13°C	
Cloud cover	75%	

Wind component

Westerly	23 days
Easterly	2 days

Thunder not recorded

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Kinross

Lochleven Castle, famously where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567, is in the heart of the beautiful Loch Leven National Nature Reserve. Historic Scotland runs a regular boat service, which departs from the fishery pier. Opening times for 2009 are:

1 to 31 October:	Daily, 9.30am to last outward sailing at 3.30pm.
------------------	--

Admission prices (includes boat trip): Adult £4.70, Child £2.35, Concessions £3.70, HS members free.

There are car parking facilities, toilets and a café close to the ferry departure point. The boat is not equipped to carry passengers in wheelchairs. There are benches, lawns, a gift shop and toilets on the island. Larger groups should contact the site manager on the island (mobile 07778 040483) beforehand.

WESTFIELD CHILDMINDING

Registered child minder & qualified child practitioner

Children cared for from 6 months to 12 years

Before and After school pickup service (Milnathort PS)

Holiday Care

Countryside Location, 3 miles from Milnathort

Telephone Julian on 01577 864860

THINK-A-HEAD HAIRDRESSER

Hairdressing done in the comfort of your own home
by an experienced stylist

CUT AND BLOW DRY
TINT, FOIL HIGHLIGHTS
PERMS

Special rates for OAPs and children

Call Elaine on 01577 840043

Gardens Open

More information about these gardens
can be found on our website,
www.kinrossnewsletter.org
Leisure info also on www.kinross.cc



Gardens open regularly not too far from Kinross

	Opening Arrangements			Admission		Disabled	Contact
				Adult	Child	Access	Number
Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	to 31 Oct	Mon-Sat	1000-1700	£10.50	£7.50	yes(gdn)	0844 4932186
		Sun	1300-1700				0844 4932186
Grounds at Hill of Tarvit, nr Cupar (NTS)	all year	daily	to dusk	£2.00		yes	0844 4932185
Kellie Castle & garden (NTS)	to 31 Oct	Fri-Tues	1300-1700	£8.50	£5.50	partial	0844 4932184
Garden only at Kellie Castle	to 31 Oct	Fri-Tues	1000-1700	£3.00	£2.00	yes	0844 4932184
Culross Palace and gardens (NTS)	1 - 31 Oct	Thu-Mon	1200-1600	£8.50	£5.50	no	0844 4932189
Gardens only at Culross Palace	all year	daily	1000-1800	£2.50		difficult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.50	£4.50	partial	0844 4932193
Scone Palace grounds only (SGS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£4.80	£3.20	limited	01738 552300
Braco Castle gardens, Braco, FK15 9LA (SGS)	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	free	partial	
Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff (SGS)	1 May - 31 Oct	daily	1300-1800	£3.00	£1.00	restr	
Pittencreeff Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 726313

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

Special Open Days

The **Annual SGS Plant Sale** takes place at **Hill of Tarvit** on **Sunday 4 October** from 10am to 4pm. There will be a wide and interesting selection of locally grown plants at bargain prices. Admission free. Light refreshments available to purchase. Hill of Tarvit is 2 miles south of Cupar off the A916.

An **'Octoberfest'** takes place at Cambo House, Kingsbarns, near St Andrews on **Sunday 18 October** from noon until 4pm. Gather apples for the pigs, make Halloween lanterns, press apples for juice amid wonderful autumn colours. Admission £4, children free. All proceeds to SGS charities of the year. The extensive gardens at Cambo, including walled garden, ornamental potager, woodland garden and autumn borders have featured in "Country Life". Disabled access. Dogs on leads welcome. Plant sales. Refreshments. Cambo House, KY16 8QD is on the A917. Website: www.camboestate.com

Special Events near Kinross-shire in October

Sat 10 – Sun 11 Oct

Creepy Crafts!

Kellie Castle. Unleash your creative side and make some decorations for Halloween! Rumour has it that Kellie Castle is haunted! Noon to 5pm. Entry: adults normal entry fee, child £3. For further info, call 0844 4932184.

Fri 30 – Sat 31 Oct

A Haunting Halloween

Kellie Castle. A spooky evening for children, with haunted tales and tours of the castle. Not for very young children. £6 per child. Accompanying adults £10, refreshments included. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. For further info, call 0844 4932184.

Tue 20 Oct

Neil Oliver book signing

Stirling Castle. Archaeologist, writer and broadcaster Neil Oliver will be at Stirling Castle to sign copies of his book, "A History of Scotland". Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased from Waterstone's, Unit 1, Thistle Marches, Stirling. 7pm in the Great Hall, Stirling Castle.

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

"Dance a Story"

With experienced, local teacher Adele Reynolds.
Adult workshop combining meditation, creative dance and relaxation on **Sunday 25 October**, 2-5:30p.m. at

Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell.

Cost £15, with £5 going towards C.H.A.S.

To book, phone 01592 840062.

Children's weekly pre-school class resumes
19 October, 1:30-2:15, also in Portmoak Hall.
Active, and imaginative dance/drama for 2-5 year olds.
Cost £4 per session, £27 for the block, of nine weeks.

Siblings/babies welcome.

Christmas party offer: £60 (usually £85)

THE HOME ENHANCER

Trained by TV's House Doctor, Ann Maurice

**PROPERTY STYLING, ROOM DESIGN/
MAKEOVER, DECLUTTERING**

Whether you are selling your home and want it presented perfectly, to sell quicker or want to change the look of any room

We can advise only, or arrange it all.
We do as little, or as much as you like.

Call Jane on 07875 139353/01577 863556

Congratulations



Mr and Mrs Derek Reid Flory are proud and delighted to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, **Miss NICOLA ANN FLORY** to **Mr EWAN ALEXANDER GRAY**, son of Lieutenant-Colonel Ron Gray and Mrs Allison Thorpe on Saturday 29 August 2009 at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh. A perfect wedding for a perfect couple.



Nicola Ann Flory and Ewan Alexander Gray, married on 29 August

MICHAEL SHEARER of Crook of Devon has achieved a Bachelor of Music with Honours degree from the University of Glasgow. He is continuing his studies there this year by doing a Post Graduate Diploma in Composition. Michael is a former pupil of Fossway Primary and Kinross High School.

KERRY FERGUSON of Milnathort, a pupil at Kinross High School, represented Scotland at under-16 in the recent World Karate Championships in Tokyo. She picked up a bronze medal in the team kumite (fighting) and reached the final eight in the individual kata. Kerry trains at the Honbu Dojo in Dunfermline.

At the recent SWRI National Conference, **Cleish Institute** were placed third in the **Vaughan Nash**, Community Competition and **Mrs DOROTHY MORRIS, Cleish** won three individual prizes, one second and two thirds.

Kinross High School won the overall champion award at the Perth & Kinross Schools Swimming Gala at Perth Leisure Pool on 21 September.

Scotlandwell won the 'Wee Village' trophy in this year's Beautiful Scotland competition.

Kinnesswood attained a silver gilt award in the 'large village' category of the 2009 Britain in Bloom competition.

Thanks



Mrs CLAIRE PATON would like to thank all her friends in the Kinross and Muckhart Yoga Group who attended her Strawberry Tea Party in the summer in aid of the **Marie Curie Nurses**. We had a fun-filled afternoon and raised £300 in the process - many thanks!

Seamab School would like to thank all the individuals, companies and organisations who generously gifted money and prizes for a Raffle Draw. The donations and money raised from the raffle meant that we could buy equipment and football strips for the newly formed football team. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We would also like to thank our sponsor "Fleet Management Solutions" for their support for the season ahead. We play 7-a-side games. If anyone is interested in a friendly match, please contact Gareth Bruce on 01577 840307.

Milnathort Babies and Toddler Group (Scottish Charity Number SCO15472): On 15 August we hosted 'An Evening with Velour Amour'. It was a great success and we would like to thank everyone for coming and making the night so enjoyable. Also a big thank you must go to the following businesses and individuals for their generous contributions to the raffle: *Dobbies, The Good House Company, Giacomazzi, Sands Supermarket, Kirkland's Hotel, Windlestrae Hotel, News Plus Newsagents, The Zen Zone, The Grouse & Claret Restaurant, The Thistle Hotel, Heaven Scent, Robertson's Country Store, The Well Country Inn, JS Ceramics, Post Office, Milnathort, South Lissens Pottery, Rowland's Pharmacy, Kinross, Thomson Homes Construction, Charlie Foley, Beth Foley, Sainsbury's, Lochend Farm Shop, Loch Leven's Larder and Gillian Bell.*

Thanks must be expressed to **Orwell Old Folks Association committee members** for providing a much appreciated outing despite wet weather. We travelled via Glendevon to Crieff where we had a break before heading, via The Sma' Glen, to Aberfeldy, over to Blairgowrie and then to Coupar Angus where we enjoyed a delicious meal. As wet weather still prevailed, we returned home via Perth. The weather may have been bad, but good company made for an enjoyable time.

SOFT FURNISHINGS

Quality hand-finished Curtains and Blinds
expertly made from your own fabric.

Specialising in hand-pleated, interlined
curtains

Full fitting service available

Free quotations

Contact Jeanne Sledmore on
Tel 01383 724607
Mob 07799 204739

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC012555)

Station Road, Kinross

Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952
 Reader: Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602
 Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 862570
 Church E-mail: kinpc@tiscali.co.uk
 Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

Something more informal?

Do you feel formal services are not for you or at the wrong time or don't let you meet folk properly? Well, consider our informal service on the last Sunday of the month (25th this month) at 6.30pm or our Heaven and Earth Café starting on 2 November, and on the first Monday of the month thereafter, at the Muirs Inn restaurant (see below).

All Sunday morning services are in the parish church and include a crèche (age up to 3), Junior Church (3 to Primary 7) and Jam Pact (Secondary Age). After the service there is a chance to stay and chat over tea and coffee and visit our Fair Trade stall (apart from Sun 4).

Services for October (in church unless indicated)

- Sun 4** 10.30 Morning Service: Theme- 'Come near to God', including Guild dedication and informal communion after the service.
 19.30 Church Centre : Crossfire, for S1 age upwards (and every Sunday evening thereafter)
- Mon 5** 08.00 am Silent Meditation
- Tues 6** 19.15 in Church Centre The Guild: 1st meeting of new session. Fortnightly thereafter
- Wed 7** 12 noon Mid-week and Mid-day: Time to Pray: 30 min. (every Wednesday)
- Sat 10** 08.30 Prayer Breakfast - simple breakfast and share areas of concern for prayer (1 hr.)
- Sun 11** 10.30 Morning Service: 'The Power of Prayer'
- Thu 15** 21.00 Time to Pray - 'Compline': a short service with readings and responsive prayer
- Sun 18** 10.30 Morning Service: 'Keep in step with the Spirit'
- Tues 20** 19.15 in Church Centre: The Guild
- Sun 25** 10.30 Morning Service: 'History and His Story'
 18.30 Informal evening service
- Tue 27** 20.00 Prayer Meeting (1 hr)

Other Services

- Wed 7** 10.45 Midweek Worship: In the Reading Room, Church Centre, 30mins. (and every Wed.)
- Tues 6** 14.30 Whyte Court - Service (First Tues. of month)
- Tues 27** 14.30 Causeway Court - Service (last Tues of month)

All are welcome to these services or prayer times

Saturday break: Most Saturdays mornings at the Church Centre, there is a second hand book stall and café serving tea, coffee and fresh baking 10a.m. -12 noon.

Heaven and Earth Cafe: The Muirs Inn Restaurant 8pm Monday 2 Nov. A new way to meet together informally over a coffee and chat about some of the issues of the day. Suitable for anyone, whether with a church connection or not. Look at www.cafechurch.net to get an idea of what it is about. Contact Alisdair Stewart 01577 862262.

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 - tel 862923 or email helenacant@aol.com) and the main auditorium and two meeting rooms at the church (contact Anne Miller tel: 865610).

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Rev Joanne Finlay Telephone: (01577) 850231
 E-mail: joannefinlay196@btinternet.com
 Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Sunday Services 11.15am
Crèche 11.15am
Junior Church 11.15am

October

- Sun 4** 11.15am Guest Preacher, Rev. John Munro
Sun 11 11.15am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 18 11.15am Preacher, Rev. David Reid
Sun 25 11.15am Harvest Sunday

Sunday 1 November

Cleish and Fossoway Choir and friends
CHORAL CONCERT - The Creation, Joseph Haydn
 Cleish Church, 7 30pm
 Tickets £5 from choir members or at the door

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 DVD club for children and teens 9.45am
Tots Music: Friday mornings in hall, 9.30am-10.30am
Children's Yoga: Mondays 3-4pm, church hall
Refresh coffee Club: Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm
Housegroup/Bible Study group:
 contact Margaret Hamblin (01577 850252)
Fossoway Church Choir rehearsals:
 Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm-9pm
 Wednesday evenings: Joint choir rehearsals

October

- Sun 4** 9.45am Guest Preacher, Rev. John Munro
Sun 11 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 18 9.45am Preacher, Rev. David Reid
Sun 25 9.45am Harvest Sunday

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

Last Saturday of each month, 7.30 - 10pm

Millbridge Hall, Kinross (parking available)

Heartfelt praise and worship Prayer for healing
 Opportunity for testimony Refreshments
 Books and resources Open to all

For further details contact Sarah Corsar 07795313864

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church**Church of Scotland**

Rev Dr 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 Levenglen:** first Tuesday of the month at 4pm**Oasis** Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15 - 11.45am last Friday of the month.

@spire Orwell Church Hall, 2nd & last Fridays 7.30pm**October**

Sun 4th Formal Communion, Orwell.

Sat 24th Celebrate Harvest – Concert in Orwell Church, followed by Harvest supper in the hall.

Sun 25th HARVEST THANKSGIVING in both Churches.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

October Services**Sun 4** 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Family Communion (creche but no Junior Church). Preacher, Ian Watt.**Sun 11** 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Family Communion (creche but no Junior Church). Preacher, Ian Watt.**Sun 18** 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving (Creche and Junior Church in Hall).**Thu 22** 9.30am, Service of Prayers for healing.**Sun 25** 8.00am, 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.

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Website: www.stjameskinross.co.uk

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

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

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.00pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6.30pm	Children's Club (term time)

Obituaries**JOHN WALTER STEWART, D.L.,** of Green Wood, Kinross died at home on 11 September 2009, aged 64.

John was born on a farm near the village of Hutton in the borders on 23 June 1945 and brought up by his grandparents. He attended Berwickshire High School in Duns and was encouraged by an uncle to sit Highers. He then joined the Bank of Scotland, working in East Lothian. While in hospital in Haddington he met Betty, who was the ward sister, and they married six months later. John's career with the bank took them to various parts of Perthshire and Angus. His first post as manager was at Broughty Ferry, then Perth, before coming to Kinross in 1993.

John must have been known to almost everyone in Kinross through his involvement in so many aspects of the town's life:

- as Manager of the Bank of Scotland, before he was transported to 'Cheerybank' as he called it – that word transported used to refer to criminals banished to Australia, and I think that Cherrybank felt a bit like that for John. He missed the daily contact with his customers. What other bank manager have you known who would come out of his office to meet you! From his office to the right of the main door he kept an eye on who was coming in to the bank.
 - as a Rotarian of many years.
 - as a curler – he was a member of Kinross Curling Club and competed in the Rotary World Curling Championships in Canada in 1996 and 2000.
 - as a golfer, an early morning runner and cyclist.
 - as an Elder in Kinross Parish Church.
 - as the 'Town Auditor' – he seemed to audit the books of most voluntary organisations in the county.
 - he was Deputy Lieutenant of the County – of which he was very proud.
 - in disguise as Santa, with a schedule leading up to Christmas that only the real Santa could beat. He had been originally asked to be Santa for Light Up Kinross – the annual switching on of the town Christmas lights – but his Santa job grew and grew. Perhaps he had the right shape, and he certainly had the right style. Dressed as Santa on a surprise visit to a Kirk Session meeting last December, he persuaded the minister (Joanne Finlay) to sit on his knee.
 - then there was MTKY – Musical Theatre for Kinross Youth. John helped out from the start ten years ago, drummed up support from the town, and always helped front of house.
 - and finally, in a disguise that fooled no-one, John was the 'grumpy sheep', dressed in a loose-knitted sheep costume in the annual Kinross churches' Family week for 200 children in August. Throughout the year, children would recognise him in the street as the grumpy sheep – though 'grumpy' was not really in John's nature. It is this last activity that tells us so much of John's true character. He had no sense of self importance about him, in spite of his many achievements. He was very happy to mix in with the team and if that meant being a figure of fun for the children, so be it. John was always looking for a way to lighten the mood, to find the pulse of life in a situation and to lift people up.
- John was a Rotarian, joining in Monifieth in the early 1980s, and a member of St John's in Perth before coming to

Obituaries *continued*

Kinross. The Rotarians' motto was John's motto for life: 'Service Above Self'. There was no one he would not offer to help. If ever there was a breach, he would step into it. – Look up the meaning of that phrase, 'stepping into the breach' and you'll find:

"to do someone's work when they are suddenly not able to do it."

"to do work that someone else is not able or not willing to do."

The phrase fits John. Not only would he stand in at short notice, but he would also do the work someone else was not willing to do. When he took early retirement from the Bank, he had even more time to help. In Kinross Parish Church I knew that I could rely on John to volunteer. He would stand in as Beadle on Sundays, and at funerals. On a Sunday, when someone didn't turn up to count the collection, John would do it without being asked. Quietly he would cover in all sorts of situations without seeking thanks. You could rely completely on him.

John made everyone feel welcome and appreciated. I think he himself knew how important it is to be loved and to belong, and so he went out of his way to help others to belong and to feel appreciated. John was loveable and mischievous with as sense of humour matched only by his humility.

He made Kinross his home for the last 16 years, and I think Kinross is a place where he truly felt at home, right here in the midst of people, one of the team, enthusing others.

John is survived by his wife Betty, daughter Karen and son-in-law Andy.

Tribute by the Rev Dr John Munro

STUART BAND of Benarty, by Vane Farm, was killed in a tragic car accident Thursday 3 September 2009. He would have been 26 on 11 October.

Stuart was born in Bedford and when he was nine the family moved to Scotland. Stuart attended Milnathort Primary School, Kinross High School and Perth College (University of Highlands and Islands) where he attained a BSc in Computing and Software Development. Stuart was always hardworking and dedicated; while at college he worked at Moto in the forecourt and the shop, often on night shifts. After his graduation he started with David Sands full time in IT support, travelling extensively to sites throughout the local area. He moved to VME retail at Crook of Devon where in a similar job he covered a wider geographic location.

Stuart enjoyed spending time with friends, music, modifying his black competition Saxo, driving and computing. Stuart had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances from close friends who he had known since his primary school days to others who he met on web forums. Many of his friends have said he was always there to listen and offer words of wisdom. Stuart had a wicked sense of humour and was liked by everyone.

Stuart was a much loved son, brother, cousin, nephew and friend, and will be sadly missed.



Acknowledgements

BAND – Sandy, Linda and Katrina (Kat) wish to thank all relatives, friends and colleagues for their support, kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, telephone calls and visits received during their tragic loss. Special thanks to his friends for the musical compilation played at the Church and the tribute by Stewart Lloyd.

Thanks to Stewart Funeral Directors for their care and compassion in handling the funeral arrangements, Rev Alan Reid for his comforting service and all who paid their last respects at Kinross Parish Church and the North Cemetery. The generous donation for Ninewells Neonatal unit amounted to £968.

GOODWIN – Carole Goodwin and sons wish to express their deepest thanks for all the cards and expressions of sympathy received after the sudden death of David at home in Kinnesswood. This support and affection has been a great help at this difficult time. Many thanks also to Duncan Stewart, funeral directors and the Lomond Country Inn.

STEWART – Betty and Karen would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and other expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss of John. Thanks to Dr Campbell, Jill the district nurse and staff at Loch Leven Health Centre. Thanks also to Gordon of Stewart Funeral Directors for his compassion and care. Thank you to everyone who visited John while in hospital and at home, and to all who offered assistance during John's stay in hospital. We were overwhelmed by the kindness shown at this difficult time. Thanks to the Rev Alan Reid who led the wonderful celebration of John's life and to the Rev Dr John Munro for his beautiful tribute to John. Thanks to all who attended the service at Kinross Parish Church. The generous sum of £2,236.40 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Recently bereaved? Needing some support? AMONGST FRIENDS

(Bereavement Group)

meets at the Health Centre, Lathro, Kinross
on the last Friday of the month, 2.30pm to 4pm
A warm welcome awaits all

For details phone

Hazel 01577 863461 or Marg 01577 863557

Healing Rooms Kinross

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

For further information please call 07766515950 or 07732485305 or visit www.healingrooms-scotland.com

PLANNING PERMISSION BUILDING WARRANTS

McNeil Partnership is a locally based practice with LOCAL knowledge providing drawings and processing applications for Planning permission and Building Warrants.

We specialise in Extensions, Attic Conversions, Conservatories, Porches and Internal and External Alterations.

Contact **Eric or Fiona McNeil**

01577 863000

For free advice

Playgroups & Nurseries

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

Babies and Toddlers (birth – 3yrs)
Tues 9:30am - 11:00am

Playgroup (2yrs onwards)
Mon & Fri 10:00am – 12noon

Contact Carolyn Robertson 01383 831129

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact - Tracey 01577 863468

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 11.15 (term time only)

Suitable for children from about 18 months to pre-school. We have lots to offer including playdo, painting, craft, dressing up and a variety of toys. A snack is also provided. This is also a great place for parents and carers to have a coffee and chat whilst their children play. Younger siblings welcome.

The club will restart after the summer holidays on 20th August.

Contact Sophie Irvine on 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 - Fiona Eastop 01577 864194

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



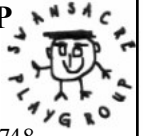
SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association

aka Swansacre Playgroup

Registered Scottish Charity Number SCO17748



TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacreplaygroup.org.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 9.15-11.45am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

Rising Fives Mon & Wed 1.00-3.15pm, with lunch club beforehand.

This is complementary to Nursery.

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 Amanda 861434.

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

Contact: Susan Britton 01577 863385 or 07737 461 293

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

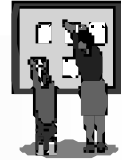
Village Hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

9.30am to 11.30am during term time

A healthy snack is provided for children and tea/coffee and biscuits for carers. We also provide a craft activity each week.

First session free and £2 thereafter (£1 for second child). All welcome.

Contact Jenny Holt-Brook on 01577 830577, email jennyholtbrook@yahoo.co.uk or just come along.



Notices

Music in Kinross Parish Church

Saturday 3 October

Maestro Cabaret perform *Getting to Know You!*
Amanda Beveridge, Ian Grieve and Michael Ellacott

Tickets £10

Sunday 18 October

An evening with Bruce Davies, singer/composer
Tickets £5, children free

Sunday 15 November

Aleksander Kudayczyk plays Chopin in Kinross Parish Church (time to be confirmed). Fine Polish pianist
Ticket £10(£8) children free.

Orwell Bowling Club

BINGO TEA

Wednesday 7 October 7.00 for 7.30pm

Entry £1 including refreshments

Bring your own cup please

Lancastria Association of Scotland SC039936

COFFEE MORNING

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Saturday 17 October

10.30am – 12.30pm

Lancastria Display, Stalls, Raffle and Lucky Ticket Draw
All proceeds for the Lancastria Memorial Fund

Tickets (£2.50) at the door or from

Fiona Symon, 01577 863879.

This memorial is for the 4,000-7,000 who lost their lives on
17 June 1940 at St Nazaire in the greatest loss of life in
British maritime history.

Kinross Museum Trust

Annual General Meeting

Kinross Church Centre, 68 High Street

7.30pm Tuesday 20 October

to be followed by

the AGM of the Friends of the Museum

Michael Bruce Trust

Annual Illustrated Talk

“In search of the lost names of the Bishopshire”

by Professor David Munro

7.30pm Thursday 22 October

Portmoak Parish Hall

Tea/coffee

Entry £4

Recycle your waste and help the Friends of Wumenu Community Farm

(Charity No SC037724)

www.friendsofwumenfarm.org.uk

The charity will take: old agricultural tools, bikes, clothes, fabrics, old sewing machines, art materials, duvets, curtains, blankets and bedding, kitchenware, toys, clothes, play equipment, power tools, garden tools household furniture and unwanted electrical goods in any condition. All goods can be collected.

Telephone Graham Holden on 01577 864115.

Health and Well Being Day for Breast Cancer Charities

Queen Margaret Breast Care Unit for Faxitron Machine (Fife Health Board Acute Endowment Fund) SC011988.

Ninewells Cancer Campaign SC015096.

Sunday 18 October, 11am – 4pm

Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

Tickets £5 (includes a glass of bubbly!)

on sale at The Shop at The Green and The Complete Look
Health and Beauty Salon or pay at the door

Stalls:

Silver Experience Jewellery, Laura's Chocolates,
Pampered Chef, Virgin Vie, Complete Look, Naturopathic Nutrition, Linda Cowan (Crystals, Angels etc), Home Enhancer (lamps, cushions etc), Cala Jewellery, Integro Dress for Success,
Mini IQ Books for Children, Sporting Chance, Zoe Faucet Wooden Hearts and Crafts, Jem Jewellery, Michelle's Homebaking,
Sarah Jane Flowers, Mainbrace, Anne Summers.

Therapies:

Reiki, Complete Look Nails and Hand Massage, Craniosacral Therapy, Shiatsu, Indian Head Massage, Tai Foot Massage, Laughter Healing, Hypnotherapist, Facial Reflexology, NLP, Life Coaching, Psychics and Clairvoyants, Angel Card Readings.

Classes:

Pilates, Dance Aerobics, Yoga, Salsa Dancing, Pole Dancing, Tai Chi.
We need pink balloons – if anyone could donate them – and pink anything really!

We also need a big banner for the end of the road, if anyone knows who could do this for us!

For more information contact Zoe Tod 07974075086.

The Big Weekend - Battle of the Bands

Are you aged 12 to 25 years old?

Are you in a band?

Would you like to 'battle' it out for a fantastic first prize?

We are looking for bands to take part in our first ever Battle of the Bands to be held at the new Loch Leven Community Campus on **Sunday 22 November**.

If you are interested please get in contact for more information: Clare McCance, CLD Worker,

Youth Work Kinross Community Learning Base

cmccance@pkc.gov.uk

01577 863439

Hedges/Bushes/Trees

Causing Obstruction

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

Central Scotland Autograss Club PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Church Centre, Kinross

Wednesday 21 October at 7pm

All Welcome

Kinross Floral Art Club

will meet in the Windlestrae Hotel
on

Thursday 22 October

At 7.15 pm prompt

Demonstrator – Mrs Linda Sowter

Title – ‘Magical Memories’

All welcome to come and join us for a fun evening

Dollar Music Society 2009 -1010

- 3 Oct The Whistlebinkies: an enjoyable evening of traditional and Celtic music. Includes fiddle, bagpipes and clarsach.
- 7 Nov Opera on a Shoestring: four singers and one pianist present a gala performance of arias and ensembles with Viennese connections.
- 6 Feb Daniel Grimwood: a talented young pianist will play works by Chopin, Greig and Liszt.
- 6 Mar Katharine Durran (piano) with Rafał Zambrzycki-Payne (violin): an exceptional concert comprising sonatas by Beethoven, Janacek, Mozart and Brahms.

All concerts are held in The Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy and start at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7 per adult single (children free) or membership of the Society costs £19 (single), £36 (family). Dollar Music Society is a member of Making Music and is subsidised by Enterprise Music Scotland. We would be very pleased to see you at any or all of our concerts. For further information please contact Andrea Ross, tel: 01259 742014 or Jan Bradley: 01259 742652.



Kinross-shire Fund Grants available for local community projects

e.g. *Events, Information, Transport, Welfare,
Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for
Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations*

For more information and to download an application form,
see www.kinross-shirefund.org or contact Annabel Bath
on 0131 524 0300
or email Annabel@scottishcf.org



Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

Wee Springers Classes

For children aged 18 months – 5 years.

Mondays and Wednesdays at Loch Leven Leisure Centre.
A fun and stimulating gymnastics based class, developing social, physical and creative skills.

Contact Loch Leven Leisure Centre on 01577 863368
for further information.

Milnathort Babies and Toddler Group

Charity SCO15472

PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

Friday 23 October

Our annual Photography Day is approaching fast!

This year **Gavin Anderson Photography** will be taking our photos in his studio.

Some slots are ‘school friendly’ to accommodate family slots, and will be approx 10 mins in duration.

Slot times: 9.30am – 1pm. 2pm – 5.30pm.

To book a slot either fill in the form at Toddler group, or contact Fiona Ferrier 01577 861321.

There will be choice of 3 photos and approx 4 packages.

Prices range from £15 to £30.

www.gavinandersonphotography.com

98 Stirling Road, Milnathort

Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Bible Series part 3

Thursday 29 October at 7.30pm

Fossway Church, Crook of Devon

Speaker: Rev Colin Sinclair

Cleish and Fossway Choir and friends CHORAL CONCERT

The Creation

Joseph Haydn

Sunday 1 November

Cleish Church, 7.30pm

Tickets £5 from choir members or at the door

CEILIDH

with entertainment by Tom Webster and Friends

Friday 20 November at 7.30pm

Windlestrae Hotel

Tickets: £7.50, includes haggis, neeps and tatties

For tickets contact:

Tom 01577 862889 or Vi 01577 863244

raising funds for The Western General Hospital, Edinburgh



KLEO looking for storage space



Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation (KLEO) is looking for lockable storage space in Kinross (for event equipment).

e-mail: bouwien@kleo.org.uk or 01577 863107

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross.

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 624301; Appointment line 01738 564304.

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

Tuesday 20 October between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Mrs M Traylor (01383) 830059,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Fossoway & District: Secy: Trudy Duffy-Wigman (01577) 840669,
FossowayCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Portmoak: Secy: Mr J Bird (01592) 840368,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Community Councillors

Susan Bathgate	42 High Street	864742
Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Dave Cuthbert (Chair)	Highfield Circle	861001
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Laura Mackay	Brunthill Farm	07809232740
Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Joe Richardson	47/49 High Street	863152
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson (Vice Chair)	70 Muirs	862685

Perth and Kinross Councillors

Kathleen Baird, Easter Clunie, Newburgh, Fife, KY14 6EJ
Tel (home): 01337 840218.
Email: kbaird@pkc.gov.uk
Michael Barnacle, Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon,
Kinross, KY13 0UZ. Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.
Email: Michael@mabarnacle.freeserve.co.uk
Sandy Miller, c/o Perth & Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth,
PH1 5PH. Tel (business): 01577 840462.
Email: SMiller@pkc.gov.uk
William Robertson, 85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross,
KY13 9XA. Tel (home): 01577 865178.
Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Recycling Centre, Bridgend

Temporary restrictions in place. No access to skips for cardboard, wood, inert waste or scrap metal until mid October approx. Skips available for general waste.

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

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

Kinross Temporary Library County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202
Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

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

NOTE: The Temporary Library at the County Buildings will CLOSE at 8pm on Thursday 22 October. The NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY at the Loch Leven Community Campus will OPEN at 10am on Thursday 29 October. That is, there will be no library facility for one week. See Article on p. 7 for further details.

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

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: constituency@gordonbanksmp.co.uk

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

MSP for Ochil Constituency Keith Brown MSP

will be holding regular

surgeries throughout his constituency area.

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

Keith can also be contacted by email at

keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

MSPs for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

Claire Baker MSP (Scot Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Ted Brocklebank MSP (Scot Cons) Tel: 0131 348 5610

Email: Ted.Brocklebank.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Murdo Fraser MSP (Scot Cons) Tel: 0131 348 5293

Email: Murdo.Fraser.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Christopher Harvie MSP (SNP) Tel: 0131 348 6765

Email: Christopher.Harvie.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

John Park MSP (Scot Lab) Tel: 0131 348 6753

Email: John.Park.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Dr Richard Simpson MSP (Scot Lab) Tel: 0131 348 6756

Email: Richard.Simpson.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

Email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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 Friday of the month** at 11am 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.

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays	2 pm - 4 pm
Saturdays	10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcoffice@btinternet.com

Mobile Library – Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: 7 & 21 October

Blairingone	9.30am - 9.45am
Westerloan, Milnathort	2.10pm - 3pm
Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort	3.05pm - 4pm

Any queries telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949

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	11.00 am,	Scrabble 1.30 pm

Additional Events for October

Last of the Summer Wine, Perth Theatre Wednesday 7th at 1.30 pm
Evergreen Clothing Thursday 29th at 10.30 am

Public Holiday

Please note the Day Centre will be closed on **Monday 5 October**



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



DOG GROOMING BY KIRSTEN

Qualified Groomer
19 years experience

All types of dogs
Bathed – Trimmed – Clipped
Nails and Ears attended to
Cats and small animals
Also groomed

For an appointment or further enquiries
TEL: 0771 647 2733

or email
kirsten.k9@blueyonder.co.uk

THCL

all your building needs

- Project Management • Individual Build Stage Packages
- Restorations / Extensions / New Build Properties
- All Trades Supplied

For further information or for a free quotation
 please call Malcolm Thomson on **01383 518000**
 or email **malcolm.thomson@thcl.net**
www.thcl.net

GARDEN MACHINERY SHARPENED AND SERVICED

- LAWNMOWERS
- CHAINSAWS
- HEDGETRIMMERS
- STRIMMERS
- STONECUTTERS
- ALL SMALL PLANT

Don't delay
Contact George Shorthouse now on

01577 863245 or 07842 195037

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website before applying to check whether a position is still available. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Ice Assistant (part time), Green Hotel Curling Rink.

- 20-25 hour per week
- Responsible for the maintenance of the ice throughout the season
- Use of operational equipment and supplies are important for you to maintain the quality of the ice
- Full training will be given
- The ideal candidate must be very flexible with working hours as you will be required to work some evenings and weekends as required.

Applications in writing should be sent to Steven Kerr, Green Hotel Curling Rink, 2 Muirs, Kinross KY13 8AS or via email curling@green-hotel.com

Centre Assistant (part time), RSPB Vane Farm.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, outgoing person with a pleasant manner and good customer care skills to help out in our shop and coffee shop. Retail and catering experience would be an advantage but is not essential as training will be given.

Hours: Flexible but will entail some weekend work. Contract: six months. Salary: £5.73 - £5.89 per hour. Please download an application pack from www.rspb.org.uk or contact Debbie Hardie on 01577 862355.

Orwell Dramatic Society

Murder Mysteries

Saturday – **31 October 2009** at The Green Hotel, The Muirs. Tel. 01577 863467.

Saturday – **7 November 2009** at The Grouse & Claret, Heatherford. Tel. 01577 864212.

Early December at the Green Hotel, The Muirs. Tel. 01577 863467

The Big Christmas Play – A Christmas Carol

Running for a week – **Early December** at our new school.



**Friends of Wumenu
Community Farm**

present

AFRICEILIDH

Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross
24 October at 7.30pm

Cameron Kellow Ceilidh Band
Callum Brown on pipes
African music and drums



Tickets

Adult £15,
Family £40 (two adults & up to 3 children 13 and under)

Tickets available from Janet Harper, 01577 840225
or Amu Logoste, 07985 623870
or Graham Holden, 07760 205996

Come and try our Scottish and African Stovies

Scottish charity number SC037724



Classified Adverts

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter.

Items for Sale

Britax First Class child car seat **£4500**

Birth to 18kg (birth to 4 yrs) child car seat. Highly rated by Which? Excellent condition. Black/grey.

Seller details: Lynne Gallagher 01577 866747

Email: lynnegall@btconnect.com

Britax Duo Plus "isofix" child car seat **£5000**

9 months to 4 years car seat. Highly rated by Which? Black/grey. Great condition.

Seller details: Lynne Gallagher 01577 866747

Email: lynnegall@btconnect.com

Britax Excel travel system pram and child car seat **£7000**

Suitable from birth to 3 years. Extras: parasol, net, cosy toes cover.

Seller details: Lynne Gallagher 01577 866747

Email: lynnegall@btconnect.com

Dark Navy Leather 3 piece suite **£400.00**

Includes footstool - excellent condition & leather grade - cost £2000 (approx 5 years ago).

Seller details: Yvonne Wardrope 0773 8218650

Email: Yvonne@myrepark.plus.com

Mamas and Papas buggy **£85.00**

Brand new, never used Mamas and papas buggy with footmuff, changing bag, changing mat, raincover, cup holder grey/blue in colour, beautiful buggy, lightweight.

Seller details: Andrew Muirhead 07719638153

Email: andrewmuirhead@ekit.com

Mamas and Papas cot **£25.00**

Antique pine cot. Used only for one child. Although it is recommended to use new mattress with every child, the mattress is free if someone needs it.

Seller details: Andrew Muirhead 07719638153

Email: andrewmuirhead@ekit.com

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

Lochend Farm Shop Scotlandwell

New seasons Potatoes and Vegetables
fresh from the field daily
Broccoli Cauliflower Cabbage Carrots Spinach
are a few of what we sell

Home Baking Scones, Fruit Pies, etc to take away,
can also be ordered in advance.

open seven days 9am-6pm
Coffee Shop closes at 5.45pm

Tel: 01592 840 745
for more info or to book a table

Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
Diary of Events can be found on www.kinross.cc*

October			Page
Thu, Fri	1, 2	Last chance to see the old High School	29
Sat	3	Maestro Cabaret perform <i>Getting to Know You!</i>	12, 81
Sat	3	Milnathort in Bloom spring bulb planting	47
Sun	4	Fungi Foray	69
Mon	5	Public Holiday - Day Centre closed	86
Tue	6	Fossoway & District CC meets	27
Tue	6	Lodge St Serf meets regularly	45
Wed	7	Kinross CC meets	19
Wed	7	Curling Clinic	61
Wed	7	Orwell Bowling Club Bingo Tea	81
Wed	7	Mobile library visits fortnightly	85
Thu	8	Milnathort CC meets	20
Thu	8	Kinross Garden Group meets	42
Sat	10	Portmoak Film Society presents: The Flying Scotsman	42
Sun	11	Dawn Goose Watch	69
Tue	13	Portmoak CC meets	24
Tue	13	Milnathort in Bloom AGM	47
Sat	17	Kinross in Bloom winter planting	37
Sat	17	Milnathort in Bloom clean-up	47
Sat	17	Dawn Goose Watch & Wild Goose Chase	69
Sat	17	Coffee Morning - Lancastria Association	81
Sun	18	An evening with Bruce Davies	12, 81
Sun	18	Kinross Junior Curling Club Come & Try	61
Sun	18	Health and Well Being Day	81
Mon	19	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	1
Mon	19	Cleish & Blairadam CC meets	28
Mon	19	Historical Society meeting: From a Baim to a Baldie	46
Tue	20	Joint AGMs - Museum Trust and Friends of Kinross Museum	29, 81
Tue	20	Blythswood Care at Sainsbury's	82
Wed	21	Central Autograss Club Public Consultation	81
Thu	22	Floral Art Club: Magical Memories	82
Thu	22	Library closes for one week	7
Thu	22	Michael Bruce Trust Illustrated Talk	81
Fri-Wed	23-28	Kinross High School closed to pupils	7, 29
Fri	23	Common Grounds AGM	45
Fri	23	Photography Day - Milnathort Babies & Toddlers	82
Sat	24	Africeilidh for Friends of Wumenu Community Farm	87
Sat	24	Summer's End Market	33
Sat	24	Adult Beginners Curling Course begins	61
Sat, Sun	24, 25	Feed the Birds	69
Sun	25	British Summer Time ends (clocks go back one hour at 2am BST)	
Sun	25	Dance a Story workshop for adults	12, 73
Sun	25	Fungi Foray	69
Wed	28	Friends of Kirkgate Park AGM	47
Thu	29	LOCH LEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS OPENS	7, 29
Thu	29	Hitchhiker's Guide to the Bible part 3	82
Sat	31	Murder Mystery - Orwell Dramatic Soc / Green Hotel	87
Sat	31	Halloween Fun in the Hide	69
November			Page
Sun	1	Joseph Hayden 'The Creation' - Cleish & Fossoway Choir	82
Tue	3	High School Parent Council meets	30
Fri-Sun	20-22	Community Celebration - Loch Leven Community Campus	6
Sun	22	Battle of the Bands	81
Thu	26	Light Up Kinross	46