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# Letters

## Editorial

### New Campus

By the time this Newsletter is published, the new community campus will have just opened. We wish Library staff and High School staff and pupils all the best in their new workplace, and hope the whole Kinross-shire community will benefit from the new facilities. There are references to the new campus throughout the Newsletter, but we'd like to draw your attention in particular to the Programme of Events for the Big Weekend (pages 7 and 8). This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to see the facilities on offer, try out new activities and celebrate the opening.

### Club Secretaries

Just a reminder to contributors that there is no 'stand-alone' January issue of the Newsletter. Instead we have a joint January/February issue, which will be published on 23 January 2010. So if you want to publicise an event happening in the first three weeks in January, you might want to put something in the December 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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

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CC = Community Council

Cllr = Councillor

CCllr = Community Councillor

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## Supporting the Troops

17.10.09

Our eldest son, Peter, is a serving soldier in Afghanistan and will be there until next Easter – it's a long haul for him, for his lovely young wife, and us in his extended family and friends. The time passes much quicker for him than it does for those of us "who watch and wait".... In these days of instant communications, 24 hour news bulletins, the net, Facebook, Twitter, texts etc, it doesn't take long for any news to get home. Whenever there is casualty out there, the outgoing news means are frozen for the troops, until, quite properly, the family can be told in the right way, not find out by watching Sky news.

These are some thoughts on what impact the whole thing really has on those at home, and comes with no political message of wrongs or rights. The fact is the Government has sent our troops to carry out a mission, and we back home must support the 7500 men and women 100% to the hilt, so that they feel that support during their tour.

Helmand province is hot by day, and at this time of year, very cold at night. It is dusty, it is dirty, it is basic living, it is dangerous, and it is very far away... all these factors add up to it being a major personal challenge. The fact is, however, they relish it – it's what they are extremely well trained to do, and it's what they joined for – they are all volunteers. They are fit, hard, professional, gritty young men and women (lots of them are out there), and they all intend to make a good account of themselves. They are there for their chums, for their platoon, their regiment. They are there for their friends, and good old-fashioned reasons of self pride, and pride in their unit. They intend to show that their unit will be much better than the next one. Taking but one example, look at the miracles the medics do there for British AND, in many instances, for Afghan casualties – many of these are loaned by the NHS to do this fantastic work.

For the families it's long, and hard. Different people tackle it in different ways.... Some sit waiting for that fearful knock on the door at dawn, when a Padre and Officer stand at the door to break some bad news, and that has happened 221 times in this campaign. They sit glued to the TV news channels. Others take a more positive view, and like my family, make a conscious decision that we are not going to WORRY - it serves no purpose, we can't change the outcomes out there, we can't prevent a roadside bomb, we can't change a shooting incident, but we can make the most of our lives, we can say a prayer, we can light a candle every morning for our boy, and we can take pride in him, his mates and his Regiment.

God Speed to all of you out there – we love you and we support you.

Anyone wanting to make a donation to service charities supporting the men and women there can contact me....

OR

any other family in the Kinross area with loved ones out in Afghanistan are asked to make contact: perhaps we can have a local support network/meet to bolster each other, and share our pride in what our boys/girls are doing out there so bravely, and so uncomplainingly.

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**A977 Mitigation measures****17.10.09**

In November 2004 Friends of Rural Kinross-shire (FORK), representing the community, together with Cllr Barnacle and representatives from P&KC Roads Department gave evidence at the Public Inquiry into the new Kincardine Bridge. We argued strongly that the new bridge would attract a significant increase in traffic on the A977 with a consequent adverse impact on the communities along that road. At the Public Inquiry P&KC put forward a series of traffic mitigation measures, including roundabouts, controlled pedestrian crossings and additional footpaths in the villages between Blairingone and Turfhill – this was costed at £1m. The Reporter sidestepped this matter in his report and made no specific recommendation regarding traffic mitigation measures. However our then MSP, George Reid, raised the issue with the Minister of Transport who offered a token amount of some £150,000. This fell well short of what we all considered was needed to have any value in reducing the impact of increased traffic on the safety and welfare of the community.

In 2005 we appealed directly to the Minister and a meeting was arranged at which we again presented our case for £1m funding – we were supported by George Reid, MSP, Cllr Barnacle and representatives of P&KC. The outcome was unsatisfactory as the Minister had been briefed against our case by his officials – the recurring theme in all the meetings was that the A977 is only a local road carrying local traffic with only a small amount of through traffic. The Minister did however agree to raise the Scottish Government funding to £250,000 – enough to fund one roundabout!

After further approaches to Transport Scotland, which were rejected on the same spurious arguments, it was decided that the only way forward was to petition the Scottish Government Public Petitions Committee. This was prepared in the autumn of 2008, led by Fossoway CC and over 1100 residents signed the petition. This was presented to the Petitions Committee in January 2009. The Petitions

Committee referred the matter to Transport Scotland and funding was rejected again. It became clear that the only funding forthcoming for traffic mitigation measures was the original £250,000.

At a recent meeting of Fossoway CC, Perth & Kinross Council presented their plans for the £250,000. Two Controlled Pedestrian crossings have already been installed, at Powmill and Blairingone at a cost of £64,000. This will of course be of value to those communities – and indeed was part of the original plan. However the Council now proposes to spend the remainder of the money on:

1. Widening footpaths in Kinross which are not even on the A977.
2. An additional footpath on the south side of the A977 between Turfhill and Balado – there is already one on the north side.
3. Provision of a cycle route between Kinross and Powmill – this has no relevance to the safety and welfare of communities in the villages.
4. Provision of bus bays and shelters – not justified as there is only a skeleton bus service along this road and the community rely on private transport.

It is quite ridiculous to be spending £75,000 on these latter items as they “*may reduce traffic volumes on the A977*” – this is mythical rather than real and we suggest that P&KC look at the reality of the bus timetables.

It is simply an insult to the community to suggest that most of what is proposed will mitigate the impact of traffic, especially heavy goods vehicles, on their daily lives. It is therefore outrageous that the limited funding, given expressly for providing some relief for the communities in the villages along the A977, is to be diverted away for other purposes impact of increased traffic. The initial reaction of the communities affected is outrage and it is clear that this proposal must be resisted with utmost vigour.

Frank Wellman  
on behalf of FORK  
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# News & Articles

## Kinross-shire community sports partnership

Local sport is to be given a massive boost through the creation of a new Sports Partnership.

Led by Perth & Kinross Council's Sports Development Team in conjunction with sportscotland, Perth and Kinross Leisure, Active Schools and the Sports Council, the Partnership aims to provide a local focus for the development of sport in Kinross-shire.

Commenting on the formation of the Partnership, the Council's Sports Development Manager Alan Clark said, "Local clubs and communities are by far the largest providers of sport in Perth and Kinross so it is extremely important any Sports Development initiative is locally identified and driven. The Kinross-shire Community Sports Partnership will enable local clubs to do this with professional support through Perth and Kinross Leisure, Sports Development and Active Schools.

"I am fully committed to the Partnership and see it shaping the way Perth and Kinross Sports Development works in the future. Given the partners involved and the facilities available, the potential to develop sport in Kinross-shire is huge."

Sports Council area representative and Kinross Cricket Club Chairman, John Ross commented,

"Kinross Cricket Club has gone from strength to strength over the last four years. We now have over 200 members of all ages and abilities. In order to do this we have worked with and received support from a wide range of partners including all those within the Kinross-shire Community Sports Partnership. I am delighted this approach has now been formalised to make it easy for other clubs within the area to do the same."

Currently the main focus for the work of the Partnership will revolve around the programming of the sports facilities at Loch Leven Community Campus and the opening weekend on 20 – 22 November. Following this, clubs and community groups can expect a great deal of support.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Kinross-shire Community Sports Partnership or what it may be able to do for their club should either contact Alan Clark at [ABClark@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ABClark@pkc.gov.uk) or visit the stall at the Community Campus opening weekend.

## Welcome to your new community campus

*by Perth & Kinross Council*

Education and community provision for Kinross and Kinross-shire has taken a major leap forward in the last few days as the Loch Leven Community Campus opened its doors.

The campus has been delivered on time and combines state of the art classrooms with the latest sports and cultural facilities to provide first class services for education, leisure and recreation. Areas available for community use include a brand new community library; a museum displaying local historical artefacts, managed by the Kinross Museum Trust; meeting rooms; gym; fitness suite; dance studio; climbing wall; lecture theatre; drama and recording studio; music rooms; full size all-weather pitch, and hall with cinema-style projection.



*Loch Leven Community Campus, now open for business!*

Ensuring effective transport and road safety arrangements for the campus and all who use it has also been a key focus for Perth & Kinross Council.

Three new Toucan pedestrian crossings have been installed close to the campus. These are located on The Muirs north of Lathro Park and north of Gallowhill Road, and on Lethangie Road. The school crossing patroller for Kinross High School is now working at the Toucan crossing on The Muirs, south of the campus.

A part-time mandatory 20mph speed limit will apply along part of The Muirs and Lethangie Road during term time. In addition, the existing 30mph speed limit on Lethangie Road will be extended to include the front of the campus.

In an effort to prevent congestion and reduce road safety risks, parents are also being encouraged not to use a car to drop off Kinross High School pupils in the immediate vicinity of the campus.

A special transport and travel information leaflet providing all the key details has been produced as part of the Council's travel and road safety strategy and this is available from the Community Campus reception.

See the following pages for more details of **The Big Weekend, 20-22 November** when the campus will be the focus for a whole host of special events. The Big Weekend has been organised by the Council and local organisations to celebrate the opening of the campus and showcase the facilities available on-site and the opportunities to use these facilities in diverse ways for lifelong learning, arts, sports and leisure, and community activities.

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There is a huge, exciting array of activities planned for The Big Weekend to celebrate the new community campus and everyone is welcome. All the activities are FREE (except the MTKY Show and the Ceilidh).

“I hope you will take this opportunity to visit your marvellous new community campus” said Dick Keatings, Campus Leader.

#### *Special Arrangements*

**Tickets for ‘A Medley of Musicals’** can be purchased from MTKY – contact Lynn 863271 or Isobel 862970.

**Tickets for ‘The Big Campus Ceilidh’** are available from the campus reception. (This event is supported by the Kinross High School PTA.)

**The Caroline Bowditch Dance Workshop:** Places on this can be booked in advance by those who are physically disabled or visually impaired. (This workshop is supported by the Kinross-shire Partnership.)

**Sports Activities:** If you are taking part in a sports activity, please wear suitable footwear (non-marking soles in indoor areas)!

Appropriate clothing should be worn for all activities.

Food and refreshments will be available throughout the weekend.

For further information about The Big Weekend:

Telephone Campus reception on 01577 867200 or

E-mail Derek Morris at [dmorris@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk](mailto:dmorris@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk)

There may be changes to the programme after this Newsletter goes to press. Programme leaflets will be available from campus reception or from local shops and details will be on the community website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## A chance for all to dance

The Open Dance Workshop taking place from 12-2pm on the Sunday of The Big Weekend is part of a project called *Let's Dance*.

The session is led by Caroline Bowditch, who is the Scottish Dance Theatre's Dance Agent for Change. It is part of a series of dance performances, discussions and dance workshops organised in collaboration with Perth College, Horsecross and P&KC.



*Caroline Bowditch takes the lead at her dance workshop*

The *Let's Dance* project aims to question assumptions about who can dance, and what dance is all about. The sessions are designed to raise these issues and give everybody the chance to dance, in a wheelchair accessible space.

The dance project is open to everyone, particularly local people who may have a physical disability, learning disability, sensory impairment or another access issue which has hindered their access to dance opportunities in the past. The Council's Arts Development Service is keen to hear from any groups or individuals who may be interested in getting involved.

The Arts Development Service is also keen to hear from you if you have a physical disability and currently find local services hard to access.

For further details, contact Liz Conacher, the Council's Arts Development Officer, on 01738 477849 or e-mail [LConacher@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:LConacher@pkc.gov.uk)

## The Big Weekend Programme

### Friday 20 November

10.00 - 12.00	Library activities - crafts, storytelling etc. Under 3s, 3 – 6yrs, 6 – 12yrs.
1.00 - 2.00	Drama workshop (P1 – P3).
1.00 - 5.00	Youth services activities – crafts, cookery fun, photography etc.
2.15 - 3.15	Drama workshop and performance (P4 – P7).
6.00 - 7.00	School drama performance.
6.30 - 8.30	Perth & Kinross schools big band open rehearsal.
7.00 - 9.15	“A Medley of Musicals” by MTKY. Tickets priced £5/£3 available from MTKY: Lynn 01577 863271 or Isobel 01577 862970

## The Big Weekend Programme (continued)

### Saturday 21 November

9.00 - 5.00	The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (Dundee, Perth and Angus branch). Solo piping and drumming competitions.
10.00 - 5.00	Library activities – family trees, rhymetime, Oxford online resources etc. Call in to the library for more details.
10.00 - 10.45	“Oscar And The Deep Sea Pearl” – puppet show, by Mousetales Puppets. For 4 - 11 yrs.
10.00 - 12.00	Samba music workshops (instruments supplied).
10.00 - 1.00	7-a-side football tournament (10/11 yrs).
10.00 - 12.00	Girls football tournament • “Come and try” curling – all ages. • “Inflatable Fun” and PKL taster sessions.
10.00 - 11.00	“Dance A Story” – Dance for early years.
10.00 - 3.00	Fitness suite inductions. Places must be booked.
10.15 - 10.45	PKL Wee Springers gymnastics (18 months - 3 years).
11.00 - 11.45	PKL Wee Springers gymnastics (3 - 5 years).
11.00 - 3.00	Craft Fair. Local clubs / services / groups / charities fair.
12.00 - 1.30	Boxing – Kinross Boxing Academy.
12.00 - 2.00	“Come and try” table tennis. • “Come And try” activities (badminton, basketball, short tennis etc.) • Tennis – for all ages.
12.00 - 12.45	“Oscar And The Deep Sea Pearl” – puppet show, by Mousetales Puppets. For 4 - 11 yrs.
1.00 - 1.45	PKL Gymnastics.
2.00 - 2.45	PKL Gymnastics.
2.00 - 3.00	Perth & Kinross Schools Jazz Band.
2.00 - 4.00	Equestrian vaulting demonstration. • Touch Rugby - come and try for all ages.
2.30 - 4.00	“Dance Connect” – dance workshop for young people.
2.45 - 3.15	School drama group (S4) performance.
3.00 - 4.30	Singing workshop (16+).
3.00 - 4.00	Volleyball (12+).
3.30 - 4.00	School drama group (S5) performance.
5.00 - 6.30	Orwell Drama Group.
7.00 - 11.00	“The Big Campus Ceilidh”. Tickets Priced £5/£2.50 (Includes Supper). Available From Campus Reception.

### Sunday 22 November

10.00 - 3.00	Fitness suite inductions. Places must be booked.
10.00 - 11.00	Aerobics - come and try
10.00 - 12.00	Dance workshop with Claire McDonald. • Inflatable fun, PKL taster sessions.
11.00 - 12.30	Joint church service and activities.
11.00 - 12.00	Gymnastics display. • Karate.
12.00 - 2.00	Open dance workshop with Caroline Bowditch. Suitable for all, including physically disabled and visually impaired (places can be booked).
12.00 - 1.00	Belly dancing.
12.00 - 2.00	Hockey – girls/boys/ladies/men. • Tennis – all ages. • Youth services activities: Wii competition & Playstation 3 battle.
12.30 - 2.00	Perth & Kinross schools fiddle group.
1.00 - 3.00	Curling – all ages.
2.00 - 4.00	Dance workshop with Lauren Ryznar. • Cricket – all ages.
2.00 - 3.30	Perth & Kinross Schools Choir.
2.00 - 5.00	Youth Music Event. Local bands “Blue Fuse” & “Dancing With Strangers” playing live – others to be confirmed.
3.00 - 4.30	Drama workshop and performance (S1-S6).

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## East to Mongolia!

**6 guys, 2 bangers, 10,000 miles, 1 goal – Charity!**

One, two, three, four, five, six. Yes it is true, all Kinross ralliers are back in the UK safely, somehow! After a pretty incredible experience which involved bandits, corrupt police, many mechanical and practical issues with two beat-up bangers, losing each other in the desert overnight, sleeping in yurts, lifting a car onto an 8-foot high trailer piled high with wool, pushing a car off an 8-foot trailer piled high with wool, navigating major pot-holes, experiencing driving across sand dunes, experiencing being stuck in deep sand miles from civilisation, river crossings, hundreds of camels, mosquitos, enduring the horrible taste of horses' milk, raw meat, snow, sun, sand storms, porridge snow-ball fights, Maestro, interesting border security guards, fitting Mongolian men etc etc, it is safe to say we experienced a fair bit!



*The nutznboltz boys arrive triumphantly at their destination*

As was reported previously we managed to raise £10,250 for charity and we hope to hold a cheque presentation in mid-November. If you haven't already got round to donating please do via [www.nutznboltz.webs.com](http://www.nutznboltz.webs.com)!

As you can imagine we have many stories which managed to evolve as we made our way east. We are currently putting together a short DVD of our trip with a mix of pictures and video diaries which highlights our trip with moments of complete madness which you can enjoy from the comforts of Kinross Rugby Club sometime in the New Year. Date to be announced in the near future. Again, thank you for your support! P.S. Thanks also to the inventor of Baby Wipes and for cans of tuna.

### The Kilted Christmas Tree Company

With Christmas fast approaching now is the time to think about this year's Christmas tree and decorations. This year The Kilted Christmas Tree Company will again donate the Christmas Tree and lights placed outside the County Buildings for the third year running, with the help of members of the Kinross Round Table to install it.

Once again we will be in attendance in the David Sands car park every Saturday and Sunday in December where you can view and buy our premium products. We will also be offering a free local delivery service to customers or for those further afield why not visit our website dedicated to Christmas [www.kiltedchristmastree.co.uk](http://www.kiltedchristmastree.co.uk) to see our fantastic selection. Should you use the website to order, please use this voucher code KIN10 which will deduct 10% for the final order, meanwhile we shall give the 10% you saved to Kinross Round Table for local charity work.

## News from the Health Centre



Our annual **flu vaccination campaign** takes place this month and we will be running clinics on the following dates: **Saturday 7, 14, 21 and 28 November**. The clinics on 7th and 14th are already fully booked, so please ensure that if you have not already made an appointment that you telephone us as soon as possible to arrange a suitable time. We would encourage all those over 65 or in an 'At Risk' group to come for the vaccination.

Please note that these Saturday clinics are for the administration of the seasonal flu vaccination only and not for the administration of the swine flu vaccination. When the swine flu vaccine is delivered to the Health Centre we will identify those people who are at particular risk and for whom priority vaccination is important. A specific invitation will then be issued to those patients who are eligible, outlining arrangements for vaccination. Further details about this will be published in the Kinross Newsletter as soon as we know when the vaccination will be delivered to the Health Centre.

On Saturday 26 September we held a very successful Open Day at the Health Centre. We welcomed over 130 patients through our doors and gave them a tour of the building. Staff were on hand to answer questions and show them around. Everyone was offered tea and biscuits in the Staff Room and we were very pleased with all the positive comments recorded in our Suggestions Book. We will also be trying to put in place some of the suggestions for improvements. For example, we have just installed a tannoy system for the clinicians to call patients and this seems to be an improvement as their voices can be heard more clearly. We will continue to implement suggestions wherever possible and are always keen to hear your views. A Suggestion Box is on the desk next to the Automatic Check-In screen or you may write to the Practice Manager, Jane Macnaughton.

The Health Centre is being officially opened by Sir Alan Smith on 30 October at 6pm. Sir Alan will unveil a plaque and there will be a reception afterwards to thank all of those who have helped to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new neighbours – the Loch Leven Community Campus. We have watched with interest as the project has developed and we are sure that it will provide another excellent facility for the people of Kinross-shire. However, the new building may perhaps cause a few traffic problems in the morning and afternoon. We would therefore encourage patients to leave a few more minutes for their journey if they have an appointment with us between 8.30am and 9.00am or 3.30pm to 4pm. Thank you.

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## The Milnathort Futures Trust

While planning issues, speeding cars and litter louts are the usual fare of Community Councils everywhere, a significant idea will sometimes present itself: this may be it. An approach has been made, through the CC, for the people of Milnathort to share in the financial benefits of a renewable energy scheme, on Tillyrie Hill. Although at this stage no concrete plans have been drawn up, the idea has been discussed by the CC and considered worthy of further study. Essentially, a scheme for the erection of three wind turbines is proposed, with one turbine being owned and operated by a Development Trust ('The Milnathort Futures Trust') on behalf of the residents of our CC Area (Area 49). At this stage the Development Trust has not yet been constituted.

The scheme cannot be criticised for lacking in ambition; a capital sum in excess of £1,000,000 would need to be raised for the creation of a single turbine of around 900 Kilowatts capacity. Initial discussions indicate that raising the money through a mixture of government grants and commercial loans should not be problematic. The main impediment, as in the case of similar, previous applications, might be the Planning Process.

Other similar schemes exist in Scotland, with the nearest to us being at Fintry (population 500) close to Stirling, where the Fintry Development Trust itself owns and operates one turbine in a wind farm comprising of fifteen turbines. These are large turbines of over 2 Megawatts each: the returns are proportionately large. The Fintry Development Trust, a company limited by guarantee and having charitable objects, wholly owns a trading company which operates the community turbine. The profits are remitted to the Development Trust for distribution in accordance with its constitution. The income presently generated is of the order of £50,000 to £100,000 per annum; once the loan is paid off, it could be as much as £400,000 per annum.

The members of the Trust, together with the directors of the subsidiary company, are unpaid volunteers. The initial profits are being spent on a survey of the insulation needs of every house in the village with a view to providing free insulation as required.

In the case of Milnathort, the profits from such a scheme could be channelled into a 'soft' flood prevention scheme on the Back Burn, upstream of Milnathort. Other ideas might include grants to householders for the installation of insulation, solar panels and photovoltaic panels, or to help with the installation of efficient condensing gas boilers. Grants might even be available for those persons experiencing 'fuel poverty'.

The vision is ambitious; it would need a widely based and enthusiastic membership of the Development Trust. Milnathort CC considers itself obliged to investigate the possibilities presented and would like to hear from as many people as possible residing in Area 49. Please e-mail me at [joseph.giacopazzi@btopenworld.com](mailto:joseph.giacopazzi@btopenworld.com).

In the coming months the Community Council will organise a public information meeting and hopes also to circulate as many households as possible with further information.

*Joe Giacopazzi, Chairman, Milnathort CC.*

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## From Bridges to Hunter's

The butcher's shop in Kinross is once again in the ownership of a Master Butcher. After two brief changes of owner after Bill Bridges retired, the business has been bought by Iain Hunter, who has 16 years' experience running his own butcher's shop in Edinburgh. Working alongside Iain is David Winton, also a Master Butcher, who has worked at the Kinross business for 28 years. They are assisted by Dean, who is one year into his apprenticeship, and Iain's wife Pamela who takes care of the administrative side of things.

The shop was closed briefly in October for reorganisation and has opened under the name Hunter's. As well as selling quality fresh meat – all Scottish – Iain and David make traditional steak pies, black pudding, haggis, red pudding, varieties of sausages and cooked meats on the premises using best quality Scotch beef, pork and lamb.

Iain and Pamela are from Pathhead in Midlothian but know Kinross well as they have relatives in the town. As well as being a Master Butcher, Iain also pursues a part-time career as a professional singer! He sings at corporate events, private parties and weddings and has performed at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas.

Iain and Pamela are tremendously enthusiastic and have plans to expand the range and take on more staff. Iain and David are happy to offer their expertise and knowledge whenever needed. Customers old and new are sure of a warm welcome at Hunter's, where orders are already being taken for Christmas!



*New owner Iain Hunter (right) with fellow master butcher David (left) and apprentice Dean (centre)*

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## MP pursues cold weather monitoring campaign

Gordon Banks, MP for Ochil and South Perthshire, is continuing his campaign to have a greater number of weather stations used to calculate payments under the Cold Weather Payments scheme. Mr Banks highlighted the unacceptability for areas such as Crieff and Luncarty having their temperature measured for this purpose by a station in Leuchars.

After the Department of Work and Pensions Question Time, Mr Banks said: "I have been making representation to Government on this issue for some time now and whilst I applaud the continuation of payments of £25 per week, up from the usual £8.50, the issue of suitable weather stations has to be resolved.

"There are 190 stations in the UK measuring temperature on a daily basis and only 76 used for calculating this award.

"Ministers have already advised me that the only additional cost for considering data from more stations would indeed be administrative.

"In her reply to me the Minister stated that the DWP annual review of the number of stations was due to be published soon and I look forward to seeing evidence that the Government has listened to such representations."

Those eligible to receive cold weather payments are pensioners, severely disabled people and families with a child under 5 or a severely disabled child, receiving the following benefits: Pension Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowances. Payments are made automatically to those who qualify when the average temperature at a weather station falls or is forecast to fall to 0°C or below for seven consecutive days. There is no need to claim as payments are made automatically.

The Leuchars weather station was triggered only once up to mid January this year.

## New weight loss course available in Kinross

A local woman has opened a new diet clinic in Kinross. Pippa Moore will be running the "Dietcare" Weight Management Course for Tayside and Fife. The course involves an initial diet and lifestyle check and then a weight management plan is tailored to meet the specific dietary and lifestyle requirements of the individual slimmer.

For more information call 0845 190 4303 or visit [www.dietcare-taysideandfife.com](http://www.dietcare-taysideandfife.com)

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## Himalayan Challenge for Teenage Cancer Trust

Dave Morris from Kinnesswood and his teenage son Calum are attempting to climb Ama Dablam - a 22,500ft mountain in the Everest region of Nepal as part of a Team Ascent Expedition led by Scottish climber, Sandy Allan. Calum, who is a sixth year pupil at Kinross High School, is raising funds for Teenage Cancer Trust which is a cause close to the family's heart. His sister Esme was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2006 so all the money raised will go towards developing the Teenage Cancer Trust Centre at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh where Esme was treated. This will not only be a major challenge for 16 year old Calum but also for Dave, who lost his voice box earlier this year in his battle with throat cancer. The intrepid duo have made good progress on their Himalayan challenge having already climbed a 19,500ft training peak on their way to Everest base camp. When fully acclimatized to the altitude they hope to attempt Ama Dablam at the end of October. If you would like to support their fund raising efforts you can donate on-line at [www.justgiving.com/CalumMacintyre/](http://www.justgiving.com/CalumMacintyre/) or send a cheque made out to *Teenage Cancer Trust* to Calum Morris Macintyre, 2 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood, KY13 9JW.



*Dave and Calum with Ama Dablam in the background*

## New pre school drama classes

The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy is now offering sessions for pre-school children, called 'Kindy Drama'.

The aim of the Academy is to give children on-going confidence, self-esteem and skill in verbal communication. In Kindy Drama this is achieved through storytelling, dramatic play, speech training, creative movement, songs and lots of language activities.

Classes are available now in the Kinross Church Centre on Tuesdays. For more information telephone 01382 330052 or email [tayforth@helenogrady.co.uk](mailto:tayforth@helenogrady.co.uk).

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## Display Advertising update

Earlier this year we revised and updated our arrangements for Display Advertising (the adverts with logos, graphics etc in them) and it may be useful if we explain some of those changes in the Newsletter, though full details are available on our website.

For a long time we had a waiting list for prospective advertisers wanting a Display Advert in the Newsletter. That is because we used to have a fixed number of pages set aside for Display ads. However, partly due to a change in our production methods, it is now easy for an advertiser to put a Display Advert in the Newsletter at any time.

(The only waiting list we have is for the 'premium position' colour slots on the inside and back cover.)

We also used to ask advertisers to commit to a six-month run of Display ads, but if you want just a one-off Display ad, that is now possible. However, it is much better value to have a six-month run. For example, a one-off quarter page advert would cost £50, whereas the same size of advert placed for six months works out at £25 per issue.

If you place your advert for a six-month run, you can still change the look of your advert during that time if required. Just send a fresh copy of your advert in pdf or jpg format to our Advertising Manager at least three days before the normal monthly deadline.

The Newsletter does not design adverts, so you either need to design it yourself or employ a designer to do this for you. Suggestions about this are on the website.

Prices for Display ads range from £12 per issue to £150 depending on size, position and duration.

Find out more by looking on our website. Go to [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org) and click on 'Advertising' in the green navigation bar. Or contact our Advertising Manager, Ann Harley (see p. 1 for contact details).

## High School Class Reunion Party!

If you moved from Primary School to Kinross High School in 1986 or joined the class at anytime between '86 and 6th year in 1992, come and join in a Party/catch up with your ex classmates!

A number of us have been in contact via Facebook and subsequent word of mouth contact and have tried to contact as many people as we can but there are still a fair few to find so please spread the word around as many as possible! We do have a class list but ex pupils will now be around 35 if that's any help!! The event details are as follows but if you want any further info or simply want to check if this is your year, please feel free to email [lesleywatson74@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lesleywatson74@yahoo.co.uk)

**Friday 13 November 2009 at 7.30pm**

Disco, drinks etc

Kinross Rugby Clubhouse, The Muirs

Tickets £5

(Please note that due to the venue size numbers are restricted so please let us know if you plan to attend. All proceeds after costs from ticket sales will go to charities relevant to classmates.)

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**2.00 pm, MONDAY 16 November**  
**for publication on Saturday 28 November**

## Kinross Recycling Centre re-opens after improvements

Kinross Recycling Centre reopened on 19 October following the latest improvements to the facility.

A new traffic management system has been put in place to allow easier access for people to recycle their waste. Members of the public are advised to follow the new signs directing them around the centre.

A new compaction system has also been installed. This will increase the amount of waste and recyclable materials that can be collected in containers at the centre, and consequently reduce the number of journeys required to empty the containers.

Recycling facilities available at Kinross include glass, paper, cans, cardboard, plastic bottles, waste electrical equipment, garden waste, scrap metal, timber, soil, stones and rubble.

By recycling your waste at Kinross Recycling Centre, you will also be eligible to take part in the Council's 'Recycling Centre Incentives Scheme', which offers the chance to win from among a choice of prizes worth £50. This ranges from book and gardening vouchers to two months' free membership at Perth and Kinross Leisure Centres to bicycle equipment. More information will be available from the Recycling Centre attendant.

For more information on recycling in Perth and Kinross, please call the Customer Service Centre on 01738 476476, email [recycle@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@pkc.gov.uk) or visit [www.pkc.gov.uk/recycle](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/recycle)

## SSAFA Forces Help Angus, Perth & Kinross Branch



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**Where are we:** Your local Branch covers all the Tayside Region, with a small office in Perth and a network of around 30 trained volunteers in the area, to look into cases with understanding and sensitivity.

**What we do:** We spring into action whenever there is hardship, loneliness, and need. Our help and advice is totally confidential, and we help all ages. We work closely with other agencies and service charities, and help can vary hugely...We may help an ex-Serviceman replace his medals, or help a war widow with her bills, or assist a Service family with a special needs child, or a returned veteran from Iraq or Afghanistan. Need must be the criterion...

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# Police Box

## Clock Change

By the time this article goes to print, the clocks will have changed and we will have less daylight in the evenings, which means that potential thieves can hide under the cover of darkness for longer. We would urge householders to be more vigilant with regard to the security of their homes and remember a house that looks unoccupied is tempting to criminals. Householders may be well advised to consider the following crime prevention measures:

- Set timers on internal lights.
- Fit or check external security lights.
- Lock ALL doors, windows, sheds, garages and other outbuildings.
- Put away garden tools and ladders.
- Install an intruder alarm AND REMEMBER TO USE IT.
- Set blinds and curtains to deter "window shopping".
- Mark valuables with your postcode and house number.
- Finally, be a good neighbour. If you see something suspicious, contact the police immediately!

For further information please contact your local crime prevention officer: Perth & Kinross 01738 892937

Also in relation to this subject and with regard to road safety, drivers should be aware that children, particularly at weekends, will still be out and about playing or coming from or going to their homes in darkness and that they are not so easy to spot. Parents should ensure that their children are not out too late on their bicycles unless they have the proper lights fitted to them and preferably wearing reflective clothing. Indeed all cyclists should ensure that they have proper lights fitted to their bicycles if they are going to be used during the hours of darkness.

## Winter Weather

So far this year we have not yet experienced winter weather

in the form of frost and heavy snow but we have experienced heavy rain and flooding as well as high winds. We would like to remind drivers, of all types of vehicle, to be careful and to drive at speeds, and in a manner, that takes into consideration the various weather and road conditions. Before embarking on a journey it is wise to check what weather might be encountered en route and to carry warm clothing, food, and other equipment that might prove useful should the weather turn nasty. If in doubt, don't travel. We would also like drivers to ensure that before setting off on journeys, even small ones, they warm up their vehicles and clear their windscreens of snow and ice before doing so. Vehicles can stall at junctions if they are cold, which is hazardous, and, apart from being an offence, driving while peering through a small aperture on a frosted windscreen is not a safe practice.

## CRIME STOPPERS – Telephone Number 0800 555 111

This telephone number is a freephone 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 Crime Officers (details shown below) can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 0300 111 2222.

### Kinross - Constable Ishbel Wallace

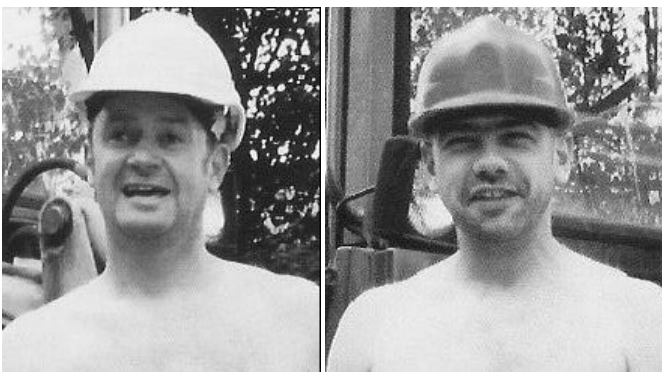
Milnathort, Kinnesswood & Scotlandwell - **Constable Brian Easton.**

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

## Local builders get their kit off for CHAS

Brothers-in-law Colin Stewart and Mark Bremner, along with 16 friends and fellow caravanners from Clayton Caravan Park, St Andrews, stripped off for a charity calendar with all proceeds going to Rachel House, Kinross. The calendars are available from Newsplus, Milnathort Post Office and Lochleven Larder.

P.S. The boys said to look out for the month of May!



Colin

Mark

## Switching to Digital TV

TV is going digital all over the UK, and the traditional TV signal will be switched off. This is happening on a phased basis and in this area is likely to be in 2011, though it depends on which transmitter you are served by.

The Switchover Help Scheme gives advice and information on the switch, and will also help some people to convert their TV to digital. They will help you convert your TV to digital if you:

- are aged 75 or over, or
- get or could get Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Constant Attendance Allowance or mobility supplement; or
- have lived in a care home for six months or more, or
- are registered blind or partially sighted.

The Switchover Help Scheme isn't available in this area yet, but will be nearer the switch over time. If you are eligible for help, the Switchover Help Scheme staff will be in touch personally with advice on what to do.

For more information call freephone number 0800 408 5900 or look at the website [www.helpscheme.co.uk](http://www.helpscheme.co.uk)

Satellite TV is already a digital service, and isn't affected by the traditional TV signal switch-off.

# 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 October Meeting

CCllrs D Cuthbert (Chair), C Watson, D Colliar, B Davies, J Richardson and M Scott were present at the meeting held on 7 October. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs K Baird, S Miller and W Robertson; a representative from the Police; Rachel Haworth from P&KC; a representative from the new campus and eight members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs I Jack, M Blyth, D Mackay, S Bathgate and L MacKay.

**Police Report:** There was criminal activity on 22 Sept in a rear garden in Morlich Place; theft from a motor vehicle in Sunnypark between 21 and 24 Sept (two people are in custody for this offence) and vandalism to a JCB parked to the rear of Dobbies around the 25/26 Sept. The Police request that any person holding information on these crimes should contact them and would also urge the public to take the necessary precautions to ensure that their property and buildings are secure.

**Conservation Presentation:** Rachel Haworth introduced herself as the Conservation Officer for the southern area of Perth and Kinross. The Council is currently reviewing the Conservation area in Kinross. Twenty-six of the 35 Perth and Kinross areas require to be reviewed. The criteria covers four points - Interest, Physical Interests (Schemes etc. in the area at the same time) Development and the length of time that has elapsed since the last appraisal. Kinross was one of the towns at the top of the list. The information collated from the recent Engagement Exercise is being digested at the moment, however one of the main issues raised was the future of key buildings in the town, i.e. the Town Hall, County Buildings and High School, together with the use of the Community Campus and the lack of public toilets and inadequate car parking facilities. The majority of these issues are located in the Conservation area. The Relief Road (Link Road) was also mentioned. An Enhancement Scheme would be considered and further consultation would be a necessity. Grant assistance may be possible from Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and a budget is available at the moment for town centre regeneration. A meeting with Kinross Partnership was planned for later this month to discuss these issues and identify initial projects to work with. Consideration would also be given to businesses which might wish to participate in this venture. A publication entitled the "Draft Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal" has been produced and copies were available at the meeting. Ms Hayworth said that small boundary changes were proposed, namely to the north end of the High Street (to include the Green Hotel and Market Park) and to the west end of Swansacre. CCllr Cuthbert questioned whether Station Road and the Muirs should also be included. Ms Haworth advised that movement on the document should hopefully take place in the early part of next year. She also reported that P&KC had recently adopted a policy of maintaining its own buildings in conservation areas and that the Council's enforcement powers had been reviewed and updated. It was agreed that the Draft Conservation Appraisal document be

added to the Agenda for the November meeting. It was noted the Council Committee would be meeting in January.



*Proposed expansion of the conservation area would include the Green Hotel*

## Planning Applications Received

There were no objections to any of the planning applications received:

09/01639/FLL Bellfield Farmhouse, Kinross: Alt/Ext change of use from office to dwelling house.

09/01545/FLL Land 90 metres southeast of Hillview House, Gairneybank; Erection of five detached houses with garages (two garages with ancillary residential accommodation): This area is zoned for housing in the Local Plan.

09/01548/IPL Balado Activity Centre: Erection of a hangarage including offices and pilot amenities (in principle). Development for micro light aircraft. CCllr Ian Jack raised a query re noise levels in relation to this application, however it was intimated that the location of the application was outwith the Kinross CC area.

09/01670/FLL Sands Supermarket, 52 High Street: Alteration to front of shop along pavement side; ATM to be moved down the street with the Post Office to the rear of the shop.

## Planning Applications Determined by P&KC

08/01394/FLL Land at Turfhill Steadings: Conversion of steading to form a dwelling house, demolition of existing cottage and erection of two dwellinghouses: Approved.

09/00950/FLL Land south of Station Road: Erection of a 60-bedroom Care Home (in lieu of 6 dwelling houses): Approved. It was noted that no conditions apply to this approval in relation to car parking.

09/01318/LBC Miller's Bar: Betting office/first floor flat: Approved.

09/01307/FLL 11 Tallapark: Vehicle access: Approved.

09/01298/ADV Tourist Information Centre, Turfhill: Display of Signboard and display board for Kinross Stove & Cooker Centre: Approved.

09/01241/OUT-IPL 77 Muirs, Kinross: Renewal of existing consent for erection of replacement dwelling house: Approved in principle.

## Other Planning Matter

**Autograss:** A public consultation meeting has been advertised in the Newsletter for 21 October. It was noted that the CC has not received a copy of the Noise Survey from the

Council. Cllr Robertson is to follow this up.

#### Report from Perth & Kinross Councillors

**Swansacre:** Cllr Robertson advised that money was allocated by P&KC to ensure that work would commence on the Swansacre building as soon as possible.

**Charges for Community Campus** (Sports and Leisure): PKL is the body responsible and will adopt a charging policy for the hire of the facilities. It has been asked to be as flexible as possible with the rates. However, in view of the fact that these are new facilities and the existing charges are reasonably low, a higher rate would be inevitable. It was noted, however, that PKL is planning to meet with user groups to discuss this. It was commented that the costs should be affordable for local sports groups to use the facilities on offer.

CCllr Colliar asked when it was decided to charge CC for lets. In the past CCs were given free use of Council buildings. The Better Place to Live Fair, which comes under the umbrella of the CC, would also be affected by this change in letting policy. The grant received from P&KC is minimal and only covers administration costs. Cllr Robertson will enquire into the possibility of an increase in the level of grant for CCs to cover the additional costs involved in hiring a room at the Campus.

**New Community Capacity Worker:** This lady introduced herself to those present. She explained that part of her remit is to engage with the community and take into account the needs of the local people. Some discussion was held on the proposed composition of the Management Committee and she believed that there will be local people on this. Cllr Robertson agreed that there would be a requirement for liaison between the Management Committee and the campus users. CCllr Cuthbert was concerned as to the number of extended hours available in the year. He considered that 50 would be used up relatively quickly. There were other issues which gave concern. Cllr Baird stated that there would be teething problems and both she and Cllr Robertson recommended that once the facilities were in operation these matters could be identified and addressed. The relevant authorities would be flexible and would listen to comments received to ensure the smooth running of the facilities.

**World Café:** Cllr Baird reported that the Community Engagement had proven to be successful and that Kinross Partnership and the CC Chairman were to meet with officers from the Council to discuss matters further.

She mentioned the Gazebo Gathering and Lottery Awards, both of which were great for the town.

**Library bus times:** Cllr Miller reported that bus times to the library had changed.

**Myre car park:** Cllr Miller reported that surface water run-off at the Myre was causing problems with the car park. He was looking for a long-term solution. Cllr Baird also stated that P&KC was aware of the condition of the Myre Park and that the area had been coned off



*The Myre car park - problems with run-off surface water*

#### Correspondence

1. Sainsbury's Application for Variation of Premises Licence:

The CC held no objection to this application.

2. Draft Perth and Kinross Placemaking Guide: A short summary of the Guide was received.

3. Traffic in High Street: E-mail complaint received from a member of the public in relation to speeding in the High Street (from the mini roundabout at Sands Supermarket to the entrance to Montgomery Street). The content of the email was read out. It was agreed that we should address this matter with the Police.

4. BBC - Switch to Digital TV: Request for assistance in raising awareness of the Switchover Help Scheme. (*See Articles p19*).

5. Scone CC: Request for guidance in setting up a website. It was agreed to pass this on to Pauline Watson.

6. Kinross Common Good Fund: E-mail reply received from Linda Whiteford, P&KC Legal Department. She advises that the Council is currently carrying out an audit of all property which was held by the former Burgh Councils to determine how much of the property should be deemed to form part of the Common Good. Only the parks in Kinross have been addressed so far. Common Good property is owned by Local Authorities and the obligation to administer the Common Good rests with them. P&KC has chosen to carry out this task by setting up Common Good Fund Committees. Only elected members can sit on these Committees. However, by law, Councils must have regard to the needs of the inhabitants of the former Burghs in determining how to administer Common Good property and the CC should be consulted, along with other bodies, if the Council feel this is appropriate.

7. New Kincardine Bridge - Impact on A977, proposed mitigation measures: This covers widening footways and pedestrian/cycle crossing points at A977/M90 interchange; footway/cycleway in south verge from Balado to Turfhill and a roundabout at the A977/Service Station junction. CCllr Cuthbert reported that Fossoway CC were concerned that these were not "mitigation" proposals as they would not lessen the speed of the traffic using the road. It was agreed that we should write to P&KC with our concerns as to the speed of traffic on this road, particularly at the entrance to Kinross around Turfhill.

8. Planning - Time period for submitting comments on a planning application: The final date for comment is either the "expiry date" which is given in the "Weekly List" or, if the Council has itself consulted the CC or been asked for a consultation by the CC, 21 days from the date of consultation. Requests for consultation have to be submitted within 7 working days of the sending out of the Weekly List. A high proportion of applications now require to be advertised by the Council and this advert will appear in the Perthshire Advertiser on Fridays. If a late letter of comment is received from a CC and the Report on the application has not yet been prepared, then the letter will be passed to the Case Officer for the application for the Officer to consider whether it raises any new issues which require further investigation. However, these late letters will not be counted as a "valid" letter of comment and will, therefore, not count as one of the six letters which, in certain circumstances, require an application to be determined by the Development Control Committee.

9. ASCC Conference: To be held on 14 November at the Scottish Parliament.

10. CC Convention: Notification of meeting on 25 October in Perth.

### Other Business

**Kinross Newsletter:** CClr Watson confirmed that the paperwork to complete the incorporation of the Company (Limited by Guarantee) is now complete and the application is with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. The name of the Company is "Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited" and the current Directors are CCllrs D Cuthbert, C Watson and M Scott, being respectively the current Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the CC. The three officers of the CC will continue in perpetuity as Directors/Secretary of the new Company and hold shares in Trust for Kinross CC. The effect of this is to ensure that Kinross CC continues to have a say in the running of the Newsletter. This action will impact on the current administration of the Newsletter and a sub committee meeting is to be held shortly to address these matters. Guidelines would be set by the CC for the Newsletter staff. It was further noted that an auditor would require to be engaged and it is hoped that Ross McConnell would recommend someone. It was unanimously agreed that the Newsletter, its trading name and assets should be transferred to the new Company.

**Light Up Kinross:** The switch on is to take place on Thursday 26 November at 7pm. CClr Colliar advised that new lights have been purchased which will be displayed this year.

**North Cemetery:** CClr Colliar received a complaint in regard to the untidy condition of this Cemetery and asked that CCllrs inspect this area prior to the next meeting. Cllr Robertson agreed that the area was a mess with the gravel pathways being churned up. He had reported the matter to Nigel Taylor at P&KC. It was agreed that this be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**Loch Leven Community Campus:** CClr Colliar stated that he was concerned that "Kinross High School" would appear to have been dropped from any references to the campus. Cllr Baird agreed to check this out with the Council. In answer to a further query it was stated that there were to be two cycle bays at the new Campus.

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

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the October Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Porter, Bennet, Smith and Lamont to the meeting held on 8 October. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Robertson, Minute Secretary E Rougvie, two representatives of Tayside Police, Diane Cassidy of P&KC Placecheck and five members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Cottingham and Thomson, and P&K Cllr Baird.

### Matters Arising

**Personal dispute:** CClr Giacopazzi had received a letter from a member of the public, supported by 20 signatures, asking for assistance in a dispute he was having with P&KC over a housing matter. CClr Giacopazzi advised that he had spoken to the person concerned and had written to P&KC supporting his request for a tribunal.

**Extension to Ashley House:** CClr Giacopazzi reported that the recommendation from officials on this application had now changed from approval to refusal.

**Flooding:** CClr Giacopazzi reported that following the meeting with P&KC officials about flooding, a community bulletin had been issued outlining plans for remedial measures, including the possibility of a pumping station in Back Loan. It has also been agreed with residents in New Road that the kerbs will be dropped; a flood mitigation scheme was being discussed with local landowners and the present temporary flood wall is likely to be replaced.

**Access at Orwell old church:** CClr Bennet advised that she had received an e-mail from P&KC's countryside access officer Dave Stubbs indicating that a new access gate for pedestrians was being put in place at Orwell old church and that the vehicular access gate will remain locked.



*A new access gate is to be put in place at Orwell old church*

**Police matters:** PC Stephen reported that two people were in custody in relation to the break-ins to cars in the Auld Mart Road area but that some of the stolen property had not yet been recovered. A window had been smashed in Linden Park Terrace overnight on 5/6 October and the police would be grateful for any information regarding this. The parade from the old Kinross High School to the new community campus on 29 October could cause traffic problems and PC Stephen asked motorists to avoid the area if at all possible.

### Correspondence:

1. P&KC minutes: noted.
2. Letter from Orwell and Portmoak session clerk expressing concerns about grass-cutting methods contravening health and safety regulations: it was agreed to pass the letter to P&K Cllr Baird.
3. Letter from P&KC indicating that the Jolly Beggars had been given permission to extend its opening hours: noted.
4. Letter from P&KC planning department about changes in

timescales for submitting comments of planning applications: it was agreed to pass this to CClr Cottingham.

5. P&KC Placemaking Guide questionnaire: CClr Bennet to complete.
6. Scottish Association of CCs Newsletter: noted.
7. Letter from the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland: noted after discussion.

**Village improvements:** CClr Bennet reported on the action proposed by P&KC so far under the Placecheck scheme. This would include:

Re-locating the bus stop in Stirling Road, opposite Stewart & Smart, 5m eastwards to the current end of yellow lines, painting bus lines on the road and relocating the 'no parking' sign to tie in with this. The 'no parking' sign on the north side of the road would be removed, as it is situated where there are no yellow lines.

The Milnathort CC notice board would be located on the north panel of the bus shelter situated in South Street, across from the RBS. The panel would be opened by 5mm allen key. It would have a glass front, with a white plastic board inside and brown on reverse. There would be no political or religious notices. This would be done outwith the Placecheck scheme.

Several options were put forward to improve the bus shelter on South Street, near no. 67. They were: 1 to remove the current bus shelter and roof and put in a bespoke bus shelter similar to those elsewhere in village, which would be expensive. 2 Remove the bench and replace it with a metal seat or perch seat, paint the roof and repair broken areas; clean up graffiti. If lighting was required, this would cost approx £1000. Solar panels would not be suitable due to the proximity of buildings and trees. After discussion, it was agreed that CClr Bennet would request that the first two proposals be carried out and that option 2 be pursued in terms of the bus shelter.

**Overgrown hedges:** There was a discussion about overgrown hedges at privately-owned properties in Burleigh Road, at the junction of Stirling Road and Church Street, at the Kay Trailers car park and in Whyte Place. The CC can write to householders and ask them to cut back the hedges, and if this is not successful P&KC will do so and can take action if necessary. After further discussion, it was agreed to ask P&KC to pursue this.

**Grants:** CClr Bennet reported that there were a number of grants available for village improvements. Diane Cassidy of P&KC's Placecheck had offered to run a three-hour course for six people to give them more information about these grants and how they can be accessed. CCllrs Bennet and Lamont expressed an interest in attending and it was felt that

Milnathort in Bloom should also be represented.

**Follow-up event:** Diane Cassidy thanked the CC for their help in promoting the Placecheck scheme. A follow-up event has been arranged for 28 November in the Thistle Hotel and Ms Cassidy will produce an information leaflet which the CC will once again help to distribute.

#### Planning matters

Alteration of existing dwelling at 16 Cuthill Towers: noted.

Change of use from agricultural land to recreational at Burleigh Castle: noted after discussion.

Erection of a wall at Springbank, Old Perth Road: noted.

**Milnathort Futures Trust:** CClr Giacopazzi reported on the progress he had made with regard to establishing Milnathort Futures Trust, a community-based body that would own and operate a wind turbine and use its profits for the benefit of the village. He had had discussions with Community Energy Scotland and gave a presentation from Burness, solicitors with expertise in development trusts. He considered that a public information event was essential at this stage and after discussion it was agreed that he would draft a flier for every household in Milnathort with information about the project and advising when the public meeting will be held. Two members of the public expressed concerns about the proposed site of the turbine, which would be one of three at Tillyrie, but the CC are unable to make any comment about the planning application at this stage.

**The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 12 November in Milnathort Town Hall.** Because charges have now been introduced for the use of the school, the Town Hall will be used until such a time as it is established whether P&KC will increase grants to cover the extra costs.

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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the October Meeting

The meeting on 13 October was attended by: CCllrs J. Shepherd, J. Bird, R. Cairncross and M. Hally; P&K Cllrs Baird and Barnacle; PC Collins and four residents. Apologies were received from I. McGrattan, S. Garvie and C. Weedon.

**Police Report:** Reported break-in at Lochend Farm shop, this followed the two reported break-ins in August. A prowler had been reported to Police in the Kilmagadwood area. It was questioned whether the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was still in operation. Police would rather be called out to a false alarm than be called out to a crime.

**Treasurers report:** £409.74 in the bank account.

### Matter Arising

**Mail box at Post Office:** Letter received from Royal Mail, London Office, still being considered. Two Royal Mail staff from Edinburgh visited the Kinnesswood shop early September. Discussions with owner of shop but no contact made with the CC.

**Notice Board:** Minutes at Kinnesswood notice board regularly removed. Have spoken to Alyson in the Kinnesswood shop and she has agreed to hold a folder of the CC minutes. Note to be placed on the Notice Board to same effect.

**Cleaning of roads:** The B9097 between B996 and B920 and the A911 between Easter Balgedie and Burleigh Sands were reported as needed cleaning. Mechanical Cleaner is presently broken. Still broken, parts should be available next week.

**Signage at Scotlandwell:** Request to Clarence to remove picnic signs and replace with Well Green sign; no response yet from P&KC.



*Scotlandwell: replacement of picnic sign with Well Green sign has been requested*

**Lomond Country Inn:** E-mail received confirming planning application submitted for outside bar area and painting.

**Land behind Wellside Motors:** Follow up to complaint re siting of infill material etc. SEPA has contacted owners. No further action on site reported.

**Traffic calming:** New bollards now in place on build outs. All agreed the new bollards are more visible. Signage still to be completed.

**Wester Balgedie Appeal:** Seven new builds, conversion and extension of two existing steading buildings, alterations to existing farm house (nine in total). Reporter allowed appeal as a Notice of Intention for six months to allow the developer and the Council to agree to two matters, drainage and affordable housing. CCllr Cairncross agreed to keep the CC informed of any further action/development. Cllr Barnacle did not understand how the final judgement was made and

queried the whole process of the appeal.

**Path, Kinnesswood, between Gamekeepers and Cobbles:** P&KC have no knowledge of ownership. Various actions possible; a resident suggested that Portmoak Festival Funds may be used and that the Paths Group (CCllr S. Garvie) was aware of this possibility. Action required.

**Wester Balgedie Farm:** The CC would write to the applicant re the previous problems.

### Subcommittee reports

**Paths Group:** Still working on leaflets/posters for the MBW funding; something will be available for the next CC meeting. Tetley Trail Bank Account still open.

**Planning Group:** The Newlands Farm application had been refused by P&KC.

Two new applications for Portmoak, no comments on either: 09/01535/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, The Old Manse, Scotlandwell. 09/01558/FLL Extension to house, 3 Wellburn, Scotlandwell.

### Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

**Cllr Baird:** The new Community Campus would be opening shortly. Some discussion took place regarding the use of the old High School. It would be immediately boarded up to prevent vandalism although it was hoped the time taken to approve its future use would not be as long as the Swansacre development which was now being taken on by Hillcrest Housing. It was understood that the Old High School playground would be used as a car park for the town.

**Cllr Barnacle:** Apologised for not attending the last two meetings. He was sorry to have missed the presentation on Planning; whilst he agreed with some of the stated figures for projected housing in Kinross-shire he found difficulty agreeing with others.

Advised that changes were approved to the Housing in the Countryside Policy at the full Council meeting in September and also brought attention to the changes in the Planning procedures for CCs. He also stated his intention to maintain the pressure for a path from the Causeway via the Lochend Farm development to the Loch Leven access route.

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### Other Business

1. A resident informed the meeting that after reporting a missing **30 mph sign** to Clarence he had seen a P&KC van looking at the problem.
2. It was suggested that the whole length of the **Causeway** needed some form of road edge marking. Action required.
3. It was noted that the **hedge** alongside the playing field at Kinnesswood was overgrown and that it did not allow motorists travelling uphill to have a view of anyone crossing from the playing field to the Sheep Field. Action required.
4. **School lets** (taken from a previous discussion). To date the CC has not been asked to pay for the use of the Primary School for the CC meetings. However in August this year P&KC changed the policy and everyone (including CCs) using their facilities must pay for them. The CC had not budgeted for this payment and consequently it was unsure whether there would be sufficient funds available to pay for the school lets. Action required.  
(Post Meeting Note: P&KC had omitted to inform the CCs that there had been a change of policy. Now aware of the situation and ongoing discussions within P&KC).
5. A letter had been received from the **BBC** regarding the digital switchover planned for 2010 and the question was asked if the CC could assist residents in any way.
6. The question of **Broadband** speed was raised and the many varying speeds to customers throughout Portmoak. Information on the subject was lacking. Action required.
7. Since the CC was asking the residents to use the internet facilities more and more some form of **training** programme for residents could be considered, however, cost implications must be considered.

### Communications

A detailed list of all e-mails, letters etc can be found in the full Portmoak CC draft minutes. Some not already mentioned above are:

- 11.9.09 E-mail from resident on CC procedures
- 16.9.09 Association of CCs Conference, 14.11.09
- 17.9.09 E-mail from resident re problems with post van
- 18.9.09 E-mail re Health Centre
- 18.9.09 E-mail with P&KC Insurance/Legal services, claims against PCC
- 18.9.09 Update to constitution etc
- 22.9.09 Annual Report from Gordon Banks MP
- 23.9.09 E-mail re Lomond Country Inn conservation area
- 29.9.09 Letter from Government re changes to planning system
- 3.10.09 E-mail from Scone CC re website
- 7.10.09 Time period for submitting comments on a planning application
- 7.10.09 Convention of P&K CCs meeting, 25.10.09

**The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be held in the Primary School at 7pm on Tuesday 10 November.**

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## Fossoway and District CC

### News from the October Meeting

The CC met on 8 October in Powmill. Apologies for absence were received from Hugh Wallace, Marion Anness, Rod Paterson and Sheila Anderson. There were no declarations of interest.

**Police Report:** A member of the public mentioned dangerous behaviour by primary school children on the bus to Muckhart Primary School - this will be looked into.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Signed with one amendment: under Fossoway After School Club it should say 'special needs' instead of 'mental health'.

**A977 Mitigation measures:** Brian Cargill (P&KC) kindly joined us for this item. Local members have seen the report and are broadly in support for it. To carry out all the identified measures would cost about £1,000,000; as there is only £250,000, priorities were set while trying to raise extra funding. There were expressions of disappointment and disagreement with the proposals from both the CC and the public. Mitigation matters are supposed to make the A977 safer; and with the increased volume of traffic which is not local, the communities straddling the A977 need speed measures and volume measures. P&KC admits the road is busier and there are more accidents; in the proposals going forward a considerable amount of the money is (apart from the crossings as Blairingone and Powmill) spent on improving the facilities of cyclists. Whilst the CC welcomes improved cycling facilities, the monies allocated to this project should be used primarily to make life along the A977 safer: roundabouts and speed cameras being the favoured solutions. The CC asked Brian Cargill to take back these considerations to P&KC.

**CC Funding etc:** We have had a response to the letter we sent to John Swinney, MSP re funding CCs and planning matters. The response was that they cannot do anything; councils should however assist with premises and typing.

**Dunning Glen:** Sandy Morrison toured around Dunning Glen with P&KC to look at the provision of litter bins and dog litter bins, also on the Millennium Walk. Will be continued.

**Lambhill Forest:** deferred to the next meeting.

**Seamab:** CC to write to Seamab.

### P&K Councillor Report

There will be speed restrictions on the A977 from 19 October to allow for works to be carried out. About the speed restrictions request in Rumbling Bridge: this takes longer than anticipated, but there will probably be speed restrictions put in place. There is also a request for permanent traffic lights on the bridge, which is looked into.

Out of School Care Club: there were plans to organise transport from Cleish to Crook of Devon to allow the two after school clubs to work together. There has been no progress on that.

### Planning Matters

There was a workshop/meeting to introduce CCs to the new planning system. Under the new Planning Act, CCs have increased duties. One of the changes is that the planning period for comments is now 21 days, while most CCs meet every month. However, CCs can put in a holding request for extension of this period, so CCs can comment on planning applications.

Other changes are that the neighbour notification will be done by the Council and that planning permission only lasts for three years, instead of five.

**09/01041/FLL**, North Claysyke Farm Cambo, Erection of

farmhouse, closed 02/09/2009. It is close to the site of application 09/00143/OUT, withdrawn earlier this year. No CC comment.

**09/01481/FLL**, Middleton Of Aldie Kinross, Extension to house, comments by 17/09/2009. No CC comment.

**09/01468/FLL**, Westmuir Powmill Dollar, Erection of a dwelling house and detached garage. This is a repeat application, the first being 09/00767/FLL, which was withdrawn. Recommendation: Approval.

**09/01509/FLL**, 9 Moubray, Crook Of Devon, Extension to house. No CC comment.

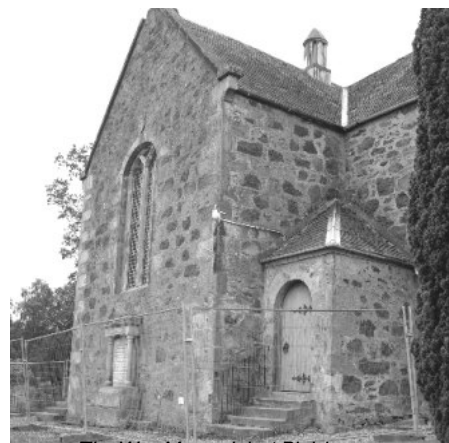
**09/01634/FLL**, 13, Drummond Park, Crook of Devon. Extension to house. No CC comment.

**09/01657/FLL**, Threapmuir Farm, Cleish. Alterations and extension to house. No details available. Defer discussion till next meeting.

**09/01613/FLL**, Erection of agricultural building (cattle accommodation), Solsgirth Farm, Solsgirth, Dollar. No CC comment.

### Other Business

**War Memorial:** Cllr Barnacle met with Mr Stirling about the War Memorial in Blairingone. It is still unknown who is responsible for the upkeep and safe relocation of the memorial during the development of the church: P&KC, Church of Scotland and the developer are all pointing in the other direction. It may even be that the developer actually owns the memorial and could discard it. The local community has been ignored in all this. Mr Stirling has offered money toward relocation. Cllr Barnacle has asked for a ruling of the legal department.



*The War Memorial at Blairingone*

**Traffic in Blairingone** is parking on the zigzag lines; it is difficult to get out of Vicar's Bridge Road. Perhaps reporting this to the police will help.

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# Club & Community Group News

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### November

- Tue 3rd Regular Meeting. MM Degree at 7.15pm. Nomination & Election of Office Bearers.
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- Tue 17th Regular Meeting, MM Degree at 7.15pm. Conferred by Lodge Mauldslie Castle No. 1630 from Wishaw in Lanarkshire.
- Tue 24th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm to arrange work for next Degree, any other competent business.

### December

- Tue 1st Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. AGM no visitors please.
- Tue 8th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm to arrange work for next Degree, any other competent business. Put up Christmas Decorations.
- Sat 19th Regular Meeting, Installation of Office Bearers at 4.00pm.

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 01577 863298 after 6.00pm. Donations of raffle prizes would be much appreciated.



## Kinross Chess Club

### Nothing to do on Monday Knights?

A lot of people have been asking "What's been happening with Kinross Chess Club?" Well, here's the news. We did well in division 1 of the Tayside and Fife Chess Association last season. We finished half-way up the table. Well done guys! We have just played our opening game of this season and have got off to a flying start, beating Castlehill B 4-0. Start as you mean to go on – with good wins from Ian, Dave, Harold and Kiron.

Our two junior members, Jamie and Kiron, have just returned from international duty. They were representing Scotland in the European Youth Championships in Milan. Jamie in the under 16 category and Kiron in the under 12s. Spending nine days in Milan was a great experience for them. Kinross has a good history of bringing on juniors, so if there are any parents out there who are fed up of getting beaten by their children, bring them along.

We have a range of ages from 80 downwards. We are a small club and we are always looking for new members. It's a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and we might even buy you a drink – although if there are more than a handful we reserve the right to withdraw this last statement.

So if you fancy a game, want to improve, or just fancy getting out of the house on a Monday evening then come along. It's free for under 18s and students. It costs £10 for a years membership for an adult. But come along a few times for free to see if you like it first.

Thanks to the continuing hospitality and support of Marco Palmieri, proprietor of The Inn at Crook of Devon. We meet on Monday nights from 7.30pm onwards. We have been at The Inn for 6 or 7 years now and our opponents always tell us how much they enjoy playing at our venue.

If people are interested but cannot make a Monday evening, then it's possible we could meet on another evening as well, providing there is enough interest.

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## Kinross & District Inner Wheel



The Club resumed its Autumn programme of meetings in September after a summer break in July and August during which we had a very successful day out at Blair Atholl. We met for lunch at the Atholl Hotel followed by a visit to the Castle and grounds. During the break a number of members helped with T in the Park, The Kinross Show and the Gazebo Gathering at Kinross House.

At our September meeting our new President, Mary Morgan, welcomed members and introduced The District Chairman Kay Goodman, who gave an interesting talk on her long experience in Inner Wheel. She also encouraged us to make a concerted effort to increase our membership.

At the October Meeting our Speaker, Jacqui Wood, Chairman of Ninewells Cancer Campaign, spoke very positively on where the money raised goes and the medical breakthroughs and research going on at Ninewells Hospital. The vote of thanks was given by Past President Alison Reid.



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Our annual **Christmas Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday 5 December** in the school hall. This year's event will be good for children and adults alike. The School Choir will once again sing some Christmas songs to open the Bazaar. There will be plenty of shopping opportunities, as well as all the fun stalls and games that the kids love, including Cake and Candy, Tattoos, Face Painting, Bottle stall, Pocket Money stall, Card stalls, Jewellery stalls and many more favourites. Entry is £1 per adult, which includes tea/coffee/juice and a mince pie.

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## Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

A new Parent Council has been elected at Milnathort Primary School:

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## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The club was fortunate in having as the October speaker Margaret Campbell, a very experienced lecturer whose topic was "Toile de Jouy". Margaret traced the development of printing from paper to textiles in France before and after the Revolution. Woodblock prints had originated in India and were banned in France as a threat to indigenous silk production. There were, however, secret works in the Versailles area, encouraged by members of the fashionable court like Madame de Pompadour. By 1759, cotton printing was permitted and the top quality work at Jouy, near Versailles led to the generic name, toile de Jouy, particularly after a visit from Marie Antoinette in 1780. The most famous designer was Jean Baptiste Huet 1745-1811. Scotsman, Robert Hendry from Stirling shared with the workers at Jouy knowledge of some of the new dyes being developed in Scotland. It is difficult for us to imagine what a change it was to have printed materials for clothes and upholstery after plain or woven patterns.

## 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.shoeboxappeal.org](http://www.shoeboxappeal.org)

## Portmoak Film Society

### Brace yourselves for the Battle of the Big Beasts!

Despite being shown in the middle of the school holidays, October's film *The Flying Scotsman* was seen by 34 local filmgoers, who rated it "excellent" (26), "good" (5) and "average" (3). Thanks go to Neil Robertson who stood in at short notice as film operator for Stuart Mackenzie and our thoughts were with Stuart and Jacqui for a speedy recovery of their daughter Jenny.

Our next film, *Frost/Nixon* will be shown on **Saturday 14 November** at 7.30 p.m. Released last year, it tells the story of the interviews LWT presenter Frost conducted in 1977 with ex-President Nixon for a cool (and then unheard of) \$600,000, in an attempt to elicit a confession from him about his involvement in the Watergate scandal. Not just for historians or politicians, the film's real value may lie in the portrayals by Michael Sheen and Frank Langella of two larger-than-life characters, equally determined to achieve their own agenda.

Could I remind any members or visitors who may be coming from Milnathort and Kinross that if they haven't got a car or want to travel carbon-neutrally, they can avail themselves of the No. 205 Stagecoach bus which arrives in Scotlandwell at 7.12 p.m. This means they can walk up to the "cinema" (aka Portmoak Hall) in time for the beginning of the film. The bus returns from Scotlandwell at the handy time of 10.43 p.m. so you can even BYOB, stay on after the film for drinks, snacks and chats and still not get into trouble with the polis on the way home!

Ticket memberships are on sale for the rest of the season now at the reduced price of £18 - or if you just want to "give it a go" at this stage, turn up and pay £4 at the door.

For further information about your local film club, visit our website at [www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk)

## Kinross and District Art Club



What lovely months September and October have been with the warm and sunny spells and light showers making another showing of a wide range of colour in our gardens. In my garden I enjoyed roses, fuchsia and geraniums flowering again and it was an experience to see four Red Admiral butterflies settling on the blue and yellow of my Michealmas Daises.

September was when we also held a very successful Art and Crafts Exhibition with over 140 paintings on display. There was a very positive response from the many visitors who commented on the very high standard of the paintings and craft items on display. For those who also bought tickets for our raffle the prizes were won by:

1st: J Logan – food hamper; 2nd: May Beveridge – food hamper; 3rd: Tom Duncan – bottle of champagne; 4th: Eleanor Weir – painting; 5th: Sybil Galbraith – bottle of champagne.

Other prizes were:

Whisky – Sandy Scholes; Rennie Mackintosh glasses – Bill Bray; Spa pack – Joan Spiers; Coffee set – M Forrester; Biscuits and wine pack – Mrs Dobson.

We are well into our winter session and look forward to group activities on acrylic painting by our Professional Adviser Tom Sutton-Smith in October and Portrait Painting by well known local artist Ian Imrie in November. These group activities will also be enjoyed by ten new members who have joined us since the Exhibition.

If you would like to join us for these and our usual painting activities, why not walk into Millbridge Hall on any Tuesday at 2pm. You will be welcomed by our enthusiastic and friendly Art group who will be glad to help you to enjoy this worthwhile hobby.

## Probus Club



Mrs Cairncross was the speaker for the Probus meeting on 7 October and her subject was "Weather Vanes". When asked how she had become interested in such a strange hobby she replied that once she had been asked to give a vote of thanks for a talk on gravestones. The speaker was constantly looking down at gravestones. Mrs Cairncross decided she would look up and wandering around Perth she was struck by the weather vanes which adorn so many buildings in Perth, but are so often unnoticed by the ordinary citizen. But from there on they were noticed by Mrs Cairncross. She showed the members a whole host of pictures of various weather vanes. The most common was the proverbial cock, but other birds and animals were included. Mrs Cairncross divided the weather vanes into various categories, such as a group on dragons and other mythical creatures or a series on various tradesmen. The pictures of weather vanes came from all over the British Isles and even beyond. There was a weather vane in Jerusalem's which had been photographed by the enthusiastic Mrs Cairncross. Stuart Forbes gave the vote of thanks in which he remarked on the high quality of the photographs taken by Mrs Cairncross. It is surprising what you can spot if you look up.

## The Art Exhibition

I went along to an Art Exhibition with trepidation. I am not an artist and therefore have not been to very many Art Exhibitions in the past. What a pleasant surprise I had! The Kinross and District Art Club 2009 Art Exhibition and Sale of Work was held in Kinross Parish Church. The minute I entered the Church I was met with an array of colour. The paintings were beautifully presented with 150 pictures by local artists all of whom are members of the Kinross and District Art Club. Some were painted by artists using water colours, some had used acrylics and some had used oils. An addition to the Exhibition this year was oil paintings produced by the Club's Professional Advisor, the acclaimed artist, Tom Sutton-Smith who has recently moved to Kinross from Canada. There was a very wide variety of art works to view from the simple wild flowers to landscapes and still life. Another artist had displayed beautifully hand painted silk scarves. No matter who the artist was, all the paintings were of a very high standard and there was something for everyone.

One highlight of the Exhibition was paintings that had been submitted by students from Kinross High School, although these were not for sale. The paintings were impressive but also on show was the students' fantastic talent.

As well as the exhibition of art there was also a crafts display and once again the skills to produce the items were to be admired. There was also a practice table for anyone who wanted to try their hand at painting, however, I was not brave enough to try even though members of the Art Club were on hand to give help and advice.

The exhibition started on 28 September, when it was opened by Tom Kitchin a renowned chef and a 'local lad' who, with his wife Michaela, opened 'The Kitchin' in Edinburgh which is now a very successful restaurant. This was an evening for invited guests and patrons and was very well attended. The exhibition was then open to the public on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and throughout my two visits there was a steady flow of people coming to view and to buy paintings and crafts. Always popular and selling well were cards depicting local views of Kinross-shire.

On Saturday I decided to return to look further at the paintings and to buy one for myself. After much consideration I made my choice and the painting now has pride of place in my study.

Kinross Parish Church has, once again, proved to be a perfect venue for all kinds of events where the Church and the Community can work together. I think that the organisers of the Kinross and District Art Club Exhibition and Sale of Work are to be congratulated for the success of the 2009 event and I look forward to going again in 2010 and to choosing another painting by one of these accomplished artists.

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## Local Air Cadets 'reach for the skies'!

The local Air Cadet unit situated in the Drill Hall, Swansacre, has recently been 'merged' with 1145 (Dunfermline) squadron, Air Training Corps, to become 1145 (Kinross) detached flight.

This has brought about a significant change in the opportunities available to all Cadets. In recent weeks, the Cadets have spent time with Dunfermline squadron cadets in their headquarters at HMS Caledonia, Rosyth, and have enjoyed the projects undertaken, including aero modelling, building a robot, craft and design, and radio controlled aero modelling, which involves cadets building their own aircraft and flying them!

Flying and aviation are at the heart of the air cadet organisation, and Cadets will have the opportunity to fly in RAF training aircraft, go gliding, and perhaps have the opportunity to eventually go solo. Outdoor pursuits play a large part of a Cadet's life, and there are also opportunities to go hill walking, weekend expeditions, abseiling, rock climbing and mountain biking.



*The 'Grob' Tutor training aircraft used by Air Cadets*

Cadets Corporal Stewart Fairbairn, Cadet Thomas Broome and Cadet Kezia Spowart, from 1145 (Kinross) Air Cadets, recently travelled to Number 12 Air Experience Flight at RAF Leuchars, to taste the thrill of powered flying. Each flew for half an hour in a 'Grob' tutor, an RAF training aircraft. During their flight, they each had the opportunity to 'take control' under the supervision of the pilot, and actually fly the aircraft. They were also able to experience the thrill of aerobatics.

At RAF Leuchars, the Air Cadet Scotland & Northern Ireland Region HQ, a mobile climbing wall has recently been acquired. In addition, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award will shortly be up and running, as will a programme of personal development courses, where cadets will learn about the 'skills of life' that can be used in the years ahead. Included in the series of courses are motivation and morale, planning, self esteem, decision making and effective communications.



*Air Cadets get the opportunity to fly, and may eventually go solo!*

Sport, attending camps in the UK and abroad, target shooting, along with a chance to attend a variety of courses, including first aid, leadership, canoeing, offshore sailing and skiing (in Germany), form additional areas of enjoyment, allied to learning new skills.

The Kinross Cadets have a future that is going to be tremendously exciting, and each and every Cadet will reap the benefit of being in a modern, dynamic, sustainable air minded youth organisation, that offers fun and challenging opportunities.

When a cadet reaches the age of 16, he/she can apply for a gliding scholarship. These scholarships are an opportunity for cadets to undergo further training to achieve gliding scholarship wings.

The unit is looking for young men and women, between the ages of 13 and 17, who wish to seek new challenges and meet new friends, to join the unit. Anyone who wishes to find out more information, can contact the commanding officer, squadron leader Ross Mitchell on

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## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

There's still time to enjoy autumn colours this month. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, take advantage of our winter 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. We have two weekend walks in November.

**Sunday 8 November. The Romance of Rosslyn Glen – 5 miles, with 280 feet of ascent.** Walk starts in woodland, following the River Esk and then through farmland (look out for Dolly's relatives). Into Rosslyn to view the castle before returning on paths and roads which will be muddy if wet. Chance to visit Rosslyn Chapel after the walk. Accompanied children welcome if fit but no dogs, please.

**Saturday 21 November. Lomond Hills from Kinnesswood – 5 miles, starting with 280 metres of ascent.** Circular route from Kinnesswood, ascending to the top of the Lomond Hills ridge for a superb view if the weather is fine. Say hello to Carlin Maggie en route. Dogs on leads only.

For all walks you will require appropriate clothing and equipment, including boots and waterproofs. 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](http://www.koramblers.org) or the Ramblers' Association website [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)

## Kinross Garden Group

We started our Winter Talks Programme on Thursday 8 October with 59 members and visitors attending a Gardener's Question Time with Wullie Duncan and Bob Mitchell providing answers to our members varied and numerous gardening queries.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 12 November** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2pm. We will be delighted to welcome Ms Alison McKinnie, our local Waste Reduction Advisor from "Waste Aware Scotland" who will give us a talk on "Reduce Reuse Recycle towards zero waste".



## Kinross Museum

The Trustees of the Kinross (Marshall) Museum are counting the days to the official opening of the new museum in the Loch Leven Community Campus which is scheduled to take place on Friday 20 November if all goes to plan. Everyone is welcome to visit the museum which shares space with the Public Library during the community event that will be held over the weekend 21-22 November, but at 4pm on **20 November**, Friends of the Museum and Members of Kinross-shire Historical Society are invited to take part in a special tour of the campus culminating in a short talk on the Museum to be given by Professor David Munro, Chairman of the Museum Trust. The Museum will be officially opened at this event and all present will have an opportunity to see the reading room and exhibition for the first time.

## Kinross & District Rotary Club



A record number of Kinross Rotarians and spouses attended this year's District Conference held at Aviemore between 18 and 20 September. Apart from the fellowship enjoyed throughout the weekend, the conference sessions provided an opportunity for various extremely professional and interesting presentations on topics as wide ranging as Rotary's campaign to eradicate Polio from every country in the world to Water Aid and Help the Heroes charity.

The tragic news of the latest disastrous tsunami in the South Pacific, followed quickly by the massive earthquake, made for sombre discussions at the Club regarding what help we could offer. It was decided to contribute two Shelter Boxes immediately and to encourage donations through the Club's Wishing Well. The Shelter Box scheme consists of emergency boxes containing tools, tents and equipment for disasters such as these, each box costing just under £500. A store of boxes is kept available in England and when required, they are instantly available. Our latest donation of two boxes replaces the ones already sent to the South Pacific. Money collected in the Wishing Well at present will be donated through Rotary International to assist those affected by this latest tragedy. The Well will be moving around the Kinross area over the next few weeks, so keep your eyes peeled – Lochleven's Larder, Sainsbury's and the Summer's End Market are likely venues.

James Barr spoke to the Club about training dogs to assist people in the home. Twelve dogs were trained in Scotland last year, each costing in the region of £20,000 for life, but the tasks which the dogs perform for their people are simply amazing. The dogs, which have a working life of 10 years, can be trained to carry out as many as 120 commands.

Professor Coope gave a very sobering talk on the subject of Climate Change, illustrated by photographs of a Norwegian glacier, taken over a period of 40 years, demonstrating how far the ice has receded over the period. Scientists, using cores retrieved from the Arctic ice cap which have caught bubbles of air, have proved that the level of carbon gases has increased to such a level that half the sun's rays are no longer reflected back, but are absorbed by the oceans, raising the water temperature.

Our final speaker in the period was artist and TV producer Joe Austen, who described the making of an animated children's TV programme he produced named the Story Shop where all sorts of magic could be bought including such wonders as water powder and vanishing cream. Unlike the current preference for computer generated animation the programme had been put together frame by frame, 12 to 24 per second of film, using specially created models costing around £8000 each to make. With such detail the programme had taken eight months to produce with a lot of pressure to meet deadlines, both creative and financial. Joe went on to describe his current project which is the creation of a series of golfing pictures to go on display at Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews to coincide with the 150th Anniversary Open Golf Championships in 2010.

### Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)



## Kinross-shire Round Table

### Dragons at Round Table

Following the success of Round Table fundraising through 2009 with great results from both T in the Park and the Beer Festival, we have decided to take an innovative approach to the dispersal of funds this year. The aim of the Beer Festival was to raise money to support local charities, organisations and good causes and we want to see the money raised put to good use as quickly as possible.

Rather than sit on the money and wait for requests to come to us through the year we have set ourselves a deadline to donate up to £5,000 before Christmas. We want to identify 10 projects where a sum of up to £500 could make a real difference. We challenge the organisers and leaders of local clubs, charities and organisations in Kinross-shire to submit their proposals as to why they should be awarded a grant. All we need is a properly thought out and prepared letter showing:

- How much money you need to raise overall
- How much you are requesting from Round Table
- Precisely how the money will be used
- Who will benefit from the donation
- How much funding has already been raised
- Why this should be considered a worthy cause

Applications must be with us by **Monday 16 November**, preferably by e-mail but if you prefer snail-mail give us a call and an address will be provided.

We will invite the top ten submissions to present their case at a light-hearted **Dragon's Den** style evening on **Tuesday 1 December**. The decision whether to donate to a cause and how much will be donated will be made on that evening. No payment will exceed £500 and cheques will be presented on the night. We will reserve the right to invite more than ten participants if the proposals look interesting and of genuine benefit to the people of Kinross-shire. The Green Hotel has very generously offered to host the event and we thank them for their generosity.

This is a new challenge for us but it should be fun and will put our support firmly behind good causes in our community. We might even decide to record the event for broadcast on the Round Table web-site.

In the meantime we will also be preparing Santa's Sleigh for appearances at Light Up Kinross and the annual **Santa Collections**, which will be coming to a street near you in the week commencing **7 December**. Santa regrets that he cannot get the sleigh along every street, as there is not always room to turn! But he will do his best to visit as much of Kinross-shire as possible. Dates are on our website.

We are actively seeking new members, so if any of the above sounds like the sort of thing you would like to become involved in then give us a call. If there is something interesting you would like to try let us know. If we agree that it looks fun, we'll put it in the programme and give it a try. Get out, have fun and put something back into your local community. You only get out of life what you are prepared to put in.

Round Table is an organisation for young men of 18-45 and has a sister organisation in Ladies' Circle for young women. Our full programme with details of events is available on [www.kinross-shire.org.uk](http://www.kinross-shire.org.uk) and you can e-mail us on [Table@macpherson.plus.com](mailto:Table@macpherson.plus.com) or call on 864713.



## 41 Club

Kinross-shire 41 Club's last meeting was on Wednesday 14 October in the Kirklands Hotel. Guests included National Councillor Allan Thomson and his wife Moira from Inverurie 41 Club.

Allan updated members on the ongoing discussions about a National Council suggestion that rules should be changed to allow non-Round Tablers to join 41 Club. This Club has previously discussed the matter and remains of the view that an essential requirement to joining 41 Club is to have been a member of Round Table.

After a very enjoyable meal Jan, one of the evening's speakers from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, told of the origins of the organisation and how dogs are selected and trained.

Ian, who had his dog Cinders with him, spoke of the difference a dog can make to the life of a deaf person, helping them be less reclusive and cut off from friends and work colleagues. Cinders wandered around most of this time then was put to work demonstrating some of the ways in which she alerts Ian to noises which he can not hear.

Most dramatic was the way in which she would alert him to real danger, by lying flat on her belly on the floor directly in front of him. Ian told of instances of such alerting including one when a dog alerted her owner to a very dangerous gas boiler, which was making an unusual noise and could have exploded at any time.

One of the Club member's wives, most of whom also attend most meetings, gave the vote of thanks and presented a cheque to the organisation toward the costs of training dogs. The two speakers were excellent ambassadors for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and would probably be happy to return to the area for other talks – just remember it costs about £5,000 to train a dog so donations are always welcome.

If you have ever been in Round Table please consider coming along to sample Kinross-shire 41 Club. Our next meeting is on **11 November**. Please phone the Chairman Stewart Wallace for more details on 01592 840070 or look at our web site.

[www.kinross-shire41club.org.uk/Programme.php](http://www.kinross-shire41club.org.uk/Programme.php)



## Kinross & District Town Twinning Association

A series of Pot Luck Suppers have been held over the summer in members' houses and these have proved to be very successful in terms of socialising as well as fund raising.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Association will take place in Kinross Church Centre on **Thursday 3 December** at 7.30pm with the annual report and election of office bearers forming the main business.

Summer 2010 sees our Normandy visitors arrive in Kinross for an official twinning visit in early August. Anyone interested in becoming involved in our local twinning should come along to the AGM or contact secretary David Munro (tel: 01577 862126).



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## Kinross High School Parent Council



*c/o Kinross High School, Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ*

**New High School:** With the move to the new High School now completed the KHSPC would like to take the opportunity to thank both staff and pupils for helping to make it a successful transition; and to parents as well for their forbearance in accommodating the pupil home study days during the move week. No doubt it will take time to settle properly into the new surroundings and it will be very interesting to see how the traffic and road safety arrangements are managed. Likewise lunchtime catering will be a new challenge for staff and pupils alike! That said the KHSPC is sure the new school will be a marvellous new home and we look forward to a happy and successful future at the Loch Leven Community Campus. Why not come and visit the new school yourself on one of the three '**Campus Launch Event**' open days planned for **20, 21 and 22 November**.

**School Uniform:** We've done remarkably well with the re-establishment of the purple school blazer. The move to the new campus was the spur to get the ball rolling and here we now are with more than half the school wearing the new or old style blazers, with more new blazers being sold every week. A smart new uniform as befits a smart new school. The KHSPC would again like to thank the pupils, staff and parents for their continued support for this important school initiative.

The last delivery of blazers for this academic year arrived at the end of October, earlier than expected, and are therefore available for purchase before the campus open days later this month. This delivery is to re-stock the smaller blazer sizes and those who placed orders will have already been contacted by the KHSPC. We still have a full range of the medium and larger sizes (boys and girls), and with the new stock a limited number of the smaller sizes. Members of the

KHSPC will continue to be on hand to sell blazers at the new school on Tuesday lunchtimes throughout November, or alternatively they can be purchased via the school office during school hours.

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 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.

**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 on **Tuesday 3 November** starting at 7.15pm 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**, tel 01577 861682  
email: a.b.williams@btopenworld.com  
Vice Chair **Jaffrey Weir**, telephone 01577 865780  
email: jaffreyweir@lebc-group.com  
Treasurer **Denis Sweeney**, telephone 01577 861651  
email: 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 Historical Society



Kinross-shire Historical Society's winter season of talks got off to a very good start on Monday 19 October.

Before the meeting began, a rolling slide show of scenes of old Milnathort was played for the enjoyment of the large turnout of members and visitors attending to hear 'From a Bairn to a Baldie' by local folk singer Gordon Menzies of Gaberlunzie. He entertained the audience with a journey through his life from arriving in Milnathort at the age of six years. He spoke of how things were in the village and surrounding countryside and how he and his friends spent their time when in and out of school. Among the many things he recalled, were watching blacksmiths shoeing horses, going fishing, swimming in the loch, travelling on the railway and the wildlife in the area.

After leaving Perth Academy, he worked on a farm before joining the police. Having served in the police force for several years in Glasgow, he returned to Kinross-shire which he regards as his home. Many things from his childhood have gone from the area but many are still around. His very humorous talk was interspersed with several of his songs inspired by the area.

The vote of thanks was given by Ron Muirhead.

## Riding for the Disabled Association

Riders at the Glenfarg Group of the Riding for the Disabled Association took part in the World's Biggest Riding Lesson on 30 September. The event was part of the Association's 40th anniversary celebrations and the aim was to have the biggest ever number of riders undertaking the same lesson within a given period of time. It was anticipated that around 5000 riders would take part altogether. The Glenfarg riders, from Kinross Primary School, Viewlands School, Dunbarney School, St John's Primary School and Letham Primary School raised over £150 in sponsorship for Group funds.

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## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



**New Kinross High School, Campus Open Event, Saturday 21 November:** The Trust will have a stall at this event and will be displaying matters in which the Trust has an interest throughout Kinross-shire as well as explaining the aims of the Trust.

### 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.

**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 Newsletter.

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### Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire Arnot Tower

Half hidden amidst trees, the ruins of Arnot Tower are barely visible to the passer-by driving from Scotlandwell to Auchmuir Bridge. What remains is an impressive late 15th-century rectangular tower rising to four storeys built in course ashlar with a small courtyard to the south bounded on the west side by a later wall. Although all of the floors have gone you can detect that the ground floor has been vaulted and the walls, which are 6 feet 6 inches thick, are built to withstand serious attack.

The lands of Arnot were given to the Bishop of St Andrews in the late 12th century and came into lay hands sometime during the following century. The Arnots of that ilk initially held their lands from the Earls of Fife but in 1507 Walter Arnot's 'manor or place, tower and fortalice' were incorporated as a free barony. By then, the present Arnot Tower had been erected, one of two towers, north and south, that guarded the south-eastern entry into the Bishopshire through a narrow gap between the Bishop Hill and a small hillock known as The Knock. Sir Michael Arnot, whose name can be seen carved on a door lintel, was created the 1st Baronet of Arnot in 1629 but their family eventually fell into debt and were forced to sell their lands in 1705 to Sir William Bruce, the builder of Kinross House. This acquisition not only enlarged the Kinross Estate but also increased the size of Kinross-shire, the lands of Arnot having been in Fife until then.

With the departure of the Arnots of that ilk after an occupancy lasting over 700 years, Arnot Tower was left to fall into ruin. Although the estate was inherited through the female line by the Bruces of Arnot in 1766, it was not until the adjacent mansion house was built in 1882 by Thomas Bruce of Arnot that owners of the lands of Arnot came to live there once again.



*Arnot Tower*

## Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade

Officers, boys and girls wish Jack Boyter a speedy recovery after his recent heart attack. Jack has been an officer in the Kinross Company since 1983 and we look forward to seeing him back in the ranks after doctors give him the "all clear."

Company section members enjoyed an evening of ten-pin bowling at Dunfermline during the school October holidays. Top score for the evening went to George Dick. In the officers' competition Jack Boyter and Dave Munro tied for top spot.

Anchors and Juniors enjoyed the annual Hallowe'en fun night with the traditional games and challenge competitions. The Company will be participating in the annual Remembrance Day parade to the war memorial on Armistice Sunday (8 November).

The **annual enrolment** service will take place on **Sunday 15 November** at 10.30am in Kinross Parish Church.

The opening rounds of the National Competitions see Kinross drawn away to the 7th Edinburgh Company in the first round of the Masterteam Quiz on Saturday 28 November.

In table tennis 1st Kinross has been drawn to play away against 42nd Dundee. Two home ties in Chess and Badminton see the Kinross Company host 3rd Kilsyth and 1st Dalgety Bay respectively.

Battalion competitions also get underway with the swimming gala at Perth Leisure Pool taking place at the end of November.

## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

At the October meeting, Roberto from Nathans, the textile waste merchants and recovery contractors from Denny, Stirlingshire gave a very interesting talk on the recycling and export of the waste collected by them. Accompanied with photos of the factory, he explained that before distribution, the waste material is sorted, graded and baled by the employees.

**Friday Walks:** Two riverside walks this month – both have been done before and both are "there and back" walks.

**13 Nov:** From the Crieff Visitor Centre along the River Earn to Dornoch Mill and back – about 6 miles.

**27 Nov:** From Bell's Sports Centre, Perth along the Tay and the Almond to Pitcairngreen, and back – a bit more than 6 miles.

### Hillwalkers:

**6 Nov:** After a four year gap we will return to Ben Chonzie, one of our nearest Munros with an ascent of 2300ft over a distance of eight miles.

**20 Nov:** We are planning to walk the linear route from Glen Devon to Auchterarder, a distance of eight miles and a total ascent of just under 1000ft.

Please note our membership list is currently full, any enquiries to Bill Blair, 01577 864450.

**Holiday 2010:** The holiday is to Strathpeffer, Ben Wyvis Hotel on 8 February 2010. The balance of the holiday money will be collected at the December Meeting.

**Kinross Campus Community Event:** Members attending this event on the afternoon of **Friday 20 November**, please meet at the new Community Campus at 2pm. Please note that your name must be on the list of names for this event.

**November Meeting:** The speaker at the meeting on **5 November** will be Prof. David Munro on "Loch Leven".



## Kinross-shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme



We would like to thank three donors for their recent generous contributions to our funds. In view of the financial situation at present, with threatened reductions in government funding etc, we are more than grateful for local – and some not so local – funding. Firstly, many thanks to our local donors, 1) The Rotary Club of Kinross and District and 2) one of our grateful clients. The not so local donor is Ye Corporation O' Squaremen Buchan Shed No. 4. As their name indicates, they hail from the northeast but one of their members put us forward as a worthy cause and we are happy say, Thank You.

Now for advance notice of our very popular fund raising **BURNS SUPPER**. It will be held in the Windlestrae Hotel on **Monday 18 January 2010** starting at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Tickets will be available as usual from mid December – contact Ann Munro, 01577 840196 or Bill Michie, 01592 840602. This is always a very good evening with great entertainment and good company, so don't miss it. If anyone would prefer vegetarian haggis, please say so when you buy your ticket.

## Portmoak Community Woodland

At the beginning of December, Portmoak Community Woodland will be part of a national attempt to set a new record for the number of trees planted in one hour. Would you like to take part?

As part of National Tree Week people all over the UK will get together from 11am until 12 noon on **Saturday 5 December**, in an event called Tree O'Clock. The Woodland Trust and the local community woodland steering group are hoping for a good turn out in Scotlandwell, where they'll be planting trees in the 'Field Abin the Kirk' on the hillside just up from the main A911 road.

The aim will be to break the Guinness World Record for the most trees planted in multiple locations by an unlimited number of people. It's an event for all the family and there'll be refreshments and woodcraft activities. There are already two community woodlands in Portmoak and the aim is always to ensure any work is also good fun.

The tree planting event will mark the end of a week of intense activity in the field, involving ten primary school classes planting trees. The former grazing pasture will become a new community woodland next to the ancient Kilmagad Wood, which is also owned by the Woodland Trust and managed in partnership with the local steering group. Native varieties of tree will be planted – such as rowan, oak, ash, birch, hazel and holly. There are also plans to grow fruit trees, such as apples and plums, as soon as more funds have been raised.

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## Common Grounds



The trees are now glorious with autumn colours and it is definitely fire lighting time - come along and enjoy our log fire. Also now is the time to come along and look at our Fairtrade catalogues and Christmas Card Album (specimens of cards from Created, formerly known as Tearcraft). The earlier we get the orders in the better, as we cannot guarantee orders required for Christmas if they are ordered too far into November as the Fairtrade Companies we deal with are very popular and items may not be in stock.

**Project:** The current project is called "MERLIN" and spends in excess of 38 million throughout the Developing Countries, with many of them in Africa. Examples of which are Liberia - a midwife training school. Further in Zimbabwe they are dealing with cholera outbreaks with follow-up training to prevent more outbreaks. One other example is drug distribution and support in the Congo. We are pleased to be able to donate a £1000 towards their work.

**Project Lunch:** This will take place in the Guide and Scout Hall, Milnathort on **Saturday 14 November** at 12.30pm and our speaker will be from Lake Victoria Disability Centre. Lunch will be homemade bread, soup etc.

**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:** By the time you read this our Committee for the coming year will be in place. We still have no "Treasurer".

Lastly, a really big thank you to all the people who have donated wood for the fire and if you have wood to spare, but not whole trees without warning, we would be pleased to have it.

As usual our opening hours are 10am - 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. We take this opportunity to say sorry to anyone who found us closed on occasions, this was due to a shortage of Volunteers.

Contacts outside of opening hours are: James Henry (Convener) 01577 864452 and Linda Freeman (Secretary) 01577 865045.

## Kinross Camera Club

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



### November

- 5th Bonfire Night at Lochend Farm by Scotlandwell. Fireworks tailored for photography.
- 12th League 1 Judging of the first round of the Club's photography competition by Roy Robertson.
- 15th (Sunday) Scottish Photographic Federation Print Championship at Airdrie.
- 19th Visions and Revisions, an illustrated talk by Richard Cormack
- 26th Nepal, an illustrated talk by Sally Woolrich  
Photographic Miscellany, an illustrated talk by John St. Clair.
- 28th Anniversary Dinner, Windlestrae Hotel.

## Kinross Potager Garden



Our harvest is now coming to an end, with two healthy pumpkins for the schoolchildren to carve for Halloween, and old plants to add to the compost heap. After the tidying, perhaps time for a cup of tea, and to make plans for next season.

Chris Burt and the team at Dobbies have been very supportive, with donations of potting compost, for which we are very grateful. There is still time to plant shrubs and perennials before the winter, and we have a good supply of young plants, including evergreens, and hedging plants. Just call at the garden in Bowton Road on a Monday morning, or phone Amanda on the number below.

We will have a stall at the **Community Group Fair** at the new School campus on **21 November**, with photos and information, and some colourful winter pots, and other plants for sale; we look forward to meeting you there.

Contact Amanda James at 01577 840809.



*A fine brace of Halloween pumpkins from the Potager Garden!*

## Kinnesswood in Bloom



**Britain in Bloom:** On 22 September six ladies headed down to Torbay to attend the 2009 Awards Ceremony at the Riviera International Conference Centre in Torquay. The awards were presented by Toby Buckland, BBC Gardener's World presenter. Kinnesswood won a Silver Gilt award in the Large Village category, so congratulations to all the team who worked so hard to achieve this.

**Flower Power Disco:** This was held in the Lomond Country Inn on 26 September, both to celebrate the entry into "Britain in Bloom" and to thank all the helpers who had worked very hard in the run up to the judging. Lots of people dressed up and danced the night away to the sounds of the sixties.

**Meetings and Work Parties:** Meetings are open to all and are usually held on the first Thursday of the month. Check the local notice board for up to date information.

**CSV make a difference day:** Kinnesswood in Bloom is taking part in this event which is aiming to create a wave of kindness across Scotland. We intend to have an activity morning at our Wildflower area at the top of Gamekeepers estate. We are calling on volunteers to "lend a hand" on **Saturday 31 October** from 10am until 12 noon. Refreshments will be served to all volunteers!

# Sports News



## Kinross Volleyball Club

The Kinross Club is looking forward to another successful season with two trophies already retained with Kinross BB winning the Recreational League Cup and Kinross Scotrange retaining the Premier League Cup.

The Scotrange side had to dump their Kintronics colleagues in the semi-final of the cup competition before beating Dodgy Spikers by two sets to love in the final.

Both Premier and Recreational Leagues are due to commence in November on Sunday evenings at Bell's Sports Centre with Kinross again entering five teams: Scotrange and Kintronics in the Premier League, Scotrange II, Kinross BB and Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade in the Recreational League.

Club members are looking forward to the move to Loch Leven Campus for training on Monday evenings – Juniors (aged 11 – 18) from 8 till 9 pm and adults from 9 till 10pm.

The Kinross Club is involved in the **Loch Leven Campus "Open Day"** on **21 November** where they will be playing a demonstration match, Blues versus Reds from 3pm till 4pm. Club Chairman John Cameron invites everyone to come along and cheer the team of their choice with youngsters encouraged to come along to watch wearing either red or blue to distinguish the team they have chosen to support. There will also be the opportunity for interested adults and youngsters to meet club members after the match to discuss how the club can become more involved in the local community as well as encouraging youngsters to become involved in the sport.



*The winning Kinross Scotrange team with the league cup*

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## Kinross Squash Club

The Kinross Squash Leagues are now up and running and the first month's round of matches have been played with the winners of each league given below.

This is an ideal time to join the leagues before the onset of Christmas and New Year's resolutions. To join the Squash Leagues add your name and phone number on the space at the bottom of the current league's score sheet on the Squash Club notice board which is located at the rear of the courts in the leisure centre.

At the recent AGM it was agreed to affiliate Kinross Squash Club with Scottish Squash to provide stronger support for our active junior section. The levels of subscriptions were also decided and are now due. If you pay before the end of November the fee is discounted to the very attractive price of £12. Joining forms are located in a pocket on the Squash notice board. Please note, you may play in the Squash Leagues for one month as a guest but thereafter you are required to be a fully paid up member of Kinross Squash Club.

Winners of September's Squash Leagues:

Premier: Jim Marshall

League 1: Phil Shore

League 3: Scott Finnie

League 5: Steve Oliver

League 2: Drew McQuillan

League 4: Chris Martin

League 6: Simon Witt



## Kinross Badminton Club

Play has temporarily stopped just now at the Club, with Kinross High moving to the new Community Campus. The Club will be moving with the school to the Campus, with the times and days remaining the same, hopefully this should be in early November if all goes well. With new equipment and facilities, the Club along with other clubs and groups will have a splendid new home to be proud of!

The Club's AGM was held recently with new committee members elected on board amongst other things. More information about the AGM can be found on the club's website, which is currently being updated.

On a different note, Club secretary Mark Moran and his new wife Grace would like to thank members for their cards, gifts and best wishes given to them at their recent wedding, they had a great day and brilliant honeymoon with a lot of happy memories! "Many thanks guys!"

If you would like any more information about the Club or would like to join (first night FREE), please contact Bill Macdonald 01577 862592, Mark Moran 01577 842239 (moran319@btinternet.com) or try our website [www.kinrossbadmintonclub.com](http://www.kinrossbadmintonclub.com)



### Images of Kinross-shire

Photographs can be downloaded free of charge from the [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

#### Photo Library

Subjects include Historic Kinross-shire, Loch Leven, Fauna and Flora, Countryside, Villages, Local Projects and Events.

## Kinross Ladies Hockey Club



Following on from the pre-season success of winning the Corporations Cup, both teams have made good starts to the League season.

The First XI have stormed to the top of the league table for League Division 1, with two wins from two games. Their first game on the 26 September saw them away to Dundee Wanderers, and they romped home with a win of 7 – 2. The following week saw a home match against Perthshire Firsts. Again the strength of the strike force showed through, with a 6 – 1 scoreline.

The Second XI, competing in League Division 2 have also made a good start, emphasised by the paper score which shows a 5 – 0 win over Dundee University. Although the scoreline represents a home walkover, as Dundee were unable to field a team, I think it is a fair reflection of what would have been achieved!! The first actual hit of the ball the following week against Perthshire Seconds resulted in a 2 – 2 draw.

The first match of the indoor season is imminent, and Kinross Ladies are once again fielding a team, playing in Dundee on Tuesday evenings. The pace of indoor hockey is fast and furious, so no doubt there will be some stiff-legged walks on Wednesday mornings!

If you are keen to follow the results of matches there is a new Midlands Hockey League website, which can be found at <http://mhu.leaguerepublic.com>. In addition to results it also lists upcoming fixtures, so feel free to come along and support the teams!

Off the pitch, the 35th Anniversary Celebration at the Windlestrae on 26 September was a great success. In addition to much merrymaking, a total of £800 was raised in memory of Greig Smith, who sadly died of cancer earlier this year. The money has been split between CHAS and another children's cancer charity called Tickle. Many thanks to all of those who worked hard to organise this event, and to all those who participated!

If you are interested in coming along to training, join us at the all weather pitch at KGV playing fields at the Muirs on Wednesday evenings. Training starts at 6.30pm sharp, so please be there in good time. You will need to bring trainers (no metal studs allowed), and a bottle of water or juice is a very good idea. There is a £2 training fee for each session. If you would like any further details please check the website at [www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk](http://www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk)

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## Kinross Rugby Football Club



Well it's been another hard month for the guys.

Orkney were the visitors to Kinross, and being unbeaten in the league, it was always going to be a hard game. That it was...we were beaten 50-0. The following week we were away to Stirling Uni; a better performance but the students were too strong in the end with Kinross going down 21-10. Next up was away to Strathmore and with the injuries building up within the team, Booffy, Dunk and Dale were still trying to get players on the Friday evening with front row players being the problem. Old head Jimmy Handyside stepped in along with Booffy himself having to play. We lost 27-0 with only one try being scored in the second half. It was a game played with a lot of heart.

At home, for the visit by Mackie FP with ourselves and Mackie being at the wrong end of the league table, we both needed the game to go our way; unfortunately Mackie nailed it 12-10. It has been a hard month playing teams at the top of the table but hopefully we will gain some points in the coming months. We are desperately needing more players at the club, so no matter what playing ability level you are please come along to training and meet the guys. We have a good social club and will welcome you, so come and give us a try!

Training on Tuesday and Thursday 7-9pm.

All match reports are available in full on our website.

Find us at KGV Playing Fields, The Muirs, Kinross.

Telephone: 01577 861773

Website: [www.kinross-rugby.com](http://www.kinross-rugby.com)

### October Bonus Ball

£50 Mr & Mrs Goudie Snr £25 Stevie Wilcox

### November fixtures

### kick-off

7th Kinross v. Glenrothes

2pm

14th TBC

21st Kinross v. Crieff

2pm

28th Harris Academy v. Kinross (cup game)

2pm

## Kinross Curling School



The after School clubs have started back after the October break. If you are

at Kinross High and interested in coming to the curling, it is on a Monday evening from 4.30pm – 5.30pm, cost £ 3.00, open to all ages.

The same goes for the Kinross Junior Club; we always welcome new members age from 12 – 21 yrs on Sundays 5.00pm – 7.15pm. Dates are: 1, 15, 22 and 29 November; 6 and 13 December.

We have a full complement for the first Beginners course on 24 & 25 Oct and 7 Nov and we look forward to introducing new people to the sport. Can I please remind **Club Secretaries** – if you are looking for new members please come along on **Sunday 7 November** at 2.00pm and recruit!!

We are holding our second Wheelchair International on Tuesday 20 – Thursday 22 October. I am delighted to say we have six Paralympic teams playing: GB, Canada, USA, Germany, Norway, Swiss as well as three of our top Scottish performance teams. It should be good curling to watch.

Ena Stevenson

Email: [enastevenson@aol.com](mailto:enastevenson@aol.com) Tel: 07974826563.

## Kinross Men's Hockey Club

Having had mixed results in the pre-season friendlies, the League games started on 26 September. The 1sts started well and beat Falkirk 3rds 5-0 with man of the match Ali Vaughan scoring a hat-trick with Bradley Harrison and Calum Anderson getting 1 each. Next was Inverleith in a howling gale which started like a Pythonesque farce for 5 minutes as both teams were in almost identical strips! Eventually the home team changed tops and the game restarted in earnest. Kinross attacked for most of the game. Bradley Harrison had a goal disallowed before Inverleith scored a breakaway goal. Man of the match Andrew Getley continuously supplied balls to the forwards who were unable to break the Inverleith solid defence and lost 1-0. The third league game was against a high scoring and very mobile Edinburgh University 6ths. Kinross played some excellent hockey inspired by the return of man of the match David Goodenough who scored four goals with Ali Vaughan and Bradley Harrison both scoring one each. The university only broke through a robust defence once with Ollie Vaughan and Gordon Balfour breaking down almost every attack and starting counter attacks.

The fourth league game of the season was against Edinburgh University 5ths on a very bouncy pitch which Kinross could not get used to and sadly lost 2-0.

The 2nds had their first league game against Falkirk 5ths and despite a number of good scoring chances lost 2-1. Man of the match was defender Jonathon Sloan. Next was away to Inverleith development team. Having just witnessed the 1sts lose 1-0, Kinross knew they would be up against it. Inspired by some magnificent defending from man of the match Gavin Steven, the forwards continued to attack and were rewarded for all their hard efforts as Pete Smith scored what proved to be the winning goal and the 2nds first league win. Their third league game was against a very powerful Stirling Wanderers 2nds team who eventually overran Kinross 3-0, despite some good play from Kinross, particularly man of the match Ian Clark. Overall a good promising start for the 2nds in their first season where the half term break always causes problems with so many unavailable players and a lot of potential.

November's league games are:

7 Nov	1sts away to Carnegie 4ths 2nds at home to Carnegie 6ths
14 Nov	1sts away to Watsonians 3rds 2nds at home to Fidra Lions
21 Nov	1sts at home to Grange 5ths 2nds away to Eskvale
28 Nov	1sts away to Erskine 3rds 2nds at home to Carnegie 7ths

Training continues on the KGV astro pitch on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm to 9pm. It's free and all are welcome, no matter what age or ability.

Kobra (U14) training is on Thursday evenings 6.30pm to 7.30pm and again its free and all are most welcome.

For further information, contact Douglas Ogilvie on e-mail: [captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk](mailto:captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk) or 07768 708250 or Ollie Voland at [secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk) or 07725 884672.

## Kinross AFC



The recent period has resulted in a 'mixed bag' for the Club. Fortunately the latter period afforded two sound wins against Stirling BC (Scottish Cup) & Lumphinnans (League).

The first half against Stirling was marred by the high winds but second half saw a marked improvement from the team. Allan Moody scored a fine goal from an intelligent pass by Ryan McLean. Iain Robertson scored a 'match of the day' goal with an outstanding left volley from the edge of the 18 yard box. A typical Robbo goal! The scoring was completed by the road runner, Brian Duncan.

The Lumphinnans game swung to and fro and was decided by an opportunist goal by live wire Jamie Child.

As always anyone interested in coming along, phone Alan Fraser on 01577 862018 or Sandy Fraser on 01577 865762

### Kinross AFC under 19's

The Club are delighted to announce a development in the current structure. The recently defunct Kinross Colts side has been absorbed into the amateur set up. The team will be known as Kinross AFC, under 19's and play on Sundays in the Perthshire League.

All boys born 1992 or later are eligible as the Club are eager to recruit local players. Additionally, coaches and officials are required to assist in the teams development.

The team train at the Myre on Tuesday 7pm & Thursday 6.30pm. All are welcome.

If interested please contact Keith Lindsay on 07801816700 or Sandy Fraser 01577 865762.

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## Kinross Otters Swimming Club

### The Midland District Sprint Swimming Championships, Olympia Pool, Dundee

This annual Midland District (Tayside) event seeks to identify the fastest of the fast. And so it was that every club in the District turned up at the Olympia Pool in Dundee on 5 September with the intention of being just that.

Kinross Otters entered a small team which became even smaller due to a serious jinx. Laura Manson was withdrawn before the start as she broke her thumb in training on a lane rope. Cameron McCloskey became unwell between heats and finals and despite qualifying fastest had to be withdrawn. Robbie Blaikie tore some muscles during the turn in the 13-14 yr old Boys 50m Butterfly but still managed a fourth place and thereafter was withdrawn from the rest of the day. Amy Baker was also withdrawn on poolside due to ill health.



L to r: Mhairi Boyle, Ruairidh Haig and Ewan Simpson

Thankfully, Ewan Simpson turned up with the bit between his teeth. He took gold medals in the 13-14 yr old Boys 50m Butterfly and Freestyle races taking 1.5 secs and 1 sec respectively off his personal bests (30.92 and 27.38 secs). He also won silver medals in 50m Back Crawl (33.05 secs) and 100m Individual Medley (1.11.76 secs) and he proved he can also swim the Breaststroke by coming fourth in 38.39 secs. He is now top seven or better ranked in Scotland at Freestyle, Butterfly and Back Crawl in this age group/distance.

Next best swimmer on the day was the ever improving Ruairidh Haig who came second in the 13-14 yr old Boys 50m Breaststroke in an impressive 37.72 secs (a new personal best time slashing 2 secs off his previous time). He also managed a sixth place in the 100m Individual Medley.

Completing the Otter's medal tally was Mhairi Boyle won a bronze medal in the 12 year old Girls 50m Back Crawl in another pb of 37.98 secs.

### Midland District First Division Gala

#### Kinross Leisure Centre

Kinross Otters Second team took part in the latest First Division League meet on 12 September and put in another strong performance to finish the day in second place despite being as low as last at some points and never above third place until the last few races.

This performance now leaves the team in a close overall third in the league (15pts) behind the Forfar first team (17 pts) and the Menzieshill/Whitehall first team (16 pts). Further behind lie the Monifieth second team and Dundee City Aquatics third team both on 6 points. The Otters still have an outside chance of winning the league and being promoted to the Premier League where their first team colleagues swim. The decider takes place at Olympia Pool in Dundee on 14 September. Best of luck!!

### Midland District Premier League Gala

#### Arbroath Leisure Centre

Kinross Otters first team took part in the penultimate league meet in the Premier Division at Arbroath on 26 September. Due to numerous illnesses and injuries, this was the weakest team they had fielded all year. One of the positions was even filled by Head Coach David Haig, who, even by his own admission, may be past his best!

Despite all this the team managed a very respectable but slightly disappointing third position (143 pts) behind Dundee City Aquatics first team (195 pts) and Arbroath St. Thomas (149 pts). Further back were DCA's second team with 108 pts and Monifieth's first team with 103 pts.

The Otters hold a fairly strong second position overall in the league behind DCA 1 and it looks likely they will finish runners up for the second year in a row. It is expected that a full team of first choice swimmers will be available for the final meet at Olympia Pool, Dundee on 7 November. Again, good luck!!

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## Kinross Bowling Club

The bowling season came to a close on Sunday 4 October when we played the Gibson Triples on a nice bright day, followed by presentation of prizes in the Clubhouse with tea, sandwiches and cakes.

The winners of Gibson Triples were: Janet Mitchell, Bobby Brian & George Rennie. Runners-up were: Babs Park, Jim Reid & Jim Cousar.

Thanks to all members for everything during the season (providing food, raffles etc) and to all committee members for all their work and "The Green Team" for keeping the Green in order.

Hope to see everyone again next year – raring to go again.

### Prize winners:

	Winner	Runner-Up
Gents Champion	P. Allcoat	G.M. Rennie
Ladies Champion	S. Rennie	J. Mitchell
Handicap	Babs Park	J. Mitchell
Senior/S. Hand	G.M. Rennie	S.M. Rennie
Presidents	G.M. Rennie	K. Reay
Cowie Shield	S.M. Rennie	K. Reay
J. Wallace Trophy	P. Allcoat	D. Hague
Montgomery	P. Allcoat	Brian Park
E. Ford Trophy	S.M. Rennie	M. Connor
Barnes	Barbara Park	S.M. Rennie
G. Waddell Ford	Brian Park	D. Hague
Renton	G.M. Rennie	S.M. Rennie
Bess Hunter	S.M. Rennie	Jean Cousar
G. Smith Trophy	Jean Cousar	B. Paterson
	G.M. Rennie	Jim Cousar
Mixed Pairs	Jim Reid	Jean Cousar
	S.M. Rennie	Brian Park
Ladies Pairs	A. Bell	Babs Park
	S.M. Rennie	Janet Mitchell
Gents Pairs	J. Wilkie	Jim Cousar
	F. McDonald	Brian Park
Sunday League	M. Connor	Jean Cousar
	Jim Cousar	
	Doug Hague	
Tuesday League	Jean Cousar	Jim Reid
Wed. Comp	P. Allcoat	Jim Reid
Gibson Triples	Janet Mitchell	Babs Park
	Bobby Brian	Jim Reid
	George Rennie	Jim Cousar

## Orwell Bowling Club

The closing of the green was on Saturday 26 September. The format was a triples played in aid of the RNLI. The winners were: J Fullerton, Mrs E Hamilton and Mrs M Allan and the sum of £103.35 was raised.

The results of the competitions played throughout the year are:

### Ladies Competition

	Winner	Runner-Up
Ladies Champion	C Davidson	S Fullerton
Miller Cup	S Fullerton	C Davidson
Hamilton Salver	K Dougray	C Davidson
Bob Taylor Pairs	J Menzies	I Cheney
	C Davidson	E Hamilton
Nan Crockatt Pairs	S Fullerton	E Webster
	A Wilson	M Young
Ladies Triples	J Menzies	M Taylor
	E Webster	M Hooper
	J Jackson	S Fullerton
Rink	J McCann	M White
	E Webster	D Foster
	R Howie	M Young
	A Wilson	M Allan
Nomination 4 Bowl	J Menzies	C Davidson
Pairs	S Fullerton	M White
Nomination 2 Bowl	C Davidson	R Howie
Pairs	M White	M Allan
Haig Cup	K Dougray	

### Gents & Mixed Competitions

Gents Champion	A Lloyd	N Tomney
Senior Champion	V McKechnie	Mrs S Fullerton
Presidents	V McKechnie	D Winton
Keir Cup	J Longmuir	T Venn
Scott Trophy	M Hamilton	N Tomney
Centenary Trophy	A Lloyd	Mrs J Jackson
J Somerville Trophy	D Winton	D Scott
	W J Reid	N Tomney
Kinloch Trophy	M Hamilton	B Cook
Cunningham Cup	A Lloyd	G Morton
	J H Taylor	T Venn
Meldrum Cup	D Winton	J Fullerton
	Mrs M Taylor	N Tomney
Frank Adamson	Mrs M Taylor	Mrs M Young
Mixed Triples	W J Reid	Mrs A Morton
	D Winton	G Morton
Watt Trophy	A Lloyd	G Morton
	J Taylor	W Dewar
	J H Taylor	D Clark
Tomney Shield	B Cook	D Winton
	F Barr	W J Reid
	M Reay	G Morton
	V McKechnie	W J Hamilton
MacLay Trophy	Mrs J Menzies	Mrs C Davidson
	B Cook	T Venn
T&J Reekie Trophy	D Winton	
	Mrs A Wilson	
Roy Dougray Trophy	B Cook	
Haig Cup	V McKechnie	
Tuesday Points	1st Mrs J Menzies, 2nd B Cook,	
	3rd Mrs E Hamilton,	
	4th M Hamilton	

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## Kinross HS Triathlon Club

The Kinross High School Triathlon Club offers training in the multi-sport activity known as Triathlon to children aged 9 – 16. Triathlon is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and involves the three disciplines of swimming, cycling and running in one event. In the past, the Club has limited its activities to organising a biannual Triathlon event for pupils from Kinross HS and P6/P7 from the feeder primaries, but in April this year invited participation from the Perth High Schools resulting in a highly successful regional event.

Also for the first time this year, the Club has been offering regular training sessions coached by Steve Clark, a Triathlon Scotland coach and former British Triathlon Grand Prix champion, British Middle Distance Triathlon champion, multiple Scottish Sprint Triathlon Champion, and Ironman. Steve is assisted by Kinross High School teacher, Scott Urquhart. Plans are underway to expand our bank of coaches with both Scott and Steve Wilcox attending coaching courses in the New Year. It is hoped that with a larger group of coaches we will be able to run more sessions per month.

In our first season with regular training, the Club has achieved a highly creditable fourth place in the Triathlon Scotland Junior Aquathlon Club rankings, thanks to some fantastic performances by our young athletes. A particular mention has to go to Gregor Malcolm who had a great season, finishing joint top-ranked Junior Aquathlon 9/10yrs, Scottish Schools Champion 9/10yrs category, and Scottish Junior Champion 9/10yrs category. However, there were some other great results from:

Mairi Mulhern 3rd ranked Junior Aquathlon 13/14yrs (girls)

Kerry Gibson 1st ranked Junior Aquathlon 15/16yrs (girls)

Laura Gibson 6th ranked Junior Aquathlon 15/16yrs (girls)

There were, of course, many other individual performances of great merit too numerous to list, so a hearty thanks from the coaching and admin team to all of our young athletes, and we hope to see you all at training throughout the winter. If any young people wish to try their hand at Triathlon, please contact us at KinrossTriathlonClub@yahoo.co.uk, or call Steve Wilcox on 01577 862976, for details of our next training session.

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## Kinross Road Runners



If the dark evenings are making it harder for you to get out running on a regular basis you might like to consider joining your local running club. Kinross Road Runners

have a schedule of winter training sessions on a Wednesday night which could help you to develop and maintain your speed, strength and stamina in preparation for your chosen event, be it a road race, hill race, 5km fun run or a marathon. We meet in front of the old health centre at Lathro for a prompt 7pm start and would invite you to give us a try.

The training sessions for November are as follows:

4th November	2 mile time trial
11th November	Hill Reps (Milnathort)
18th November	5 x 1000m (KGV)
25th November	Pyramid Reps (Bridgend)

The full schedule is available to download from the club website at

<http://fp4.dns-systems.net/~kinrossroadrun/krr/index.html>

### Dates for your diary

Although we are now well into our winter training schedule, there are still two more events that qualify for the club championship. The first is the Templeton Woods 10 Mile Road Race on **Sunday 1 November** and the second is the Glen Clova Half Marathon on **Saturday 14 November**.

On **22 November**, Kinross Road Runners will host the annual inter-club 'Hartley Relay'. This event has been a regular feature of the autumn calendar for a number of years for the smaller running clubs from east central Scotland. The participating clubs take it in turns to host the event which also has a social side to it with refreshments and prizes afterwards. This year the relays will be run over a course in the grounds of Kinross House. Registration will commence at 10am and the race will start by 10.45am. The course itself is just over a mile long and each team member has to run twice. After the race we will serve refreshments to the runners in the Millbridge Hall. This is always a fun and friendly event but we need as many club members as possible to help out on the day. Please speak to a committee member if you are able to get involved.

Finally, a reminder to club members that the club handicap will take place on **Saturday 13 December** and will be run over a 10k route, starting and finishing in Milnathort. As always, this will be followed by refreshments in the Milnathort Town Hall.

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# News from the Rurals

**CROOK OF DEVON** – President Mrs Margaret Arbuckle welcomed everyone to our October meeting. After business she introduced Nursing Practitioner Lynne Pollock who gave us a very interesting talk and slide show on her experience on the Vine Trust medical ship Amazon Hope 1. Vote of thanks was given by Mrs A Johnson.

Competitions:

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Holiday Snaps       | - Mrs M Arbuckle |
| Flower of the Month | - Mrs J Allan    |

**GLENFARG** – Ursula Stewart, President, welcomed Sheila Coombe of Auchterarder and Evelyn Baker from Comrie who greatly entertained the ladies with their tales of a Summer School in Shetland and the Austrian Spicecrafts they learned there.

Judy Paterson, a story teller from Fife, will be the speaker at the November meeting.

Competitions:

- |                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Flower of the Month           | - Catherine Fairweather |
| Collage with nuts, seeds etc. | - Liz Yuill             |
| 2 Spiced Biscuits             | - Liz Yuill             |

**BISHOPSHIRE** – Gordon Dow of St. Andrews First Aid told the story of the St. Andrews Ambulance Association from 1884 to the present day. From the first early horse-drawn carriages which were used as ambulances, to the work done during the two World Wars, he explained how the association worked alongside the new NHS until in 2006 the word 'ambulance' was removed and the association became St. Andrews First Aid. It is a voluntary organisation, always looking for new members, and the personnel are to be seen at many venues throughout the year. Gordon also demonstrated how to use a manikin to give CPR, and some of the ladies had a go.

Competitions:

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 3 scones        | - Ann Hughes  |
| Granny's Remedy | - Norma Smith |

**MILNATHORT** – Vice President Mrs Fiona Hynds chaired the October meeting. She introduced Mr Stuart Skinner of Kinross who gave a very good talk on T in the Park. He really outlined how much work goes into making it all happen.

Competitions:

- |                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Flower of the Month      | - Ena Thomson    |
| Poster for T in the Park | - Sheila Waddell |
| Cornish Pastie           | - Ena Thomson    |
- Vote of thanks given by Fiona Hynds.

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**CARNBO** – Mrs Eileen Thomson welcomed everyone to the meeting on 19 October. She gave an especially warm welcome to Mrs Morag MacGillivray, who originally was a Carnbo member, and who kindly agreed to demonstrate Hand Weaving. It was very interesting and the items that she brought with her were a work of Art. Christine Dawson gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Three Treacle Scones | - Jessie Stirling |
| Flower of the Month  | - Mary Lapsley    |

Cambo WRI will be holding a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 7 November** between 10am and 12 noon at Cambo Hall. Cake and Candy and Bottle Stalls. Everyone is welcome and the proceeds will be donated to CLIC Sargent Charity.

**CLEISH** – President Mrs Margaret Kilpatrick welcomed members to the October meeting. After the business was completed she introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr Alan Stewart who showed us an interesting slide show on his work as a wildlife detective.

Mrs Dorothy Morris gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

- |                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Cheese Scones       | - M Nelson |
| Wildlife Picture    | - F Gibb   |
| Flower of the Month | - M Nelson |

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# Out & About



## Vane Farm



Guess the autumn is truly here then since the geese have been pilin in. Geese is it, dinnae mention geese. We hiv been fair roastit wi folk comin in tae see afore mentioned geese. Andrea pit a bit in the paper which then turnt in tae the BBC comin alang n the whole shebang went mental. Folks comin in fae awe the airts n pairs cos it wiz oan the telly which hiz been guid mind bit man it's been mad the last couple o weeks. Onywey at the last coont we hid 18,750 o the beasties on the loch n reserve - plenty fur the visitors tae see.

Waders hiv still been passin thro - the likes o greenshank n black tailed godwit, the highlight bein a Temminck's Stint oan the 15th hingin around in Vane bay wi the snipe flock, which is only the second record fur the loch. Whooper swan numbers ur also buildin up as are winterin ducks.

A wee reminder, please be aware o causin disturbance tae winterin birds roond the NNR if yer oot walkin or whatever it can cause them tae expend vital energy or leave feedin areas durin the winter months if they are constantly hivin tae flee awa.

Reserve stuff, Chris oor warden n bird expert accordin tae the papers so it must be right says he! We r jist agreein fur the sake o peace, onywey he "o" the swelt heid hiz been tinkerin aboot with watter levels as is hiz want tae encourage mair o them tae hing around n feed oan the muddy edges. Vegetation control hiz also been ongoin wi local contractor Jimmy Loudon or "Jimmy Topper" as we cry him chappin doon rushes wi hiz tractor n topper, place looks a bitty tidier tho so guid joab, n the birds ur happy n' awe.

Mair new staff again, Jane Cleaver wha wiz workin fur us at The Famous Grouse Experience at Crieff hiz transfert tae cover fur Andrea wha is gawn oan maternity leave come the 18th o this month. She never even brocht us a boattle o whisky tae sample when she came doon, shameful wiz the cry!! Angie Skene hiz also come onboard tae work as a pairt time centre assistant at the weekends so hello tae baith o them - hope they enjoy workin here.

The shop is feelin generous this month so ye kin earn double club caird points oan yer saver cairds if ye buy Christmas cairds, calendars n the like fur spendin the same siller as ye aye did, durin the month o November. If ye hinny stertit feedin yer wee gairden pals yet noo is the time tae gie them a boost wi the caulder nights comin in. Seeds, peanuts, fat balls or advice oan hoo tae help yer feathert friends available fae the staff.

Next events comin up are " **Winter Wander**" a guided walk oan **Saturday 28 November** fae 11am - 1pm. This is a free event so come alang n see whit's aboot?

Ta ta till next month,

Colin

## Loch Leven NNR



Autumn has fully set in at Loch Leven, with over 18,000 pink-footed geese at the last count.

This fares well compared to previous years, and numbers could increase further before we begin to see a dip as many head further south. Following extensive media coverage and a series of successful goose events, Loch Leven is very much the focus of attention at the moment. Keep an eye out at sunrise and sunset for large flocks departing or arriving at the loch shore. Other birds of interest recently have included a Temminck's Stint at RSPB Vane Farm, green sandpiper, kingfisher and an assortment of migrating ducks including over 1300 pintail - a particularly high count for this time of year.

Scottish Natural Heritage has been particularly active in its island management work this year, with over two hectares of willow being removed from St Serf's, and Roy's Folly and Scart being cleared of encroaching vegetation. It is hoped that this habitat restoration will benefit breeding ducks in the coming years, and there is also the possibility of encouraging



*Island management at Loch Leven*

breeding common tern here for the first time since the 1970s. The fungi forays were very well attended once again, and with 47 species of fungus being identified on the first walk in Levenmouth, the group was lost for spores! A big thank you once again to Tony Wilson, without whom the walks over the last three years would not have been possible. We look forward to teaming up with him again next year.



*Roy Dennis*

A reminder to all that Roy Dennis will be in Kinross on **Tuesday 10 November**, when he will be the guest speaker at our final volunteers' meeting of 2009. The talk takes place in the Millbridge Hall from 7.30 pm. If you'd like to attend, please call the reserve office on 01577 864439 to book your place.

For your opportunity to meet the SNH wardens at Loch Leven, and discuss wildlife and management issues at the reserve, drop in to the Boathouse Hide past Kirkgate between 12 noon

and 3 pm on **Wednesday 11 November**.

That's all for now folks. I hope to see you at the meeting in November.

Craig

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## Farming



After a very tricky start to the harvest due to a lot of rain through the second half of August and first week of September, the weather finally settled down and not a minute too soon.

Cereal crops were being battered by persistent wind and rain just as they were reaching full ripeness, resulting in fast deteriorating quality and many ears of grain landing on the ground, particularly in early maturing fields. In later ripening fields, which were only coming ripe after the rain stopped, there were good yields and quality when fields became dry enough for combines to travel.

Our own harvest was very much a game of two halves. By the time the fields were dry enough for the dinosaurs, two fields of barley were over ripe, making it impossible to pick up some very brackled over crop. I reckon we lost something like 20 tonnes of barley due to this which made a fair dent in the expected production of our small scale arable enterprise. The other two fields of barley did fairly well and the oats yielded very well.

The final cut of silage has also been completed although a major mechanical mishap means that the cows will be grazing the last couple of acres. It was a late finish to a job which should have been done a month earlier. There is plenty quantity although the quality won't be great.

I even managed to sow some winter barley which was a relief since the seed had been in the shed since last year but the field conditions weren't dry enough to get it sown then. I was pleased to get the job done this year in pretty good conditions and in reasonable time. This gets the process under way for providing the feed for the 2010-11 winter, but as Robert Burns said "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley", so I'd better not get too pleased with myself just yet.

There's plenty to be getting on with to prepare for the coming winter: some alteration to buildings to improve the batching of the cattle to help with their day to day husbandry; marketing of the lambs for the flockette of sheep and seemingly endless fields of bales to be carted home – plenty of scope for things to go "aft agley"!

John

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## Weather



### September weather report from Carnbo

After the bad behaviour of the three Summer months, September did its best to make up for the poor Summer. After a short spell of wet weather early in the month, the weather became much more settled with plenty of sunny, warm days and very little rain.

Rainfall for month 138 mm (131% of average)

Heaviest fall 48 mm (3rd)

(Highest day total of the year so far)

Highest temperature 18°C (1st)

Lowest temperature 5°C (17th)

Average temperature 11.8°C

Cloud cover 50%

Wind component Westerly 15 days  
Easterly 3 days

Thunder not recorded



*This lady looks happy enough, but bad weather and mechanical mishaps cause constant headaches for farmers and their animals!*

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## Congratulations



Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of **VICKI BALNAVES** and **GRAEME AITKEN**.

**ANDREW MACKAY**, formerly Kinross, and **HANNAH MERCER** announced their engagement on 7 October 2009. We are all very happy for you both – love from Mum and Ian.

Proud parents Chris and Pauline Neale are delighted to announce the birth of **REBECCA JANE NEALE** on Thursday 1st October 2009. A first grandchild for Muriel and Bill.

The family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of **MARGARET** and **SANDY McPHAIL** would like to congratulate them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The girls from **THE COMPLETE LOOK**, along with Karen Berwick and Chloe Moran, took part in the 'Pedal for Scotland' Glasgow to Edinburgh charity bike ride (51 miles!! – ouch! sore bums!), raising £1400 for Alzheimer's. The girls also took part in 'The Moon Walk Edinburgh' last year and raised over £1000 for Breast Cancer. Well done, girls.



*The Complete Look team*

**KAYLEIGH RITCHIE** (10) of Kinross recently represented her karate team in a five nations competition in Belgium, and returned home with a silver medal for her individual kata.

Kinross badminton player **PATRICK McHUGH** recently achieved success at the Bank of Scotland National Junior Championships in Edinburgh. In the under-19 age group, he took the boys' doubles title and also reached the mixed doubles semi-final.

### Contributors

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## Thanks



**KATRINA BARR** would like to say many thanks to all those who attended the **Lupus Fundraiser/Awareness Day** in The Salutation Hotel, Kinross on 1 August. We raised a whopping £750, which is fantastic. Many thanks especially to The Salutation for hosting the event, Harveys of Dunfermline for donating a stunning table for the raffle, HBOS for their excellent and numerous gifts, North Inch Golf Club in Perth, Burgerseed Parties for the bouncy castle which was enjoyed by all and the many other companies who submitted gifts and gave support. Also Katrina would like to personally thank her parents Shaun and Anna Purll without whom none of this would have been possible, and all of her family and friends who attended and helped to make the day such a success.



*Katrina Barr handing out prizes at the Lupus Fundraiser*

**MARGARET HARLEY** of Milnathort wishes to record her thanks to all who visited, made enquiries by 'phone, sent flowers or cards during her stay in Ninewells Hospital and convalescence at home. A special thanks to the medical staff of Ward 36 for their excellent care; to Jeanette Tomney for the daily cheery newsletter keeping her up to date with all things local, and most grateful thanks to sister, Jinty, who gave unequalled support throughout. Finally, her best thanks to Frank, the 24 hour carer, for help and encouragement during her illness and constant on-going care as she recuperates.

**MARGARET** and **SANDY McPHAIL** would like to thank their family for the lovely surprise party they gave them for their Golden Wedding and they would also like to thank grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends for the presents and money they received for their Golden Wedding. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

1st Kinross Cub Scouts **RYAN SHAH**, **ROBERT GETLEY** and **GREGOR MALCOLM** raised £210.85 for CHAS by organising a fund-raising tea party in Milnathort while working towards their community challenge badge.

**BLACK WATCH CADETS** have raised £1107 for the Help for Heroes charity by collecting from the public on the streets of Kinross, at Dobbies Garden Centre and David Sands' store, adding it to money collected at the Gazebo Gathering in September. The charity aids the recovery of troops who have been wounded in the line of duty.

# Kinross-shire Churches Together



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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.

**November** (in church unless indicated otherwise)

**Sun 1** 10.30 Morning Service: including informal communion after the service.

19.30 Church Centre : Crossfire, for S1 age upwards (and **every Sunday evening** thereafter)

**Mon 2** 08.00 am Silent Meditation  
 20.00 Heaven and Earth Café at Muirs Inn, informal evening open to all.

**Tues 3** 19.15 The Guild, Church Centre

**Wed 4** 12 noon Mid-week and Mid-day: Time to Pray: 30 min. (every Wednesday)

19.30 Bible study – for anyone, including those not previously involved in group bible study. We will be studying the letter of James (also for next two Weds)

**Sun 8** Remembrance Sunday:  
 10.00 Service for the community's Uniformed organisations  
 11.00 Service at war memorial, County Buildings  
 11.15 Morning Service.

**Wed 10** 19.30 Bible study (see Wed 4)

**Sat 14** 08.30 Prayer Breakfast – simple breakfast and share areas of concern for prayer (1 hr.)

**Sun 15** 10.30 Morning Service, including annual service for the Brigade.

**Tues 17** 19.15 The Guild, Church Centre

**Wed 18** 19.30 Bible study (see Wed 4)

**Thu 19** 21.00 Time to Pray – 'Compline': a short service with readings and responsive prayer

**Sat 21** 10.00 – 12.00 Guild Coffee morning, church centre

**Sun 22** 10.30 Morning Service at the Community Campus.  
 No service in the Parish Church.

**Tue 24** 20.00 Prayer Meeting (1 hr)

**Sat 28** 10.00 – 12.00 Craft group coffee morning, church centre – gifts for Christmas

**Sun 29** 10.30 Morning Service – including the annual St. Andrews celebration for Perth and Kinross  
 18.30 Informal evening service

### Other Services

**Wed 4** 10.45 Midweek Worship: Reading Room, Church Centre, 30mins. (and every Wed.)

**Tues 2** 14.30 Whyte Court – Service (First Tues of month)

**Tues 24** 14.30 Causeway Court – Service (last Tues of month)

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### November Services

**Sun 1** All Saints Day, 8.30am Holy Communion.  
 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 8** Remembrance Day, 8.30am Holy Communion.  
 10.55am Act of Remembrance.  
 11.10am Communion Service.

**Sun 15** Stewardship Sunday, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 22** Christ the King, 8.30am, Holy Communion.  
 11.00am Ecumenical Service of Celebration in Loch Leven Community Campus.

**Thu 26** 9.30am, Service of Prayer for healing.

**Sun 29** Advent Sunday, 8.30am Holy Communion.  
 11.00am Sung Eucharist.  
 6.00pm Choral Evensong, Choir of Perth Cathedral.

Sunday School 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.

## 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

**Cleish Parish Church****Church of Scotland**

Rev Joanne Finlay Telephone: (01577) 850231

E-mail: joanne.finlay196@btinternet.com

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

**Sunday Services** 11.15am**Crèche** 11.15am**Junior Church** 11.15am**November****Sun 1** 11.15am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie**Sun 8** 11.15am Remembrance Sunday  
Rev. Joanne Finlay**Sun 15** 11.15am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie**Sun 22** 10.30am United Kinross-shire Service of  
Worship at Community Campus**Sun 29** 11.15am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
2.30-3pm Sacrament of Lord's Supper**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  
Tots Music:** Friday mornings in hall, 9.30am-10.30am**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

**Cafe Refresh:** Thursdays 2-4.30pm come and enjoy real  
coffee and home made baking. All welcome.**November****Sun 1** 9.45am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie**Sun 8** 9.30am Remembrance Sunday Worship in  
Institute Hall, Crook of Devon.  
10.20am Act of Remembrance & Laying of  
the Wreaths at cenotaph.**Sun 15** 9.45am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie**Sun 22** 10.30am United Kinross-shire Service at  
Community Campus.**Sun 29** 9.45am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
2.30-3pm Sacrament of Lord's supper, Cleish  
Church.**Monday 2 November** 7.30pm- Education Committee  
meeting**Saturday 21 November** 8am - Men's Breakfast Meeting**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 Levensen:** 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**November****Sun 1st** Formal Communion, Portmoak.**Sat 14th** **Christmas Bazaar**, Milnathort Town Hall,  
10am - 2pm. Tea, coffee, soup and mince pies.**Sun 22nd** **Joint service** for all Kinross Churches in new  
Loch Leven Community Campus.**Kinross Gospel Hall**

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: [www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://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)

**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.**SAFESTORE, KINROSS**A SUBSIDIARY OF David Sands Ltd  
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## Obituary

**TERRY KINGSLEY** died on 7 October 2009, aged 86. Terry Kingsley was born on 26 July 1923 and brought up in Yorkshire, the youngest of three children. Terry and the family attended mass at the Laurence Street chapel and Terry sang in the choir. He had a magnificent voice as a child and would often be chosen to sing solo passages. He later became a tenor and loved opera and classical music. Singing and music remained a great pleasure for his entire life.

At the age of 14 Terry left school and started work with his sisters and mother at Joseph Rowntree's of York where he discovered the delights of fine chocolate and other sweets, another of the pleasures he enjoyed throughout his life. While working at Rowntrees, Terry became interested in cycling and bought a racing bike. He trained and raced his new bicycle with some success and he loved the sense of freedom it gave him.

On his 17th birthday he proudly entered the Royal Navy recruiting office in York and announced to the recruiting officer that as it was his 18th birthday he wanted to join up. No check was made on the truth of his story and his parents were furious but in no time at all Terry found himself on his way to Chatham for basic training.

In early 1942 he found himself in Liverpool about to join the 'HMS Wild Goose', the ship that was to be his home until the end of the war.

The 'Wild Goose' was part of the 2nd Escort Group, the most successful anti-submarine group in the Navy and the 'Goose' was the most successful ship, sinking 18 U-Boats and helping to sink many others. It was something that all the crew were justifiably proud of.

At the end of the war Terry returned to Rowntrees for a short time before starting work as a riveter at the York Locomotive and Coachworks.

He began competitive cycling again and met his girlfriend Jean, who was also a keen cyclist. By chance Jean introduced Terry to her best friend, a beautiful young lady called Ruby Wells who was to become his wife.

They married on 26 December 1949. A son Peter Charles was born in 1951 and a daughter Caroline Christine in 1955. While Terry continued working as a riveter he rose through the ranks of the trade union as shop steward and was elected to York council as a labour candidate. Although he had shown little flair for study as a child, he now found subjects and causes that fired his imagination and he developed a voracious appetite for reading and the accumulation of knowledge. So it was in his 40's that he won a place to Oxford and an opportunity to change his life, which he grabbed with both hands. With such strong support and encouragement from Ruby he completed his studies and quickly found employment in his chosen field of Industrial Relations Law and Personnel Management.

A number of high profile jobs followed and his ability to communicate with both workers and management in terms they both understood, as well as a razor sharp logical approach to problem solving, made him a key player in the settlement of industrial disputes at local and national levels. In the late 1970s Terry and Ruby formed the 'Wild Goose Association' for former shipmates and from a small start in 1978 it grew steadily and remains a very active organisation to this day. Terry organised many reunions including several trips to Germany to visit ex-submariners and these

former enemies became lifelong friends.

Throughout the 1980s he took delight in the achievements of his grandchildren and enjoyed hearing of their success in more recent times.

On retirement Terry and Ruby moved back to York.

On Christmas Day 1992, one day short of their 43rd wedding anniversary while visiting their daughter Caroline Flory in Kinross, Ruby passed away. It was a loss deeply felt by Terry and all the family.

Terry came to Scotland to be near his daughter Caroline in 2006 as his health deteriorated and was well looked after by the staff of Ashley House and for the past 2½ years by the wonderful nursing staff at Levensen nursing home. He never lost his mischievousness, his sense of fun and his love of singing and all who knew him will sadly miss him and his ready laughter.

## Acknowledgements

**KINGSLEY** – Peter Charles Kingsley and Caroline Christine Flory wish to express their thanks for the flowers, cards, telephone calls and visits received after the death of their father Terence at Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline.

Thanks to Drs Caroline Osborne and McCracken and to the wonderful nurses and staff at Levensen Nursing Home who looked after him so well as his health declined. Thanks also to Gordon and Alison Stewart of Stewart Funeral Directors for their compassion, care and support in handling the funeral arrangements. Father Colin Golden led a wonderful and relaxed celebration of Terry's life for which the family are very grateful.

**MACKAY** – The family of the late Willie Mackay wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of support by cards, letters and flowers following their recent sad bereavement; special thanks to Kinross District Nurses and the local doctors for their care and attention; thanks also to Mrs Margaret Michie for her comforting service and kind words, to Stewart Funeral Directors Ltd, Kinross, and all who paid their last respects at Perth Crematorium and donated so generously to the sum of £610.90 (late donations increased the donations to £1000) to the Kinross District Nurses Fund.

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### 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

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### Healing Rooms Kinross

The Healing Rooms (part of an international organisation) takes place every Thursday from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Millbridge Hall. Healing Rooms is manned by a team of Christian volunteers from every denomination freely offering their time and prayers. Everyone is welcome and no appointment is necessary.  
For further information please call 07766515950 or 07732485305 or visit [www.healingrooms-scotland.com](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.com)

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# Playgroups & Nurseries

## PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell

(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

Babies and Toddlers (birth – 3yrs)

Tues 10:00am - 11:30am

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](http://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](http://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

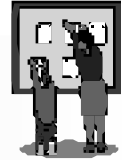
Village Hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

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](mailto:jennyholtbrook@yahoo.co.uk) or just come along.



# Notices

## Sainsbury's Ladies Pamper

in aid of the Sarah Scott Charity

**FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER**

8pm – 11pm at the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort

Ticket £10 which includes a free drink and a 15-minute therapy of your choice

(Reiki, facial, nails, hand massage, spray tan and more).

Tickets available from Jane Thomson 07766658458

Stalls: Cala jewellery, Laura's Chocolates, Candle light

## Cleish and Fossoway 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

## Fossoway Primary School Christmas Shopping Night

The Institute, Crook of Devon

**Monday 2 November**

7.30pm – 10pm

All welcome to come along, enjoy a mince pie and do some Christmas shopping. Stalls include sweets, pashminas, books, wrapping paper, cards, soap, bath salts, children's clothes, jewellery, chocolates and felt, glass and wooden gifts.

## Orwell Bowling Club BINGO TEA

**Wednesday 4 November, 7pm for 7.30pm**

Entry £1 including refreshments

Bring your own cup please

## Dollar Music Society 2009 -1010

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.

## Cambo WRI Coffee Morning

Cambo Hall, 10am to 12 noon

**Saturday 7 November**

Cake & Candy, Bottle Stall

Everyone welcome.

Proceeds to CLIC Sargent Charity

## Kinross-shire Historical Society



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

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

**Programme for 2009 – 2010**

**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 Mehan 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**

## Music in Kinross Parish Church

**Paul Livingston** will give a lunchtime recital on **Friday 6 November** at 12.50 in the Parish Church. He will play a Rondo by Mozart, a Sonatina by Dvorak and a swashbuckling Polonaise by Wieniawski, accompanied by Alex Cant. Entry is £1, school children free.

At 3pm on **Sunday 15 November**, **Aleksander Kudajczyk** will give a piano recital of pieces by Chopin, Brahms, Rachmaninov and Scriabin. He is an honours graduate from Lodz Conservatoire in Poland and will be extremely busy next year celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Chopin. We are getting a preview of him before bigger centres such as Perth, and it should be an exciting performance. He is sponsored by Perth Friends of Bydgoszcz who have invited him to play at St Ninian's Cathedral next March. It is recommended that tickets should be bought beforehand, and these may be obtained at News Plus, High St, Kinross; Robertson's Farm Shop, Milnathort or Lochend Farm Shop. They may also be reserved by phoning Alex Cant on 862923.

Finally, a reminder that **Maestro Cabaret** return on **Thursday 17 December** at 7.30pm for a Christmas Singalong, designed with families in mind. Tickets are £10 with children at half price!

## CHILDREN 1st

## CHRISTMAS FAIR 2009

**Wednesday 18 November**

9.30am to 4pm

The Windlestrae Hotel, The Muirs, Kinross

Christmas Stalls, Home-Baking, Refreshments

Special Price Lunch

Disabled Access

## Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Bible Series

Part 4 Thursday 12 November

Part 5 Thursday 26 November

at 7.30pm, Fossoway Church, Crook of Devon

Speaker: Rev Colin Sinclair

## Class of 1986 School Reunion

Disco, Drinks etc

Kinross Rugby Clubhouse

Friday 13 November

See p16 for more details

## 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

## THE BIG WEEKEND

Events to Celebrate the Opening of  
the Loch Leven Community Campus

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 November

See p9-10 for details of programme

## MTKY presents A Medley of Musicals

part of The BIG WEEKEND at

Loch Leven Community Campus

Friday 20 November

A show featuring Mamma Mia, Pirates of Penzance,  
Chicago, Guys & Dolls and Grease!

Come and join us for one night only.

Tickets available from MTKY members Lynn 863271  
and Isobel 862970.

## Battle of the Bands/Youth Music Event

part of The BIG WEEKEND

Sunday 22 November, 2pm – 4pm

FREE tickets available from reception at

Loch Leven Community Campus

### Are you aged 12 to 25 years old? Are you in a band?

There are still spaces to take part in our first ever  
Battle of the Bands to be held at the new campus.

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 or 01577 863439

## Fossoway Church Bazaar

Crook of Devon Church Hall

Saturday 28 November, 10am to 2pm

Teas, coffees and soup lunches available with many stalls  
including cake and candy. Come along for a chat and some  
festive atmosphere to get you in the mood for Christmas!

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**2.00 pm, MONDAY 16 November**  
**for publication on Saturday 28 November**

## Orwell Bowling Club HOMECOMING SOCIAL AND DANCE

Saturday 28 November, 7.30 for 8.00pm

Featuring "FOLK THAT" Dance Band

Entry £5 per person to include

STOVIES, OATCAKES & DESSERT

Tickets on sale behind the Club bar.

## Kinross Floral Art Club

### Coffee Evening

"Simply Christmas" by Lesley Nelson

in

Upper Hall, Church Centre, Kinross

on

Thursday 26 November at 7.15pm

Ticket £5.00. Tombola and raffle.

## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

### Guild Coffee Morning

in Church Centre

on Saturday 7 November

10.00 – 12.00

Entry £2

Registered Charity No. SCO12555

## Orwell Dramatic Society

### Murder Mysteries

Saturday – 31 October 2009 at The Green Hotel, The  
Muir. Tel. 01577 863467.

Saturday – 7 November 2009 at The Grouse & Claret,  
Heatheryford. 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.

## LIGHT UP KINROSS

County Buildings

Thursday 26 November

Switch on at 7pm

Santa leaves the Church Centre in his sleigh at 6.50pm

and will be led up to the County Buildings by

Kinross & District Pipe Band.



Kinross-shire Residents Association

## Kinross-shire Residents Association PUBLIC MEETING

Church Centre, Kinross

Thursday 19 November at 7pm

The guest speaker will be Tracey Ramsay, Senior Community  
Worker for Kinross and she will be speaking about issues  
relating to the regeneration of the Kinross-shire area.

Other invited guests include a representative from the Area  
Housing Office, Councillors from ward 8 and a representative  
of Tayside Police.

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

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

## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945  
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
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CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Milnathort:** Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025  
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**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 MuirGrove	
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  
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Email: kbaird@pkc.gov.uk  
**Michael Barnacle**, Moored, 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,  
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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

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 Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ  
Telephone: 01577 867205 Fax: to be advised  
Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

#### Opening Times

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

### Regular Library Sessions for Children

The Story Telling and Rhythm and Rhyme sessions for young children will take place in the new Loch Leven Community Campus after its opening on 29 October 2009. Dates and times of sessions are not available as this Newsletter goes to press, but enquire at the new Library for further details or watch this space next month.

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

## 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**

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### Mobile Library – Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: **4 & 18 November**

Blairingone 9.30am - 9.45am

Westerloan, Milnathort 2.10pm - 3pm

Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort 3.05pm - 4pm

Any queries telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949

### 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: fcco@btinternet.com

### Kinross District Counselling Services

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

It is open to all-comers.

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

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

# Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Elderberries	1.30 pm	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bingo	1.30 pm	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Service	10.45 am,	Quiz Afternoon 1.30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Art Class	1.30 pm,	Film Afternoon 1.30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Carpet Bowls	11.00 am,	Scrabble 1.30 pm



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



## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross (opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm  
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm  
**Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm**  
Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &  
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm  
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm  
Tel: 862219



## Heaven and Earth Café

The Muirs Inn Restaurant, 8pm

### Monday 2 November

A new way to meet together informally over a coffee and chat about some of the issues of the day. This new venture is being organised by Kinross Parish Church but is intended particularly for those who may have little church connection or who find it difficult to relate to a formal church service. It is part of the 'Café Church' movement which is providing this opportunity for informal chat in coffee shops and restaurants throughout the country. Look at [www.cafechurch.net](http://www.cafechurch.net) to get an idea of what it is about. The contact for Kinross is Alisdair Stewart 01577 8622262 but feel free to just turn up.

## Free Energy Saving Advice Freephone 0800 512 012

Free, impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home, sustainable transport choices, small-scale use of micro-renewables etc. Advice to individuals, communities and small businesses.

## School Holidays 2009-2010

	<i>start date</i>	<i>end date</i>
Christmas Holiday	Mon 21 Dec 2009	Mon 4 Jan 2010
Spring Holiday	Fri 2 April 2010	Fri 16 April 2010
Academic year ends		Fri 2 July 2010

### In Service Days

2009: Thursday 19 November, Friday 20 November.  
2010: Tuesday 16 February, Monday 19 April.

### Other Holidays

May Day: Monday 3 May 2010 (to be confirmed).  
Friday 12 and Monday 15 February 2010.

## PUDDING HEAVEN!!

The Institute, Crook of Devon

### Saturday 28 November

7pm - 9pm

Tickets (£5 adult, £2.50 children)  
from Crook of Devon Shop or Garage or  
from committee members (ask at shop or garage).

*In aid of WALC, to establish footpaths around  
the Crook of Devon area, with a special need  
for a footbridge over the River Devon.*

## December Art Exhibition of Small Paintings by The Friday Art Group

Conference Building, St Paul's Episcopal Church, Muirs

**Friday 4 December and Saturday 5 December**

10am-7pm

Everyone welcome!

## Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade St Andrews Day Coffee Morning

Church Centre, Kinross

**SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER**

10am - 12 noon

Stalls will include: Home Baking, Bottle Stall,  
Raffle, Fair Trade, CHAS and Christmas Stall

## Situations Vacant

In conjunction with [www.kinross.cc](http://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](http://www.kinross.cc) then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

### Gallery Sales Assistant (full time), The Gallery, Kinross

Primary Responsibility: Maximise sales to the general public of existing stock of oils, drawings, jewellery etc. and encourage sales of bespoke, custom, oil paintings and drawings whilst providing the highest level of customer service before, during, and after each sale. Email CV to: Bob Watson [admin@kinrossgallery.co.uk](mailto:admin@kinrossgallery.co.uk)

### Centre Manager (full time) at Scottish e-bike Centre, Kinross

Position available for someone to run The Centre. The successful candidate will be energetic, motivated, enjoy selling and communicating with members of the public, will have retail experience and must have basic knowledge of bikes, components and bicycle mechanics.

Email CV to: Bob Watson [admin@bikescotland.co.uk](mailto:admin@bikescotland.co.uk) or call 07757 043243

## Blythswood Care

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

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

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

The next collection will take place on

**Tuesday 17 November**  
**between 10.30am and 11am**  
in Sainsbury's car park



### 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](http://www.kinross-shirefund.org) or contact Annabel Bath  
on 0131 524 0300  
or email [Annabel@scottishcf.org](mailto:Annabel@scottishcf.org)

### 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.

## 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](http://www.kinross.cc) then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter.

### Items for Sale

#### York Multi-gym £120.00

York 1001 Multi-gym with pec dec. Hardly used – excellent condition

Seller Details: Cathy McNaughton 07947 347207  
[wti.info@btinternet.com](mailto:wti.info@btinternet.com)

#### BabyBundle £30.00

A cot bumper and top cover for a cradle, a folding baby changing mat (white), a floor playmat, plus a beautiful hand knitted blanket in white for a pram or cradle/ Moses basket. Excellent condition; only used at Granma's for a short time.

Seller Details: Anne Schering 01577 864284  
[anne@acschering.co.uk](mailto:anne@acschering.co.uk)

#### Mothercare Pushchair and Car Seat Travel System £30.00

Features: Adjustable back rest, pram apron, five point harness, hood, lockable swivel wheels, shopping basket (beneath) plus car seat. Suitable from birth. Very good condition, with a few scratches on the tray at the front but nothing major. Only used at Granma's house for a short time.

Seller Details: Anne Schering 01577 864284  
[anne@acschering.co.uk](mailto:anne@acschering.co.uk)

#### Acorn Stairlift £500.00

Barely 1 year old (installed August 2008). Barely used and in excellent condition. complete with ac adaptor & remote controls. Cost new £3300.

Seller Details: F Munro 07795 030110  
[frasermunro2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frasermunro2004@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Teak Writing Bureau £30 ono

Drop down top with 4 drawers in good condition.

Seller Details: David Colliar 01577 864037  
[davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk)

#### Dining Table and 4 Chairs £60 ono

Description: Oval Teak drop leaf table and 4 matching chairs 13ins. closed 5ft 1ins fully extended good condition.

Seller Details: David Colliar 01577 864037  
[davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk)

## 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](http://www.enquire.org.uk)

*Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland*

## 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](http://www.pamh.co.uk)



# Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated  
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