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Letters

Editorial

This is a landmark Newsletter – it's the biggest one ever! That's a reflection of how busy the community is – we have a particularly full Club News section this month. Yes, we have lots of organisations in Kinross-shire, but do we have enough people involved in them, to carry on their good work? A lot of groups in this issue are appealing for more volunteers. Kinross in Bloom, featured on our cover, would love to have more help with planting and watering (see page 20); as the Civic Trust points out on page 27, not all villages in the County enter the Best Kept Village competition for want of a local organiser and there are many more groups this month looking for help, such as the RSPB and the Milnathort Town Hall Association. Spring is a great time of year to get out and be more active. It can be fun, you'll meet more people and feel healthier into the bargain! Even if it isn't an outdoor physical activity you're helping with, there's always the warm glow of satisfaction to be had from helping the community! Happy Easter everyone.

Letters Policy

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

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Visitors enjoy Kinross-shire

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Loch Leven Trail

A lovely walk, a lovely treat
 A welcome place for many feet
 The path is clean and very even
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 Thanks to the architect for this trail
 For sure it's a winner and cannot fail
 Whether walking, cycling or out for a run
 It's so relaxing and so much fun
 Tis 12km long from Kinross to Vane Farm
 But take it steady and you'll come to no harm
 To walk the whole footpath is so much harder
 Suggest you have a break at Loch Leven's Larder



Gateway to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail at Burleigh Sands

Appeal for a Clean County

16.03.09

I attend several Community Council meetings in any month, and the one topic which is discussed regularly is DOG FOULING and litter on motorways and in parks. Spring is on its way and more of us will be out and about enjoying the wonderful walks in this area. Visitors will be flocking to the Heritage Trail and Kirkgate Park and to other attractions in the area.

Kinross claims to be the Fair Trade County, wants to be Plastic Bag free. It would be wonderful to be Litter Free and Dog Fouling Free.

We can all play our part and it is FREE. Please take your litter home and if you see one of the few irresponsible dog owners allowing THEIR dog to foul, please contact the Dog Warden by phoning 0173847500.

We have heard much about the year of the Homecoming; businesses want people to stop and stay in Kinross. We can all help to make it a good experience.

Enjoy where you live.

Councillor Kathleen Baird
 Easter Clunie, Newburgh

Alteration to the Perth & Kinross

Structure Plan - Consultation Document 12.03.09

The following is a digest of our submission to P&KC regarding the alterations to the Structure Plan which will have a significant adverse impact on Kinross-shire.

Firstly, we regret that we must record our disappointment at the lack of consultation by the Council to date on this matter. Members of the public, including several members of FORK attended the "drop-in" session at the Green Hotel, Kinross, at the beginning of February. The unanimous view is that it was a waste of time. The Council official present was courteous and clearly wished to be helpful, but was unable to answer satisfactorily a single question on the consultation document, and the reasons behind it.

Our comments on the consultation paper of necessity refer back to the Structure Plan itself. This is, of course, the principal guideline document, which should inform all further and future development, and by definition should be the basis on which all changes are considered. One of the principal themes, perhaps the single most important one, in the Structure Plan is that of sustainability, and in particular the need to promote a more efficient settlement by ensuring that the location of new development contributes to reducing the need to travel, and the need to support developments/locations which support alternative modes of travel; to promote housing in the most energy efficient locations, and to create locally accessible employment opportunities that address the relationship between where people live and work. We do not consider that these aims can be preserved by significantly increasing the number of houses in Kinross-shire by merely responding to the current projection figures supplied by General Register Office of Scotland. The huge increase forecast is accounted for almost entirely by inward migration. It is clearly outwith the Council's power to create jobs for these new immigrants, who will therefore be commuters mainly to the Central belt, and who will therefore exacerbate an already serious traffic problem. Those without jobs will add disproportionately to the cost of Council services. The alteration in population growth in its present form cannot responsibly be put forward without publicly recanting the principles of sustainability which underpin the Structure Plan itself.

Secondly, we wish to express our grave reservations about the GROS figures, which at the moment suggest that the population of Perth & Kinross will increase by 22% over the next 25 years. Firstly, we find these figures inherently difficult to believe. In 2003, the relevant figure was 3%. Now for no apparent reason, and without any real explanation, the graph which over the past few years has shown negative or small positive signs of growth, now predicts that the population of Perth & Kinross will in the next few years increase by over 20%. This projection, which is dramatically inconsistent with what has gone before, and which in our view has been put forward without any convincing substantive explanation, should for that reason be treated with the greatest caution. We would add that we have looked at the basis of the GROS figures and note that the assumptions made in the forecasting exercise to be unsatisfactory and imprecise, which may well account for the widely varying forecasts of recent years.

Thirdly, and most importantly, however, the current GROS figures must, in the light of the very difficult current financial circumstances, require fundamental review. To use these figures, particularly when they are so strikingly different to what has gone before, in order to predict what will now

happen in the very different circumstances of today, would be extremely foolhardy. We understand that the present orthodox view about the current financial position is that it will continue for at least 2 or 3 years, and that when recovery does come, we will be in a very different world from the one in which the current GROS figures were produced. In our view, to predict the housing needs for the next 20 years on what is now clearly outdated information would, in the present financial climate, be highly irresponsible.

In these circumstances, we have suggested that the only correct course would be to revert to the earlier forecast so as to restore some semblance of relevance to GROS figures, no doubt in the future when the economic situation has stabilised the figures can again be adjusted as necessary.

Finally we have emphasised that it is of the utmost importance that Kinross-shire continues to have its own local plan in order to preserve its own separate character – however the latest indications are that this will not happen.

Frank Wellman, Chairman
Friends of Rural Kinross-shire

Myre Park Pitches 15.03.09

As the umbrella body representing the three football clubs using the Myre Pitches, Fossoway FC, Kinross Colts and Kinross United, we were surprised and disappointed by the comments made by CCIlr Richardson reported in last month's Newsletter.

At a recent meeting, the points he raised were discussed and neither club representatives nor the P&K grounds maintenance representative in attendance were aware of any supposed preferential treatment for one club over another. In fact we all agreed that this season the clubs had worked better together than they had for some time, and that it was disappointing that such divisive points were made in a public forum, rather than discussing directly with the clubs involved. They would have been happy to discuss any issues that he believed were there.

To address his specific points:

1. Kinross United do not assume priority over other clubs for access to the pitches.
2. P&K do not offer priority to any club for use of the Myre pitches.
3. Kinross United do not believe that the pitch belongs to them, but have put considerable time and money this season into the pitches, and handling all issues relating to pavilion maintenance.
4. The clubs have worked well together to manage schedule conflicts – Colts for example have arranged with the league to have all their home matches scheduled earlier in the day to avoid their matches overlapping with Fossoway FC games.
5. The changes to pitch layout were made after consultation with all clubs. The same consultation will happen before closed season work is done this year.

The bad weather this season has made it difficult to maintain the quality of the surfaces at the Myre. As a group, along with P&K grounds maintenance, we are pursuing a number of actions to improve the situation right now. The playability is certainly not helped by the significant amount of dog owners who allow their dogs to foul on the pitches without clearing up after them. Perhaps the councillors could concentrate on actions to stop that behaviour, rather than discussing problems that don't exist.

Andy Caldwell, Treasurer
King George V Playing Fields Management Committee
KGV Pavilion, Muirs, Kinross



News & Articles

Loch Leven Community Campus *photos courtesy of Laing O'Rourke*

March Update from

Community Contact Derek Morris

The building work is going well despite the recent bad weather. With all main structural steel work now in place, and some parts of the building 'weather tight' and with windows fitted, more work is now being carried out 'indoors'. Bridges and Contemplation main steel have been erected, which now completes all main structural steel works.

The external envelope is progressing with brick wall cladding to the main curved walls, and box outs/flashings to accept the external render system.



Ducting and electrical services - part of the "first fix"



View towards the "linked bridges" between zones 3 and 4

Internal works at present include mechanical and electrical services first fix with fire alarm cables and ductwork to the games area. Intumescent (flame retardant) paint is being applied to steel columns and beams, and also metal stud walls and internal spray plaster in the same area.

It is now possible to see some of the attractive external finishes, including brick work, natural stone and the wedgewood blue cladding which provides most of the external colour in the building.

Discussions are currently taking place with KLEO (Kinross Local Events Organisation) about the possibility of jointly organising a community event to mark the opening of the campus.

Watch this space for further details!

Derek Morris can be contacted at Kinross High School: Telephone 01577 862430,

email: dmorris@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk

More photographs of the community campus in progress can be found on www.kinross.cc

MP urges local primary schools to enter technology competition

MPs and e-skills UK have launched the third year of their UK-wide technology challenge for primary school students aged 9 to 11. The competition is initiated by the Parliamentary Information Technology Committee (PITCOM) and is organised by e-skills UK, the Sector Skills Council for Business and Information Technology.

The theme for the 2009 competition is Make IT Happy! Judges will be looking for imaginative, technology-based initiatives which will have a positive impact upon the local community. Students should show how technology, ranging from video skits to radio shows, interactive websites to downloadable podcasts, can be used creatively to make people smile.

The competition is also supported by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) and the British Computer Society (BCS) who are providing cash prizes for the winning schools. £1,200 will be awarded to each of the regional finalists with the overall winning school taking home up to £5,200. Winners will also be invited to attend

an awards ceremony to be held at the Houses of Parliament in October.

Gordon Banks, MP for Ochil & South Perthshire, wants primary schools to get involved. He said, "There are countless ways in which technology is improving the quality of our everyday lives. Online communities are allowing people to meet new friends in their town and across the world. Make IT Happy gives pupils a chance to come up with their own invention.

"I will of course be writing to all the head teachers to encourage their school to get involved with Make IT Happy this year. There are brilliant prizes to be won and pupils will thoroughly enjoy the chance to work together on such an exciting and relevant project. Entries should be as imaginative as possible in order to grab the attention of the judges. The competition is all about giving young people a chance to use their imagination, creativity and technology skills and show how IT can make a difference to the world around them."

The closing date for entries is 31 July 2009.

For further information and details of how to enter, visit the website at www.cc4g.net/makeithappen

Volunteering at Vane

Have you ever thought about doing something different? Perhaps you fancy 'giving something back'? At RSPB Vane Farm there is plenty of opportunity to do both



of these things. We are currently on a recruitment drive for volunteers. Volunteers are needed to undertake a variety of roles from out on the reserve to talking to visitors to serving coffee and cake in the cafe.

The RSPB was founded by volunteers in 1889 and today they are still at the heart of our work. Over 14,000 volunteers make a huge contribution to the RSPB. Volunteers range in age from 16 to 75+ years old, come from all walks of life and you don't have to be a bird expert to volunteer.



Volunteers are at the heart of the work of the RSPB

The RSPB encourages staff and volunteers to work together across the full range of activities that the organisation does. Volunteers bring unique skills and qualities to the organisation, which we want to harness to extend our work and do a huge amount for the credibility of the Society. It adds to our range of skills, helps stretch our scarce resources and keeps us firmly in touch with the grass roots.

The full potential of the staff-volunteer partnership still waits to be realised.

Leon Vyrva has been volunteering at Vane Farm for around two years. He is an information volunteer. He comes in two days a week to talk to visitors, providing them with information about the wildlife on the reserve and about the RSPB and its campaigns.

Leon explains what makes him do it: "It's great to have the opportunity to learn more from the people who work here. And meeting the vast variety of visitors we attract - from the novice to the expert - and sharing stories and experiences with them, can be both entertaining and informative. But humour is the best part of it all. At the end of the day, we always have a great laugh."

We are looking for people, like Leon, who can spare a day or two a week to help in the shop and coffee shop, to help out maintaining the site and working on the reserve. We also need people who can help with things like our newsletter and helping at both on and off-site events. There is also a need for people who can help with our Bird Friendly School scheme - going into schools to enthuse children about birds and wildlife. If you have enthusiasm for wildlife and a skill that would fit one of the above roles please contact Debbie or Andrea at Vane Farm on 01577 862355 or email vane.farm@rspb.org.uk.

RSPB Volunteers: the facts based on our 2007/2008 survey

- The RSPB has 13,5000 volunteers that support and enhance the work of the RSPB every year.
- These volunteers undertake over 837,000 hours of work each year, equivalent to £5,234,143
- This equates to around an extra 465 full-time staff
- We currently have around 20 volunteers working with our staff at the Vane Farm.
- The RSPB was originally founded by volunteers to stop the use of egret feathers in ladies' hats.

The Witches Maze, Crook of Devon

A Memorial is under construction to the eleven innocent persons who met their doom at the Crook of Devon Witch Trials in 1662.

The Maze was started in 2003 by the Moncreiff family and should be completed by 2012.

The maze will consist of 2000 beech trees as hedging and will have eleven carved stones, including a 3ft Pentagon pillar in the centre. The maze was planted in a circular 100ft diameter area that may have been a secret garden or a horse-training ring.

Tullibole Castle near the village of Crook of Devon was once the home of William Halliday who, with his son John and three others, presided over a court that was responsible for one of the worst cases of witchcraft persecution that Scotland has ever seen. In 1662 the court sat five times, resulting in the doom of eleven persons. Those who survived the trial were taken to a small mound near the current village hall and strangled by the common Hangman and their bodies thrown on a fire.

The Stones will be commissioned and installed when the hedging is of a height to be used. The Pentagon pillar in the centre is for the five trials and will have the names of the

innocents carved on it.

Tullibole Castle is located on the B9097 one mile east of Crook of Devon and is open in September. The scheduled churchyard and maze is located on the Gelvan Road ½ mile to the NW of the Castle. Access in 2009 to the churchyard and maze is unrestricted (free) at all times from Gelvan Road.

Live active this Easter



Perth and Kinross Leisure (PKL) has an exciting range of activities planned as part of its Easter Programme for children.

Activities available in Kinross include football at KGV and life guard, snorkelling and canoeing sessions at Loch Leven Leisure.

Copies of the programme have been distributed to local schools and nurseries and are available from PKL facilities. See also www.liveactive.co.uk

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Whether you're planning your summer holiday and need to pick up some essential language skills or want to create some stunning floral arrangements for a summer wedding, Kinross Learning Centre's spring programme has the course for you.

Many of our courses are eligible for Individual Learning Account funding, which means that if you qualify, your class could be absolutely free!

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

Please note that class places must be booked and paid for before the start date.



Computing



Welcome to Computing	Monday	20 April	7-9 pm	8 weeks	£45
Welcome to Computing	Tuesday	21 April	2-4 pm	8 weeks	£45
Carry on Computing	Tuesday	21 April	12-2 pm	8 Weeks	£45
Effective PC Management	Friday	24 April	2-4 pm	8 weeks	£45

Digital Photography



Digital Photography - Beginners	Wednesday	22 April	2.30-4.30 pm	10 weeks	£65
Digital Photography - Intermediate	Wednesday	22 April	7-9 pm	8 weeks	£50
Scanning & Restoration	Wednesday	17 & 24 June	7-9 pm	2 weeks	£20

Languages



Advanced Spanish Conversation	Monday	4 May	9.45-11.45 pm	10 weeks	£55
Spanish 2	Tuesday	21 April	7-9 pm	10 weeks	£55
Spanish 3	Wednesday	6 May	7-9 pm	10 weeks	£55
Improving your Italian Conversation	Tuesday	21 April	3.30-5.30pm	10 weeks	£55
Improving your French Conversation	Tuesday	21 April	1-3 pm	10 weeks	£55
Advanced French Conversation	Tuesday	21 April	10.30am-12.30pm	10 weeks	£55
German 2	Wednesday	22 April	7-9 pm	10 weeks	£55
Holiday Italian	Tuesday	21 April	6-8 pm	8 weeks	£45
Holiday Spanish	Wednesday	22 April	4.45-6.45 pm	8 weeks	£45
Holiday French	Thursday	23 April	7-9 pm	8 weeks	£45

Art

Acrylic Painting	Monday	20 April	7-9 pm	10 weeks	£55
Acrylic Painting	Wednesday	22 April	9.45-11.45 pm	10 weeks	£55
Watercolours 2	Thursday	23 April	1.30-3.30 pm	10 weeks	£55
Watercolours 3	Wednesday	22 April	1.30-3.30 pm	10 weeks	£55
Watercolours 6	Monday	20 April	2-4 pm	10 weeks	£55

Gardening & Floral

Bouquets and Buttonholes	Wednesday	22 April	2-4 pm	6 weeks	£38
Gardening for Pleasure	Thursday	23 April	6.30-8.30 pm	5 weeks	£30



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Interviews in Kinross in March/April by Kinross resident Ali Marshall

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Looking for family information

Wendy MacPhedran asks: does anyone out there have any information regarding James Beveridge and Margaret Horn?

James Beveridge was the son of John Beveridge, cotton weaver in Milnathort, and his wife Anne Smeaton, originally from Easter Balado. He was born about 1806 died on 25 January 1885. In 1841 he lived on Main Street in Milnathort with siblings George, John, Alexander, Margaret, and Ann. Other than this, I have very little information about James and his siblings, nieces/nephews or cousins.



*James Beveridge and Margaret Horn in 1874
They lived on Hill Street (Victoria Avenue) in the mid 1800s*

Margaret Horn was the daughter of Henry Horn, weaver in Milnathort, and his wife Christian Bennet. Margaret was born on 4 July 1812, and died on 11 March 1900. I've traced six generations of "Henry Horns" back to about 1700. Before moving to Milnathort about 1800, the Horns lived at "Blairstruie" (in current-day Glenfarg). The last Henry Horn(e) born in Milnathort was in 1847 (parents Henry Horn and Janet Brough), but he married Davidina Nicolson from Wick and they settled at the Pitmedden Schoolhouse, Udney (near Aberdeen). He had a son named Henry James Home and that's where I've lost the trail. James and Margaret had two daughters, Ann Smeaton Beveridge (my great-grandmother) who married John Small; and Christina ("Teenie") Beveridge who married David Aitken, Milnathort hotelier, but they had no children. If you are related to the Beveridges or Horns mentioned here and would like to share research, please contact Wendy MacPhedran at wendymacp@hotmail.co.uk or mobile phone 07939 067713.

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From Coldrain to Canada

Linda Layton from Ontario, Canada has contacted the Newsletter while researching her family tree.

One of Linda's ancestors was Robert Blackwood, who was born at Coldrain in 1786. He studied at Divinity Hall in Edinburgh, became a Presbyterian minister and moved to Nova Scotia in the summer of 1816 with his wife, Ann Macara, daughter of the Rev John Macara of "Pathstruiehill", which Linda knows to be Pathstruie or Path of Condrie. As part of her research, Linda is trying to track down where the Rev Blackwood was living just before his marriage in March 1816. The marriage contract states that he was "future groom, preacher of the Gospel, presently residing at in the county of Perth" but Linda cannot make out the place name. She is fairly sure it starts with a "C" and ends in "hill". (Perhaps "Covinhill" or "Cowiehill" she wonders.)

If anyone can suggest what that Perthshire place name might be, or knows of anything else regarding Linda's ancestors, please contact the Newsletter by post or email (see p 1).

Party in the Park for PKAVS

Local charity Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service (PKAVS) is organising a major community event on **Saturday 16 May** on Perth's South Inch. With everything from polo and parades to belly-dancing and beer-tasting, this event promises a little something for everyone.

PKAVS Party in the Park will run from 10am to 5pm and will offer opportunities for voluntary groups, businesses, craft-workers and entertainers to join in the big day. Main attractions include a Music & Dance Festival, Arts & Crafts Show, Food Festival Trade Fair and main arena attractions. Radio Tay will broadcast live from the event.

With an expected audience of over 2,000, PKAVS Party in the Park looks to showcase the variety of talents and services within Perthshire while raising funds for PKAVS. One of the larger local charities, PKAVS runs a diverse range of projects supporting young and adult carers and adults with mental ill health or limited mobility, as well as offering training and advice to local charities and community groups.

The one-day event is PKAVS' most ambitious fundraiser in its 36-year history, and volunteer organisers are appealing to local people and organisations to see how they can support the big day.

For further details contact Helen MacKinnon, PKAVS Marketing & Development Coordinator on 01738 567076 or visit www.pkavs.org.uk

Class size comment

Gordon Banks MP has condemned the SNP for failing to deliver its manifesto commitment to reduce class sizes to 18 in primaries one to three. Figures for Perth and Kinross show an average class size of over 22. The SNP promised to achieve the reduced class sizes by 2011, but Mr Banks claims "there is no way the SNP will be able to deliver this pledge in the next two years."

Jack & Jill Nursery closes

Jack & Jill's pre-school Nursery in High Street, Kinross has closed following the liquidation of its parent company.

Lauriston Nursery in Dunfermline may be able to assist parents looking for alternative childcare provision.

Call 01383 741900 or look at website www.lauristonnursery.com for more information.

East to Mongolia!

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

On 18 July 2009 six members from Kinross Rugby Football Club, going by the name “Nutz n Boltz”, will be attempting the Annual Mongol Charity Rally. This 10,000 mile trip will be made in two bangers departing from Kinross and arriving in Ulan Batar, Mongolia some five weeks later.

We are backing three charities: Children’s Hospice Association Scotland, Christina Noble Children’s Foundation and Mercy Corps TAN Project. We are sure that you will agree that they are all charities more than worth supporting, given the work they do.

A successful quiz night was held in February in which we managed to raise £330, a massive thank you to quiz-master Mike Spain, marker Norman Smith and to all the supporters of the event!

Since the last time we went to press we released our final batch of “begging letters” to national companies in the attempt to sell some more corporate sponsorship packages. We were delighted to hear back from A & J Nelson, Good Natured Fruit, Collier Haulage, Davidson’s Veterinary Supplies and the United Auctions Group! This extra support is greatly appreciated and is edging us closer and closer to reaching our charity target.

A fantastic boost was also had this month when the Nutz n Boltz team heard back from the Kinross & District Rotary Club. Rotarian Barry Davies informed the team that they had been successful in their quest for backing and advised that £800 would be donated towards our chosen charities. This help and support has given the team great hope and enthusiasm to continue the efforts being made by all team members.

Our two bangers (Suzuki Swift and Subaru Justy) are now road worthy and have been seen in and around Kinross. Keep an eye out for them!

We are intending on holding a couple of car washes in the

very near future. A location and date unfortunately still has to be confirmed however. We will keep you posted.

As if driving 10,000 miles on rough terrain in bangers wasn’t enough punishment, four members of the team will be attempting the Edinburgh “Hairy Haggis team relay” which runs alongside the Edinburgh Marathon on 31st May!



The Subaru Justy

This will hopefully give us more exposure and allow us to raise a little more money for our charities.

Advertising space on our bangers as you can tell is disappearing quickly, so if you fancy becoming part of the adventure and wish your company logo to be on show as we disappear over the horizon please get in contact with us ASAP!

A massive thank you to all our sponsors to date but, in particular Kinross & District Rotary Club, AIM Developments, Kinross-shire Round Table, A-Plant Rail and GPM Sealrite. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated!

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News from the Health Centre



Work on the new Health Centre is now well underway and the project is eight months into a twelve month programme. The building is opposite the new school just beside the houses at Burnbank Meadows. The bad weather over the winter has held the contractors back, but they still hope to finish the project on time at the end of July 2009. No date for moving has yet been agreed, but we will publicise this as soon as we can.

The building has four wings connected by a central circulation area which gives access to the reception desk and the waiting room. The latter is two storeys high and will have exposed wooden and steel beams. The longest of the wooden beams, the central beam, is over 18 metres long and it was lifted into place by a crane at the beginning of March. The roof is not glass, as in the present building so we hope that the room will not be as hot. There are, however, plenty of windows so it should be a light and airy space.

The wing on the left of the building houses the physiotherapy suite, the podiatry room, consulting rooms for the community team and visiting consultants and some store rooms. The right hand wing has the administration room, the health education room, a consulting room and a couple of smaller interview rooms. The two wings at the rear of the building have consulting rooms for the GPs, nurses and health care assistants. Meeting rooms, the staff room, and office space for the community team are all upstairs.

The health centre will have two car parks. The one to the right of the building is for patients, and the one to the left is for staff. There will be 80 car parking spaces for patients, and this is double the size of the present patient parking area.

We have decided to retain our existing name, so the building will be known as Loch Leven Health Centre. We do not yet know what is to happen to our existing building. It is owned by NHS Tayside, but no decision has yet been made about its future.

The staff and GPs are all looking forward to the move to the new building and we hope that our patients will find it a pleasant and welcoming building to visit.

Early warning system for carers (and sleepwalkers!)

We had two problems that I think are common for many dementia carers. One was that we couldn't persuade Mum to get out of bed for the routine that has now become known as the 3Ps: pee, pearls and perfume. The second was that we were all having sleepless nights trying to catch the moment that Mum went to her own bathroom so that we could change the Tena pants if necessary, and make sure that she didn't fall getting back into bed. For someone with limited mobility, Mum can be as quiet as a cat burglar – so every little creaking floorboard or rustle of the covers had her carers leaping up and down out of bed often on a false alarm.

First of all, we had a problem trying to identify anything on the market that was an EWS – early warning system. Home Care offered us community alarms, but by the time the alarm had sounded in the centre and someone had called us, it would have been far too late, and the cost is another £150 a year or thereabouts. Eventually, I found a specialist supplier via the Dementia Unit at Stirling University (well worth a call if you have a problem) but their quote for a sensor mat (step on it and an alarm sounds in the carer's room) or a light beam sensor device was around £ 200-300 per piece of kit.

So this is what we came up with. It cost a fraction of the price and is tried and tested. (And could work for chairs just as well as for beds.) It's simple to set up and each piece of "kit" is easy to find from somewhere like B&Q.

DIY Early Warning Device to alert carers to movement

The system comprises one transmitter (or more if you need it) in the bedroom and a receiver which can be carried around by the carer. The receiver is a little larger than a large mobile phone. The transmitter(s) can be either a movement/body heat sensor or a pressure pad. We have tested and installed both and have discovered that movement/body heat sensors seem to work better and are easier to install and set-up. To keep costs down, we used a

standard "door chime" plus "intruder detector" as these are readily available and far cheaper than custom made devices specifically designed for "medical/caring" applications. This is what we bought:

The Transmitter: Sensor - Byron Wirefree PIR Sensor (part number 803), £13.40 inc VAT from doorchimesuk.co.uk

One or more of these can be fitted or placed on the floor so that the beam of light is parallel with the side of the bed. As soon as the person gets out of the bed and breaks the beam with their feet or legs, it will trigger the alarm unit that stays with the carer. No sound is made in the bedroom at all. If the person only gets out on one side of the bed, you only need one transmitter. If they might get out on either side, then place two devices on each side to be sure.

The Receiver: Warning "sounder" - Byron 100 metre Wirefree Portable Vibration Alert and Chime (part number SX-205), £27.84 inc VAT from doorchimesuk.co.uk

The unit comprises a chime (like a doorbell, and you can choose the tone and adjust the volume), a vibration alert (on/off), and a flashing light alert (adjustable, on/off). When the unit is on, it automatically detects the PIR or beam of light sensor and it will sound only when the beam is broken. The only drawback with this particular model is that it doesn't come with an on/off switch. We simply remove a battery when we're not using the alarm.

The cost is appreciably lower than any medical device I have seen and far more effective than Community Alarm in the instance where the carer is in the same house but not necessarily in the same room. Result: you get a decent night's sleep, knowing that you will be woken when whoever you are caring for gets out of bed or up out of the chair. We are now able to get Mum up when she herself is ready to get up – that reduces confusion and tension. (And of course, you can also use the same system for sleepwalking children etc.)

As for Mum, we're thinking of hiring her out as a cat burglar...

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Parking Outside Schools

Staff and pupils at Kinross Primary School are currently formulating a School Travel Plan which will ensure the safety of pupils going to and coming from school. Unfortunately we have again been made aware of problems at the Bowton Road entrance to the school where, among other things, vehicles are being parked on the pavements and on zigzag markings.

We understand that parents want to see their children, particularly the younger ones, safely on to school premises and on wet days ensure that the youngsters are as dry as possible when they arrive, but by parking in a manner as described above, motorists are creating road safety hazards for the young persons to negotiate. Regretfully we have found the attitude of a small number of parents is that they don't care what happens to anyone else as long as their child arrives at and returns home from school safely. We realise that the problems are created by a small number of drivers and it is our intention to monitor the situation and where appropriate report anyone who has illegally parked their vehicle or is driving it in a manner that may endanger the welfare of other road users. We would also ask any persons witnessing such actions to report them to us at Kinross Police Office.

We would ask parents walking to school with their children to cross at the designated crossing area and when directed to do so by the school crossing patroller; after all, they are there to ensure that the children cross safely and allowing the youngsters to think they can cross where and when they want is not a good example to set.

Assistance from the Public

We have recently been informed that several incidents of anti social behaviour have occurred in the Kinross and Milnathort areas that have not been reported and we would urge members of the public to inform us of such incidents when they happen. Very often people are reluctant to 'get involved' because of preconceived ideas that they will be targeted and anticipate reprisals. However this very rarely, if

ever, happens and is viewed very seriously by the courts if it does. In any case, although it is more help to the police for witnesses to give their details, an anonymous call to report a crime being committed or to report suspicious behaviour or noises is better than no call at all. When deciding whether to call the police to report incidents such as those described above, we would ask members of the public to consider how they would feel if they were the victim, and that somebody who had been in a position to help them did nothing.

We are frequently told about incidents days or even weeks after they happen, usually when the person reporting happens to meet one of us in the street or at a meeting and we are asked "what are you doing about youths hanging about our street?" or similar "it's happening every night". We then find that the incident described has either happened several days before or has been going on for several weeks. It considerably lessens the possibility to effectively deal with an incident if we are not informed at the time and makes it impossible if we do not know at all.

New Non Emergency Number

We have recently introduced a new non-emergency telephone number which is **0300 111 2222**. However, if the incident you are reporting is an emergency, then use 999.

CRIME STOPPERS Telephone Number 0800 555 111

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

Community Crime Officers can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 0300 111 2222.

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

Library News

The new Loch Leven Community Campus is progressing and the Community library section is looking impressive. We are still very keen for you to let us know what you want to find in your new library. Forms on which to make your suggestions are available at Kinross library. Although it is some months until the opening of the new library, can we remind you that in addition to books, audio books, CDs, DVDs and computers, we presently also provide photocopying and faxing facilities.

One of our younger readers, **Hannah Baughan**, was the first child in the area to collect all twelve Book Crawl certificates. To mark her achievement, Hannah was presented with a golden certificate, book and cuddly toy. Pre-school children are invited to join the Book Crawl. They receive a sticker on each visit to the library. The sticker is collected on a card and when the card is completed with four stickers a certificate is awarded. The maximum number of certificates is twelve, so well done to Hannah.



Hannah Baughan with library staff Caroline Flory (left) and Marion Garden

Community Council News



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Kinross Community Council

News from the March Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 March were: CCllrs D Cuthbert (Chairman), D Colliar, S Bathgate, J Richardson, B Davies, D Mackay, M Blyth, I Jack, L McKay and M Scott (Secy). Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs K Baird and W Robertson, a representative from the Police and five members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr C Watson and P&K Cllr M Barnacle.

Minutes of Meeting held on 4 February

It was agreed that the following amendments should be made to the Minutes: (a) Autograss - this should read "It has been recommended by P&KC Planning Department that this application be rejected and a decision should be reached at the meeting next week" and (b) Kathleen Baird stated that in relation to the junction at the Muirs she had discussed this matter with a colleague in Perth, a formal meeting had not been held.

Police Report: Incidents were low. Complaints had been received in relation to parking at Kinross Primary School. (See Police Box, p.10)

Quarry: CCllr Cuthbert reported that lorries were still arriving at the Gravel Pit around 5am, in breach of their agreed hours. Cllr Baird stated that she had requested an update. Cllr Miller had been asked to check as to whether they had been granted extended hours.

Kinross Rugby Club: Cllr Miller was looking into this.

War memorial rail: CCllr Colliar had discussed this with Mr Messenger of P&KC. The Council will meet the expense. CCllr Colliar will arrange for the measurements and the CC's preferred design to be submitted to P&KC.



Avenue Road: vegetation cut back following requests from householders

Reports from P&K Councillors

Councillor Robertson

Avenue Road/Mill Street: The vegetation in these areas has been removed or cut back as a result of requests from householders experiencing problems with loitering youths etc. Other locations are also being targeted.

Heritage Trail: The rail at the Kirkgate viewing point should

be installed soon and other small additional items put in place shortly.

Cllr Bathgate enquired about the **play equipment**. Cllr Robertson answered that he had emailed this information to her. He will resubmit the email.

Councillor Baird

Cllr Baird answered CCllr D Mackay's query regarding a newspaper report on a **burger van** near the new school. [The application was refused on road safety grounds at P&KC Licensing Committee meeting on 4/3/09.]

Visitor Information Point: Cllr Baird advised that this is to open at the Bistro at the Pier in April. CCllr Colliar commented that this transfer reduced the Tourist Office from a fairly substantial Visitor Centre, to a location which would be difficult to find, house no trained staff and would basically be handing out leaflets. The Office would only be open during opening hours for the Bistro. The Cllrs are not convinced that this is the ideal location, however this is a cost effective exercise for Visit Scotland. After discussion the CC agreed to write to Alan Graham at P&KC and the local MSP.

Customer Service at P&KC: Cllr Baird took part in an exercise at P&KC recently. Following this, the Scrutiny Committee is to look at grounds maintenance, focus groups etc. All calls, regardless of the dept concerned, now go through the customer service team on 01738 475000 so that all queries can be logged and tracked.

Swansacre building: Cllr Baird reported that the Structural Engineer is completing his Risk Assessment and Method Statement and this will be followed by an inspection within the next ten days.

Curling Academy/Market Park: After discussion the CC agreed to contact the applicant (Kinross Curling Trust) to ask if a deputation from the CC could meet with them to obtain further information on this project. The CC fully supports the Curling Academy but is totally averse to any type of building on the Market Park as this is an attractive green space and a site for various events.

Planning Applications received

There were no objections to the following:

09/00074/FUL Tigh Na Collie, Bellfield, Balado: part change of use of garage to form kitchen for home business.

09/00249/FUL 2 Station Road, extension to Dental Surgery: this involves minor alterations.

09/00203/MOD Tillyochie Farm, Kinross: change of building type: modification of existing consent. This involved a design change.

Planning Applications determined

09/00041/FUL, 48 Lathro Park, alterations and extension to house: Approved.

08/02043/MOD, Hillside Farm, modification to previous consent: removal of occupancy condition of consent: Approved.

08/01300/FUL, Land to the East of Tillyochie Mains, Autograss: change of use from agricultural to leisure and recreation use: Refused.

08/00278/OUT, Land northwest of Hatchbank Farm, erection of 8 affordable houses and formation of 3 house plots and community woodland (in outline): Refused.

09/00004/FUL, 71 Bowton Road, extension to dwelling house: Approved.

08/02331/LC and 08/02327/FUL, 8 School Wynd: extension to dwelling house: Refused.

20A Muirs: A letter was received from the applicant in respect of access to services for the house at 20A Muirs. Full Planning Permission has been granted (2006) for the development in question and this includes proposed connection to services in McBain Place. Some residents in McBain Place have been most helpful in respect to the proposals made by the applicant and the statement that they are seeking a wayleave from ten of the residents of McBain Place is incorrect. They are negotiating wayleaves through their solicitor. This was noted.

Correspondence

Road Access (Junction at new School/Health Centre): Letter received with plan showing location of three pedestrian crossings: one to the north of the entrance to Lathro Park, one at the turn in on Lethangie Road and the other just to the north of the entrance to Gallowhill Road. Also received memorandum dated 16 August 2006 from the Roads Department which states that the proposed development will be served from Lethangie Road; the road and pedestrian crossings have to be in place before the development is occupied; a GTP (Green Travel Plan) has to be submitted and approved in writing by the Council. This will have particular regard to provision for walking, cycling and public transport access to and within the site.

Some discussion was also held on the road junction and the query raised as to why this is narrower. It was agreed that we approach Bruce McNaughton and enquire as to the reason for the narrowing of this road and also invite Stuart D'All to one of our meetings.

It was further noted that the CC has never had sight of the Health Centre plans.

A977: A letter was received from the Council stating that the A977 is subject to the same assessment and inspection criteria as all other A Class roads. Regarding gritting, the A977 receives treatment in accordance with the Council Winter Service Policy. When treatment is required, it is to be commenced by 5am Monday to Saturday and by 6am on a Sunday. CCllr Jack stated that the road is not gritted on the Sunday after 7am. It was answered that it would be impossible for the services to be on all roads at one time. CCllr Colliar applauded the Council for the service this winter.

G S Brown/Levenfields: A letter was received from Andrew Smith, Planning and Development Director, reaffirming their stance on this matter. The footpath system will be opened to the public when a suitable route which is not within a building site is available. However, this may take some time due to the uncertainty of the current economic climate and associated slow down in construction activity.

Bus Service 23: Letter received from Managing Director, Stagecoach East Scotland, reaffirming their position. It was agreed that the CC approach Andrew Warrington, P&KC, on this matter.

Use of buildings: Response received from Roland Bean who advises that Senior Officers of the Council are aware of the need to work with the community to tackle some of the issues arising from the change of use of buildings within Kinross. They are currently undertaking a strategic review of the future needs of services and how this will impact on the Council's estate. Once this is done, it would be the intention

to consult with the community about this exercise so that a way forward could be negotiated. It is hoped that appropriate officers would therefore be able to meet with the CC in the very near future to discuss the matter, probably in early summer. CCllr Bathgate questioned whether the monies from the Regeneration Fund could be used in other places, such as Perth. Cllr Baird answered that this was not the case. A copy of the letter from Roland Bean is to be given to Cllr Baird. It was further agreed that the CC should write to Russell Thomson, Head of Property, questioning why a strategic review is necessary as decisions have already been made to sell off part of the "key buildings" in Kinross. Roland Bean is also to be invited along to our May meeting. Cllr Baird confirmed that all Council owned properties are to be reviewed at this time and that, as far as she was aware, the High School site is to be sold commercially.

New Planning Act: Invitation to meetings to provide information of the implications of the new Planning Act and associated changes which will be introduced between now and August. CC members Bathgate, Davies, Cuthbert, Colliar and Richardson indicated an interest.

Kinross-shire Partnership: Invitation to AGM. CCllrs Colliar and Cuthbert will attend.

CPKCC Invitation: AGM on 29 March.

Kinross-shire Forum: A letter was received from Eileen Thomas in relation to Cllr Barnacle's letter dated 13 January 2009, questioning why this was not tabled at a CC meeting and no record noted in the February minutes. This communication was circulated on receipt to all CC members, however it had been unanimously decided at a prior CC meeting that Kinross CC would not become involved in this group. The Chairman reported that a subsequent email was received from Cllr Barnacle, which has been circulated to all Forum members and to Kinross CC and Milnathort CC for information, convening a meeting on 19 March to discuss matters such as responses to the draft Housing in the Countryside Policy and the Infrastructure Committee Report of 25 March.

SEPA: Forth AAG Forum - Draft plans online for River Basin Management.

Other Business

Kinross High School: CCllr Richardson represented the CC at a meeting convened by Mr Keatings and provided a report. CCllr Colliar stated that a **Workshop** and Planning Event had been held in Auchterarder in February and that we did not receive an invitation to this.

CCllr Jack reported that the **bus shelter** at Balado Crossroads has been removed.

The next meeting of Kinross CC, incorporating the AGM, will be held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday 1 April at 7.30pm.

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

Community Website

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the March Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Porter, Thomson, Bennet and Cottingham to the meeting held on 12 March. Also in attendance were PC Child of Tayside Police; Minute Secretary E Rougvié; P&K Cllrs Robertson and Baird and three members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Smith and Lamont.

Police matters: PC Child reported that there had been no break-ins to cars at the Burleigh Sands car park since the last meeting and police were currently following a line of inquiry.

A member of the public expressed concerns about incidents that had allegedly happened in South Street involving vandalism to a car and an assault on two young women. She was concerned that these had not been highlighted at the previous CC meeting. PC Child confirmed that someone has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal, and the matter was therefore now out of the hands of the police. There followed a discussion about general public safety issues in the village in the light of reports about large amounts of broken glass around the play area in Donaldson Park and drug paraphernalia being found in the car park at the golf course. CCllr Giacopazzi commented that it was distressing to hear about this as the CC had been unaware of such problems. PC Child said that this was the first complaint he had heard about alcohol consumption in Donaldson Park and would follow it up. He stressed that the police relied on public co-operation and urged anyone who sees anything untoward to call them. Calls can be anonymous and police would not visit the caller's home if they preferred them not to. The non-emergency number is 0300 111 2222, but if anyone sees a crime actually taking place they should dial 999.

Correspondence

1. CCllr Bennet reported on an e-mail she had received from P&KC's Countryside Ranger Service giving information about the different types of benches that could be installed at Tillywhally Wood. Kinross Road Runners are contributing to the cost of this, but there are also two Forestry Commission grant schemes available and Tillywhally could qualify for one of them. CCllr Bennet said she would also like to involve the Primary School in some way as there are red squirrels in the wood. After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Bennet will take this forward and will arrange to meet with Niall Loble of the Countryside Ranger Service.

2. P&KC Notification of the erection of a bus stop in Stirling Road, next to the car park. Noted after a brief discussion.

3. Letter from P&KC requesting comments about gritting and snow-clearing services: It was agreed to request that additional piles of grit be provided for the use of people who lived in rural or hilly areas. CCllr Porter complained that the pavements were never gritted in Marshall Place, but P&K Cllr Baird responded that there was a limit as to how far the gritting service could cover as the main roads and pavements took priority and other areas were dependent on the availability of time and resources.

4. Invitation to the Kinross-shire Partnership AGM in the Green Hotel on 24 March. CCllr Thomson will attend.

5. Consultation document from SEPA about the draft Forth Area Management Plan. CCllr Giacopazzi commented that it was a vague document and had no relevance to Loch Leven. However, it was agreed that CCllr Thomson would look into it further.

6. P&KC reminder about the meeting due to take place on 16 March about the new Planning Act. Noted.

7. Questionnaire on the subject of Healthcare Waste Management in a Community Setting. This applies to the disposal of items such as nappies and medical dressings. It was agreed that this document was too lengthy and to a large extent unnecessary. CCllr Giacopazzi will respond accordingly.

8. Letter from Glenfarg Public Hall Association about the Community Sustainable Energy Day to be held on 21 March. This event is aimed at showing people how they can lead a low carbon lifestyle. The organiser, David Aird, is willing to attend the next MCC meeting, and similar events will be held in the area in future.

9. E-mail about P&KC Economic Strategy and Action Plan 2009-2014. CCllr Giacopazzi agreed to forward the consultation document to anyone interested. This item prompted a discussion initiated by a member of the public about the future of the site occupied by the existing Kinross High School. It was agreed that it should be used for the community rather than sold off to the highest bidder as there were many facilities that were needed locally, such as a drop-in centre for young people. Cllr Robertson said that a development brief would be published before any steps were taken to sell the site and he hoped that this would go out to consultation. It was agreed that CCllr Giacopazzi would write to P&KC with the CC's comments.

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Planning matters: The following items were noted: renewal of planning consent for extension to existing dwelling and erection of garden store at 2 Mill Steadings, Mawcarse; erection of house with double garage at Newlands Wood, Newlands Farm.

Other business

Festival Group: CCllr Thomson said that Milnathort Festival Group were hoping to arrange a homecoming event this year for anyone who attended Milnathort Primary School from 1930 onwards. After discussion, Cllr Robertson said that it could be worthwhile applying to P&KC for a grant to help towards the cost of banners.

AGM: CCllr Giacopazzi advised that it had not been possible to hold the CC AGM in March as planned because the public had not been given sufficient statutory notice. It will now take place at the April meeting.

Padlock at War Memorial gate, broken **railings** at the Cross and non-operative **lamp** standard behind the school: Cllr Robertson will pursue these issues at the request of CCllr Porter.

Dog fouling: Cllr Baird said that dog wardens had visited the houses of dog walkers who had been identified as having allowed their dogs to foul the area. However, a member of the public commented that the problem did not seem to have been resolved, as there were piles of dog dirt at the school gates; at the entrance to Donaldson Park and on the pavement next to a bus stop in South Street. She felt it was unfortunate that dog owners like herself were demonised because of the actions of an irresponsible few. Members of the public are urged to report anyone who fails to pick up their dog's mess and dog owners are reminded that bags should be disposed of correctly and not hung in

bushes and trees. The CC also urge dog walkers to keep their pets on a lead when there are other people around as not everyone shares their fondness for them.

Previous correspondence: CCllr Giacopazzi said he had a box of correspondence left by the previous CC secretary and it was agreed that he should first see if there was anything of historical interest before recycling it.

Right of way: A member of the public raised the issue of a right of way between Stirling Road and Church Street, which now had a padlocked gate on it. Cllr Robertson advised that he already written to the Council's access officer about this.

Road safety issues: A member of the public reminded the CC of several issues he had raised at earlier meetings but as yet had had no response. These included hoardings in Back Loan and Wester Loan which were obstructing the view for motorists; the approach to the roundabout at the Cross from Stirling Road and the right of way in Orwell Road to the old church. The CC agreed to follow these up.

Cllr Baird advised that the suggested works in the village designed to improve road safety were to go ahead and Milnathort could also be considered as a pilot area for a 20 mph limit. CCllr Bennet will contact P&KC for an update.

Planning issues: CCllr Giacopazzi referred to an e-mail from the Directorate for the Built Environment and outlined some of the issues affecting CCs under Scotland's new planning legislation which comes into effect in April 2009. Noted after discussion.

The next meeting and AGM of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 9 April in Milnathort Town Hall.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the March Meeting

A meeting was held on Tuesday 10 March at Portmoak Primary School. In attendance were Wendy MacPhedran (Chairwoman), Jim Shepherd, Mike Hally, Stuart Garvie, Charles Weedon, Alistair Smith, Margaret Wilson, P&K Cllrs Kathleen Baird and Willie Robertson, PC Child and several members of the public.

Police Report: The Police are still monitoring the situation at Burleigh Sands car park.

Scoping report for a Wind Farm at Westfield: The Secretary had received a letter enclosing a Scoping Report for a Proposed Wind Farm at Westfield Quarry. The proposal is for 5 No Wind Turbines with a height to the tip of the blades of 110 m (360 Feet). The Secretary will write to Mr Brian, P&KC Development Control for guidance. He will also write to the Met Office with regard to the proximity of the proposal to the Weather Radar on the top of Munduff Hill.

Nomination for CClr: The Secretary has received one nomination for the CC and there are expected to be one or two more. The CC will wait before deciding to co-opt new members or to hold an election. At present there are vacancies for 4 CClrs

Paths Group: There has been a meeting between the CC and Perthshire Countryside Trust to investigate new Information Boards for the Michael Bruce Way. PCT will come back with proposals for these.

A911: There was no progress to report on the programmed works for traffic calming in Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood nor the friction surfacing application to Wester Balgedie and Auchmuir Bridge. Cllr Robertson offered to follow this up with P&KC Roads.

There was a report again about the Road Sign on the B920 approaching Scotlandwell from the south indicating towards Glenrothes along the cul-de-sac at the entrance to the village. Cllr Robertson will also contact P&KC Roads.

Post meeting note. P&KC Roads have responded with the following information: Work on the traffic islands is due to commence in Scotlandwell on Monday 23 March and is expected to last 7 or 8 working days. P&KC may delay the work in Kinnesswood several days to coincide with the April holidays to minimise the disruption to the Primary School. The anti-skid surfacing along the A911 is still programmed for next week at Wester Balgedie, Scotlandwell and Auchmuirbridge. P&KC's original intention was to install buff coloured anti-skid surfacing in Scotlandwell at the junction of the A911 with the B920. P&KC have been in consultation with the Conservation Officers in the Council. As part of Scotlandwell is being considered for a conservation area, they did not think that buff was the most appropriate colour, and have asked P&KC Roads to apply dark grey material instead.



The Michael Bruce Way - discussed at Paths Group.

Planning Matters

Scottish Gliding Union – presentation – future developments. The SGU gave an excellent graphical presentation of the ideas they have for future developments in various parts of the airfield. These are not definite yet, but the CC appreciated being informed about them.

09/00149/FUL Alteration to condition 10 from previous consent (PK/93/0251), public open space, Friar Place, Scotlandwell: The CC agreed to object to this alteration as it contravened the Local Plan and the recent display on the proposed Conservation Area for Scotlandwell showed the area being included in the CA.

09/00195/FUL Residential development including six new build houses, conversion and extension of two existing steadings and alteration and extension to existing farmhouse, Wester Balgedie Farm: This application is more or less identical to the application that was rejected unanimously by P&KC Development Control Committee in August last year. The CC agreed to renew its objection to this application as before.

09/00241/FUL Erection of a dwellinghouse with double garage, Newlands Wood, Newlands Farm, Milnathort: The CC agreed to object to this application as it still did not comply with the P&KC outline consent for a small single storey house.

09/00264/MOD Modification of existing consent (08/01011/FUL) to relocate proposed retail shed, Channel Farm, Wester Balgedie for Loch Leven's Larder. No comment.

09/00056/FUL Change in position of footpath and erection of car park lighting (in retrospect), Channel Farm, Wester Balgedie: The applicant explained that the light referred to had been switched off and will be removed. The applicant has further asked P&KC for advice on subdued lighting along the front of the building for the car park. The applicant also pointed out that the line of the path had been dictated by Health and Safety to keep it away from the loading bay and the car park. The path was also requested by TRACKS, who paid for half the cost. The CC will visit the site.

09/00288/FUL Erection of a dwelling house, 18 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood: The Applicant explained how his architect had amended the plans for the house. There was an objection from a local resident. The CC had not objected to the previous application and agreed not to object to this application.

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Planning Appeal, Kilmagadwood: This application, which was rejected by P&KC Development Control Committee, has gone to appeal. The CC agreed to continue to object to this application and will write to SOIRU.

Draft Housing in the Countryside Policy. A Draft Housing in the Countryside Policy has been produced by P&KC for comment. The CC is preparing a response which will be submitted to P&KC.

P&K Councillors

Post Bus: Cllr Baird explained why the Post Bus had been off the road. It was due to a battery problem which had affected all the buses throughout the UK. There was a temporary replacement, which had come from Wales, hence the Welsh inscription on the side. The sub-postmaster who runs the bus is very concerned that only three people use the post bus. He is willing to come to the CC and explain what services the post bus can offer.

The CC would wish people to tell the CC what problems they have with using the post bus. Then the CC will arrange for the sub-postmaster to come to the CC meeting in May or June and there will be a discussion about the service. Please contact any CCllr and tell the CC what the problems are.

Post Box: The Secretary had received an e-mail from Elizabeth Smith MSP informing the CC that the present post box at the shop in Kinnesswood is to be retained. The public complained that this was not good enough as the present box cannot take the kind of post that people wish to post. The community had been promised a new stand alone pillar box which would have a much greater capacity.

Grounds Maintenance: Cllr Baird is looking at the grounds maintenance throughout Perth and Kinross. She

would appreciate talking to some of the 'In Bloom' groups to see how they work to achieve the results they have.

Dog Fouling: There was a complaint from the public about dog fouling at the Well Green. Cllr Baird will arrange for signs to be placed. She also urged the public to contact the Dog Warden if they see people allowing their dogs to foul pavements. A member of the public also complained about dog fouling in Stephens field, Kinnesswood.

Round the Loch Bus: Cllr Robertson reported on the progress he is making in having a Round the Loch bus in place. P&KC are investigating having the funds for a bus running for one day a week. The suggestion is for the Sunday. People would be able to buy a ticket and then get on and off anywhere around the loch and walk as far as they wanted in between. The idea is the bus would run every two hours.

Other Matters

Heritage Trail: A question was raised about further access points to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. TRACKS are still investigating this.

Youngs Moss: A member of the public asked what was happening at Youngs Moss, Scotlandwell. The Enforcement Officer has been on site and instructed the owner to cease any further work. It is not clear what the proposals are for the site, although a number of 'poly tunnels' have been erected. The site is still being advertised for 200 allotments.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC and The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14 April at the Portmoak Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the March Meeting

The meeting on 3 March was attended by Alistair Lavery, Hugh Wallace, Sheila Anderson, Trudy Duffy-Wigman, Marion Anness, Roderick Paterson, and Hazel Johnson. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Barnacle, Sgt Rankine and 12 members of the public. Apologies were received from A Morrison.

Police Report

Sgt Rankine confirmed that previous reports of **break-ins** were mainly in respect of commercial property.

Sgt Rankine will be Community Liaison Officer for **T in the Park** this year. The aim is to build on the success of last year. There was some criticism of the post-event policing and it is hoped that this will be improved, with the clear up process after the event closely monitored. There has been a meeting in relation to traffic measures for the event and there will be an update soon.

Cllr Barnacle asked if there had been any reports of young drivers **speeding** on the A977 through the Crook of Devon as he had witnessed what appeared to be a "chase" involving two cars being driven at approx 80 mph. Sgt Rankine replied that there had been no reports of this affecting Crook of Devon but there had been reports of similar incidents in other areas.

CC funding: Sandy Morrison has been in correspondence (available for the public to view) with Gillian Taylor of P&KC re the continuing problems faced by the CC due to inadequate funding.

The A977 petition is ongoing. The CC is unhappy with the stance taken by Transport Scotland who argue that the route is not a major route in Scotland and that the majority of traffic is regionally generated. Submissions have been made to Dr Simpson and it is proposed that these will go to the Public Petitions Committee. Statistics are available as traffic has been monitored over a period of eight years. There is no dispute that the volume of traffic is likely to double and has currently a higher than average number of accidents for a road of its type. There was a suggestion made at the meeting that it would be helpful to have an on-site meeting of representatives from the Petitions Committee. Cllr Barnacle has asked P&KC to conduct a survey of HGV traffic. The Council has approved a capital plan which did not make provision for traffic calming measures on the A977.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Barnacle had looked into the matter of the **swings** removed from the park in Powmill and confirmed that these had been removed for safety and resurfacing purposes but it had been expected that they would be replaced by February. He has made a submission to the effect that there should be an alteration to the **Structure Plan** in relation to growth figures for the area, especially in the context of an economic downturn. It is also submitted that a distinction should remain between the rural areas and Kinross and Milnathort. At a Council meeting on 6 May there will be a new scheme for delegation and there will be further consideration in relation to the issue of **CCs as statutory consultees**. A possible outcome is that there will be a requirement for six objections to trigger a Committee decision and that an objection by the CC would count as one such objection. The position at present is that five objections are required but that any objection from the CC does not count.

Cllr Barnacle confirmed his view that he is opposed to the suggestion that there should be one Development Plan covering the whole of Perth & Kinross.

Kinross-shire Forum: At the next meeting it is expected that there will be further discussion in relation to the Housing in the Countryside Policy.

Speed Limits in Crook of Devon: Limits are going to be upgraded and this should be completed by the end of March.

There has been adjustment of the budget for footpaths in the area.

Planning Matters

08/02368/FUL Change of agricultural use to form paddock and training track for race horses, Middleton Fossoway: The application is for the construction of a training racetrack for horses, associated with the stables development. The application is inadequate in that: no details of the method of track construction are given; two very different layouts are given, dated December 2008 and an amendment January 2009 - it is not clear if permission is for both tracks or the amended plan only; the details of embanking, levelling and fencing are very sketchy. The CC notes that this development has come forward in stages. It would be preferable if all stages of a development could be presented, at least in outline, with the initial application. The CC recommends refusal until the plan is clarified and more details of the nature and permanence of the track surfaces

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09/00077/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of six dwelling houses, Barnhill Farm, Powmill: the application is for the demolition of an existing house and redundant 20th century farm buildings and replacement with six houses. An application for a seven-house development was refused planning permission in October 2007 and this decision upheld following appeal. The current application has been modified, being for one less house and floor levels 1m to 2m lower. The houses are 4-5 bedroom and the building style is non-traditional. The CC recommends refusal on grounds that the proposal is contrary to Policy 1, 2 and 64 of the Kinross Area Local Plan.

09/00094/FUL Erection of a dwelling house, Drumgarland, Warroch, Kinross: this application is for a house on the site of a ruined dwelling in a conspicuous site on rising ground north of Cambo and in the Area of Great Landscape Value identified in the Kinross Area Local Plan. An application for a house at this site was withdrawn in 2002, and refused planning permission, under delegated powers, in 2003 and 2008. The current proposal is for a two-floor house set back into the hillside, of modern design but using re-used or traditional materials. The application is accompanied by a visual impact analysis. The CC recommends approval, subject to confirmation that the building is on the site of and compatible with the footprint of the former building.

09/00143/OUT Erection of a dwelling house (in outline), Claysike, Fossoway: the application is for a house adjacent to a modern agricultural shed on Claysike. Access is from the A91 opposite Thortonhill. The site is on agricultural land and meets none of the criteria under Policy 64 for Houses in the Countryside. The site is also a continuation of a development corridor between Drum and the A91, with approved development at Claysike, Newbiggin and Middleton. The CC recommends refusal, as contrary to Policy 64 of the Kinross Area Local Plan.

09/00175/FUL Erection of a monopole wind turbine, Carsefoot, Drum: An application for a 14m turbine, with blade diameter 5.5m at a site located on the edge of the settlement in Drum. A proposal for an 18m turbine at a site nearby, though not close to houses, was considered by the CC at its last meeting and has since received planning approval. The CC has no guidelines from P&KC on domestic-scale wind turbines close to settlements and has no clear opinions from the community. The application could create a precedent for the development of large numbers of turbines within settlements. The CC is unable to provide a recommendation on this proposal. We had no grounds for recommending refusal of the application, but are concerned about the cumulative impact of similar turbine towers in settlement areas, with concerns about visual intrusion and safety. We would welcome the Council's views on the potential proliferation of domestic renewable generators of a variety of designs in built up areas and intend to re-visit this issue at a later meeting. Cllr Barnacle confirmed that he would pass on the concerns that some applications are being made in stages rather than being presented in full from the outset.

Wind turbines: On the issue of applications for wind turbines for individual homes/properties, some concern was expressed that there might be a proliferation of such applications which could have an adverse visual impact. It was suggested that perhaps a community-based scheme might prove better. Hugh Wallace expressed that view that we might not expect proliferation on the basis that wind turbines are expensive. It was suggested that a representative from P&KC could be asked to speak at a public meeting and for there to be a debate on the issue.

Correspondence

Incoming and outgoing correspondence was on view for the public to see.

Recycling: Marion Anness reported that residents in Solsgirth are interested in having recycling bins. There are some situated in Saline and in Crook of Devon but there is nothing close to hand. It was suggested that the old "Snowie" site might be a good location.

Fossoway Gathering: There is to be a meeting. The Primary School will organise a fête on the date the Gathering would have taken place, 6 June, and there are hopes that this will be extended to involve the whole community. Trudy will update as plans are progressed.

Windfarm, Saline: No planning application has been made yet, but it is thought that this is likely at the end of March. There is a proposal to take site traffic through Blairingone but by an amended route. There may be five turbines instead of the seven originally proposed. It is understood that the intention is still to apply for 120m turbines, which exceeds Fife Council guidelines by 20%. Cllr Barnacle stated that it could not be assumed that P&KC will necessarily make representations on the turbine development.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place at Moubray Hall, Powmill on 7 April at 7.30pm.

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Proclamation of the accession of King Edward VII, Kinross Town Hall, 1901
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 Front row: M Dowie, A Owens (postmistress), P Heggie
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Club & Community Group News

Kinross in Bloom



Can you spare a few hours to help with planting up the hanging baskets?

When? **Saturday 25 April** 9.30am -12 noon
Where? Polytunnel at Hattonburn Nursery,
Hattonburn Road, Milnathort

No gardening experience is necessary, just enthusiasm to help brighten our streets with floral displays. Light refreshments will be provided. If you can come along or need help with transport, please let Sarah Cuthbert know on 01577 861001.

The hanging baskets and tubs need watered throughout the summer. Volunteers use the watering buggy from early June to water the plants around the town. If you could spare just a few hours help on a regular or relief basis then please contact Aileen Sorbie 01577 861477.

March 200 Club winners

£20 Kathleen Baird; £10 Sir David Montgomery;
£5 Edna & Andrew Burnett; £5 Elsa Sinclair.



Kinross in Bloom brighten up the town with flowers every year

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon

This year will be the 26th Loch Leven Half Marathon, organised by the Kinross Road Runners. In conjunction with the Kinross Road Runners, KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation) will be arranging some entertainment and fun activities on the day. This will include a Feel Good Fair to be held at the KGV Rugby Field in Kinross on **Saturday 16 May** from 1pm-4pm. The market will be located inside a marquee near the finish line. Stall holders will sell local produce, sport and outdoor products or other 'feel good' ware.

Why not promote your business, sport club or local group at this market? Also, if you or your group would like to do a fun activity, please let us know.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out for an hour that day with manning a stall or do an activity.

If you have an idea for another event or if you are interested in this Feel Good Fair, please phone or e-mail Bouwien Bennet 01577 863107 or email info@kleo.org.uk

You can also have a look on our developing website www.kleo.org.uk

Kinross-shire Residents' Association

An Annual General meeting of the above association took place at the Church Centre, Kinross on the evening of 19 February and before it was a presentation of the new kitchens refurbishment project. This is the proposed renovation of kitchens in council houses in the area which is to be conducted by Sidey of Perth in partnership with P&KC. Firstly Constable Ronnie Child gave us a Police update on local crime then an informative presentation was given by the guest speaker Charlie Shepherd, Project Manager of the Perthshire Kitchen Project.

The meeting had a question and answer part contributed to by two local Councillors who attended. The meeting was well attended and we encourage residents to attend our local meetings too as its important the group stays in being and we hear local views. Much can be achieved by us as we can be an influence on P&KC.

Our thanks to all who attended, committee and Mark Henry.
Mike Twaddle, Vice Chair

Kinross & District Inner Wheel



Early in March a number of our members joined Rotarians for a visit to the Museum of Flight in East Lothian. This was a most successful day out, starting with lunch at Craigmile Golf Club and then having a very comprehensive tour of Concord as well as viewing civil and military aircraft. Our March meeting had Dr Mary Young, an historian, as our speaker. She is also an archivist at Scone Palace and gave a most interesting talk and slide show on the history of Scone Palace and Abbey with its importance to Scotland.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



If you thought the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland dealt exclusively with ancient monuments, think again. Philip Graham spoke to the club on the Commission's work and its vast archive of photographs, plans, documents and drawings.

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From this vast resource, Philip had selected drawings and photographs of Kinross House and of a bungalow in Milnathort. There were also photographs of now vanished mills in Milnathort. A little further afield were photos of the Forth Bridge and of Burntisland from the Luftwaffe Collection.

Not only did members thoroughly enjoy this talk, they were astounded to hear details of this fascinating resource. At the April meeting, Susan Mills will talk about the Alloa Pottery.

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

News from the meeting held on 9 March

Present: Chair – B Barker; Vice Chair – W Cambers; Council Members – J Walker, A Malcolm, M Longstaffe, L Dunne; Headteacher – A Howe; Clerk – S Herron. Apologies: M Koziel, G Freeman and R Miller.

The Parent Drop In held on 24 February had a positive outcome, with lots of parents attending. A £30 donation was sent to Common Grounds for their hospitality.

Homework Audit: Generally parents see homework positively, however would sometimes like more guidance on how to support pupils at home with homework. Discussions to commence with staff and pupils re the questionnaire responses.

Internet Safety: All staff will be receiving training from the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. This will eventually be extended to pupils and parents. A tightening up of website access has been carried out, with chat rooms, facebook etc being blocked from school computers. There is some concern regarding mobile phone internet access which is currently being reviewed.

Walking Bus: ML has drawn up routes and meeting places for walking buses during health week beginning 15 June. AH stated that all routes have to be checked for safety by Rachel Ewins. High viz jackets are a must for all participating pupils.

Participate in Rights Respecting School Award: All staff, parents and pupils involved in the steering group have received training. P5 is currently fundraising, by various projects, for Kenya. Bruce Wilkinson will be coming back to provide further support and see progress.

Parental Involvement Grant: Alice Getley, Growing Ideas (School Gardening Club) had submitted a report and an invoice for £131.99. Let's Play had not been in touch yet, but were still in discussion with pupils.

School Website: Louise Halkett had been contacted by the Clerk with a view to direct website access to post things such as minutes, parent information etc.

Class Structures for 2009/10: Generally, classrooms and numbers will result in composite classes again this year. If any changes in the current composite arrangements specifically affect individual pupils then this will be addressed individually with pupils/parents. It is intended to be transparent with arrangements, commencing with a letter to all parents.

Parking in Bridgefauld Road: A complaint had been received from a resident in Bridgefauld Road re a parent parking directly over her drive way. AH had contacted the police and would itemise in the next newsletter. It was agreed that AH would investigate an entrance from Church Street directly into the school grounds.

MPSPC Members: BB requested that Council Members advise intentions for next session and think about recruitment for the Council for next session now.

Correspondence Folder: In School Foyer for perusal.

HT Report: Available to view in MPS Community Window.

Dates of Next Meetings: 27 April at 7pm and 15 June at 7pm in MPS. All welcome.

A full copy of past, ratified, minutes are available in the school office. To contact the MPSPC please phone Sheila Herron on 01577 864015 or Sheila_herron@tiscali.co.uk

Kinross and District Art Club



This month, when we see the snowdrops and crocuses in flower, we look forward to going from the shorter darker days to the brighter and colourful days that make spring so uplifting. Now we can think about outdoor activities, like a casual walk along the Loch Leven Trail, drink in the beautiful views we are blessed with, do a quick sketch of the swans gliding and feeding in the Loch and maybe enjoy many hours preparing a painting for our Annual Exhibition.

As well as planning our 2009 **Art Exhibition** from 23 to 26 September, again in the bright and attractive Kinross Church, we are also looking ahead to our outdoor painting activities in June, July and August when we visit one of the many attractive castles in the area (we visited Aldie Castle last year), or one of the many beautiful panoramic views we have around us, to sketch and paint on site, or take a photo to finish the painting at home.

It is interesting to see many of our members now sketching and painting subjects that reflect the advent of spring with the bright and colourful daffodils and tulips in our gardens as well as the gorse bushes with their yellow gold flowers we see as we drive along the motorway to Perth.

If you would like to try your hand at painting some of these colourful flowers that cheer you up at this time of year but don't know how to start, come and join others. With willing help from our tutor and friendly members, many beginners have progressed to spending hours enjoying a new hobby they never knew they could achieve. Remember the old Chinese proverb, "a walk of 100 miles starts with a single step". Make your first step be to Millbridge Hall at 2pm on a Tuesday. We won't ask you to walk 100 miles, but we will help you to do your first painting and see how fascinating and absorbing your new painting hobby can be.

Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade



At a Battalion Extraordinary General Meeting a revised constitution was unanimously accepted which meant that girls can now compete in non-contact competitions and sports where governing bodies accept mixed competition.

The success of the Kinross Company continues, with the Company retaining the Battalion Basketball Cup following the annual competition at Bell's Sports Centre in early March.

Junior members were guests at the Dunfermline Athletic versus Partick Thistle football match but the one nil result in favour of the Glasgow side was not quite the result to encourage new fans.

The Battalion drill, midnight hike and scripture competitions will take place before the end of March with uni-hoc and centenary volleyball in April.

Junior section members are looking forward to their weekend camp at Dounans Centre, Aberfoyle in May, including a visit to Blair Drummond Safari Park. Juniors will defend the Bible Quiz trophy won last session. Company section members are looking forward to their summer "adventure camp" at Kincaig near Aviemore.

Marquee bookings for this summer are already filling up. Our 40' x 20' white marquee is available for hire at £180 per occasion. Contact David Munro (01577 862126) for details and available dates.

Kinross High School Citizenship Quaich

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- Showing respect for others;
- Commitment to participate responsibly in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the local and wider community;
- Wanting to make a positive difference in the quality of life of individuals or groups of people in the local and wider community.

Which might enable them to improve their:

- Knowledge and understanding of the world, Scotland and Kinross and its place in it;
- Understanding of different beliefs and cultures;
- Decision-making process;
- Understanding of environmental, scientific and technical issues;
- Development of their views on moral and ethical issues.

These awards are to be presented on the evening of the High School Prize Giving in June 2009 for each of the year groups.

What the School Council needs from you are:

Written nominations with supporting evidence from all members of the community. This would include all external clubs, societies and organisations as well as from Kinross High School pupils and staff. Nominations should be brief and limited to no more than one side of A4. Alternatively you may use the tear off nomination form provided on this page.

Nominations and supporting evidence should be sent to the address shown no later than **1.00pm on Monday 1 June 2009**.

Please return your completed nomination to: Kinross High School Citizenship Quaich, The Kinross High School Council, The School Secretary, Kinross High School, 8 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW. Nominations should arrive no later than 1.00 pm on Monday 1 June 2009.

Kinross High School Citizenship Quaich - 2009 Nomination Form

Name of person, persons or organisation making the nomination:

.....

Contact postal address and telephone number of person, persons or organisation making the nomination:

.....

I/We wish to nominate the following Kinross High School pupil (or pupils) for the award of the 2009 Kinross High School Citizenship Cup:

Pupil/ Groups of pupils full name:

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Kinross High School Parent Council



School Uniform Purple Blazer

In the December Kinross Newsletter the KHSPC reported the consensus amongst parents and school staff supporting the wearing of school uniform and in particular the preference for the traditional purple blazer. Since December further research amongst parents and pupils in the form of sample questionnaires has confirmed the consensus to retain and promote the wearing of the purple blazer throughout the school.

In support of this aim the KHSPC has investigated different uniform blazer suppliers, types of material, colour shade, style, quality and of course costs. After careful consideration a choice of new supplier and type of blazer has been made. It uses a similar shade of purple as the existing school blazer design and is made from a polyester and baratheia wool mix material. The style and cut of blazer is the same for both the boys and girls, however the girls is a fitted design. The blazer retains the traditional embroidered school crest on the chest pocket. The new blazers are expected to cost between £55 and £65, which includes a small contribution to KHSPC and therefore school funds.

The KHSPC will market and sell the new blazers through the school, commencing at the start of the summer term. On specified daytimes and evenings members of the KHSPC will be on hand at the High School with sample blazers sizes to allow individual fittings and to take orders. The KHSPC will also be on hand at the feeder primary school P7 parents' information evening and at the P7 induction days planned in June.

Sufficient material has been ordered for a first batch of 400 blazers which, providing there is early ordering, should hopefully be delivered in time for the start of the autumn term. A second batch of 400 is planned for delivery in October in time for the move to the new school campus. Finalised details of the new blazer, costs, fitting dates and ordering will be published before the start of the summer term.

With the imminent move to the new school campus the KHSPC would again like to encourage parents and pupils to support the uniform initiative and help to re-establish the wearing of the purple blazer throughout the school.

'K' Factor Talent Show

The KHSPC Events & Fundraising Committee hosted the 'K' Factor Talent Show on Friday 20 February in the Assembly Hall. Compère for the evening was Niall Simpson (Chair of the E&FC). There was great excitement as the twenty acts performed to a packed audience. The show opened with last year's winning band 'Blue Fuse' demonstrating their talent again and finished with a tremendous performance by six 5th year boys, clad in lycra and tights who gave a superb display of their dancing prowess.

While the judges Lynzi Stewart, Dougie Alexander and Dave Batchelor, took time out to 'make their mind up', the audience was entertained by the staff band, The Imposters (Miss Kinnell, Mr Linton and last year's 'K' Factor winner, Kathleen Green).

Best singer trophy went to Shannon McLaughlin (S2); best dancer went to Maeve Weldon (S3), best general entertainment went to Janek Dyer (S3) and the overall 'K'

Factor trophy went to Ruaridh Kidd (S6) who performed 'Rock and Roll Nerd' accompanied by Nick Lauener on the piano.

Kinross High School Citizenship Quaich

The annual KHSPC Citizenship Quaich awards are presented in June of each year and are open to any pupil at Kinross High School. The awards recognise outstanding commitment and achievement in the community by a young person or a group of young people. A nomination slip for this year's awards together with details of the award categories and conditions is included in this edition of the Kinross Newsletter (page 22).

KHSPC Membership

Two parents have joined as new members of the KHSPC. Mrs Dora Smith will look after school uniform matters and Mr Brian Baglow the new KHSPC website.

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 & Fundraising Committee looks after the activities of the old Parent Teacher Association.

The next KHSPC meeting is scheduled for **21 April** starting at 7.15pm at the 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 2008/09 academic year are:

Chair	Andy WILLIAMS	Tel 01577 861682
Vice Chair	Jaffrey WEIR	Tel 01577 865780
Treasurer	Denis SWEENEY	Tel 01577 861651

The Clerk to the KHSPC is Helen GLOVER.

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 Clerk care of the school address noted above.

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Kinross & District Rotary Club



It is with sadness that we record the sudden death of Rotarian Jim Blackwood. A well-known local farmer and cattle specialist, Jim was a past President and member of the Kinross Rotary Club for over 30 years. Jim was also a past President of the Kinross Agricultural Show, the Kinross Jolly Beggars Burns Club and the Orwell Curling Club. We extend our condolences to his wife Jean, their son and daughter and four grandchildren.

On 16 February we were joined by three visitors from the Howe of Fife Club to hear Moira Henderson talk on "It's an egg or is it?" Moira, representing the Scottish Egg Producers Association, gave a staunch defence of the egg as an important part of the daily diet and its role as nature's convenience food. Moira went on to describe the whole process from the production of the egg to the marketing process. Rotarian John Stewart thanked Moira for a very interesting and enjoyable talk.

Rotarians' wives and partners joined the meeting on 23 February to listen to Dr Fergus Dowds talk on Forensic Psychiatry. Fergus, who works with the Scottish Prison Service and the State Hospital in Carstairs, is involved in the risk assessment and rehabilitation of prisoners. His work requires contact with all parts of the criminal justice system and the health and social services and understanding the relationship between mental disorder and crime. Rotarian Bill Sinclair gave the vote of thanks.

A party from the Club paid a visit to the Concorde Experience at the Royal Scottish Museum of Flight at East Fortune. The visit was preceded by lunch at the Craigielaw Golf Club and some members and their wives took the opportunity to also visit the Scottish Bird Centre at North Berwick.



*The winning team from Kinross Primary School.
From left, Lewis Gordon, Douglas Erskine, Alexandra Galloway,
Alexander Cox and Mhairi Goodwin*

The first round of the Scottish Rotary Inter Primary School quiz took place in Kinross High School on 12 March, with teams from Kinross, Milnathort, Cleish, Fossoway and Portmoak taking part. The competition turned out to be a hard fought one, with the lead changing several times. All the teams are to be congratulated for achieving high scores and only one point separated three teams for second place. The team from Kinross Primary School won and go through the next round to be held in Fife in April and hopefully to the final which will be held in Aberdeen later in the year with a chance to win the £1000 prize. Kinross have reached the final in all previous competitions.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

Spring is sprung! Why not get out and about more now that days are longer? Walking is one of the best and cheapest ways of keeping fit and healthy, and with us, it can be sociable too. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, take advantage of our new Summer programme to try out a walk with us before joining the Ramblers' Association. Walks are led by volunteer leaders from the group members. For April we offer two weekend walks and one mid-week walk.

Sat 4 April: Hillfoot Hoof (4 miles). Nice and easy walk. Park on back Road next to Cochrane Park and walk along the back road from Alva to Tillicoultry. Option of bar lunch* in Tillicoultry (venue tbc) or packed lunch at bottom of Hillfoots near the golf course. Return by parallel track to Alva. Children welcome, but no dogs.

*pre-booking for bar lunch required. See contact below.

Wed 15 April: Lochore Meadows Meander (4 miles). Pleasant, flat circular walk on paths and woodland tracks. Coffee shop at the end! Meet at Lochore Meadows Visitor Centre at 10 am. Children welcome but no dogs.

Sun 26 April: Edinburgh – Water of Leith (6 miles). A gentle walk by the river banks through the centre of Edinburgh to the Ocean terminal in Leith. Linear walk with direct bus service back to start point. Dogs on lead only. Children welcome. For meeting details, see contact below.

Although none of these April walks is very demanding, for all walks you will require appropriate clothing and equipment, including boots and waterproofs. Weekend walks can be of up to 4.5 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 or joining the Ramblers' Association, call our group Secretary Edna Burnett on 01577 862977. Or see our group website www.koramblers.org or the Ramblers' Association website www.ramblers.org.uk

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

National Spring Clean, Saturday 25 April, 10am. Kinnesswood in Bloom will be joining hundreds of other community groups, schools, businesses etc. who will be spring cleaning their local areas during April and hope to encourage as many volunteers as possible to come and take part. We will be starting at the school park at 10am, so please join us.

Go Green, and Compost your Identity. As a relatively new resident of Kinnesswood, I have much appreciated the efforts of our local group in making the village more colourful, and I occasionally get out on a working party to help with a bit of weeding and tidying up (the only problem is finding time to look after my own garden!) The group is determined to keep a focus on being more environmentally friendly wherever possible, and this year we also felt it was important that volunteers gained something from their involvement. So, the composting session at the end of February was something I was particularly looking forward to.

I hoped to progress from amateur home composter (shifting all our vegetable and fruit peelings, kitchen paper and egg boxes from kitchen sink, to indoor bin, to compost bin in the back garden) to something closer to a professional!

I also wanted to know a bit more about what should go in my brown bin; what else I could compost at home; what specifically KiB should use the compost bins behind the Lomond for; and what we would need to be careful about. All of us hope to drive less miles to dump garden waste elsewhere when those brown bins are overflowing.

This Saturday morning work party had the added bonus of being indoors at the Lomond Inn with a nice cup of coffee and a comfy seat (though there have been occasions when members have brought coffee and biscuits along to outdoor work parties too, making them more like a picnic than a penance). Dave Goodwin introduced Alison McKinnie from Waste Aware Scotland and I relaxed with a note book hoping to share tips about veg peelings and grass clippings. However, I had no idea that composting is such big business in terms of the Government agencies involved, and how tricky the whole thing could become if we let it. Waste Aware Scotland, local Councils, DEFRA, special rules for



caterers, for schools and for home composters - it seemed daunting at first. However, with Alison's enthusiastic help we soon sorted out what we should and shouldn't do, as well as learning that:

- there are at least two types of worms, one being better than the other for your compost
- there may be more than two types of slugs
- twisted up cardboard can be composted (twisted to let air in)
- fruit and vegetable peelings are fine for home but not community compost
- certain weeds are more compostable than others; and paper shreds are a good thing to add



KiB's Chrissie Robertson ponders upon the merits of using worms for composting

So, for those of you particularly anxious about having your identity stolen, get your personal details regularly shredded, keep the worms happy and start yourself a compost bin!

Meetings & work parties: Meetings are open to all and are usually held on the first Thursday of the month. Check the local noticeboard for up to date information, have a word with Dave Goodwin at the garage, or ring him on 840727. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Kinnesswood in Bloom team
www.kinnesswoodinbloom.org

Portmoak Film Society

'Australia' beckons – and another AGM

The penultimate film of the season shown on 7 March was the ever-popular "Mamma Mia". There was a great turnout with 49 attending, including about 20 guests. The bean count was 39,4,1,0,1 giving a rating of 94% audience approval! So just about everyone enjoyed the film although the singing did not raise the roof.

We're almost at the end of the season again and there's one more film to go, along with the Annual General Meeting on **Saturday 11 April**.

The film is Baz Luhrman's **Australia** - the story of an English aristocrat (Nicole Kidman) who inherits a cattle station the size of Maryland in northern Australia at the beginning of World War II. When English cattle barons plot to take her land, she reluctantly joins forces with a rough-hewn stock-man (Hugh Jackman) to drive 2,000 head of cattle across hundreds of miles of the country's most unforgiving land. The film, which went on general release in late 2008, received differing reviews but you are guaranteed magnificent panoramas of the Australian

outback and Chanel star Kidman, so why don't you come and make up your own mind?

Before that though, there is the AGM to be held and we welcome anyone who during the year has "got closer" to the Film Society and feels they might like to take more of an active role in the Committee. If you don't, no worries - just don't bat your eyelid or raise your pinkie when the positions are called out!!

Other than that, we take the business of democratic selection of films for the next season very seriously. The committee has come up with a shortlist of 22 films based on suggestions from members, covering different tastes from recent releases, foreign language, classics, etc. At the AGM we will ask members to vote for their top six films from the list and the six films with the greatest vote will form the basis of next year's programme. We have left a space for our two traditional "Surprise" films to be selected next autumn for spring 2010.

Please note that the doors open at the earlier time of 6.30pm, in time for the AGM at 7 o'clock prompt.

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

Probus Club



Paul Bassett has been President of the Elgar Society and therefore is eminently qualified to speak on "Edward Elgar: His Life and his Music" - the subject of his talk on 18 March.

The address was interspersed by pieces of Elgar's music, for to get the feel of any composer one really has to hear his music. The organising of the music was done by Mrs Bassett.

Elgar's father was a piano tuner and ran a music shop. Elgar was entirely self-taught, but had great musical talent and could play any musical instrument. At the age of 15 Elgar hoped to go to Leipzig to study music, but his father could not possibly afford the fees. Aged 29 he fell in love with Alice Roberts. Unfortunately Alice's family opposed the match as they considered Alice was marrying "beneath her class" and when they finally married in 1889, the Roberts family disinherited Alice. Alice had great faith that Edward would be a great composer. The couple left Worcester and went to London, but no firm in London would publish any of his music. They ran out of money and were forced to come back home where Edward made a living teaching and from local musical events but life was difficult.

During the 1890s Elgar gradually built up a reputation as a composer, chiefly of works for the great choral festivals of the Midlands. This was the start of his rise to fame, but it was only the Midlands that appreciated him. That changed in 1897 with the publication of the *Imperial March* for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. Success followed. In 1899 appeared *The Enigma Variations* which contains the piece *Nimrod*, in 1900 *The Dream of Gerontius* and *Pomp and Circumstance Marches*, composed for Edward VII's coronation in 1901 - the tune for *Land of Hope and Glory* comes from that. Elgar was knighted in 1904. Elgar was extremely patriotic and during the First World War he did write music to support the country such as *Friends of the Fleet*, but as the war continued Edward was saddened by the immense losses suffered by the whole nation, and to match Edward's mood Alice bought a little house, Brinkwells, in Sussex in 1917. In 1920 Alice died suddenly and Edward was deeply affected by her passing. His great friend, Billy Reid, conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra was a support to him. He died on 23 February 1934.

Ruary MacLeod gave the vote of thanks for a most informative talk made especially enjoyable by the musical items.

The title for the talk on 4 March was an intriguing one, "Laugh and Scotland Laughs with You". What was it all about? But George Dalrymple, the speaker, soon made it crystal clear, as he went from one town and district of Scotland to another, telling funny stories loosely associated with the place concerned. He told golf stories for St Andrews and Camoustie, and caught the Doric accent of Aberdeen or the West Highland lilt of Stornoway to a 'T'. He described the traditional stingy Edinburgh Scot in a few well-chosen phrases. There is an art in telling funny stories, and George certainly had it, as the ripples of laughter from the audience bore witness. He delivered the punch line of each story with aplomb, catching the members of the club off guard. There is not room to detail all the jokes, and anyway, jokes require to be told, not read. Alistair Hutton proposed the vote of thanks for a most amusing afternoon.

Crossfire?

I knew that Crossfire was held on a Sunday night, was something that was attended by young people and was something to do with the Church but I didn't know what it was so I went to find out. I walked into the Church Centre at Kinross to be faced with 15 exuberant young people and their leaders - it was noisy! The noise moderated once the tasks were underway.

How do you keep control of 15 young people and get a message across? Three members of the team did this. The Leader is Jaffrey Weir and he leads a team of five volunteers:

Jenny Masson, Lynne Pattison, Ruth Robertson, Alison Shea and Graham Silk. The team on the night was made up of Jaffrey, Ruth and Jenny. The leaders did not 'lecture' the young people but instead gave the group very interesting activities to do, the purpose being to make them think more deeply about their feelings. Activities such as writing down what they would really like to have, putting their ideas into a hat and when pulled out having to guess who wanted what. Drawing shapes, changing these into objects and guessing who the people were that made the changes. Listening to a story about trust and doing a blindfold activity where people were led onto a tray of crunchy materials having been told it was glass. The activities demonstrated to the young people the meaning of trust, belief and faith. Through the activities a serious message came through, everyone took part and the young people showed that believing in God did not have to be dull but was fun. One young person was there for the first time and when asked what she thought of Crossfire she said, "It was relaxed and a little crazy, but I meet a whole lot of friends from all different places".

Crossfire is a Christian Youth Group for young people from S1 upwards. Two interesting events, a Film Night and a Party Night, are planned for March.

So, what did I think of my first visit? Was it dull? "No". Was it interesting? "Yes". Was it fun? "Yes". Was it noisy? "A bit!" Thanks to these young people and their leaders it looks like Crossfire will run on a Sunday night at 7.30 pm in the Church Centre for a good many years yet.

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Kinross-shire Civic Trust

Trust Annual Dinner and Talk

The Trust had a very successful Dinner at the Grouse and Claret on 11 March which was enjoyed by the large numbers of members who attended. Following the Dinner, the members were given an excellent talk by Dr Deborah Mays of Historic Scotland. Debbie is the Head of the Listing group and amongst other things she advises the Minister in the Scottish Government. She gave a very well presented and illustrated talk on all aspects of Listing projects in Scotland, which the members found to be particularly informative as well as expanding their appreciation of Listing.

The Annual General Meeting

The meeting will be held in the Windlestrae Hotel on **Wednesday 15 April** at 7.30pm. The meeting will be followed by a talk by Rachel Haworth, a Conservation officer with P&KC. Rachel's illustrated talk will be about Conservation Areas. P&KC re-established the Conservation group within the Development Control group three years ago and the Council is in the process of re-visiting the Conservation Areas within Perth and Kinross. The Trust will be taking an active involvement in this with the Council.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust Awards 2009

This year Kinross Civic Trust will be holding two award competitions that will be launched at the Trust's AGM. These are the annual Best Kept Village competition and the bi-annual Architectural Award.

The Trust makes no apology for repeating how very pleasing it is to be associated with this annual Award, as it gives us a closer relationship with local communities, giving them tangible support, and encouraging the care and conservation of the places in which we live. There is of course a tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes, and the Trust is appreciative of all those in the communities who work so hard to keep them tidy and well landscaped, encouraging, I hope, community spirit. The competition will be sponsored again by Robertson's of Milnathort for which the Trust is very grateful.

Sadly we have three settlements, Crook of Devon in the



village category, and Powmill and Blairingone in the hamlet category, which do not have an organiser for the competition. These are three very important settlements, and it devalues the competition as a whole if they are unable to take part. We will be canvassing potential solutions but please get in touch if you are able to help in any way.

There will be a press announcement and entry forms will be sent to organisers after the AGM and it is expected that judging will take place sometime in late July. The awards themselves will be presented in late August at a ceremony in one of the winning communities – a village or hamlet.

The Architectural Award this year is for new build properties. There is often criticism of the number of new houses that have been built in Kinross – although the competition is open to any new building – but this is an opportunity to show the quality of designs that have been constructed. Buildings of many designs have been put up across the county, and this competition is an opportunity to showcase the quality of a building and demonstrate its contribution to the future heritage of our county.

Any owner of a new property built in the past four years, or their architect, is encouraged to enter. Judging will take place in August, with the presentation being made at the Trust's autumn meeting.

Again, a further announcement will be made after the AGM, but in the meantime further details can be obtained from Bridget Lindsay on 01592 840252.

The Objects of the Trust

The objects of the Trust are to stimulate public interest in, and care for, the good appearance of the towns, villages and rural environment of Kinross-shire, to maintain the essential character and identity of Kinross-shire, to encourage high standards of architecture, amenity and planning, to help conserve buildings and monuments of historic interest and to eliminate and prevent ugliness in the form of bad design, neglect and pollution.

If you are interested and care about Kinross-shire, please come along to any of our events. We would be very pleased to see you. The Trust is always looking for people to help in running the Trust.

Contact: Alistair Smith, Chairman 01592 840215.

Pipe Band – newsflash!

Congratulations to all those who played at the Perform in Perth Music Festival competitions in March. Once again, all our Pipe Band members did exceptionally well, with entries this year for chanter, piping and drumming. This was the first year that the competition was open to drummers, and our Kinross corps duly marked the occasion by winning all the events they went in for!

Well done to Douglas Mair (10) on chanter, Douglas Weir (14) on pipes; and particularly well done to our winning drummers, Amy Bryson (10) on the pad, Alexander Cox (11) on side drum, and Cameron Elder (14) also on side drum.

Just a reminder now for everyone that our **Summer Ceilidh** will be held on **Friday 5 June** at the Windlestrae, and tickets are now on sale. Judging by the success of the event over the last two years this is sure to be a sell-out, so please book your tickets early. Contact Nigel Kellett on 01577 863738, or email:

secretary@kinross-pipe-band.co.uk

Kinross & District

Town Twinning Association

Preparations are well underway for this summer's trip to Gacé in Normandy. The majority of the party will fly from Edinburgh to Paris Charles de Gaulle on Sunday 26 July, returning on Sunday 2 August. One or two others are travelling independently meeting up with the main party in Gacé.

A successful Quiz Night was held in Milnathort Bowling Club with Milnathort Rural winning the competition.

A "**Pot Luck Supper**" will be held at chairperson Jean Paterson's house (13 Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort) on **Friday 24 April** at a cost of £5 per person. The Pot Luck Supper will commence at 7.30pm.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

February Draw

1st	No 33	Margaret Stratton, Scotlandwell
2nd	No 10	Clare Cappon, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 74	Sheila Drysdale, Kinnesswood



Common Grounds



There is someone out there who would really enjoy being our Treasurer and would get lots out of it - please, please, give us a call. A lot has happened in the last month, so do read on.

Project: The current project is Lake Victoria Disability Centre and is followed in April by the Eden Mozambique Project. This is a not-for-profit organisation working between our own country and Mozambique providing free English lessons with no restrictions on age or previous education.

Milnathort Primary School: Our thanks to Milnathort Primary School Parent Council for their generous donation to our funds. Also thanks to the parents for their generous gift of home baking, both in response to Common Grounds sharing the hall with them for a morning. This gave them an out of school space for use for groups of pupils, parents and teachers. We look forward to the next time that we can be of assistance and share the hall with them again.

Project Lunch: The Project Lunch on Saturday 7 March was highly successful with some 40 people turning out to hear Michael Laird, from the charity Marocaroundtheclock, give a fascinating and educational talk on his project in south Morocco. The talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all and his pictures of the work in progress were excellent. We are pleased to say that we also collected a very nice sum of money for our funds. A big thank you to all those who helped and to all those who came along to the event. In addition during the day we were pleased to have a stall hosted by our friends from Lochend Farm who had their great range of locally grown vegetables and other good things to sell.

Recent events: We were pleased to have Martin Wardrope, Dave, Gill and Lesley, Brian Marr, Stevan Wilkinson, Rab Robertson, Agnes and Linton, Hugh Rice, Jim MacDougall, Craig Hood, Pete Hagerbach and Rennie Mitchell provide live music on Saturday 14 March. They travelled from far and wide to play and a very good time was had by one and all. Many thanks to the musicians and to the Volunteers who organised the evening. The Fairtrade raffle was drawn during the evening.

The two winners of the **Caption Competition** are Cathy Watt of Kinross and Pat Lowe of Milnathort. Both received a £10 voucher to spend in Common Grounds. Congratulations to both winners and thank you to all who took part and to the two donors of the prizes.

Book Club: There may be a space available. Please check with Marlene Whyte on 01592 840371.

Since the weather is still very cold and wintry our open fire is still going strong, so logs, if you can spare any, would be most appreciated. So would your company, so please drop in - you are most welcome. Remember we are open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am - 3pm in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

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

Kinross Potager Garden



Spring is arriving at last, and we are looking forward to another busy summer in the garden.

We are holding a **Daffodil Tea** for Marie Curie on **Saturday 28 March**; we hope the weather will be kind to us, and will report on this in the next newsletter.

A Primary 5 class from Kinross Primary will again visit the garden one afternoon a week during the summer term, to grow vegetables, and learn about gardening and environmental issues. Thank you to Marg Greener who will be working with me at these sessions.

We will also be hosting a course in **Gardening for Pleasure** organised by the Kinross Learning Centre. The teacher is Andy Ness from Perth College. This will run on Thursday evenings for five weeks from **23 April**, from 6.30pm - 8.30pm, at a cost of £30. To apply, contact Maureen Ross at the Learning Centre, tel 863863. Andy is also a valuable practical helper and adviser to us.

We would like to thank the Rotary Club for a donation of £200 for picnic benches, and one of our families who work in the garden, who gave us the cost of an automatic watering system, which will cut down the work considerably.

Dobbies in Kinross have also helped us with children's gloves, compost, seed potatoes, onion sets and seeds, for which we are most grateful.

The Potager Garden is open every day in good weather, tucked away on Bowton Road, on the way up to the Primary School. Do call in any time to see what is growing, or to have a sit down and listen to the birds.

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Kinross-shire Round Table



As we enter the final month of Chairman David Dumbreck's year at the helm, we can look back at a year full of fun, fellowship and fundraising.

His ambitions for Kinross-shire Round Table over the year included: increasing membership; another successful Beer Festival; helping more local groups; raising our local profile; working with other groups to improve Kinross-shire. On all counts these aims have been met.

We have a healthy membership but this does not make us complacent about the need for fresh blood to replace retiring members. There will be a few long serving stalwarts leaving us this year as they hit the ripe age of 45. They will be sadly missed but will surely grace us with their presence at social events. Our St Paddy's Day new members' night will hopefully have drummed up a few volunteers keen to step up to the mark.

The 3rd Annual Beer Festival raised a record £6,000 for CHAS over two nights of merriment, a success in anyone's books. Plans are afoot for the 4th Beer Festival, so block out your diaries for September. Details will follow.

Donations totalling over £16,000 have been made this year to local charities, groups and good causes. Our main theme is helping people help themselves and others, whether it is a playgroup, school tour, youth organisation or local charity. Of the 53 organisations which Kinross-shire Round Table has supported with funding in the last few years, 36 are based in Kinross-shire and most of the rest offer support to people in the area. A big thank you to all our supporters over the year; we hope we can count on your continuing support.

Between providing 100+ volunteers to work at T in the Park, hauling the Santa Sleigh around for seven nights at Christmas and generally mucking in where needed to help Light up Kinross, Ladies Circle and KLEO, no-one can accuse us of keeping a low profile and hopefully doing our bit to work together with other groups to make Kinross-shire a better place for all.

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 and details of events are available on www.kinross-shire.org.uk and you can e-mail us on Table@macpherson.plus.com or call on 864713.

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Fairtrade Committee for Kinross-shire



Fairtrade Fortnight (23 Feb - 8 Mar) was well marked this year, with lots of campaigning and action taking place in our local schools, shops and churches. The members of the Fairtrade Committee delivered 800 Fairtrade bananas to Milnathort, Portmoak and Cleish Primary Schools and to Common Grounds and Lochend Farm where students and patrons "went bananas" by joining in the world wide campaign to set a record for the number of bananas that could be eaten in 24 hours!

Milnathort Primary School did exceptionally well, not only at munching 275 bananas but also at sharing all they had learned about the benefits of fairtrade at their weekly assembly. Each class demonstrated what they had learned through music, art, and drama. It was VERY impressive!

The committee members also distributed over 1000 postcards to parents and to the customers at Somerfield's that will let store managers know which of the many new Fairtrade products they would like to be able to buy locally - there are now over 1,000!

In addition to all this, St Paul's helped us by hosting a Fairtrade Coffee morning and Common Grounds offered to serve banana soup at their project lunch - really yummy!

So a good time was had by all in our efforts to improve daily life for the most disadvantaged in our world.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



On Monday 16 March, Susan Payne from Perth Museum gave a most interesting and detailed talk to Kinross-shire Historical Society entitled 'Risky Business' about the history and development of General Accident, the Perth based Insurance Company, from its founding in 1885 to its demise in recent years. The talk covered the eighty years when the GA was dominated by Francis Norrie Miller and his son Stanley and their different management styles. The members of the Society heard about many facets of the business including working conditions, the buildings, wartime effects on the workforce, the advent of the motor car, the use of advertising, global expansion, sports and leisure activities for employees, the coming of technology and finally the move of the headquarters to London. Now the Norwich Union occupies the latest headquarter buildings and the local identity has gone. On behalf of the Society, Bill Blair proposed a warm vote of thanks to Susan Payne for a most interesting talk.

Kinross Garden Group



Our March meeting took place in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross and was attended by 53 members and visitors. Sandy Leven gave us a delightful presentation entitled "Why go to Chelsea?" The photography of both the wonderful horticultural exhibits and the people attending was very entertaining and, at times, hilarious. A great way to spend a dreich March afternoon.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 9 April** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2pm. Tom Hardwick, Dalkeith will be giving us a talk on "The Art of preparing Hanging Baskets".

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Milnathort Town Hall Association

We have just concluded our March meeting and there are many developments to share.

For many months now we have been pursuing Perth & Kinross Council to agree a formal lease to the Milnathort community as a whole via the Town Hall Committee; however, there has been the question of whether or not P&KC actually have title to the property in the first place.

We are deeply appreciative that Councillor Willie Robertson has taken up our cause and visited our meeting to tell us of his progress. It would appear that we are closer than ever to securing this much sought-after document. This lease is of huge importance to us as a committee as it will allow us to gain funding previously beyond us, and use this funding to undertake much needed renovation work and make the hall a much nicer environment for people to use and for clubs to carry out their various activities.

We have recently replaced the stage curtains with some beautiful drapes and installed fabulous new window blinds, all made for us by Alison Muir Soft Furnishings. These fantastic soft furnishings (coupled with more than a lick of paint applied by Scott Irvine) have transformed the main hall into a bright and airy space that looks and feels clean, fresh and welcoming. Scott seems to have got a little carried away and forgot to put the brush and roller down – in fact he was almost out the front door before he stopped – so the entrance hall and toilets have had a lick of paint too, which is terrific. Huge thanks to you both for your work – and also to the squad of “elves” who helped hang those wonderful but extremely heavy curtains.

This is a brilliant start and a much needed boost to our morale; however, we are not stopping there. We have many ideas to transform the hall and once we have secured our lease will be inviting local designers and architects in need of a challenge to come up with some ideas and help us maximise what we have available. Please, if anyone reading this is already interested, don't feel you have to wait for an invite – we are poised and ready when you are.

Architects and designers are not the only thing we need right now – we could really do with some additional committee members to help with all these projects, and vitally we need a new Chairman. The post is currently being handled on a temporary basis and whilst a sterling job is being done, poor Murray needs a rest. Anyone who is interested on any level, please get in touch.

We do have a couple of events coming up shortly which may be of interest. On the evening of **4 April** Jimmy “Polar Explorer” Smith will be doing a presentation on his **race to the North Pole**. Arrival is from 7 for a 7.30pm start. This event will double as a fundraiser for the hall coffers and tickets will be available locally or at the door on the night at a cost of £2 each or £5 for a family.

On the same day we will be opening the hall up to the Antiquarian Society who will be displaying **photographs and memorabilia of Old Kinross-shire** and no doubt imparting vast knowledge to go along with them. While you are browsing, please take a moment to admire Alison Muir's fabulous needlework and Scott Irvine's fabulous brushwork.

There will be no admission charge for the afternoon event, which will be on between 2 and 5pm. However, we are still in full fundraising mode, so any donations will be gratefully received. Refreshments will be available at both events.

Finally, we are trying to establish a **film/cinema club** in similar format to Portmoak and will hopefully get an event organised in the early summer – again if anyone is interested in joining us to assist, please get in touch.

Our next meeting is on **27 April** at 7.30pm in the town hall ante room – feel free to drop in or contact us directly.

Murray Mitchell – Chairman 07872 318186

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The AGM was held on 5 March and after business was concluded, Mrs Mercer (Chrissie Stobie) gave an interesting talk on her time spent as a prison officer in Holloway. She described the different cell blocks that made up the prison and gave an excellent account of her working involvement with the inmates. A very enthusiastic talk about the duties undertaken by Chrissie and her colleagues.

Charity Concert: There was an excellent turnout at the charity concert in aid of the Peruvian Street Children. The amount raised was £2000, made up as follows: ticket sales £1000, donations £205.50, retiring collection £681 and raffles £138.50, minus church expenses (reduced rate) £25. What a fantastic amount. Thanks very much to everyone.

Friday Walks: The Friday Walks are being written with a heavy heart, as one of our regular walkers died suddenly in March. As we go on our walks in the future, our thoughts will be of deep sympathy for the widow he leaves behind, but also of the pleasure he gave the rest of us, through his love and knowledge of the countryside.

The two walks in April are old favourites, both about six miles, and which need no description.

3 April: A circular walk from Balmullo, through Geordie's Wood and up Lucklaw Hill, to view the Eden Estuary and Leuchars Airfield.

17 April: “The Pie Walk”, from Bridge of Allan, along the Glen Road, to have a hot pie for lunch at Dunblane, before returning along the Dam Road.

Hillwalkers: In contrast to last year, there was very little snow as we made our way from the Glen Sherup car park, round Black Hill and via Innerdownie to Whitewisp Hill on 27 February. Instead we started in dry, misty conditions which unfortunately turned to persistent rain by the time we reached our summit at Tarmangie Hill, ensuring everyone's wet weather gear was well tested and in some cases, found wanting.

On 13 March we had better weather for our first traverse of Dunnyatt, a new circular walk which was thoroughly enjoyed in dry conditions and which afforded excellent views over the Forth Valley.

10 April: Having been voted a very popular walk last year, we are repeating the circuit of Glen Artney, distance of 11.5 miles with 1,000 ft of ascent. It is also hoped that we will repeat last year's sightings of Red Kites on this walk, which helps make it special.

24 April: We are planning our first Munro walk of the year when we venture onto Ben Vorlich, a walk of eight miles and ascent of 2,800 ft.

Will members please note that we will change to our summer meeting time of 08.30 from 10 April.

April Meeting: At the meeting on **2 April** the speaker will be Rhoda Fothergill on “Perth”.



Sports News

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

What a New Year so far! Since 1 January, Kinross have played 6 league games, won 4 and drawn 2. Our development team narrowly lost to Grange 2-1 in January. Ali Vaughan probably scored our goal of the season from an impossible angle into the roof of the net. It was good experience for our youth with a few experienced "golden oldies" led by Nick Mainprize. The first league game was against WI Trinity which Kinross won 6-0. Andrew Getley, Mike Wilson and David Goodenough all scored twice whilst defender Chris Bennington received man of the match award. Next was against Edinburgh University, who deservedly took a 1-0 lead early on, however Kinross counter-attacked well and Alister Elwiss and Marsh both scored before a robust defence kept a very determined University at bay in the last 10 minutes to secure the 2-1 win. Man of the match went to defender David Niven, despite only playing half the match. Kinross then drew against Grange 1-1 and 2-2 against Carnegie after Neil Wilson and David Goodenough put Kinross in the lead but in the final play of the game Carnegie grabbed an equaliser as they counter attacked from a Kinross short corner. Kinross then played their best hockey to beat Watsonians in a thrilling 5-3 win. Despite going down 0-1 after 5 minutes, Bradley Harrison equalised before Man of the match Neil Wilson put Kinross ahead from a short corner and then Ali Vaughan made it 3-1. Watsonians then levelled the score with two quick goals just after half time but Kinross continued to attack and Neil Wilson scored again with a cracking strike from a short corner before Andrew Getley's excellent pass put David Goodenough through behind the Watsonians defence to beat the keeper and seal the win. Kinross then travelled to WI Trinity and maintained their unbeaten run this year with a 3-0 victory, with the scorers being Andrew Getley, David Goodenough and Alister Elwiss.

Kinross, only in their 4th season as a club, now sit in 4th place in the East District Division 2 league.

Training is on Tuesday nights with coach Alan Dickie from 7.30pm to 9pm on the all weather pitch at King George V playing fields in Kinross. You are most welcome to come down and all shapes, sizes, standards are welcome. The Kobras (under 14s both boys and girls) train on Thursday evenings 6.30pm to 7.30pm and again all standards welcome.

For further information and contact details visit our website: www.kinrosshockey.co.uk or phone David Goodenough, our captain, on 07968 729 218.

Kinross Croquet Club

Our 2009 season starts **Monday 20 April** at 2pm, unless it is raining heavily.

Come and join us on the lawn of the Green Hotel. (Please wear flat soled shoes.) We play every Monday from 2pm to 4pm, and on Wednesday evenings from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. It is fun!

If you are interested, just come at one of the above times, or contact either George Kirk on 01383 724024 or Frances Craigie on 01577 864851.

Kinross Volleyball Club

The Perth & Kinross Volleyball season is now complete and Kinross teams have won all this season's trophies.

The Premier League and Cup was won by Kinross Scotrange, with the Recreational League and Cup being won by Kinross BB.

Training continues at Kinross High School games hall on Monday evenings from 8pm to 10pm. (Junior coaching from 8pm until 9pm.)

The Club is now preparing for the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch over the weekend of 23 & 24 May. This year sees the Scottish Open reach the 25-year milestone and teams are travelling from Germany and the USA to compete in this year's competition.



The victorious Kinross Scotrange team

Perth & District Volleyball Premier League

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Hitting Bricks	14	12	0	2	694	525	126
Mental Blocks	14	8	1	5	629	544	94
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Dodgy Spikers	14	5	1	8	621	668	69
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Kinross Road Runners



Despite the recent cold and inclement weather, we have regularly had 20 to 30 runners out on a Wednesday night for the club training sessions. As the race season begins to get underway they will undoubtedly feel the benefit of these carefully designed sessions and I hope to be able to report some "PBs" before long.

Many of our members are currently training hard for forthcoming marathons: London, Edinburgh and Boston amongst them. Sunday mornings currently see the marathon crew out for 15 to 20 miles runs along the new loch side path. It is a real treat to be able to train away from tarmac and traffic at this time of year.

On the marathon theme – Our very own **Loch Leven Half Marathon** is not too far away. The date for this year's race is **Saturday 16 May**. The runners will set off from Bridgend Industrial Estate at 1pm and head south along the B996. So if you are planning a trip into Kinross on that morning you may need to allow a bit of extra time as the traffic will be held back for the start of the race. The race can be entered online at www.entrycentral.com, or by post using the form on the next page.

If you are not quite ready to run a half marathon you may fancy entering the **Kinross High School PTA 10k race** on **30 April**. The race starts from the gates of Kinross House at 7.30pm and you can enter on the day. Registration takes place in the High School immediately before the race. The race is organised and run by pupils, staff and parents and the funds raised go to the school.

The summer training schedule is now on the club website and there are some new and interesting sessions planned. From the beginning of April there will be training sessions at 7pm on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays as well as the usual meet on a Sunday morning at 9am. The meeting point for the Wednesday and Sunday sessions is the Health

Centre car park next to the swimming pool. For Tuesday evening sessions we will meet at the far end of Kirkgate Park and do timed 1km runs.

On the race front, recent results include:

Carnethy 5 (Hill Race)

Andy Johns 154th in 1h 11m 27s
Sandy MacCalman 488th in 1h 54m 39s

This is a popular but tough hill race run in cold wintry conditions so well done to both runners.

Cupar 5 (5 mile road race)

Pete Edgerton 39th in 31.09

A PB for Pete at this distance

Norton 9 (A 9-mile road race near Doncaster)

Douglas Leitch 276th in 72:26m

Lasswade 10k

Alistair Black 35th in 64.27m

Martin Hill 75th in 68.57m

Gillian Black 330th in 91.05m

Evelyn Williamson 355th in 94.29m

PBs for all four runners – What was I saying about the benefits of the winter training programme???

Arbroath Smokies 10k (A ladies only road race)

Twelve ladies from the club ran in this race and ten of them achieved a PB at this distance. Judith Dobson came in first for KRR, 2nd in her age category and 12th overall in a time of 73.83m. Anne Wilson came in 41st overall, 2nd in her age group and with a personal PB time of 80.32m. Ladies, the rest of you know who you are and that you all ran a fantastic race. Well done all!

Bishop Hill Race (Local hill race up Whitecraigs from Scotlandwell)

Andy Johns 31st in 23:38m

Stephen Crawford 39th in 24:46m

Jane Gibson 87th in 30:00m

Sandy MacCalman 97th in 34:53m

Nairn 10km

David Houston 238th in 54m

Liversedge Half Marathon

Gill Lopez 244th in 1h 52m 15s.

Orwell Bowling Club

After this seemingly endless cold winter, we wonder what the coming season will hold - plenty of warm sunshine, with rain overnight (if we really have to have some), would be ideal. Yes, the **Opening of the Green**, whatever the weather, will take place on **Saturday 18 April** at 1.30pm for 2.00pm. To those who have never tried outdoor bowling, an open invitation is issued to come along and see that we are a lively, friendly bunch, who enjoy outdoor sport, mixing with like-minded people and the marvellous facilities offered by our splendid clubhouse. Remember, free coaching is available for you, together with the loan of suitable bowls and shoes - **THE YOUNGER YOU START, THE HIGHER YOUR ACHIEVEMENT !!**

A new competition has been introduced for the 2009 season: Ladies 2-Bowl Triples, which will be played off at the beginning of the season. Entries **MUST** be submitted on Opening Day to allow the draw to be made.

The Opening Game is a slight departure from the usual President vs Vice-President's team this year - instead it will be a charity game with donations invited in aid of the Blind Bowlers Association. Members, please bring along raffle prizes and let us raise as much as possible for this worthy cause, and enjoy a good afternoon's sport into the bargain.

We look forward to a really good turnout for the first game of the new season.

Kinross Badminton Club



A friendly invitation was sent out last month to Drumrae Badminton Club from Edinburgh. A total of 8 players came down for the friendly with everyone enjoying good games and a food spread put on by Kinross members, including the world famous egg sandwiches created by our very own president Bill Macdonald. A return leg is being organised with everyone hoping it to be as enjoyable as the previous encounter.

The annual tournaments are now officially underway with strong participation from all members. We wish all competitors the best of luck on their journeys to winning silverware! Results will be posted next month. A fun night between Kinross and Drumrae has been organised at Falkland Golf Club on 20 March. At £5 a ticket we hope all members can attend and come down for a fun night of games and karaoke.

Finally an open invitation to everyone reading this. Come on down to the Club and give the game a try! Your first night's **FREE!** For details on how and for club nights after Easter please contact Bill Macdonald 01577 862592, Mark Moran 01577 842239 or Stephen Ross 07858026654. You can also contact the club via our website www.kinrossbadmintonclub.com



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Kinross Squash Club

The Club has been very active over the winter months with the majority of league fixtures being played. Matches have been hard fought in attempts by players to hold their position in the leagues or to climb their way up the divisions. If you want to join the leagues so that you get to play a variety of styles to test your ability, simply add your name at the bottom of the league table which is on the Kinross Squash Club notice board at the rear of the squash courts. Please indicate the standard of your ability so that you are included at the correct level.

Winners of the January leagues were:

Premier: Simon Dyson

League 1: John Myerscough League 2: Dave McInroy
League 3: Tim Corcoran League 4: Kenny Dalglish
League 5: Garry Marshall League 6: David Sharman

Winners of the February leagues were:

Premier: Jim Marshall

League 1: Fergus Douds / Gordon Tyndall / John Carr
League 2: Stuart Morrison League 3: Chris Gordon
League 4: Simon Howden League 5: David Sharman

Monthly club nights are usually set for the last Thursday of the month from 7.20pm until 9ish. Games are handicapped to give all a chance to win. These games can be played as competitively or as relaxed as you wish and provide the opportunity to pit your skill against a better player and perhaps pick up a few playing tips. A great way for getting out more and meeting like minded people... February's monthly club night was won by Fergus Douds. Fergus was very focussed on the night and channelled his aggressive style of play to take an outstanding victory.

Kinross Squash Club currently does not have a team representing us in the Fife League. The club is keen to get itself represented back in the Fife Leagues. However, we need players of a higher calibre if we are going to seriously challenge the other clubs. If you have played team squash in the past or are currently playing and are keen to form a Kinross Squash Team so as to play squash at a higher level, please contact Peter Hookham (telephone number on squash notice board).

The sensational **Kinross Annual Club Tournament** is set to be held on the weekend of **Friday 24 April**. There are always plenty of prizes to be had for all players and all is set for it to be another scintillating weekend of squash. All Kinross Squash club members of whatever level are encouraged to enter. Simply add your name to the list on the Kinross Squash Club notice board at the rear of the courts.



Kinross Junior Squash Club

Kinross Squash Club is celebrating the success of its junior section following the recent Scottish National Championships. Calum Johnston lifted the Boys Under 15 title after a thrilling five set match against Kyle Gribben from Inverness. Elspeth Young brought home a bronze medal in the Girls Under 13 event after winning a very close five set match against Perth and Kinross Squad team-mate Rebecca Mc Kerchar from Perth. Andrew Sorbie also brought home a bronze medal in the Boys Under 11 competition beating fellow club member Tino Mackay Palacios into 4th place.



Elspeth Young receiving her bronze medal in the Girls Under 11 competition.

Calum Johnston and Elspeth Young will now go on to represent Scotland in their age groups in the Home Internationals which take place in Dublin at the end of March.

The Kinross Club has seen a rise in its junior membership in the past year and the success of its youngsters at national level will provide inspiration for the growing number of young players. This success is largely due to the expert coaching of Mark Beaumont who not only coaches at Kinross and Perth clubs but is a National Coach with



Calum Johnston receiving the Boys Under 15 trophy.

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Kinross Cougars

On 27 February, the Kinross Cougars provided eight ball boys and one mascot for the international rugby match at McDiarmid Park in Perth between Scotland A and Italy A.

The S2 boys from the Under 14s team were called upon and based upon attendance at training and matches, eight were selected: Jake Baglow, Calum Sneddon, Scott McKenzie, Josh Geddes, Ruariadh Stevenson, Ben Whiting, Andrew Greener and Matthew Kilby were the ball boys for the match, with Duncan Lewis as the mascot.

It was a closely fought game, with a missed last minute conversion for Scotland leaving the score tied 22-22.

The boys all had a fantastic night and the Cougars would to thank the Scottish Rugby Union for the opportunity to get close up to the action!



The Kinross Cougars ball boys

Kinross Cycling Club

At a meeting on 12 March 2009, it was agreed to make Kinross Cycling Club official. We have therefore decided to affiliate to Scottish Cycling and we would encourage all keen cyclists to come along to see what cycling can do for you! Rides depart Sunday 9am from the High School and Thursdays 6.45pm from Loch Leven Health Centre. The Thursday runs are likely to be shorter and would be a good chance to see what it's all about (it's about getting and staying fit). If you want to make it a regular habit, we would ask that you join the club and pay a £10 annual membership fee. This is to go towards our Scottish Cycling membership which, importantly, gives us essential third party and public liability insurance whilst on organised club rides. Our office bearers are Roddy Pattison, Chairperson and John Myerscough, Secretary and Acting Treasurer. Any cyclists good with numbers will be considered for the Treasurer's post! Please go to <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/kinrosscyclingclub/> for further information. Joining this Yahoo group will let you see what it's all about and does not commit you to joining the club. Now that the warmer weather is coming, we hope to see more of you on your bikes. Keep pedaling!



Kinross Cricket Club

New Season

The 2009 cricket season begins in the week commencing Monday 20 April at Kinross House. New members will be made very welcome at the club. No experience, equipment or level of fitness is necessary. Coaching is provided by UKCC qualified coaches.

Training and coaching nights are as follows.

Junior coaching is every Monday from 6.15pm until 8pm commencing on Monday 20 April. Places are limited and are on a first come, first served basis. Children should bring a drink and wear warm clothes and suitable footwear.

1st and 2nd XI training is on every Tuesday night from 6.30pm until 8.30pm (later on warm sunny evenings).

Ladies cricket is on every Thursday evening from 6.30pm until 8pm (later as the weather allows). Members should be at least aged 12. There is no upper age limit. Plenty of our teenage players bring their mums along! No equipment or experience is necessary. Coaching is led by a UKCC level 2 female coach. The ladies team plays friendly fixtures with the emphasis on participation and enjoyment for all. There are opportunities in our 2nd XI for those that wish to take their cricket to a more competitive level.

Coach of the Year Award

The Perth & Kinross Sports Council has awarded the Sport Tayside & Fife Coach of the Year Award to Kinross Cricket Club Ladies coach, Kirsteen Ross. This is recognition of her efforts setting up and running the very successful ladies and girls section at the club and being instrumental in the creation of a Perth & Kinross Area Girls Team.



Kirsteen Ross holds her Coach of the Year Award

Scotland Age Group Squads

Congratulations go to junior players Peter Ross (under 17), George Buchanan-Smith and Nick Farrar (both under 15) who have all been included in the Scotland squads for the 2009 season.

Scoring Success

The International Cricket Council has recently appointed Kirsteen Ross as scorer to the Gibraltar National cricket team at the forthcoming ICC World Division 7 Championships held in Guernsey in May. This further enhances the club's reputation as developing not only national level junior players but international level officials as well.

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Kinross Ladies Hockey Club



At last the remainder of the season is starting to come together! Both Ladies teams have seen several matches in the last few weeks since the all weather pitch finally thawed out. Our new Coach has brought the intensity of Wednesday night training sessions back up quite nicely(!) after the long lay off.

Unfortunately the 12 week weather enforced lay-off inevitably caused a loss of momentum. This has been most noticeable in the 2nd XI, which is reflected in the League results, despite great fighting spirit as always. The derby match between the 1st and 2nd Kinross Ladies teams rapidly became a one sided affair with a final score of 10 - 0 in favour of the 1st XI. It did give a great chance for a social catch up over teas after the match though!

In the other league matches, the results were as follows:

2nd XI			
28/02/09	Wanderers 2nd XI	Loss	3 - 5
07/03/09	Grove 3rd XI	Loss	0 - 2
08/03/09	Pethshire 1st XI	Loss	2 - 11
(counting as double match)			

1st XI			
22/02/09	Brechin	Win	1 - 0
28/02/09	Grove 3rd XI	Win	7 - 0

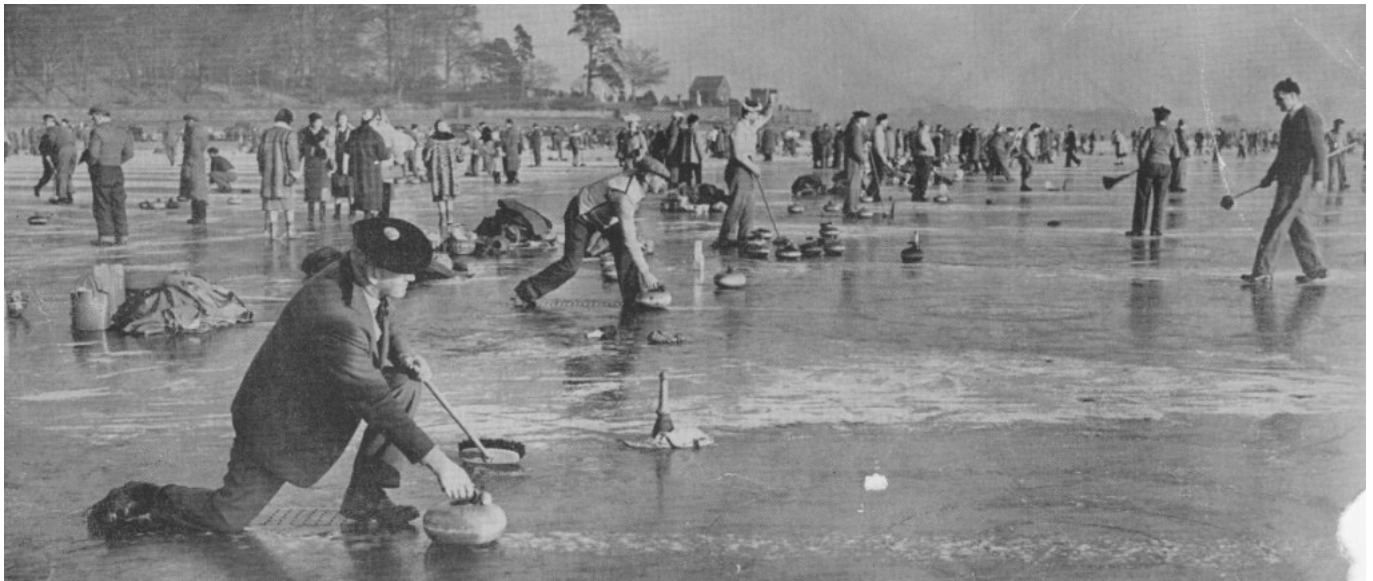
There are still two outstanding League matches to be rescheduled for the 1st XI, against Brechin and Wanderers respectively, and dates have still to be confirmed.

The Midlands Knock Out Cup started on Saturday 14 March, with the 1st XI given a bye to the second round. The 2nd XI have also progressed, as St Andrews Uni were unable to field a team and conceded the first round match. Sunday 16 March saw the 1st XI meet Linlithgow Ladies in the 4th Round of the Scottish District Cup. The convincing victory of 7 - 2 sees them progress to the last 8, with the next round being played on Sunday 29 March.

The social calendar for the Club is starting to fill up, with a Ten Pin Bowling night on 29 March in Dunfermline. As current holders of the Newcastle Ladies Hockey Club Charity Shield, Kinross Ladies are hosting a Charity Tournament on Saturday 9 May with visiting teams from Newcastle, Whitley Bay and Preston Lodge, with another couple of teams also invited. Shortly afterward on 29 - 31 May the club heads off to Loch Insh (near Aviemore) on annual tour.

The **Annual General Meeting** will take place at 7.30pm on **20 April** in the KGV clubhouse. All members are requested to attend this meeting.

Training will continue until end April from 6.30 - 8pm on Wednesday evenings at the All Weather Pitch at KGV Playing Fields. From the start of May, mixed social hockey will start at the same time and place, and this will continue through the summer until Club hockey training resumes in August. For more details see www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk



The Grand Match of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, played on Loch Leven, 27 January 1959.

The above photograph is from the collection of the late Mr David Oswald Wardrope, who passed away on 21 February 2009.

On the back of the photo there is a poem, which reads:

Hour after hour, along the ice,
The polished stanes are glancin',
While mirthful hope and ruddy health
On ilka face are dancin'.

The Grand Match was a rare spectacle, with teams or 'rinks' from all over Scotland taking part in a national contest of North versus South if an outdoor pond or loch was suitably frozen. There have been 33 outdoor grand matches, the first in January 1847 at Penicuik and the last at the Lake of

Mentieth in February 1979. Global warming theories aside, modern health and safety regulations demand a thickness of ice which makes another outdoor Grand Match extremely unlikely. Two indoor Grand Matches have been staged (in 2000 and 2005), using ice rinks throughout Scotland.

The Grand Match depicted in this photograph was said to be on six inches of good black ice, with around 1,000 curlers present. There were 240 rinks taking part, with Kinross achieving the highest club score on the winning South side.

The player nearest the camera is the late chemist, John S Lowe, who ran his business from 88 High Street, Kinross (now one of the CHAS Bazaar shops).

We are very grateful for the loan of this photograph.



News from the Rurals

KINROSS GROUP – The Group Meeting was hosted by Muckhart SWRI on 7 March and was well attended by all Rurals.

The winners of the Ramage Dawson Competition for a short play were Milnathort SWRI and the runners-up and winners of the Erksine Bowl were Glenfarg. Fiona Hynds of Milnathort won the Jessie Smith Salver for the best individual.

Competitions:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 4pcs Treacle Toffee | - E Thomson, Milnathort |
| Cross Stitch Bookmark | - A Messenger, Glenfarg |

MILNATHORT – Mrs Jessica Munro presided at our meeting on 15 January, when we held a Scots Night. After business we were entertained by the Glendueglie Strollers, a group of accordionists. Some members joined in dancing. Stovies, trifle and shortbread were served. Vote of thanks by Fiona Hynds.

Competitions:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 4 Line Scottish Verse | - Ena Thomson |
| 3 Pieces of Parkin | - May Paterson |
| Flower of the Month | - Cathie Cochrane |

Mrs Jessica Munro welcomed everyone to the February meeting. After business our speakers for the evening were Mrs Joan Yeaman and Gina from Save The Children charity. Their talk was very enlightening and brought home to us the suffering and poverty and the difference Save The Children can make to their lives. Fiona Hynds gave vote of thanks.

Competitions:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Knitted Hat | - Frances Shepherd |
| 3 Heart Shaped Biscuits | - Grace Drysdale |
| Flower of the Month | - Ena Thomson |

POWMILL – President Mrs Janie Buchanan welcomed members to the meeting on 18 February in Mowbray Hall, Powmill. She then introduced Mr Willie Shand who took us on a journey “Over the Sea to Skye” with some excellent photography and lots of interesting and amusing stories. Mrs M Thorn gave the vote of thanks and a delicious supper was provided by Mrs L Heggie and Mrs E Johnston.

Competitions:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 4 Pancakes | - Mrs J Buchanan |
| Photograph of a Scottish Monument | - Mrs M Wilson |
| Garden Gem | - Mrs J Buchanan |

BISHOPSHIRE – Jim Livingstone of International Rescue Corps gave a most informative and interesting talk on the work of the Corps. He graphically described the work done in earthquake zones, in floods, and in the aftermath of buildings destroyed by explosions. His film showed the horrendous conditions the members work under – a job definitely not the faint-hearted or claustrophobic! All the members are volunteers, and the Corps does not charge for its services. All expenses are met from fund-raising.

Competitions:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Card for a special occasion | - Jenny Sword |
| 3 drop scones | - Wilma Barclay |

CARNBO – Mrs Eileen Thomson, presiding, welcomed everyone. Business was discussed, and our speaker for the evening was Mrs Margaret Michie who gave a very interesting talk and slide show on her visit the Holy Land, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Dorothy Fyfe.

Competition:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Flower of the Month | - Jessie Stirling |
| Holiday Photograph | - Christine Dawson |
| Jamaican Loaf | - Grace Paterson |

GLENFARG – Margaret Scott, President, welcomed members. After business she introduced Isobel Robertson, our Federation chairman who revealed many of the secrets and hints on how to sew professional looking curtains, cushions etc. She also told us how she became Federation Chairman, a very busy and interesting post.

Competitions:

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Three items for afternoon tea | - A Messenger |
| Pincushion | - J Kirkland |
| Pot of bulbs | - A Messenger |

CLEISH – President Mrs M Kilpatrick welcomed members to the March meeting. After completion of business, she introduced eighteen members of Carnbo SWRI who entertained us with dance, humorous poetry readings, cookery demonstration, an introduction to some of the basics of foliage arrangements and lastly a most amusing sketch. The whole programme was greatly enjoyed by all. We then enjoyed an excellent supper and raffle. Quite a party.

Competitions:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Flower of the Month | - Mrs M Bisset |
| Bowl of Bulbs | - Mrs S Webster |
| Easter Card | - Mrs D Morris |

CROOK OF DEVON – After business, President Margaret Arbuckle welcomed Jim Christie from Woodland Trust who gave us a very interesting talk on timber, trees and people then finished with lovely photographs of trees through the seasons.

The vote of thanks was given by Margaret Greig.

Competitions:

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Article in wood | - I Mechan |
| Flower of the Month | - C Bennett |

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Out & About

Vane Farm



Been wet, been windy, and at times doon richt miserable, bit spring is definitely oan the way. Snowdrops hiv been oot fur a pickly weeks noo n daffodils are startin tae poke yella floo'rs oot, birds are singin guid style so the long winter shid sin be ower.

Oan the reserve, lapwings are startin their tumblin display flights, skylarks are singin like we daffies. We hiv seen greenshank oan the flood n sand martins are in the sooth o England so the summer migrants are startin tae appear back. Winter migrants are drifin awa wi nae sightins o smew fur a wee while, pinkfoot goose numbers hiv been increasin again so they are returnin fae the sooth heedin back tae Iceland, passin through this area oan route.

Management work oan the reserve has ceased temporarily whilst the breedin season is in full swing apairt fae work which will no affect birdie stuff. The place is lookin quite guid at the minute tho and we hiv done a lot o work exposin muddy areas fur waders tae breed n feed. Fingers crossed it's awe been worthwhile.

Some new livestock hiz arrived as weel, we noo hiv a bonny wee flock o Jacobs sheep grazin the mire n suroondin area tae help us control birch regeneration. The rams are the yins wi the explodin heeds, horns comin oot awe weys. Plenty tae grab hod o tho, if ye need tae catch them a suppose. Since they are a native breed they kin deal wi it a lot better thin the mair commercial varieties so that shid help tae reduce chemical yaisage which is a last resort means o control.

The spring stock hiz arrived in the shop so we noo hiv a nice range o new products tae hiv a look at the next time yer in. Dae ye fancy bein a "Skinny Dipper?" Bit cauld the noo fur that kinda thing I hear ye cry! Naw, it's a new range o toiletries we are noo sellin which hiv nae palm oil - better fur the environment, save the rainforests, and are paraben free, which presumably means the bad stuff is taen oot so it's better fur yer delicate wee skin. Available in soaps, bubble bath, haund cream n stuff. We seem tae be getting ower the bird food shortage problems we hiv been afflictit wi lately, thro nae fault o oors a hasten tae add, we hiv ordered it but it's no been gettin deliverit. Seems tae be sortit noo tho, loads o deliveries, it's bustin oot o everyplace we kin store it. The problems o shiftin fae yin delivery company tae anither. Thanks fur yer patience tho it wiz as frustratin fur us as it wiz fur you.

Since the summer season is oan the horizon, mind if yer lookin fur ony optics equipment tae enhance yer enjoyment o summer walks maybees roond the heritage trail or the like we ay ehey a selection oan offer n some freendly advice tae help ye mak the richt choice tae suit yer needs.

Next events comin up are "**Vane Easter Egger**" oan **Saturday 11 April** fae 11am – 4pm. Nature crafts n nestbox building – come along n join in the spring fun. Nae charge, except fur the nestbox which is a fiver tae cover materials then tak it hame and bung it up in the gairden. Next yin "**Easter Stroll**" oan **Monday 13 April** fae 11am – 1pm. Come along n walk aff that Easter Sunday lunch when we will go fur a howk roond the reserve lookin fur signs o spring. Nae charge, it's awe free. If ye want mair information gie us a phone oan the usual number 01577 862355.

Ta ta till next time,

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



It's been a busy month for volunteers at Loch Leven National Nature Reserve, with several days of involvement in various projects. A group of 14 people helped us construct floating rafts which are to be installed near reed beds, in order to provide Great-crested Grebe and other birds with alternative nesting sites, unaffected by fluctuating water levels. The rafts were designed with a willow fence surface, and everybody was involved throughout the process, from willow weaving to raft construction. We look forward to getting the rafts out on the water, and hopefully we'll be able to report back with some success in the future.

The same weekend, a group of eight volunteers joined us for our annual tree planting day, to continue the work of the Rotary Club in 2006. In total, 420 trees were planted, with a selection of native species around the Kingfisher Hide and several more Scots Pine trees in the coniferous woodland at Burleigh. A hedgerow has been created along the shoreline by the new hide which will add to the willow fencing already in place, and will help to integrate the hide with its surrounding environment.

Bat boxes are to be constructed in collaboration with the Fife and Kinross Bat Group, when existing boxes will be checked and new ones installed. In April we are looking for volunteers to help with some wildlife monitoring projects on the reserve. With the arrival of spring, bumblebees, butterflies and dragonflies are beginning to emerge, and our insect surveys will once again swing into action. A group of dedicated volunteers maintained consistent monitoring at three locations throughout last summer, and this year we are hoping to continue their good work. We will also be including Vane Farm's wildflower meadow as one of our survey sites, which will be an excellent site for a wide range of bumblebees and butterflies. Anybody interested in helping out for one day, or throughout the summer, should contact the reserve office on 01577 864439 for more details. Survey training will be provided, and an insect survey induction is scheduled for early May.

We will also be teaming up with Fife Amphibian and Reptile Group to survey some ponds on the reserve in search of newts. Previously unrecorded at Loch Leven, this may be an opportunity to add to our natural history records, and can also be lots of fun carrying out night time lamp surveys! Volunteers will be meeting on **Sunday 26 April** for two sessions, one in the afternoon, and one in the evening. The following Wednesday (**29 April**) will be the second of our Volunteers' Meetings, with Dr Heather McHaffie from Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh as our guest speaker, discussing botanical interest at Loch Leven and research work both here and in Edinburgh. This precedes three botanical walks in May, which will be advertised next month. We look forward to welcoming some new people to our ever growing volunteer group. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like more information. All are welcome, and more are needed.

Nature detective family sessions to search for evidence of mammals etc around the loch are at 10am on **Sunday 29 March** and **Friday 10 April**. Phone 01577 864439 to book places.

Craig

Farming



Facebook for Farmers?

It is 6.20am on Monday morning, the deadline for this article is 2pm and I must leave for work when the kids jump on the school bus. That means I have about another hour before I can send this off to the editor. Thank goodness for email, it will save me a six mile round trip to Kinross and if I remember to spell check and format in Times New Roman 11pt, this contribution will be easily and quickly inserted for publication in April's edition.

I assume the rest of the farming community is up and about at this time on a spring morning, and probably outside by now, so I am surprised when I log onto a popular farming website to see that 53 guests are online. The site belongs to Farmers Weekly and as I take a look around I notice that there are 6045 registered users and over 33,000 contributions to the forums since its launch. It seems that this is where some farmers choose to start their day. We may assume some are simply online to check the weather for the week. After all, if you want to know the forecast, just ask a farmer! But I suspect many of those online this morning have begun the day the same way as me; on a laptop at the kitchen table, hoping for a bit of peace and quiet before the family gets up! A closer look at the forums shows discussions on a wide variety of issues. One chap is looking for advice on building his new silage pit, another wants to find out the best type of oil to use in his tractor. A lady in the South West is keen to stimulate debate on the milk cow of the future and I can see 28 threads on the "Will you ever retire?" posting. 58 is the average age of a farmer in Britain so the responses on this forum are very interesting. "I am not able to afford to retire" appears more than once. This is the reason that makes it even more heartening to know that there is a confidence with technology within the industry. Embracing the benefits of satellite navigation, herd and flock management packages, accounting software and social networking will help the industry as a whole remain in touch with consumers and able to compete in the global economy of agriculture.

Well that's all from me, I can close down this PC for now because my husband is mixing concrete today and technology has not invented a way to assist with shovelling sand and gravel into a mixer yet, so I'd better head off with the kids before he asks for help!

Fiona

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Weather



February Weather Report From Carnbo

February this year turned out to be a month of two halves, the first part of the month continued with the cold but rather dry weather experienced during most of the Winter. On the 15th the weather changed abruptly with a much milder South Westerly type of weather taking over and lasting to the end of the month.

Rainfall for month	40 mm (40% of average)
Heaviest fall	15.5 mm (2nd)
Highest temperature	11°C (23rd)
Lowest temperature	-7°C (8th)
Average temperature	2.5°C
2 days with temperature 10°C or above	
2 ice days (max. temperature below 0°C)	
8 snow days, 13 days lying, total depth 9cms	
Air Frost	13 nights
Ground Frost	17 nights
Cloud cover	75%
Thunder not recorded	

The Highs and Lows of Winter 08 - 09

The Winter was the coldest for 9 years, despite this, the weather was rather better than in recent years, with very little in the way of heavy rain and snow, and none of the severe Atlantic gales during recent Winters.

Total rainfall	272 mm (70% of average)
Heaviest fall	24 mm
(January 08, 374 mm, heaviest fall 74mm!)	
Highest temperature	11°C (23rd February)
Lowest temperature	-8°C (1st December!)
Average temperature	1.7°C
Cloud cover	70%
8 ice days recorded (max temp below 0°C)	
51 nights with air frost	
19 snow days recorded, total depth 20cms	
Thunder not recorded	

Lochleven Castle, Kinross



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

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

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

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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Kinnesswood Village Store;
Fossway Stores, Crook of Devon

Congratulations



ALEXANDER – NICHOLL. Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of **MORAG**, daughter of Robert and Heather, Milnathort, to **SCOTT**, son of Harry and Hilda, Inverness.

Ian and Lorraine **HANNAH** (née Dawson) are delighted to announce the birth of their son **LIAM JOHN** on 20 February 2009 at Forth Park Hospital.

Davie Hunter and Donna Dawson are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter **NIAMH KATHLEEN HUNTER** on 20 January 2009 at Forth Park Hospital.

Congratulations to Lisa and Stephen **O'HARE** on the birth of their son **PATRICK JAMES**, on 10 March 2009 in Glasgow.

Euan and Michelle **ROBERTSON** (of Leslie) would like to announce the safe arrival of their second beautiful daughter **SKYE** on 11 February 2009 at Forth Park Hospital, a darling wee sister for Keira.

Congratulations to the gymnasts from Loch Leven Leisure's recreational gymnastic classes who took part in the gymnastics competition held at Bells Sport Centre on 1 March. Each gymnast did a floor routine and vault. Well done to **DANNI DAWSON** who received a bronze medal. Keep up the hard work! – Lindsay.

At a gala evening in the Crowne Plaza, Glasgow, **VICTORIA BALNAVES** was presented with the Scottish Variety Award for Best New Actor 2009. Most recently, she has been on our TV screens as the distraught young mother in the Give Blood advert and will soon be appearing in the BBC's River City.

CLARE YARRINGTON of Rumbling Bridge has won the J D Fergusson Arts Award for 2009. Clare plans to use the £4000 award to develop a new body of work which will be shown at the Fergusson Gallery in Perth later this year.

Local results from Perform in Perth will appear in next month's Newsletter.

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

Sunday morning service 10.30am

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

Time to Pray: Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 7.30pm in the Church.

Midweek worship: Each Wednesday in the Reading Room of the Church Centre, 10.45am – 11.15am.

Whyte Court: First Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm.

Causeway Court: Last Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm.

All are welcome to these services.

Saturday break: Most Saturday mornings at the Church Centre, tea, coffee and fresh baking are available, 10am-12 noon. A second-hand bookstall is usually open.

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

Premises to lease: The church welcomes the use of its premises by the wider community. It provides a suite of halls, meeting rooms and a kitchen at the Church Centre (contact Helena Cant, telephone 862923 or email helenacant@aol.com) and the main auditorium and two meeting rooms at the church (contact Anne Miller, telephone 865610).

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

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April Services

Sun 5 Palm Sunday, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Sung Eucharist with Procession of psalms.
Thu 9 Maundy Thursday, 10.30am, Holy Communion.
Fri 10 Good Friday, 12.00noon- 2pm, Church open for meditation and reflection.
2.00pm Ecumenical service of Holy Communion.
Sun 12 Easter Day, 8.30am, Easter Communion.
11.00am, Easter Sung Eucharist.
Sun 19 2nd Sunday of Easter, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am, Family Eucharist.
Sun 26 3rd Sunday of Easter, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am, Sung Eucharist (preacher Rev Ian Watt).
Thu 30 10.30am, Service of Prayer for healing.

Junior Church and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

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

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

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Sunday Services 11.15am
Crèche 11.15am
Junior Church 11.15am

April

Sun 5 11.15am Palm Sunday worship
Wed 8 7.30pm Holy Week service
Sun 12 11.15am Easter Sunday worship
Sun 19 10am Early Birds All Age Family Worship
11.15am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie
Sun 26 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Tuesday 7 April: 7.30pm Kirk Session

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Sunday Services at 9.45am

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

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contact Margaret Hamblin (01577 850252)

Fossoway Church Choir rehearsals:

Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm-9pm

Wednesday evenings: Joint choir rehearsals

April

Sun 5 9.45am Palm Sunday Worship
Thu 9 7.30pm Maundy Thursday communion service
Sun 12 Easter Sunday.
9am Easter Communion
9.45am Easter Sunday worship
Sun 19 9.45am Preacher - Reader, Brian Ogilvie
Sun 26 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Thu 23 April 7.30pm Kirk Session.

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.

Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at
www.kinross.cc

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

Rev Robert Pickles Telephone: (01577) 863461

E-mail: robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service**Service at Ashley House:** first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm**Services at Levenglen:** first Tuesday of the month at 4pm**Oasis** Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15 - 11.45am last Friday of the month.

Fusion Orwell Hall, Mondays 6pm**@spire** Orwell Church Hall, 2nd & last Fridays 7.30pm**April**

5th Palm Sunday

6th 8pm Worship at Portmoak Church

7th 8pm Worship at Orwell Church

8th 8pm Worship at Portmoak Church

9th 8pm Communion at Orwell Church

10th 7.30pm United Churches Good Friday worship at

Portmoak Church

11th 11.30pm Watchnight Service at Orwell church

12th Easter Day**7.30am Lochside Service****10am Family celebration at Portmoak Church****11.30am Family celebration at Orwell Church****May**

3rd Formal Communion at Portmoak church

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY 13 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.

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

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

Images of Kinross-shire

Photographs can be downloaded free
of charge from the www.kinross.cc

Photo Library

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

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.00pm	Sunday School
	5.45pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.15pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6.30pm	Children's Club (term time)

Saturday Night Worship**Last Saturday of each month, 7.30 – 10pm**

Millbridge Hall, Kinross (parking available)

Heart felt praise and worship

Prayer for healing

Opportunity for testimony

Refreshments

Books and resources

Open to all

For further details contact Sarah Corsar 07795313864

Obituaries

DAVID OSWALD WARDROPE, late of Kinross, died very peacefully on 21 February 2009 at Benarty View Nursing Home, Kelt. Beloved husband of the late May, a dearly loved Dad to Sandy, Margaret and the late Ann, much loved Grandad and Great Grandad.

IAN RANKINE, 20 St Mary's Place, Kinross, passed away on 25 February 2009, in the High Dependency Unit, PRI after a short illness. Dear husband of Jenny, loving father of Lee, the late Johnny and son-in-law Graeme and beloved Grandpa of Jamie.

Acknowledgements

WARDROPE – The family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, calls and attendance at the North Cemetery, Kinross. Thanks also to Margaret Ewing and family for their kind services and all the staff at Benarty View for their very tender care. The sum of £202 was donated to Scottish Huntingtons.

RANKINE – Jenny, Lee, Graeme and Jamie would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all their kindness, support, flowers and cards, and to all who attended the funeral, including members of Orwell Bowling Club and Lomond Antiques Club. Thank you to everyone who donated to the collection, which raised £831 for the British Heart Foundation and Leukaemia Research. We would also like to thank the doctors and nurses of the High Dependency Unit, PRI for their care and kindness, and the doctors and nurses of the Loch Leven Health Centre, who looked after Ian over the years. Special Thanks to Doctor Pat Carragher, our family doctor for many years, whose care, kindness and humour to both of us was much appreciated.

Obituaries in the Newsletter

If you would like any advice or help in submitting an obituary to the Newsletter, please contact the Editor.



Playgroups & Nurseries

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Babies and Toddlers (up to 2.5yrs)
Tues 10.00am-11.30am

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

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

Contact Carolyn Robertson 01383 831129
Venue - Portmoak village hall

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15
Contact - Jacqui 07766 882986

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

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

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

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

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

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - Lucy Lomas 01577 864868

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Moubray Hall, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

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



SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association
aka Swansacre Playgroup
Registered Scottish Charity Number SCO17748



TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacreplaygroup.org.uk

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

Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.15-11.45am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

Rising Fives Mon & Wed 1.00-3.15pm, with lunch club beforehand.

This is complementary to Nursery.

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

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1pm-3pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children, coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information contact Amanda 861434.

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



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contacts: Liam Saunders 0788 2147524

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Village Hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

9.30am to 11.30am during term time

A healthy snack is provided for children and tea/coffee and biscuits for carers. We also provide a craft activity each week.

First session free and £2 thereafter (£1 for second child). All welcome.

Contact Jenny Holt-Brook on 01577 830577,
email jennyholtbrook@yahoo.co.uk
or just come along.

Notices



Fossoway and Cleish Community Office AGM

Tuesday 21 April at 7.30pm
in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall,
Fossoway Church, Crook of Devon

Lodge St. Serf No.327

March

Tue 31 Special meeting at 7.15pm. Fellow
Craft Degree worked by Tuesday Lodge Office
Bearers.



April

Tue 7 Regular meeting at 7.15pm.
Master Mason Degree with Candidate.

Tue 21 Regular meeting at 7.15pm.
Master Mason Degree with Candidate.

The Sportsman's Dinner on Friday 17 April has already
sold out.

Further upgrading work is expected to take place during the
close season on the Hall. Support with this would be greatly
appreciated.

www.stserf327.co.uk

The Kinross Floral Art Club & The Smiddy Singers

invite you to an 'Evening of Song'
at Kinross Parish Church Centre

Wednesday 1 April
at 7.30pm

Tickets (including refreshments) cost £4.
Also Floral Art Demonstration & Raffle.

Notice of AGM of MILNATHORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of Milnathort
Community Council will take place on

Thursday 9 April at 7.30 pm
in the Town Hall, Milnathort.
Joe Giacomazzi, Chairman.

CEILIDH DANCE

Saturday 9 May
8pm-12pm

Portmoak Village Hall

in aid of Hall funds
with the Glenfarg Ceilidh Band
Tickets £8.00 Supper included
Licensed Bar

Tickets available from Kinnesswood Village Shop
Elizabeth Porter – tel. 01592 840655
and Joan Smith – tel. 01592 840561

Light Up Kinross

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 30 April
at 7.30pm in the Green Hotel
ALL WELCOME

Bishopshire Horticultural Society

Coffee Morning & Plant Sale



Portmoak Hall, **Saturday 2 May**
10am - 12 noon
Admission £2



1st KINROSS-SHIRE SCOUT GROUP

(St Serfs)

CUBS AND SCOUTS



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on **Wednesday 27 May**, at
Millbridge Hall, Kinross

A barbecue will begin the evening at 6.15pm, to which all
Cubs, Scouts and families are invited

Mobile Street Sports Unit

Kinross-shire has a fantastic facility which is available for
community use. It can be used as part of a community group
(games and sports activities), individually for birthday
parties or by corporate groups.

Free hire during June, July & August
for local community groups.

For further information please contact
Rhona Thom or Angie Bayne (Youth Services)
01577 863439



**youth
services**

Feel Good Fair

at

Loch Leven Half Marathon

Saturday 16 May 1pm-4pm

Great opportunity to promote your business,
sport club or local group in doing a fun activity
or running a stall.

You can also help out for an hour
as a volunteer at the event.

Interested? Please phone or e-mail Bouwien Bennet 01577
863107 or info@kleo.org.uk
www.kleo.org.uk

Blythswood Care

Somerfield's Car Park

Tuesday 21 April between 10.30 am and 11 am
Further details from 862258

Orwell Bowling Club

BINGO TEA

Wednesday 8 April

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Entry £1 (Bring your own cup please).

CORRECTION

Please note that the date of the

SOCIAL EVENING

with BOB PRYDE

is **18 April** and NOT 28th

as stated in last month's issue.

Bingo will be at 8.00pm as usual, and

entry will be £2 for non-members.

Rachel House Open Evening

Monday 20 April

The Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) would like to invite local residents to visit Rachel House on Monday 20 April between 7pm and 9pm (last admissions 8.15pm).

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

We look forward to welcoming you. Refreshments available. Enquiries to Alison on

01577 865222 or alisonrennie@chas.org.uk

Children's Hospice Association Scotland

www.chas.org.uk Charity no SC 019724



Children's Hospice Association Scotland
Sharing the Caring

Crook of Devon Institute

Auction of Articles and Promises

Saturday 9 May

Viewing from 6.30pm. Starts 7.30pm.

Tickets £5, including wine and nibbles.

Available from Fossoway Garage 01577 840997.

All proceeds towards restoration of the hall.

Strathcarron Singers

As the recently refurbished **Kinross Parish Church** is becoming increasingly popular as a local venue for concerts, we are delighted to inform you that **The Strathcarron Singers** have been invited to sing here on **Friday 29 May**. More details will be available in the next Newsletter, but we would like you to keep this evening free to come along and join us.

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.

Yet again by popular demand

Charity Disco

In aid of Sarah Scott's Charity
(Tayside Children with Cancer & Leukaemia)

25 April 2009

At the Windlestrae Hotel 7pm to 12.30 am

Entry by ticket only

Tickets on sale from 1 April 2009

Newsplus, High St, Kinross

or

Jennifer Scott 01577 862426

Tickets £15 per person Buffet and Raffle

Bill Russell will be providing the disco

Prizes and contributions from individuals

and local businesses very welcome.



CALEDONIAN CEILIDH

Saturday 30 May

The year 2009 is the 40th Anniversary of the Parkinson's Disease Society, and to mark this occasion Fiè, Perth and Dundee Branches are organising a fundraising Caledonian Ceilidh. This will be the first time that branches have worked jointly on such a project and all proceeds will go towards the work done by our Society in Scotland.

The Ceilidh will be held in the Windlestrae, Kinross on Saturday 30 May. Music will be provided by the ever-popular Lomond Ceilidh Band. Tickets for the event are £12.00 and include supper. To purchase tickets, or for further information about the Parkinson's Disease Society, contact Jean Ballantyne 01334 828609.

Dementia Café for Perth & Kinross



A "Drop in" Café is held on the first Wednesday of every month, 10am-12.30pm, at The North Church Hall, High Street, Perth.

This service aims to offer information, support and a chance to have a chat for people with dementia, their carers and families. Volunteers along with professionals from health and social work are available each month.

For further information contact:

Jackie Daly 01796 474818, Andy Bennet 01738 636358,

Debbie Howie 01738 562201.

Portmoak Festival 2009

ART EXHIBITION

Here is an advance notice for artists that the Portmoak Festival Art Exhibition will be held again this year in the last week of June.

Invitations will be sent out soon to people who showed last year. If you would like to include work this year please contact the organiser, Lesley Botten, at

mike.lesley@tiscali.co.uk or telephone 01592 840120.

New Police Number

There is a new telephone number to use when calling the Police for non-emergencies. It is

0300 111 2222

See also Police Box, p.10

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945

mbs21@btinternet.com

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

prvtraylor@ukonline.co.uk

Milnathort: Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025

joseph.giacomazzi@btopenworld.com

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

duffy.wigman@btinternet.com

Portmoak: Secy: Mr A Smith (01592) 840215

Kinross Community Councillors

Susan Bathgate	42 High Street	864742
Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
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Dave Cuthbert (Chair)	Highfield Circle	861001
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
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Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Joe Richardson	47/49 High Street	863152
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson (Vice Chair)	70 Muirs	862685

Perth and Kinross Councillors

Kathleen Baird, Easter Clunie, Newburgh, Fife, KY14 6EJ

Tel (home): 01337 840218.

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Michael Barnacle, Moored, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ. Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

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

Email: SMiller@pkc.gov.uk

William Robertson, 85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA. Tel (home): 01577 865178.

Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

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

Waste Paper Kerbside Collection

Next uplift in Kinross, Milnathort and Glenfarg:

Thursday 23 April

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

Kinross Temporary Library County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

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

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

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: constituency@gordonbanksmp.co.uk

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

MSP for Ochil Constituency Keith Brown MSP

will be holding regular

surgeries throughout his constituency area.

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

Keith can also be contacted by email at

keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

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

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Mobile Library – Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: 8 & 22 April

Blairingone	9.30am - 9.45am
Westerloan, Milnathort	1.45pm - 3pm
Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort	3.05pm - 4pm
Any queries telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949	

Regular Library Sessions for Children

Story Telling for pre-school children takes place in Kinross Library **every Tuesday morning** from 10.30am to 11am, and **every Wednesday afternoon** from 2.15pm to 2.45pm. No need to book, just come along.

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

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

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

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

Weekly Programme

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



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

Telephone: 01577 863869



LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm

Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219



Kinross Recycling Centre Bridgend Industrial Estate

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

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

School Holidays 2009

	<i>start date</i>	<i>end date</i>
Spring Holiday	Mon 6 Apr	Fri 17 Apr
Academic year ends		Wed 1 Jul

In Service Days
Monday 20 April.

Other Holidays
May Day: Monday 4 May (to be confirmed).

Forward Planner

Notice of Special Events Later in the Year

Jun	5	Pipe Band Ceilidh, Windlestrae Hotel.
	21	Midsummer Walk, Civic Trust.
Jul	9-12	T in the Park.
Aug	8	Kinross Show.
Sep	5	Christian Aid Gala Dinner Dance, Windlestrae Hotel.
	6	Guides in Garden. Guiding centenary event in grounds of Kinross House.
	22-25	MTKY Pirates of Penzance.
	23-26	KADAC Art Exhibition & Sale.

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. The surgery dates up to the end of June are as follows:

14 & 28 April 12 & 26 May 9 & 23 June

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.

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.

Are you suffering from Macular Degeneration?

A meeting is held by the Support Group at The Blind Society, New Row, Perth on the last Wednesday of the month. If you are interested or require further details, please contact **Hazel Rennie, telephone 01738 442358.**

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Sat	28	Kinross Tennis Club Open Day, 10am - 4pm	
Sat	28	Daffodil Tea for Marie Curie Cancer Care, 10.30-12, Potager Gdn	
Sun	29	British Summer Time begins (clocks go forward one hour at 1am GMT)	
Sun	29	Nature Detectives SNH event	38
Mon	30	Cleish & Blairadam CC meeting, also AGM (Tabernacle Hall)	
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Tue	31	MTKY perform "Godspell"	
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Sat	25	Charity Disco (Sarah Scott's Charity)	45
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