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# Letters



#### Editorial

Another plea about submissions this month! Last month we asked groups to keep their entries down a bit in size – we get so many items each month now, that it is getting harder to manage all the material in a reasonable time-frame. Thanks to those who tried to be briefer.

This month, we also want to ask you to **check your submissions carefully** before sending them in, particularly with regard to **dates**. For the May issue, a remarkable number of submissions contained "impossible" dates, where the day of the week mentioned could not match the date given, and we had a few this month as well. We try to pick up on most of these, and correct them when we can (though we don't always know whether to go with the day or the date) but some slip through and can cause confusion. So please, please, check your submission carefully and compare any dates you mention with a calendar.

Finally – and again this is for contributors (and again about dates!) – the **deadline for the July issue** will seem really early. It still follows our usual formula of the third Monday of the preceding month, but it falls as early as it can, on the 15th of the month, i.e. 15 June.

A special welcome to anyone attending the former pupil homecoming in Milnathort – hope you enjoy this issue of the Newsletter!

#### **Letters Policy**

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

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

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#### Tracing family members

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We were interested in the article in the April edition concerning James Beveridge and Margaret Horn. My great-grandparents lived in Hill Street, Milnathort from the 1870s till my great-grandmother's death in 1903. My great-grand father James Bonnar was a postman in Milnathort until his death on his rounds in 1893. His wife continued to live in Hill Street until her death in 1903. Their eldest son James was a postman in Kinross for many years; he died following a road traffic accident near Kinross in September 1937. Their eldest daughter Helen Elizabeth was a school teacher in Kinross for many years. She died in1961 a few years after retirement. She lived in Montgomery Street. I would be very grateful for any information or photographs

I would be very grateful for any information or photographs regarding this family and I will be pleased to refund any expenses.

Thank you.

Mr John Jackson

19 Monckton Way, Dunholme, Lincoln, LN2 3QL Tel: 01673 863260



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### **News & Articles**



#### Kinross at crossroads

Kinross CC has written to the Chief Executive of Perth & Kinross Council to ask for "dialogue" over the direction of development in Kinross. However, the CC Chairman, Dave Cuthbert, is disappointed at the level of response from P&KC so far. Mr Cuthbert wrote to Bernadette Malone on 30 March 2009, saying:

"Kinross Community Council distributed a questionnaire to all the residents of Kinross-shire.

"There were 324 responses to this questionnaire and I have enclosed the results herewith, along with a background report.

"Kinross is approaching a cross roads in its development and local people have expressed concerns to the Community Council on the direction of its growth.

"Large parts of the Town are under new development, changing use or under review by Perth and Kinross Council." Kinross Community Council is keen to start a dialogue on the overall direction of the town's development and I am writing to you now to ask for your help in identifying a way to do this."



Kinross Mill, one of the properties mentioned in the KCC background report.

Ms Malone responded on 9 April, thanking Mr Cuthbert for his letter and saying "I would advise that I have passed your letter to the Executive Director (Environment) and Executive Director (Corporate Services) for their attention." However, the CC had heard nothing further by the time this Newsletter went to press.

The background report brings together in one document a summary of the following:

- sites in Kinross where new development is taking place
- sites where development is proposed
- properties which may be vacated in the foreseeable future
- long-running problem sites such as the derelict building at Swansacre

Just a very brief description of each is given, but the list is surprising long, with nineteen sites mentioned. The report makes it clear that some "joined-up thinking" is required to deal effectively with the opportunities and risks posed by the many changes happening in Kinross.

A copy of the report is available to view on the kinross.cc website.

#### **Loch Leven Community Campus**

#### Construction phase - progress update

The main structure is progressing to 'weather tight'. The brickwork is on programme for completion in May, whilst windows, glazed doors and curtain walling are progressing well.

Externally, render is being applied to the completed coat over much of the building. Internally, first fix mechanical and electrical work is progressing well. Plasterwork has now started to teaching wings whilst metal stud walls are proceeding. Under-floor heating and screed is progressing in the first floor and ground floor teaching wings. All second-floor teaching wings are complete. Externally, landscaping is underway with the front entrance works being formed to level.



Work on the new Community Campus continues apace...
Photo courtesy of Laing O'Rourke

#### **Community Event**

A large-scale community 'event' is being planned to:

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

This event is being planned for the week end of Friday 20 November - Sunday 22 November.

Clubs, groups, organisations and individuals are invited to put forward ideas on the types of activities and events they would like to take part in, and are also asked to consider how they might get involved in the organising/running of these activities/events.

For further information, or to give us your ideas, please contact **Derek Morris** (community engagement): **dmorris@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk** or telephone Kinross High School, **01577 862430**.

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#### Loch Leven Heritage Trail

By Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director

TRACKS has just completed the first of three Visitor Surveys that will take place during the Spring, Summer and Autumn of 2009. The objective is to provide a full demographic LOCH LEVEN profile of visitors to the Trail and to assess the HERITAGE TRAIL impact of the Trail on the local business area.



The study has been supported by SNH, RSPB and Perth and Kinross Council. The first survey was completed between Monday 30 March and Sunday 5 April at a number of access points to the Trail using the much appreciated services of local volunteers. In all, 103 interviews took place with visitors to the Trail.



isitors appreciate the peaceful paths and varied scenery of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail Photo: Dave Cuthbert, kinross.cc photolibrary

The results of the survey have been both interesting and encouraging with the following information being highlighted:

- The majority of visitors come from Kinross-shire, Perthshire and Fife and are 45 years and over.
- Almost 10% of the respondents had someone in their group who had an illness or a disability that limited their access to most trails.
- An estimated 1450 people visited the Trail during the five day survey period.
- 80% of visitors were on foot and 20% on bicycles
- Around 90% of people knew that Loch Leven was a National Nature Reserve and that RSPB Vane Farm had a Visitor Centre.
- 85% of respondents said that they would return to the Trail and 96% said that they were very satisfied with their visit to the Trail.
- Suggested improvements included the provision a dropoff bus service running around the loch and bike hire
- The overall expenditure of the visitors to the Trail during the survey was estimated at around £17,000.

Overall, people most liked the quality of the paths, the signage, the peaceful environment and the contrasting scenery of town, beach and woodland. The only negative comments related to the need for more use of bicycle bells and the provision of more dog bins. Clearly, visitors are using and enjoying the Trail and we look forward to the results of the next two surveys in August and October.

Regular users of the Trail at the Vane Farm end will have noticed the installation of the two new benches at the St Serf's viewpoint with their carved heritage texts. They provide a resting place for a lovely open view over the loch. As a result of the persistent efforts of our Chairman, Councillor Willie Robertson, and the backing of Perth and Kinross Council, a "round the loch" Sunday bus service has now been established (see article on following page). This is like to be popular and will be much appreciated by all.

Jackie Yuill leaves TRACKS as Project Officer at the end of May and her enthusiasm and talents will be greatly missed. We have been fortunate to secure the services of George Lawrie as the new Project Officer and he will start on 1 June. George is a well known figure in the local and national farming community and his retiral from active farming brings to TRACKS a range of very useful new skills and contacts. We look forward to his contribution across all of the TRACKS projects.

Also see our website: www.lochlevenheritagetrail.co.uk



### **Presents** Trail Scooters at Loch Leven



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#### Take the Bus for a Walk!

At the Discovery Day held in the Kirkgate Park, Kinross, a new bus service, Service 203 was launched. In response to requests by members of the public and local businesses alike, Perth & Kinross Council tendered a 'Round the Loch' bus service to operate every Sunday from 31 May until 29 November 2009. This bus service aims to help people enjoy the benefits of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, offering a link between key entrances to the route. It also means that visitors who complete the full path between Kirkgate Park, Kinross and Vane Farm will be able to give their legs a rest and take the bus back to the start!

The new Service 203 will enable visitors to travel in a complete loop around Loch Leven on Sundays. However, the Heritage Trail is already served, in part, by two local bus services subsidised by Perth & Kinross Council. Stagecoach Fife Service 201 which travels between Scotlandwell and Kinross via Kinnesswood everyday except a Sunday and Stagecoach Fife Service 204 which travels between Kinross and Vane Farm via Gairneybridge on a Wednesday and Saturday only.



The launch of the Round the Loch Sunday bus service on Discovery Day

I to r: Matthew Buick, Stagecoach; Andrea Habeshaw, R SPB Vane Farm, Denise Reed, SNH; Cllr Willie Robertson; Andrew Warrington, P&KC public transport manager and Niall Lobley, senior countryside ranger

A recent visitor survey undertaken by TRACKS who raised the funding and managed the development of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail suggested that 62% of visitors would value a round the loch bus service enabling them to get on and off around the loop.

Service 203 will run approximately every hour around the Loch and will stop at all the main entrances to the Heritage Trail. As well as single fare tickets, a "Sunday Stroller" ticket will be available for purchase on this bus costing £1.50 for adults, 75p for children and £3.00 for a family ticket. The "Sunday Stroller" will allow passengers to hop on and off the bus as often as they wish on the Sunday they buy the ticket. So you could walk to Burleigh Sands from Kinross and then catch the bus to Loch Leven's Larder, walk to Vane Farm and then return to Kinross by bus all on one bus ticket.

A full Service 203 bus timetable is printed in this issue of the Newsletter (*see right*) and bus timetable leaflets will be available at several outlets around the loch shortly as well as on the bus. This bus service is being run as a trial, so please support this new venture and take the bus for a walk!

Further information on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, and Public Transport (including the bus timetables for Services 201 and 204) can be found on the Perth and Kinross Council website at www.pkc.gov.uk.

#### Message from Councillor Robertson

I am delighted to see the introduction of this new 'Round the Loch' bus service. The original suggestion for it was raised with me by a Kinross-shire resident and I thought such a service would be of great benefit for visitors and locals alike.

I would like to thank all those who responded to my piece in the December issue of the Newsletter when I asked readers to let me know if this was a service they would use. These responses along with the results of the recent TRACKS survey proved there is a demand for a 'Round the Loch' bus service.

I am very grateful for the help of Perth & Kinross Council's Public Transport Unit who managed to find funding to begin the service in difficult financial times and to the Council's Countryside Section and the RSPB at Vane Farm who have supported the idea so positively. I am sure the new service will prove popular. If it is, I'll be doing my best to increase the number of days it operates.

As the chairman of TRACKS I have always seen the Loch Leven Heritage Trail not only as an outstanding facility for the residents of Kinross-shire but a major attraction for visitors from far and wide. I have always hoped the LLHT would not only put Kinross-shire and Loch Leven 'on the map' but be a strong generator of economic benefits for our county. I see this new bus service as another step in making Kinross-shire an even better place to live.

Willie Robertson

#### Stagecoach Fife 203

Loch Leven Circular

#### Sundays only

Milnathort Royal Bank	0940	1110	1240	1440	1610
Kinross opp Green Hotel	0945	1115	1245	1445	1615
Kinross opp Town Hall	0947	1117	1247	1447	1617
opp Gairneybridge bus shelter	0952	1122	1252	1452	1622
Vane Farm Nature Reserve	0957	1127	1257	1457	1627
Scotlandwell opp Friar Place	1004	1134	1304	1504	1634
Kinnesswood Lomond Inn	1006	1136	1306	1506	1636
Loch Leven Larder road end	1010	1140	1310	1510	1640
Burleigh Sands	1013	1143	1313	1513	1643
Milnathort Bridgefauld Road	1018	1148	1318	1518	1648
Milnathort Royal Bank	1020	1150	1320	1520	1650
Milnathort Royal Bank	1025	1155	1325	1525	1655
Burleigh Sands	1030	1200	1330	1530	1700
opp Loch Leven Larder road end	1033	1203	1333	1533	1703
Kinnesswood Post Office	1037	1207	1337	1537	1707
Scotlandwell Friar Place	1039	1209	1339	1539	1709
Vane Farm Nature Reserve	1046	1216	1346	1546	1716
Gairneybridge bus shelter	1051	1221	1351	1551	1721
Kinross Town Hall	1056	1226	1356	1556	1726
Kinross Bank of Scotland	1058	1228	1358	1558	1728
Milnathort Bridgefauld Road	1103	1233	1403	1603	1733
Milnathort Royal Bank	1105	1235	1405	1605	1735

A Sunday Stroller ticket is available costing £1.50 for adults and 75p for children. A family ticket can also be purchased for £3.00. These tickets allow unlimited travel for the day and so you can hop on and off the bus as many times as you want.

# portmoak festival, 21 ~ 28 june

We have another packed week of entertainment for you. As well as hosting the now famous P7 Prom, we have a Salsa Night, a Jazz Night, Dave Amos Band Night, and the Battle of the Bands.

The Pudding Club returns with even more delights, and live music to make it even more enjoyable.

Note that the Marquee will be at the Lomond Inn this year, **not** Lochend Farm.

The festival runs from Sunday 21 June to Sunday 28 June, following the **Portmoak Gala** on 20 June. Tickets for Festival events may be bought at the Village Shop, the Garage and the Pottery, Main Street, Kinnesswood. Alternatively, phone 01592 840638.

For a full timetable of events, see www.portmoak festival.org.uk



#### **Exhibitions**

Portmoak Hall & Portmoak Church -- Mon to Sat --  $2.00 - 4.00 \ pm$  &  $6.00 - 8.00 \ pm$ .

Feast your eyes on art by local and other artists. (Closed Sat. Evening)

#### Cream Teas

Portmoak Hall -- Mon to Fri -- 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

Come and enjoy our fabulous creamteas and be entertained by the musicians 'busking' for charity.

#### **Pudding Club**

Portmoak Hall -- Mon to Fri -- 6.00 - 8.00 pm.

Enjoy our delicious puddings and be entertained by the musicians 'busking' for charity.

Monday - Mix & Match • Tuesday - Cheesecake • Wednesday - Men's Night • Thursday - Chocolate Heaven • Friday - A Hint of Fruit

#### Kinross Healing Rooms

Portmoak Church

We are open to everyone and prayer is offered by small teams of trained volunteers from different local churches. Come in and meet the team from Kinross Healing Rooms, no appointment needed. Tuesday 6.00 - 8.00 pm, Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

#### **Pub Quizzes**

We will be holding a quiz in various venues throughout the week. With a grand final at the Ceilidh. Sunday 9.00 pm Lomond Inn. Monday 9.00 pm Balgedie Toll Tuesday 9.00 pm Well Inn.

#### Sunday 21st

**Grand opening** Portmoak Hall & Portmoak Church – Sunday -- 2.00 – 4.00 pm. The Gala Queen will open the exhibitions. **Classical Concert** Portmoak Church 8.00 pm. An evening of light classical music with sherry and shortbread in the interval.

#### Monday 22nd

Football Challenge Portmoak Primary 6.30 – 730 pm. Spectators welcome.

Film Night Portmoak Hall 8.30 pm. "The Age of Stupid".

The terrifying documentary about climate change. It is the most imaginative and dramatic assault on the institutional complacency shrouding the issue. Followed by a discussion chaired by Louise Batchelor with representatives of concerned organisations. Entry  $\pounds 2$ .

#### Tuesday 23rd

**Children's Concert** Portmoak Church 6.00 - 7.00 pm. Enjoy the children as they show offtheir talents.

#### Wednesday 24th

**Jazz Night** Marquee 8.00 - 11.00 pm. The "Bachelors of Jazz" will again entertain us with the best of Scotland's jazz musicians getting together for this unmissable event. Tickets £10.

#### Thursday 25th

**P7 Prom** Marquee 6.00 - 8.30 pm. It's time for the P7s to celebrate their time at primary school with posh dresses, kilts, suits and hairdos. **Salsa Evening** Marquee 9.00 - 11.30 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of Salsa dancing with Rachel Webb. It starts off with a demonstration and a quick lesson, then you can dance the night away. Tickets £5.

#### Friday 26th

Golf Open Portmoak Golf Course 2.00 - 6.30 pm. All welcome.

**Dave Amos Band** Marquee 8.30 – 1130 pm. A professional approach from a 8-piece band including full horn section. Fast-paced sets and high-energy performances are guaranteed. Tickets £12.

#### Saturday 27th

Ceilidh Marquee 7.30pm - midnight. Bring your family to our famous Ceilidh. Tickets Adults - £5 / Children - £3.

#### Sunday 28th

**Praise B and Marquee** 11.00am – 12 noon. Enjoy the atmosphere and sing along with our praise band. Tea and cake afterwards. All welcome.

**Battle of the Bands** Marquee 3.00 - 7.00 pm. Local bands will compete to see who is the best. Entry £3.

# News from the Health Centre

With less than 3 months to go until completion, work on the new site continues to go very well. The waiting room roof has been the final bit of roofing to be completed and most of the rest of the scaffolding has therefore been removed. External paths have been laid as well as the hard standing for cars in the car park. Tarmac will be put on the roadways in due course and the grounds landscaped. Inside, fitting out continues with most of the fitted furniture in the consulting rooms now in place. All the sanitary ware is on site and being installed and the movable furniture will arrive soon. The phone system has been ordered and all cabling has been laid ready for the computers to be moved.

The move to the new Health Centre will be in early August. The date has not been fixed yet, but the move will take place on a Friday and we will therefore be closed for the day. We will give as much notice of the date as possible through posters in the current building, the pharmacies and other local venues and the date will be published in the Kinross Newsletter. This will be quite an upheaval, but we will try to accomplish it with as little disruption as possible to our usual clinics and services. Many people will be keen to see the new building, so we will combine the official opening ceremony with an Open Day to give people the chance to look round it and see behind the scenes. We are not yet able to fix a date for this either, but it is likely to be in late August or early September.

Any property needs regular maintenance to keep it in good condition and as this building is quite large, we have decided to employ someone to look after it. The main responsibilities of the post would be to carry out routine maintenance tasks and undertake regular health and safety checks in the building and also to maintain the grounds. As the landscaping plan is not yet available, it is difficult to work out how much time this will require. However, we would like to employ someone who could be flexible in the hours they work as more work would probably be required over the summer months than during the winter. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Jane Macnaughton, Practice Manager, on 01577 862112 for more information.

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### Town Hall and Library up for sale

The Kinross Town Hall and Carnegie Library buildings were put on the market in mid May, fifteen months after P&KC was granted the right to sell the buildings in a ruling made at Perth Sheriff Court.

The Council closed the buildings in January 2002 and tried to sell them in late 2003/early 2004. However, Kinross CC raised queries over the Council's right sell, as the Town Hall had been gifted to the inhabitants of the burgh of Kinross in 1945 and could therefore be regarded as common good. A council has to obtain the Sheriff Court's permission before disposing of common good property. P&KC petitioned the Sheriff Court in August 2005 for this permission, but for various reasons it took until February last year for legal matters to be concluded. (For a full explanation, see 'Town Hall court case concludes' on page 5 of the April 2008 Newsletter, available in the electronic archive at www.kinrossnewsletter.org).



The Town Hall and Carnegie Library buildings were finally put on the market in mid Mav

The Kinross Common Good Fund will benefit from the sale of the Town Hall and Library buildings.

It is not known why it has taken 15 months for P&KC to begin marketing the buildings. In May last year the Council advertised for an external consultant to advise on the disposal of surplus property.

The property is being mark eted through the Glasgow office of Jones Lang LaSalle, a real estate firm specialising in commercial property. It has been advertised in the Herald and the Courier.

The Kinross Area Local Plan suggests the following as suitable uses of the property once redeveloped: residential, hotel, retail, offices, restaurant or community use.

The Town Hall, the former post office and the clock tower are all category B Listed Buildings. The clock tower is also a scheduled ancient monument. The Library is Category C Listed. All buildings are within the Kinross Conservation Area.

News & Articles

#### Reiki Awareness Week: 7 - 13 June

Ever wondered about Reiki and what it is? Well, this could be the week to satisfy your curiosity!

Lyn Haworth is a Reiki Master/Teacher living in Milnathort. She is also the Perth & Kinross area representative for the UK Reiki Federation. In addition, Lyn has trained in Jikiden ('directly taught') Reiki with a Japanese Master and visited Japan to learn more. Whilst there, she completed her teacher training in this traditional form

To promote Reiki, and part of Reiki Awareness Week. Lyn is offering half price Reiki sessions (£12.50), the proceeds of which will go to the Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre. This is a wonderful centre run by Mr. Sandy Boyd, on a charitable basis, for the care and rehabilitation of hedgehogs. His



'Buddy' the hedgehog, about to be released back into the wild

service covers a wide area, including Kinross-shire. Lyn looks after late litter baby hedgehogs through the winter, and Mr. Boyd has been an invaluable source of knowledge and support to her over the last five years.

So, what is Reiki?! Reiki is an energy system which is used as a therapy. A session is usually carried out with the recipient lying down or sitting. There is no need to remove any clothing. The practitioner will place her hands on, or off, the body in a non-intrusive way. Reiki may be experienced as a flow of energy, mild tingling, warmth, other sensations, or nothing at all. People have reported their experience of Reiki was deeply relaxing, and had a profoundly calming effect which they said was particularly beneficial in times of stress. Reiki can be used by anyone, and also used alongside orthodox medicines. In addition, it is a very simple technique which you can learn to use for yoursel f.

Give Lyn a call on 01577-864666 to find out more and know that (if you choose to book a session), as well as helping yourself, you will be helping a very worthwhile voluntary organisation that supports these fant astic little creatures!

### Recycling Point – temporary closure

Perth & Kinross Council would like to advise that from Monday 18 May 2009, the recycling point at the Somerfield supermarket on Station Road in Kinross will be temporarily closed to the public.

Works will be taking place at the supermarket from Monday 18 May for approximately seven to nine weeks. The Recycling Point will therefore be closed until these works are complete.

Alternative recycling facilities are available at Kinross Recycling Centre and at the recycling point at the Causeway car park by Old Causeway and Millbridge in the town.

For further information about where you can recycle in Perth and Kinross, call the Customer Service Centre on 01738 476476, email recycle@pkc.gov.uk or visit www.pkc.gov.uk/recycle.

# Bubbles Bathrooms sponsors charity rally team

Bubbles Bathrooms has given a boost to nutznboltz – the local lads who are taking part in this year's Mongol rally – with a generous Platinum Sponsorship.

The six-strong team went along to the Dunfermline branch of Bubbles Bathrooms in mid May to show the company one of their rally vehicles and pick up their sponsorship cheque.

Bob White, Managing Director, said, "In times of economic doom and gloom, it is important to not lose sight of the fact that there are many people in the UK and worldwide whom are in far more desperate situations. Our ethos as a company is to recognise and support local people in our community who make that extra effort to help worthwhile causes."

Bubbles Bathrooms is a family-run business established in 1988 and has branches in Dunfermline and Edinburgh. They carry out quality installations using all their own employed staff throughout the Lothians, Fife, Kinross-shire and Perthshire.

For the latest news on the nutznboltz lads' preparations for the rally, see 'East to Mongolia' report on the next page.



The nutz nboltz Subaru Justy outside Bubbles Bathroom

### European Elections on 4 June

Elections for the European Parliament take place on 4 June. Local MP Gordon Banks recently urged people to use their democratic right, saying, "Less than 100 years ago, women didn't have the right to vote and people died fighting for the privilege to place their cross on a piece of paper. The abandoned car, the pot-holed road, the rubbish dumped on the grass verge, the planning development on the next street - the people standing for election can all do something about issues which affect your life every day. Whilst politician's reputations take a beating in the media, there are many out there willing to assist you with an issues or questions you may have."

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#### East to Mongolia!

6 guys, 2 bangers, 10,000 miles, 1 goal – Charity! Bubbles Bathrooms Breathtaking Blessing, Brings Big Benefit to Brilliant Boys charity Bank

This month, the team are pleased to announce the latest sponsor to join the fundraising efforts of the team. Bubbles Bathrooms very kindly joined the elite corporate sponsors with nothing short of a whopping Platinum Sponsorship package! The NutznBoltz team dropped into the showroom in Dunfermline for a brief, and were delighted to welcome Bob White and his team onboard the experience. We thank him greatly for his support.



The team receive their cheque from Valerie Inglis of Bubbles Bathrooms, with Managing Director Bob White on right

Following the meet and greet with the staff at Bubbles Bathrooms the lads headed on up to Loch Rannoch for a little taster in camping and of what is to come. The weather unfortunately turned upon us, and we soon realised the necessity of obtaining some very high quality tents and sleeping bags, before we head off. With the weather miserable to say the least, four members of the team discovered that our little Subaru Justy is in fact very comfortable to sleep in!

Unfortunately our organised car wash at Dobbies Garden Centre was a bit of a wash out (excuse the pun!) with persistent showers. Nevertheless our **Charity Golf Day** scheduled for **Friday 5 June** is coming along well. Only a few tee-off times are left, so if you are interested in entering a team please get in contact with us as soon as possible.

As mentioned last month, we are in desperate need of some items for our trip. Thanks to those who came forward this month with various helpful items.

Items we are still keen to acquire include: 20 litre jerry cans, two-way radios, engine oil, copious amounts of gaffer tape, a fire extinguisher and miners' torches. Every little helps and we are extremely grateful for whatever comes our way! Please contact us if you have something that would be useful to us.

The cars are starting to shape up with roof racks welded on to the main bodies and plenty of corporate stickers making the bangers stand-out, everywhere we go. We are now less than 55 days until we depart and are urging everyone that hasn't already done so to sponsor us via the JustGiving com link on our website.

As usual, we would like to thank all our supporters but in particular Bubbles Bathrooms, Kinross & District Rotary Club, A-Plant Rail, AIM Developments, Kinross-shire Round Table and GPM Sealrite!

Our website details the various sponsorship routes that can be made for corporate sponsorship and we are still looking for some ridiculous "challenges en-route" in return for donations!

Donations can also be posted to Chris Carragher at The Orchard, St Ronan's Drive, Kinross, KY13 8AA.

Website: www.nutznboltz.webs.com

Email: nutznboltz@live.com Contact: 07917716668

Taking part in the Mongol Charity Rally:

Liam Carragher, Cameron Crawford, Ian Harley, Mark

Harvey, Duncan Wood and Chris Carragher.

# Local MP calls for greater recognition for carers

Local MP Gordon Banks has teamed up with TV and radio presenter Jonathan Dimbleby to support this year's Carers Week (8-14 June) and celebrate the contribution made by those people in Ochil & South Perthshire and throughout the UK who provide unpaid care for someone who is ill, frail or disabled.



Local MP Gordon Banks with Jonathan Dimble by

Gordon Banks met up with Jonathan at the House of Commons to pay tribute to carers, and to urge that they receive more support in their caring roles. Mr Banks said:

"I am taking part in Carers Week firstly to express my gratitude and respect for our carers, but also to make them aware that there are services and support out there to help them. Caring can be demanding and difficult, so it's important that carers know that they don't have to struggle on alone."

"Many carers speak to me at surgeries around the constituency so I am well aware of the contribution made locally and indeed the individual sacrifices made."

Carers Week is organised by a partnership of ten national charities: Carers UK, Counsel and Care, Crossroads Caring for Carers, Help the Hospices, Macmillan Cancer Support, MS Society, Parkinson's Disease Society, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, Vitalise and WRVS.

For more information about Carers Week, visit www.carersweek.org or call 0845 241 2582.

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# **Police Box**

#### T in the Park 2009

As part of Tayside Police's Community Relations Strategy for T in the Park 2009, public meetings are being held at the following locations:

Milnathort Community Council Meeting, Milnathort Primary School

Thursday 11 June, 1900 hrs - 1930 hrs

Carnbo Village Hall

Tuesday 23 June, 1900 hrs - 2000 hrs

Kinross Police Office

Wednesday 24 June, 1900 hrs - 2100 hrs

Cleish & Blairadam Community Council Meeting Tabernacle Hall, Keltybridge

Monday 29 June, 1900 hrs - 1930 hrs

The purpose of the meetings is for members of the local community to meet with Sergeant David Rankine, Tayside Police's T in the Park Community Liaison Officer, to discuss any issues that local residents may have regarding this year's event. Any person that is unable to attend the meetings and wishes to discuss matters can contact Sergeant Rankine on the following number: 01577 867770.

#### **Inconsiderate Parking**

We have recently received a number of complaints of

inconsiderate parking in Milnathort and Kinross, particularly regarding vehicles that are parked too close to junctions and by doing so cause an obstruction to other road users. Motorists are reminded that vehicles should not be parked opposite or within 10 metres of a junction except in an authorised parking space. Where vehicles are found parked in such a way, or elsewhere in a manner that endangers, inconveniences or obstructs pedestrians or other road users, then those vehicle users may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

#### **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 & Blairadam, Crook of Devon, Powmill, Blairingone, Cambo and Glen farg areas - Constable Lynne Petrie.

#### New owner for nursery

Jack & Jill's Nursery in Kinross High Street has been bought by Louise Smart, the owner and manager of Rosemount Nursery, Dollar.

Jack & Jill's closed abruptly in March when its parent company went into receivership, leaving many parents stuck for childcare provision.

Louise has been running Rosemount Nursery in Dollar for ten years. It has a highly regarded reputation for excellent staff, childcare and education within the community and local authority. It recently received an excellent report from the Care Commission.

The former Jack & Jill's premises (above the Royal Bank of Scotland) are currently being refurbished, and will reopen as the Rosemount Nursery School, Kinross.

Owner and Manager Louise Smart said:

"We will be providing high quality care and education for children from birth to five and will be providing a challenging, creative and child-centred environment in which children can play and learn."

"We will be using our experience and expertise to establish our ethos within our new nursery and some of our specialist activities to support the curriculum will include French, yoga, drama, active start and dance."

Rosemount Nursery, Kinross will be open for business following an **Open Day** on **Saturday 6 June**, from 11am to 1pm, to which families are welcome.

For more information contact Louise on 01259 742571.

Deadline for all Articles 2.00 pm, MONDAY 15 June for publication on Saturday 27 June



# Independent Advocacy

#### Volunteers Needed!

"Enabling People to be Heard" is the aim of Independent Advocacy Perth & Kinross. We help ensure that the views and opinions of people with learning and physical disabilities, mental illness, dementia, those who are carers and older people are heard and respected.

An independent voice can help with all sorts of issues, for example employment, benefits, housing, family issues and health. If you enjoy a challenge and feel that you can work with and support someone to have their voice heard, our next seven week volunteer training course starts on **Wednesday 24 June**.

For more information please contact us at 90 Tay Street, Perth, phone 01738 587887, email: enquiry@iapk.org.uk or look us up at www.iapk.org.uk

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# **Community Council News**



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

### Kinross Community Council

#### News from the May Meeting

CCllrs D Cuthbert (Chair), D Colliar, J Richardson, D Mackay, S Bathgate, M Scott (Secy), B Davies and L MacKay were present at the meeting held on 6 May. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr W Robertson, a representative from Kinross Police, representatives from the Newsletter and ten members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs C Watson, I Jack and M Blyth and P&K Cllrs Miller, Barnacle and Baird.

**Police Report**: The police representative reported on problems experienced with children congregating and adults sourcing alcohol for them.

The police liaison officer for T in the Park is Sergeant Rankine.

A quantity of scrap material was stolen and lightning conductors removed from buildings in Milnathort and Blairingone areas and plant/equipment was removed from the G S Brown site at Bridge of Earn and also from Drum. The public are urged to phone the police if they witness anything suspicious.

#### Matters arising from the previous Meeting

Curling Academy: Mr Montgomery was unable to manage to the meeting, but would be happy to meet with CC members. The Chairman produced a copy deed of title in relation to a property built adjacent to the Market Park which had been passed to him by a member of the public. This deed narrates that "the ground delineated and coloured blue on said plan Number One lying to the south of the ground hereby feued will remain unbuilt on in all time coming and the Superior hereby undertakes not to feu said ground or allow any buildings to be erected thereon in all time coming". The plans etc are still being drawn up, however it was agreed that CCllrs J Richardson and D Cuthbert should arrange to meet with Mr Montgomery to discuss this matter.



The Market Park, with Windlestrae Hotel in background

A letter was also received from Kinross Curling Club. [The Secy read out passages from the letter, as printed in the April Newsletter.] In reaction to the letter, the CC said it has NOT given unfair comments in relation to the construction of the Curling Academy, indeed the CC welcomes and totally supports the building of such a facility in Kinross and was merely reflecting the views of some local people that there was a problem in relation to the planned location. It was

agreed that no decision could or would be made until plans had been seen by the CC.

Coventry Place: Cllr Robertson advised that Nigel Taylor from Grounds Maintenance has agreed to a plan to improve the condition of the ground in this area. In the short term the branches at the bottom of the slope will be removed, tree stumps treated and weed killer sprayed, with ivy and shrubs planted in the Autumn. Other areas in the town were in similar condition and Cllr Robertson will look into this. Cllr Baird was visiting various areas in the town with the Grounds Maintenance Team recently, however she was not available this evening to provide a report.

#### **Kinross Newsletter**

Editor's Report: The Editor, Eileen Thomas, said: "It has been another solid year for the Newsletter. There aren't many changes to report other than growth in size. This time last year we were getting around 70 email submissions and 20 hard copy items a month. That has now grown to around 100 emails and still around 20 hard copy items. Our historic maximum used to be 44 pages of content. Our March 2009 issue reached 48 pages and the current issue is 52 pages. Fortunately in January this year we changed the binding system from staples to a system called perfect binding which can cope with more pages. We're also having the Newsletter printed on heavier paper."

She referred to the possible introduction of situations vacant and classified ads and perhaps an interactive diary in conjunction with the community website. She concluded:

"The Newsletter continues to be successful. It has certainly provided a forum for debate in recent months as can be seen from the letters pages, and we have had plenty of submissions from the huge range of community groups in Kinross-shire. It is great to see the variety of material coming in; we just need to remind everyone to be a bit briefer!"

"I'd like to thank the other members of the Newsletter team for their work over the past year. That's Tony Dyson on Layout, Ross McConnell on accounts, Ann Harley on advertising and subscriptions, Craig Williams on distribution and Julia Fulton on typing. I'd also like to thank Isabel Gillon who takes in items for us in Milnathort, Malcolm Smith for the weather reports, Fiona Turnbull and John Buchanan for the farming columns and the Historical **Society** for the loan of photographs. We would like to especially thank Mike Pollett, who has audited our accounts for the last four years and who now wishes to retire from that task. We are very grateful to him for carrying out that work. Finally, thanks to all the individuals and organisations who send us submissions each month and to everyone who buys the Newsletter. And we are of course indebted to the **shop** keepers who kindly stock the Newsletter for us."

**Accounts**: The Treasurer, Ross McConnell, provided CC members with a copy of the audited accounts.

**Donations**: The CC decided to make the following disbursements:

Kinross Colts (for football strips)	£1,000.00
Kinross.cc website (two years' support)	£1,000.00
Light Up Kinross (for erection and	
dismantling of lights)	£1,000.00

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation (capital for equipment and advance costs) £2,500.00 Kinross Day Centre (towards running costs) £2,000.00 Further monies are available should any further applications be forthcoming.

The transfer into a Limited Company is progressing with the paperwork due to be returned to us shortly.

CCllr Colliar proposed a 5% increase in wages to all paid members of the newsletter staff, with the staff being given authority to increase the Newsletter to 90p at their discretion as they think fit. This was agreed.

The Chairman advised that printing costs have been renegotiated and will decrease. A distribution person is to be engaged at a nominal salary.

#### **Town Centre Development**

Cllr Robertson had made enquiries regarding Swansacre; there was nothing further to report. The letter to Bernadette Malone had been passed on to two other bodies and replies were still awaited. Cllr Robertson advised that this was on the table at the recent ABI meeting and Council officials were currently considering the matter. It was agreed that we should write a reminder to the Executive Director (Environment) and Executive Director (Corporate Services). It was further agreed that we write to Russell Thomson and invite him to meet with the CC regarding the Council-owned property in the town. Cllr Robertson will also follow this up with a request that Mr Thomson attend our meeting. CCllr Richardson offered to raise this matter, if necessary, at the Convention meeting at the end of June.

Letter from Roland Bean (Head of Planning): Nothing significantly changed since last communication; not yet in a position to speak to the CC about plans for the regeneration of the town centre. Suggests that we approach Russell Thomson, Head of Property and has copied our letter to him. Also enclosed draft copy of a Planning Position Statement in relation to the High School site which will accompany Sales Particulars. It was agreed that the Planning Position Statement should be published in the Newsletter (see end of the Kinross CC minutes). The Statement refers to one of the uses being retail food store and a member of the public stated that the Local Plan states that retail should be channelled down the High Street.

Following on a discussion regarding the voting system within P&KC, Cllr Robertson stressed that the four local Cllrs have a voice of four votes from 41 votes at Perth.

Mention was again made to the use of portacabins at the Primary School and the overstretched accommodation. Concern was also raised that, due to the age and the type of construction, there may be a possibility of asbestos in the building and the question raised as to whether an Asbestos Report had been obtained.

#### **Autograss Race Meeting**

The Chairman advised that the CC objected to a recent planning application for Autograss Racing at Tillyochie which was subsequently refused. The organisation is able to hold meetings under permitted development for 28 days (structure) and (14) activities. Communications have passed between the CC and P&KC on this matter. Complaints were received from residents in the area (including CCllr Jack) as to the level of noise and disturbance created by the running of these greats.

A deputation from the organisation was present and explained the history of Autograss Racing and the decision to hold same locally.

The Council requested a noise survey in September to check the levels to local residents. The organisation year runs from April to September/October. The planning was raised in February. The survey has now been carried out with the results being 54 decibels at the loudest part and the background noise being 48.9. CCllr Jack had advised the Chairman that the survey was carried out in the morning with the louder races being held in the afternoon. representative stated that they received support from local businesses and suggested that they obtain some written letters to produce as evidence. They stated that this sport was a good family activity and available to all ages. The CC are not against Autograss Racing, the only problem was the current location. The Organisation plan to resubmit the application and take it to Scottish Government. It was agreed that the CC write to the Council requesting an update on the current situation and asking for copies of the results of the noise surveys. The CC should also obtain copies of the letters of complaint from CCllr Jack. The CC will then make a decision on whether to write to the Scottish Autograss Racing (National Group) on this matter.

#### Planning Applications received

09/00491/FUL Chance Inn - Demolition of steading and erection of ten dwelling houses and garages with associated roads: The CC objected last year to a proposal for 17 houses and four affordable dwelling houses on the grounds that this was overdevelopment of the site. It was also commented that this was contrary to sections 5, 10, 11 and 43 of the Housing in the Countryside Policy. Following discussion it was agreed that, as this now complies with the policy, we have no objection.

There were no objections to any of the following: 09/00554/MOD Cruachan, Old Cleish Road, Modification of existing consent; 09/00592/FUL Unit C, Kinross Business Park, Clashburn, Erection of two industrial units; 09/00526/FUL 2 Hatchbank Road, Erection of Stables etc (Withdrawn); 09/00621/FUL Duncroff, 18 Station Road, Replacement of boundary wall; 09/00254/FUL Baltree Farm, Removal of condition 3 from previous consent; 09/00624/FUL 1 Easter Cockairney Cottage, Extension; 09/00608/FUL Rosehall, Balado, Alterations and extension to house and formation of garage; 09/00722/LBC and 09/00663/FUL Millers Bar, Alterations and change of use to form betting office and flat; 09/00474/FUL 6 Alexander Drive, Erection of a Garage.

09/00416/OUT Former Hay Shed, Hatchbank Farm, Erection of a dwelling house (in outline): The CC received an email advising of an objection by a neighbour to this application (contrary to the Local Plan and Housing in the Countryside Policy) and asking for CC support.

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#### Report from P&K Councillor Robertson

**Heritage Trail**: Cllr Robertson gave details of the new Sunday bus service (*see page 5*).

Link Road: The Chairman enquired if there was any news. Cllr Robertson explained that there is a problem with the area at the bottom of the town which will require extensive works and that Roads and Transport are to take this forward. Cllr Robertson has written to the Engineer to ascertain how serious a problem it is, but no reply has been received yet. It was confirmed that funding is available for this. The area in question is marshland with a burn running through.

Community Campus: CCllr Bathgate asked who would be responsible for management of the new community campus. Cllr Robertson replied that a Facility Manager was to be engaged. A paper should be forthcoming shortly detailing the facilities and the charges for hire. A further query was raised in relation to the upkeep of KGV. Cllr Robertson confirmed that in a number of cases these would still be used and that there was funding available for their upkeep.

#### Correspondence

Visitor Information Centre: The Secy read out the response received from P&KC explaining the decision to place the Visitor Information Centre within the Bistro Boathouse. This was on the basis that the lochside location was next to the Heritage Trail, the departure point for the castle ferry and fishing, the Bistro housed an RSPB project, there was ample parking and that the site was the principal focus for visitor activities. The Council is required to meet the costs of the new information point within the Bistro. While the information point was a short-term fix, the opportunities for longer term solutions would continue to be explored. information point itself would comprise literature racking, displays, maps of the town and area, and a video display for playing promotional DVD footage. It would be accessible during the operating periods of the Bistro. Cllr Robertson advised that he wrote recently to the Chief Executive of Visit Scotland with complaints about the level of service for Kinross-shire. He stated that they are still working on the Kinross section on their website and the phone number advertised is unobtainable and non-transferable.

**Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum**: Invitation to Open Meeting.

Bus Service 23 (Stagecoach): A communication was received from the Council stating that "Stagecoach Fife operate Service 23 on a commercial basis, with no financial support from the Council. As a result of this, the Council has no formal influence over the timetable and routing of the service. Stagecoach advised them that the change was due to a need to improve service reliability. Following our letter the Council again spoke to Stagecoach management to request that they review their previous decision. Apparently Service 23 is now operated out of their St. Andrews depot with a pool of regular drivers utilised. Steve Walker, their Commercial Director, has agreed to check on the operation of the service over the next four to six weeks to see if reliability has improved to the extent that a diversion back into Kinross Park and Ride site can be re-introduced without a detrimental impact on the overall timetable."

**P&KC Corporate Plan 2009-2012**: Responses to the draft plan invited by 29 May.

**Road Access/Junction at New High School**: The Council forwarded a copy of the Approved Construction details for pedestrian crossing and junction improvements at the Muirs/Gallowhill Road junction. The scheme has been designed to

maximise pedestrian facilities and improve pedestrian safety. As a consequence the carriageway on the Muirs has been narrowed to 6.6 metres. This complies with the guidelines for this classification of road and allows adequate width for anticipated traffic. The prime concern in this area is pedestrian and cyclist safety and to this end 20mph speed limits will be implemented in this area prior to the opening of the new school. It was again mentioned that the CC was not consulted before this decision was reached. The Secy also reported that an email was received attaching the Draft Committee Report re 20 mph speed limits at the new School Campus.



The Muirs, narrowed to 6.6 metres near the new High School

**SNH Reserve Plan**: information on SNH website. **Mortuary Rates**: £163.54 - full discount received.

**Public Liability Insurance**: details of cover from P&KC. Public Liability Cover is £5,000,000 with Employers Liability of £10,000,000 and Fidelity Guarantee of £2,500

CCs on P&KC Website: A CC webpage is to be introduced on 18 May within the Council website informing the public how to contact their local CC, names of office bearers, dates and venues of meetings and, in the future, minutes, Code of Conduct, Constitution etc. The email address is KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk and this will divert to the Secretary.

#### Other Business

**Swansacre Wall**: It was agreed that we should request the Structural Engineer at the Council to inspect the wall in Swansacre (approaching Station Road) as the stonework is falling out. Concern was raised as to the possible collapse of this wall in the future.

Regeneration Fund: It was agreed that CCllrs L McKay, D Colliar, B Davies and D Cuthbert would meet to consider the submission of an application to the Scottish Government's £60 million Town Centre Improvements fund. CCllr Watson was to approach Kinross-shire Partnership with regard to this matter. The plans for the Gateway to Kinross are complete and costings are available; this was one such project that might be used.

The next meeting will be held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday 3 June, 2009 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.

See over for the draft **Planning Position Statement** in relation to the High School site.

#### Perth & Kinross Council's Planning Position Statement for Kinross High School

This is a draft of the Statement which will accompany Sales Particulars for the Kinross High School site (see also discussion at Kinross CC's May meeting under sub-heading 'Town Centre Development')

Perth and Kinross Structure Plan 2003: The Structure Plan seeks to promote greater social and economic self-sufficiency and facilitates diversification of Kinross by: allocating the majority of new housing land in larger settlements such as Kinross; promoting the provision of affordable housing in areas of particular need; protecting the role of the town centres; and promoting integrated approaches to town improvements, combining service and facility improvement with environmental improvement and transport management.

Kinross Area Local Plan 2004: Kinross High School lies within the Inset Map Boundary on the northern edge of Kinross Town Centre and most of the site is within the conservation area under Policy 74. The site is identified for both Community Facilities Improvements and Recreation Provision, both these designations relate to the upgrading of the existing school and with the construction of the new secondary school they are no longer relevant. The area surrounding the existing school is generally residential and with regards to Policy 67 any proposed use will need to be compatible with existing uses and not have a significant adverse affect on the area's density, character or amenity. Policy 68 states that ancillary development such as neighbourhood shops and community facilities will be permitted in residential areas provided the character or amenity of the area is not damaged by the development. Policy 70 indicates that retail developments over 250m sq gross outwith the principle retail areas identified on Inset Map 2 will be restricted unless they meet local needs. Kinross is within the Loch Leven Catchment Area and as such Policies 10, 11, 13 and 14 are relevant. There are identified issues relating to the current capacity at Kinross Sewage Works and although the existing school has associated capacity any proposal may be restricted by this issue.

Alternative Uses: Retail food store, Residential (including a minimum of 25% affordable housing); Business such as offices, small workshops, research and development units, studios etc.; Leisure uses such as restaurants, art galleries, indoor climbing walls etc; Educational uses such as schools and ancillary uses etc; Residential Institution; Community uses such as sports halls, meeting halls, exhibition space, doctors surgeries, vets etc; Hotel; Mixed Use Development comprising a combination of the above uses. Notes: a) Access, open space and servicing issues have the potential to limit development - see issues below; b) All uses must be compatible with the residential nature of the area; c) The above list of potential uses is not exhaustive.

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Access: A transport assessment is required for any development which intensifies the use of the site. This is a fairly sizeable site and there may be potential difficulties in forming a suitable access depending on the proposed use. Retail use would change the pattern of traffic movements completely, with the potential

increased usage at weekends. The main access requires to come off High Street and for some types of development a secondary vehicular access may be required. There could be limited development on part of the site off Green Road. For further information contact Transport Planning.

Servicing: There are identified issues relating to the current capacity at Kinross Sewage Works and although the existing school has associated capacity any proposal may be restricted by this issue. It is likely that a Drainage Impact Assessment will be required for any development proposal and Scottish Water should be contacted in this regard.

Conservation area: Most of the site is within a conservation area with a war memorial (bell) in front of the car park. The whole of the frontage is within a conservation area, not just the Edwardian part. Although unlisted, the main school buildings face the High Street (both the original Edwardian schoolhouse and the 1930s extensions) make a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the Kinross Conservation Area. Given their unlisted status considerable flexibility is possible in adapting and extending the existing buildings. For further information contact Conservation and Regeneration.

**Contamination**: Site investigations will be required to be carried out to determine whether there is any contamination from the adjoining garage site.

Existing open space: The site contains a playing fields attached to the existing school. SPP 11: Open Space & Physical Activity, states that there is a presumption against development on open spaces which are valued and functional. There is also a presumption against the redevelopment of playing fields except where certain criteria can be met. One of these criteria is where alternative and enhanced facilities have been provided elsewhere to meet the identified need. In this case a significant new playing field complex has been created at the new community campus within Kinross and in the Council's opinion the retention of a playing field in this location would be a duplication of facilities and is no longer required. Any proposal which seeks to develop the playing field will require consultation with Sports Scotland. It should be noted that the development of this site for residential uses brings with it a requirement to meet the Council's play space standard through on site provision or where appropriate through contributions to the enhancement of offsite facilities.

Retail: The potential to use the site for a retail foodstore would require to be informed by a transport assessment and retail impact assessment. The major concern with any significant superstore development is its potential impact on the town centre. It will therefore be essential, should the site be used for retail development, that the developer contributes towards enhancing the linkages to the town centre and facilitating the enhancement of the area to ensure that the two areas complement each other and that the vibrancy of the town centre is retained and enhanced.

**Environmental Impact Assessment**: An EIA may be required for the development. A screening opinion should be obtained from Development Management.

**Biodiversity**: A Biodiversity survey and management plan will be required with any development proposals for the site.

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### Milnathort Community Council

#### News from the May Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Lamont, Smith, Porter, Bennet and Thomson to the meeting held on 14 May. Also in attendance were Minute Secretary E Rougvie, Sgt Rankine of Tayside Police and two members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllr Robertson and CCllr Cottingham.

**Minutes of the April meeting**: These were proposed by CCllr Smith and seconded by CCllr Porter with the following clarification: the CC had not actively supported the erection of two wind turbines at Athron Hill, but had simply agreed not to raise an objection.

Police matters: Sgt Rankine reported an increase in crime over the previous month. There had been a break-in at the sewage plant during which copper lightning conductors had been stolen, as well as the theft of scrap metal from the roadside in Burleigh Road. There had also been four house-breakings in the area and a serious assault following the Celtic-Rangers football match the previous Saturday. The two people concerned in this incident were not local so hopefully it was a one-off Exra police patrols will be on duty on 24 June, the last day of the football season.

Sgt Rankine urged the public to note down numbers of cars they believe may be involved in suspicious activity or call the non-emergency number (0300 111 2222) if they are at all concerned about what they see. If a crime is actually being committed, they should dial 999.

Sgt Rankine said the police had been patrolling Donaldson Park following previous concerns but had found it spotless. He commended P&KC for cleaning up the area at the War Memorial as it would prevent youths from gathering there.

On the subject of congestion in Back Loan, which had also caused concern, no-one had been found to be illegally parking although it was very narrow in some places because of parked vehicles. He will contact the Fire Service to get their opinion on accessibility for emergency vehicles. CCllr Thomson raised the issue of safety at the junction with Victoria Road, having been involved in two near-misses the previous week. Sgt Rankine confirmed that vehicles should be parked ten metres from the junction and this will be monitored. The police will also investigate the congestion in Back Loan, where some vehicles are parking on double yellow lines.

CCllr Giacopazzi referred to an incident in the village the previous Friday. He said he was aware from about 6pm that trouble was brewing and was tempted to call the police, but had been deterred by a previous experience in which it had taken a long time to get a response and ultimately the police didn't attend. He was reluctant to dial 999 because the situation at that time was one of low-level youth disturbance. Sgt Rankine said that the option of calling Kinross Police Station was no longer available because it meant that officers would be sitting in the office and not out on patrol, but he said that a response should be forthcoming if people contact the non-emergency number. The phones are generally manned by civilians but calls are assessed for their priority and on this occasion he would have expected the police to attend immediately and nip the situation in the bud.

Sgt Rankine said that he is again the community liaison officer for T in the Park and is to hold several public meetings prior to the event (*see Police Box, page 10*). If anyone has any concerns, questions or suggestions, Sgt Rankine can be contacted on 01577 867770.

CCllr Porter raised concerns about a number of people who had been knocking on doors saying they would return later to collect for the British Heart Foundation. Sgt Rankine thought their activities sounded suspicious and said the police would investigate. Any reputable collection agency would have the tin with them and should be able to provide ID.

#### **Matters Arising**

Climate Challenge Fund: Following a presentation by David Aird of SCARF (Save Cash And Reduce Fuel) at the April meeting, CCllr Giacopazzi asked if anyone had had any ideas for an eco-project that would qualify for funding from the Climate Challenge Fund, and that would benefit the community. CCllr Bennet said she had spoken to the school's parent council and hopefully they would discuss it at their next meeting. She also suggested establishing a 'free for all' orchard which would not only be good for the environment but would also benefit the village. It was agreed that CCllr Bennet would pursue this.

**Placecheck**: This is a scheme whereby a community has a say on how their area can be improved. CCllr Porter had accompanied a representative round the village and the following areas for improvement were identified:

- An empty site in South Street could be used for allotments
- There are no youth groups in the village
- Litter is an ongoing problem
- The entrance to the village from Perth Road needs some kind of traffic-calming measures such as build-outs
- There is a broken gate behind the bus stop at Castle Buildings
- The former Village Stores building is an eyesore
- The old bowling green path could be extended to the gate and more trees would enhance the area
- Dog fouling is still a problem in and around Donaldson Park and more seats and trees are needed

However, CCllr Bennet advised that the big swings were to be replaced and a picnic table was to be installed.

It was also noted that there are plans for a kindergarten in the former Royal Hotel and that the area in the cul-de-sac in Bridge fauld Road had been grassed over.

After discussion, it was agreed that the ideas will be submitted to Placecheck.



The new climbing frame at Donalds on Park

#### Correspondence

**P&KC Corporate Plan**: CCllr Thomson will look at this document.

#### P&KC Environmental Report: Noted.

**P&KC** website: letter advising that each CC is to have a dedicated web page on the P&KC site. However because of the Data Protection Act any submissions will be directed to

the Chairman.

#### Planning matters

The following items were noted: removal of occupancy condition no. 3 at Meadowside Stables, Middleton; extension to house at 13 Back Loan.

#### Other Business

**Accounts**: CCllr Bennet advised that the CC's accounts were in for audit so a grant should be forthcoming shortly.

Chewing gum: This is a significant problem in New Road. After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Giacopazzi would speak to a contact in Perth Prison to discuss the possibility of having it cleaned up by people doing community service, as had happened two years ago.



Chewing gum on the pavement is becoming a significant problem in New Road

Community wind turbine: CCllr Thomson joined the public for this item. She put forward a proposal for a community wind turbine such as those that had been successfully developed at Ghia and Fintry, Stirlingshire. The idea is that the community buys a wind turbine from the developers and benefits from the profits that it makes. A community wind turbine at Tillyrie would generate an income of over £40,000 initially, which would rise substantially once the debt was

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**Tillywhally Wood**: CCllr Lamont will put up a plaque. **School reunion**: CCllr Thomson said that there is to be a reunion of Milnathort Primary School pupils at the fete in the school in June. Any items of memorabilia would be welcome.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 11 June in Milnathort Primary School.

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### Fossoway and District CC

#### News from the May Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 May were: A Morrison (Chair), T Duffy, R Paterson, S Anderson, M Anness, A Lavery and H Johnson. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson, police and 14 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from H Wallace. There were no declarations of interest.

#### Police Report

Vigilance is required in relation to bogus workmen operating in Tayside, targeting the vulnerable and elderly. In Fife the perpetrators are posing as waterboard employees seeking to read meters.

There have been the fis from properties of metals, especially copper and steel.

A Morrison asked whether police felt there had been a noticeable increase in traffic on the A977. Police responded that this was being monitored and that speed checks would be carried out but it was suggested that this alone would not provide an answer to the problem. A Morrison advised that the community would welcome an increase in police presence.

The location of the new crossing in Powmill was commented upon and the view expressed that this would pose difficulties for traffic, especially in icy conditions. Cllr Barnacle confirmed that the public in the villages of Powmill and Blairingone had been consulted in relation to the location of crossings in these village and that the crossing in Powmill was located at the only site possible and necessitated the removal of the lay-by.

Cllr Robertson said that Carnbo residents would welcome a speed camera.

There then followed a discussion regarding the area at Dunning Glen which is used for camping and which had been the subject of a clear up operation in association with Devon Anglers. There had been a recent event at which loud music was played and many attending had dogs with them.

Police acknowledged the problem camping poses in terms of litter and nuisance but said that there was little that could be done if people were visiting with the permission of the landowner.

The concern is that there may be damage to fencing and fishing stocks.

Police responded to suggestion that there be road checks and a police presence on Sundays by saying that this would not solve the issue and was not strictly a police matter because occurring on private land.

Cllr Barnacle indicated that there may be an action plan in

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It was confirmed that Sgt Rankine will continue to have responsibility for T in the Park liaison.

#### **Community Council Business**

**Grant**: A letter from P&KC advised that the grant will be £350 for this year. There has, however, been no full reponse to the request for additional funding, despite a letter of support from Cllr Barnacle.

#### **Community Campus**

There was a presentation on the Loch Leven Community Campus from Derek Morris.

Mr Morris described in some detail the radical programme for this community asset. The building will be available to the community at all times and not just after school hours. It is hoped that the campus will provide a suitable venue for weddings, film nights, Burns Suppers etc and used by a range of community groups.

There is satisfaction with the progress which has been made and it is anticipated that the school will be available for pupils one week or so after the October holiday when the move will be made from the old school site. It is envisaged that there will be up to four non-school days extra to accommodate the move and these extra days have been approved by the Scottish Executive. The handover date is 26 October.

Security is an important issue. There will be CCTV cameras and a security card system.

There is a sophisticated booking system which will be available allowing for bookings online eventually. The existing system will continue meantime. The new system will be separate from that operated by Perth and Kinross Leisure. Free lets will continue for some, including community council.

No decision has been made for the old site although several options have been suggested.

There is some concern that the existing road will not be adequate for the school as well as for existing housing in the area and the Health Centre etc.

There will be 150 car parking spaces at the site.

The council has been asked to identify drop-off points but nothing has been confirmed as yet. It will not be possible to drop off within the site itself, although there will be spaces for buses to pull in and stop.

Mr Morris encouraged use of the website as a source of further information and developments.

#### Matters Arising

**Traffic speed**: There is continuing concern about the speed of traffic in Rumbling Bridge. Cllr Barnacle said that a 30 mph speed limit is being considered.

The Forestry commission has purchased **Lambhill**, the opencast site at Blairingone. There will be further discussion about this at the next CC meeting.

**A977 Petition**: The Chair, Cllr Barnacle and Dr Simpson have all written to express disappointment that the second submissions were not discussed at the meeting in Fraserburgh.

**Meeting dates**: Cllr Robertson said that he was keen to attend Fossoway CC meetings but that the dates often clashed with other meetings. He said however that he would try to attend more in future and would continue to liaise with Cllr Barnacle.

#### Councillors' Reports

Powmill gateway signs will be relocated soon.

T in the Park: The next next forum meeting is on 1 June. Rent restructuring review: there will be consultation on 20 May.

Out of School Club: Concerns have been raised about the financial position of the club.

Blairingone War Memorial: Correspondence has been received from a family whose relative is buried at Blairingone Church and is commemorated on the War Memorial.

Wester Aldie: There is also a letter from the residents at Wester Aldie taking issue with a planning matter which has now been dealt with.

Cllr Barnacle attended a meeting in relation to Braehead, **Rumbling Bridge**: this was a positive meeting and matters have been progressed.

**P&KC Planning**: Concern continues that the planning department does not allow su fficient representations to be made.

Blairingone School: Parents of pupils at Blairingone PS have been advised that it is their responsibility to "Grow the School!" The post of Headteacher is permanent now. It was suggested that perhaps a taxi service may be of benefit. Cllr Barnacle offered his support for the school.



Parents have been advised to 'grow' Blairingone Primary School

#### **Planning Matters**

09/00542/FUL Mutehill, Powmill, Dollar, erection of a stable block and tractor shelter: no comment.

08/02368/FUL Land north east of Powmill, Erection of a dwelling house: This application was granted planning permission in outline 08/02179/OUT and is associated with an approved business development 07/00955/FUL. The proposed house is on the edge of a small group of buildings north-east of Powmill, close to but outwith the settlement boundary in both the Local Plan and the draft Fossoway Long-term Development Strategy. The site has been granted outline permission for a single story house associated with the stable business. Recommend acceptance, subject to confirmation that the house is associated with the designated business and is modified to comply with the conditions in 08/02179/OUT, in particular number of storevs.

Approval 08/02110/FUL Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and erection of two dwellinghouses at Rainscourt, Crook Of Devon, Kinross KY13 OUL.

Correspondence 09/0099/FUL Drumgarland, Upper Warroch: Letter to P&KC from developer's agent.

#### Correspondence

The details of correspondence received and sent were read out by the Secretary.

#### Other Business

Fossoway After School Club: Ann Mackay has written regarding the funding of the Club. It has moved to the Fossoway school but is facing financial problems. A parent representative gave an overview of the work of the club, its staffing levels and numbers of pupils who attend.

A council grant which was given at inception is now coming to an end and the club faces closure at the end of June if further funding is not secured. Ideas are welcomed. As the Club is a Ltd company and a charity there is a great deal of work required in terms of compliance with legislation. The need is for revenue rather than capital funding. Numbers have fallen to some extent because of the current economic climate. In addition the club caters for a child with special needs and therefore an extra member of staff (three in all) is required. There are 12 "core" children attending but 23 families registered. The session runs from 3.15pm to 6pm. Last year expenditure was £16,800 and income was £15,000. There was considerable discussion about these matters and CCllrs gave assurances that they would explore these further.

Recycling: Marion Anness will liaise with members of the community on the issue of sites for recycling bins.

Core Paths Network: There has been no further news on this matter, and there may not be progress for some time. Some concern was expressed that members of the public may be of the view that this has already come into operation, but this is not the case.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 2 June at Blairingone Primary School.

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#### News from the May Meeting

Ian McGrattan, Jim Shepherd, John Bird, Mike Hally, Stuart Garvie, Robin Cairncross and Charles Weedon attended the meeting held on 12 May. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr W Robertson, PC Graham Stephen, and fifteen residents. Apologies for absence were received from P&K Cllrs K Baird, M Barnacle and S Miller.

**Elections**: There were three nominations who were duly elected.

**Police Report**: There was a reported incident of deer poaching in Scotlandwell, however, on further investigation by the Police no evidence was found to substantiate foul play. There have not been any reported cases at Burleigh Sands since the last meeting and the police are asking the public to remain vigilant.

Tayside Police have acquired a 'mobile' Police Office which will be used to visit various locations on a one day per month basis. This will allow members of the public to be able to interact more closely with the police.

Statistics show a slight increase in domestic break ins.

Extra personnel in police control rooms has decreased the average 999 call time which is now 92.3% within 10 secs. The national average is 90% within 10 secs.

**Treasurer's report**: The Accounts for the past year have been audited and available for inspection. Signatory changes would be made in accordance with the Constitution and banks requirements.

#### Matter arising from previous meeting

Mail box at Post Office: The Collections and Planning Manager was reviewing the situation. Should the Royal Mail consent to a new box, it was important to ensure correct siting.

Young's Moss: Cllr Barnacle sent the CC a copy of a letter from P&KC planning dept dated 23 April 2009 detailing their response to a new application. The application was not validated for a number of reasons. The letter suggested that against a background of local concern the applicant submit a comprehensive proposal. A resident raised a number of issues concerned with the status of the planning applications for the site and it was agreed there was a difficulty in determining the present status. Cllr Robertson agreed to request an up to date paper trail of the applications.

**Single Plan**: The Chairman gave a summary of the impact that the new single plan could have to the local area and highlighted the previously expressed concern that in its conception the plan could be thought to lose the importance of those things that matter a great deal to the residents of

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LOCHRAN MOSS, BLAIRADAM, KELTY FIFE KY4 0HZ Kinross-shire. With regard to the new document it was noted that the period of initial consultation ended in June 09 although pleased to note the theme of consultation and communication throughout the document. The CC will invite Peter Marshall to attend CC to give presentation.

**Convention of P&K CCs**: This met twice a year and was attended by the previous Chairperson. The Chairman will maintain links and report as necessary.

Beehives in Kinnesswood: Following the concern raised at the previous meeting two issues were explored: (i) Harm to the public: The law is quite clear. If there is a problem with the little beasties, CCs do not have the power to apply for a Court order to have the hives removed. Any action rests entirely with the residents. The primary school has made parents aware of the beehive situation highlighting any possible problems. (ii) Access to the property: The general access arrangements to the site, including servicing the beehives, the condition of the site and property on the site are a concern of the CC. The CC would seek answers relating to responsibility and access.

**Windfarm at Westfield**: The Secretary has written to Fife Council requesting any further information on this subject, also contacted the respective Chairman of the Cardenden CC explaining the information received from Defence Estates.

#### **Reports from Sub Committees**

Paths Group: The information boards for the Michael Bruce Way were nearing completion. It was thought that a 'nominal' group of people could get together to discuss all the paths in the area. An 'event' might be arranged to publicise the completion of the boards. Water damage had still to be repaired on the Way and it was hoped to receive some financial assistance.

A path between the villages on the high side of the road had been discussed for a long time and there was money available from P&KC. The Woodland Trust would want to start planting the recently acquired ground by September this year so it was important to start / finalise negotiations.

The Gliding Union Plans included having a pathway from the Loch Access Route to the Farm shop and money was possibly available from Perth and Kinross Trust.

A member of the public said he noted that pathways were appearing within Perthshire joining up small areas of habitation and asked if this was a Council standard. He was advised to write to Cllr Robertson.

**Planning**: Two points were made: First, there were times when the CC received copies of planning applications and required to comment before the next CC was due to meet and there was not sufficient time for the CC members to fully justify a decision. In these cases a formal objection would

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allow further time for discussion. Second, it was not thought appropriate for the CC to make any comment with regard to householder applications.

Applications discussed at the meeting:

09/00561/FUL Extension to house, Burnside Cottage, Easter Balgedie: No comment.

09/00377/FUL Erection of general agricultural storage building, Kirkness Farm: No comment.

09/00583/FUL Erection of replacement farmhouse and alterations to barn, Levenmouth Farm, Kinross: Objection – more information required, including right of way.

09/00696/FUL Erection of dwellinghouse and associated works, Wester Balgedie Farm: Objection, subject to plans.

09/00701/FUL Erection of a single 15kW wind turbine, Glenvale, Kinross: Request a formal consultation.

09/00720/FUL Erection of dwellinghouse, Mid Bowhouse, Leslie: Request a formal consultation.

**Appeal decision**: A resident informed the meeting that she had received Appeal Decision Notice P/PPA/340/747 from the Scottish Government on land at **Kilmagadwood**, Scotlandwell, based on application 08/01102/FUL dated 23 May 2008. The decision was to dismiss the appeal and refuse to grant planning permission.

#### **Management Group**

Community campus: The Chairman spoke on the vision statement of the new campus and the impact that the new facilities would have on the community as well as the school children. One problem which shows no improvement is the public transport arrangements to and from the campus from the Portmoak area especially outwith 'normal' hours.

**Heritage**: Perth Heritage Trust is highlighting the number of 'famous bridges' in our area.

**Post Office van**: The driver of the van is aware that the facility is not being used very much and has asked how he could provide a better service. He has also requested time to speak at the next CC meeting.

**Traffic calming**: An accident (luckily no one was seriously hurt) was reported on the morning of the CC meeting at one of the build-outs. Police were still taking evidence when the Chairman visited Kinross Police Station in the afternoon and very little detail was available.

There had been problems and there had been a number of suggestions to overcome these. There had also been reports of important improvements to the numbers and size of vehicles using the roads and a suggestion that the build-outs had reached the software manufacturers of Sat Nav equipment to provide alternative routes for larger vehicles. These reports were an ecdotal and for every one against the idea there was probably one for it.

Once the agreed works have been completed, P&KC Roads dept have asked for a 'settling' time, a period when these problems can be monitored and if necessary substantiated with hard evidence such as a mobile camera.

A resident raised issues regarding signage and resiting of the build-outs. It was agreed that all complaints, concerns and comments would be forwarded to the P&KC Roads dept.

#### Other Business

Kinnesswood in Bloom: Email received from KIB asking for continued support of CC. Kinnesswood entered in the Beautiful Britain award competition. The main projects this year are: Community composting facility at the Lomond Inn, a new garden at the War Memorial and a wild flower garden in Gamekeepers Road. KIB are looking for funding for three projects: widening of the pavement between Bruce Road and

the Golf Club, utilisation of the land adjacent to Golf Club (possible gateway to Michael Bruce Park. The owner, Stephen's, has intimated a willingness to gift this piece of land to tie in with the current Stephen's field) and the making safe and lands caping of the Water Board site, corner of the Park car park.



Kinnesswood is entering the Beautiful Britain award competition

CCs webpage: P&KC had now established a website specifically for Community Councils. The email address, PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk was up and running, although work was still required on the website. It was agreed to take advantage of the Council's offer of space within their website. It was agreed to thank Paul Haslam for his assistance in the past in maintaining the Portmoak CC website.

**P&KC** Corporate Plan, 2009-2012: P&KC invites responses (29 May 2009). A copy of the plan is with the Secretary.

Conservation Areas: In view of the impending development of the Scotland well conservation area, a question was raised as to the management of the area in terms of permitted development etc. Individuals within the area have a responsibility to ensure that any developments are within the limits of the conservation area.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be on 9 June at the Primary School.

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# Down Memory Lane

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In the 1860s a London merchant, Mr Brand, whose wife was from Milnathort, left money to build a school with school-house attached. This was the church-like building in Stirling Road (shown on our front cover and at right). Thirty or so years later the school was put up for auction and sold to Mrs Reid of Thomanean who called it the Reid Memorial School in memory of her husband.



Stirling Road, showing the Reid Memorial School

In 1914, in order to bring the two schools under one control, Mrs Reid handed over her school to the education authority and the schools became the Infant School and the Public School, senior.

Both buildings have been demolished, but you can still see the bell from the Reid school, with memorial stone dated 1895, on Stirling Road.



The Reid Memorial School bell at the edge of Stirling Road car park

Milnathort pupils in the late 1920s

A close-up of part of a postcard of north Milnathort, circa 1920s, photographed from the tower of the Town Hall. The senior school in Manse Road is on the left of the picture, behind the open-fronted shelters used by the schoolchildren



# **Club & Community Group News**



### Milnathort School Association Milnathort Primary School

# Summer Fair 2009, 6 June 2pm – 4pm, School grounds

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There will be jewellery by Cala, Jem's, Natalie Loughey and Silver Experience.

Phoenix Trading Cards, Dragon flydichrom Glass, Dots and Stripes Children's Clothes, Gorgeous Graffiti Wall Art and Pampered Chef will also be there, to name just a few!

Kinross Pipe Band will open the Fair. There will also be displays from Matthew Dance School, JKS Scotland Karate, Majorettes, Pampered Chef and Vocales e!

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#### **Common Grounds**

When you read this, June should be bursting out all over with a heat wave summer on its way and good riddance



to monsoon May. Now would be an opportunity to thank Milnathort Primary School Association mothers for sharing the Guide and Scout Hall with us on Friday 24 April for the Royal Bank of Scotland presentation for the wild life garden — a special thanks to Susan Parks. Also we were invited one afternoon to give pupils a talk on our aims for bettering A frica and they showed real interest in what we do. It is possible they may come to visit us in groups at the hall, hopefully before the summer holiday.

**Project Lunch:** Our lunch on 13 May was cancelled as the speaker had a hospital appointment on that day.

Project Supper: On Friday 12 June Dr Krishnan Swaminathan is visiting Common Grounds to speak about the difference that charity money from organisations such as Common Grounds is making in their efforts to help many communities in various parts of rural India. Dr Swaminathan is from Idhayangal, our "Out of Africa" project for this year. Idhayangal (Hearts in Tamil) is a charity that aims to relieve poverty, sickness and the suffering of people in India, providing medical aid (including dentistry), health goods and equipment Please come along at 7pm and enjoy nibbles and a glass of complimentary wine. Donations are very welcome. The talk starts at 7.30pm at Common Grounds, Scout and Guide Hall Milnethort

**Book Club:** The book club continues to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Guide and Scout Hall. There may be a space available. Please check with Marlene Whyte on 01592 840371.

Thanks to those who donated logs. We do appreciate the continuing gifts in order to keep the log fire going and as already mentioned the heat wave summer will be a golden opportunity to get in a good store of logs for later in the year.

We are still looking for a Treasurer, also Volunteers; any help would be gratefully received. May I say that we do have a number of Assistant Treasurers and to those ladies special thanks.

Do remember our opening hours are  $10\,\text{am} - 3\text{pm}$  on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 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.

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#### Orwell Drama Society

Ahhh, there you are daahhling!! I have some fabulous news about the goings on of our local Amateur Dramatic Society, the Orwell Drama Society (not Oh Well Drama Society!). They have had an amazing time recently, really busy, full of fun, frolics and fantasia! No Really!! And, you won't believe this. There are loads of things happening as this year sashays on!

So, dahling as well as some really amazing performances last year at The Grouse & Claret and other local venues, in January this year the group presented their panto. IT WAS A HOOT!! Fabulous!! Even the author of the play joined the audience and was in stitches!! Basically, OK, it was a duel between the two most fabulous fairy tale writers in the world; The Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen. So, right, then we were presented with the Ugly Duckling trying to book some cosmetic surgery, sooo funny!! The Tin Soldier applying for personal injury compensation, hilarious!! The guys that played the Grimm Bros were so scary, but in a funny way and the Ugly duckling was a real cutie, (if she needs a good surgeon, I can give her Garth's number). Oh ya, and there was the Stiltskins registering their baby's name, so droll!! The kiddiewinks loved it!! If you weren't there you really missed it!

Anyway, only recently, OK, they did a Murder Mystery Night at the Green Hotel. In Basil's, no less!! It was fabulous. The event was fully booked and everyone was "invited" to a launch party where this guy, Oregon Smith, introduced his plans for an African Theme Park in Kinross. Except all the character had one or two skeletons on their closets, including one young female activist with, shall we say, elastic morals!! So, anyway, everyone sat down to dinner and the players were on a table in the middle of the restaurant where we could see them as they talked, argued and stuff. The guy, Oregon Smith gets murdered first when he leaves the restaurant to phone his lawyer and then his girlfriend later on. The murderer turned out to be his wife!! Such good fun trying to guess who dun it! Anyway, right, I'm not meant to tell anyone but I've heard they are doing another one at the end of October, so worth booking up

They have lots of stuff going on this year, keep a really keen eye out for posters in the local delis, coffee bars and beauty parlours, and stuff, OK! And of course I'm sure they will put some fab advert in this amazing mag of ours. I know the guy in charge, James I think he's called, he's Italian I think, is really excited about putting on a play in the new Community Campus School thingy!! As well as the Grouse & Claret and other top notch venues!

I can tell you, exclusively, that they are departing from the usual January Panto this time and we are in for a really super treat; This December we will be given the thrilling story of A Christmas Carol! It is going to be sooo cool!! OK, Bye!!

#### **Primary Tuition**

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# Kinross Primary Parent Council

Volunteers needed! As it is now almost two years since the KPPC formed, replacing the school board and PTA, it is time for the chair, secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer to stand down and others to come forward and take up these posts. Any parent or carer with a child at Kinross Primary School can put themselves forward (or be encouraged to do so!) for these roles. It is a great opportunity to become more involved with, and influence, activities and initiatives which support your child's experience at Kinross Primary School. If you would like to find out more, then please do not hesitate to contact

kinross\_primary@scottishparents.com

the KPPC by e-mail:

The next meeting of the KPPC will be the AGM on Thursday 18 June at 7.30pm in the school when the new office bearers will be agreed. If there are any other issues that you would like raised, then please contact me beforehand at the above e-mail address. All staff, parents and carers of children at the school are warmly invited.

**Sponsored Family Orienteering and Picnic.** Due to logistical reasons this event has been postponed (originally planned for the 6 June) - keep up-to-date with plans by visiting the school website: www.kinross-pri.pkc.sch.uk Here you will also find details of previous meetings of the KPPC to find out more of what we do!

Have you noticed the two new **notice boards** outside, next to the entrances to the playgrounds? These have been provided by the KPPC and will display information about forthcoming events and KPPC matters.

Gillian Baughan, secretary KPPC

#### Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

At the May meeting the members enjoyed a talk by Helen Gardiner, farmer's wife. Helen gave us an account of her life, starting with her childhood on a farm in a Perthshire Glen. Having many amusing stories, Helen gave us a most entertaining afternoon.

#### Friday Walks

**12 June:** A circular walk starting at Amulree, and going all the way round Loch Freuchie and back to the bus again. This is about 7 miles, with most of the way along farm roads.

**26 June:** A new walk for the club, starting at Muckhart at the beginning of the new Reservoirs Walk and following the paths all the way to Glen Quey – and coming back the same way. This is about 6 miles long, with striking views and wild flowers in abundance.

**The Holiday** will be to Strathpeffer Ben Wyvis Hotel on **Monday 8 February 2010** for four nights. Cost £164 for twin or double room (no single rooms left). Members wishing to go please contact Pat Crawford 01577 862962.

The Summer Outing this year will be to Lindisfarne (Holy Isle) on Sunday 12 July. High Tea at the Carfraemill Hotel, Lauder. The cost will be approximately £22. Members wishing to go please contact Pat Crawford 01577 862962.

**June Meeting:** At the meeting on **4 June** the speaker will be Jim Christie from The Woodlands Trust.

Please mention The Newsletter when answering advertisements

### Kinross High School Parent Council

#### School Uniform Purple Blazer

The move to the new community campus in

October this year provides an opportunity to reintroduce the purple blazer and improve uniform standards at the school. After polling opinion and support amongst pupils and parents, the KHSPC has agreed that pupils throughout the high school be encouraged to again adopt the wearing of the purple blazer, and in particular in time for the move to the new campus. The intention being that in the first instance the senior school, the S5 and S6 pupils, be strongly encouraged to adopt the blazer as an example to the rest of the school. At the same time the feeder primary school P7 pupils who are moving up in August, be encouraged to adopt the purple blazer from day one at the High School and to continue to wear it as they progress through the school. The new blazers will also of course be available to pupils in the middle school, S2 to S4.

The KHSPC recognises that there are problems with the supply, quality and cost of new blazers. However after extensive research including the responses to sample questionnaires provided by pupils and parent, the KHSPC has identified a suitable purple blazer supplier. The new blazers will be sold by the KHSPC. The cost of the new blazer is £40. The girl's blazer differs from the traditional design of the boy's in that it has a more fitted style.

Commencing with the **P7 Parents induction night** scheduled for **Thursday 4 June** and then continuing through to the end of term, arrangements have been made at the High School on Tuesday lunchtimes between 1.15pm and 1.45pm and on Thursday evenings between 7 and 8pm for pupils and parents to view the new blazers, try them for size and to place orders. Orders will be taken on receipt of a £20 deposit with the remainder payable on delivery. Alternatively, order forms for the new blazers, together with size information, are available from the High School office. In addition the parents of each pupil will receive a letter from the High School providing details of the new blazers together with an order form. Provided there are sufficient early orders the new blazers will be delivered before the start of the next academic year.

The KHSPC is aware that there are significant numbers of the existing traditional design of purple blazer languishing unused in people's wardrobes. The shade of purple of the new blazers has been carefully chosen to match the shade of the old and it is hoped the old blazers will be given a new lease of life and worn again.

The KHSPC hopes that pupils and parents throughout the school will support this important community initiative to reintroduce the purple blazer. For further information please contact during evening hours the KHSPC Chair Andy Williams and Vice Chair Jaffrey Weir at the telephone numbers noted below.

#### Kinross High School Citizenship Cup

The annual KHSPC Citizenship Cup awards will presented at the KHS awards ceremony in June. The awards recognise outstanding commitment and achievement in the community by a young person or a group of young people.

#### 10 Kilometre Race

The rain stopped and the sun shone for a record number of 232 runners on Thursday 30 April for the KHSPC's Events and Fundraising Committee's annual 10-kilometre race held

in the grounds of Kinross House.

Miss Kinnell and Mrs Davidson (KHS Physical Education Department) and 'their team' did a superb job of organising and setting out the course. A number of S5 and S6 pupils did a great job of marshalling the event and cheering on the runners. Kinross Road Runners kindly lent us their giant clock to help record results. We are very grateful for the work of Mr Peddie and Mr Fy & in organising numbers and inputting all the results. Two hundred bottles of water was kindly donated by Highland Spring for the runners. Members of the E&FC organised a delicious supper for the runners after the race. Niall Simpson (Chair E&FC) gave a vote of thanks to everyone before announcing the winners and handing out the prizes. All marshals and helpers both on the course and in the dining hall are to be commended for their help and enthusiasm in helping with this event.

The race was won by Paul Arcari of Kilbarchan in a time of 32.04; second was Lewis Millar of Central AC in 33.45; and third was Nigel Cunningham of Pitreavie in 34.17. First man home from the Kinross Road Runners was Roy Paterson in 37th place and in a time of 39.02; first woman home was Rashmi Shah in 41st place and in a time of 40.05. Congratulations to the winners and all who took part. The full race results will be published on the new KHSPC website in due course.

#### **KHSPC Annual General Meeting**

This year's AGM takes place on **Tuesday 9 June** at 7.15pm at the High School. Parents and guardians of pupils attending Kinross High School are most welcome to attend the meeting.

#### 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 E&FC looks after the activities of the old Parent Teacher Association.

The next KHSPC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 2 June** 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 SWEENY, tel 01577 861651.

If you wish to raise any issue regarding the KHSPC and parental involvement in the High School please don't hesitate to contact one of the above officers. Alternatively you may write to the Chair, care of Kinross High School, 8 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

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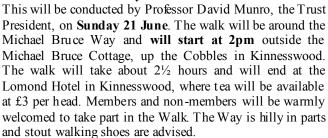
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### The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



Annual Mid-summer Walk –

#### The Michael Bruce Way



#### Visit to The Drum, Bo'ness – 22 August

The Trust had a very interesting talk from Mr Bill Cadell, the architect for The Drum, two year ago and so we have now arranged a visit to see what the development is all about. Further details will be announced in future Newsletters. Bo'ness is a fascinating town to visit, with other historic sites and the Bo'ness Railway.

#### The Annual Best Kept Village Competition

This will take place in July/August. It is open to all villages and hamlets in Kinross-shire and Glenfarg and is always well supported. If anyone still wishes to compete, please contact Bridget Lindsay on 01592 840252.

#### **Projects**

The Trust has in mind a number of projects for the future:

- Preparing a map showing the historic places in Kinrossshire
- Preparing informative leaflets about Kinross-shire and about buildings
- Preparing a Booklet about Kinross

The Trust would be pleased to have assistance in the preparation of these projects and anyone who feels they would like to help should contact the Chairman, Alistair Smith on 01592 840215.

#### **Annual Subscription**

For those who have not paid, the Annual Subscriptions are now due. An application form is attached below and we would be pleased if you would return your subscription to the Treasurer, Mr Ken Miles, Turfhills House, Kinross, KY13 0NO.

# Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire Michael Bruce Cottage Museum

In a small two-storey cottage in The Cobbles, Kinnesswood, the "Gentle Poet of Lochleven" Michael Bruce was born on 27 March 1746, just three weeks before the Battle of Culloden. Built of sandstone quarried from the Bishop Hill, the cottage was amongst the first generation of houses to be built of stone in the village. Prior to the early 18th century, cottages had been built of turf Bruce's father was a cottage weaver. A loom occupied the lower floor while the family of eight lived upstairs. Michael Bruce died in the cottage on 5 July 1767 at the age of 21.



In 1906 the building was opened by the newly formed Michael Bruce Trust as a museum dedicated to the memory of the poet whose life and achievements are commemorated every year on the first Sunday of July in a special service at Portmoak Church. This year's **Service of Commemoration** will take place at 6.30pm on **Sunday 5 July.** 

If you want to read some of the lines penned by Michael Bruce, take a walk round the Michael Bruce Way (formerly the Tetley Trail), renamed after him in 2008. On Sunday 21 June you can also join the Kinross-shire Civic Trust midsummer walk round the Michael Bruce Way led by Professor David Munro.

#### **Application for Membership to Kinross-shire Civic Trust**

Full Members £5.00 Families and Societies £8.00

To: The Treasurer, Kinross-shire Civic	e Trust, Turfhills House, KINROSS, KY13 0NQ
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#### Kinnesswood in Bloom

National Spring Clean - Portmoak Primary school took part in the National Spring Clean on Friday 24 April. The pupils tidied up their



school grounds very carefully. Norma Smith of Kinnesswood in Bloom helped the Earth Pilots and brought litter picks and yellow bibs. Each Earth Pilot took a pupil out of Primary 1/2 or Primary 2/3 to help them. They found over 400 pieces of litter. Some of the pieces were very small!

Now they are hoping that pupils and visitors will keep their school grounds beautiful and put their litter in the bin.

Kinnesswood residents carried out a spring clean of the village the following day.



Portmoak Primary School pupils prepare for some spring cleaning!

War memorial garden - If you walk past the War Memorial you will notice that the new memorial garden has been planted with the box hedging and herbaceous plants. Work will continue, weather permitting, to finish the project by first week in June.

The team worked hard over the weekend of 16/17 May to clear, prepare and seed the Wildlife Verge on Gamekeepers Road. Please help by keeping your dog on a lead until the area matures.

Some of the team will be involved in the preparation of the hanging baskets and troughs for display throughout the village and we hope to plant up the tubs in the first half of June. Our watering cart has been made ready for this summer's watering task but we need volunteers to tow the cart or join the watering rota. If you have a tow bar on your car - you can help!

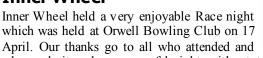
Michael Bruce Museum garden - Dave has been busy in the Michael Bruce Museum garden, which will be included on the judges' route for the Britain In Bloom competition. This is a lovely peaceful spot, a perfect place to sit and enjoy the sun after enjoying a look around the museum. Entrance to both is free and the key for the museum is held at the garage.

**Meetings & work parties** - Meetings are open to all and are usually held on the first Thursday of the month. Check the local notice board for up to date information, have a word with Dave Goodwin at the garage, or ring him on 840727.

Can you help? - We are looking for a second hand, working or repairable mid range Flymo for use in the village so if you have one in the back of the garden shed, give Dave a ring. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Kinnesswood in Bloom team www.kinnesswoodinbloom.org

#### **Inner Wheel**





who made it such a successful night, with a total of £1210 being made which will go to various local charities.

On 11 May the club held an open meeting with 18 guests attending. Following an enjoyable and sociable meal our speaker, Mr Andrew Morton, a teacher at Dollar Academy, gave a very informative and interesting talk on one of his trips to North Pakistan in the area of the 2006 earthquake. Whole villages were flattened and a lot of the people are still living in tented areas. As it gets very cold in the winter, often with snow, life is certainly very hard for these families. A new school, though, has been built, mainly of wood in case of further earthquakes, and children walk great distances to attend. As little has been heard from his contacts for some months it is a worrying time being so close to the Afganistan border and the Taliban making inroads into Pakistan.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 8 June** when we will hold our AGM and handover to the incoming new President.



#### Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Members and guests spent an enthralling afternoon at Broomhall, the home of the Earl and Countess of Elgin. Our host, the Earl, is a born raconteur, with a sparkling sense of humour. Very proud of his family, and extremely knowledgeable, he embarked on a whistle stop tour of centuries of British history, casually dropping names such as James VI and I, Victoria, George V and Queen Mary, George VI and Alan Ramsay. As far as touring the world, we were swept to Canada, China, Greece, Abyssinia and Westminster Abbey. We heard that in days of yore, workers on the estate were given one and a half pounds of meat per day, not to mention two and a half pints of beer, which was safer than the water. The June meeting will be the AGM, with strawberries and cream.

# Kinross & District Town Twinning Association

Children from Kinross High School will have returned from a week staying with host families as

the second part of the school exchange programme which kicked off last September when the Gacé schoolchildren stayed with Kinross families for a week.

Preparations are well underway for the twinning visit to Gacé in July. Members will fly from Edinburgh to Paris where they will be collected and driven to Gacé for a week of visits and entertainment by host families.

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### What happens at the Boys and Girls Brigade?

This is a question that I have often asked, so I went along to the Annual Display and

Presentation of Awards of the 1st Kinross Company to find out. The evening began with the Colours being brought in where the young people marched in and showed how well disciplined they were. They were then inspected by Rev Alan Reid and Captain David Munro. A short service was conducted and we all gave a rousing rendition of the hymn "Will your Anchor Hold". There was a good turn out of parents, relatives and friends to watch the demonstrations to be given by the young people.

There are three Sections of boys and girls in the Brigade, the Anchor Section for Primaries 1, 2 and 3; the Junior Section for Primaries 4, 5 and 6; the Company Section for Primary 7 and Secondary 1 and 2 and the Senior Section for those aged 15 to 18.

The youngsters in the Anchor Section listen to stories and sing songs at their sessions. Their demonstration was entitled Anchor Taster and they sang songs about a man who built a boat - No ah. The songs they sang were "The animals came in two by two", "Row, row the boat" and "I can sing a rainbow". They then told the story about the hare and the tortoise, the message being that "slow and steady wins the race". To finish off their display they had a competitive game when they invited some of the parents to take part. This was enjoyed by competitors and audience alike and set the scene for the evening. It was good to see how keen and 'nearly disciplined' the little ones were!

Three demonstrations were given by the Junior Section, the first being the Zoo Chorus, inspired by a Section visit to Blair Drummond Safari Park. The second demonstration was called 'Figure March' where the young people marched without music or instructions and in unison. It was so quiet that the atmosphere was surreal; how they remembered where to go I do not know. Perhaps there was a hint or two from their Leader? The final demonstration was called 'Dreamtime' where they sang the Abba hit 'I have a dream'. The song was led by two of the older girls and the Junior Section joined in the chorus. The piano accompaniment by Nicholas Lauen er was excellent and added to the enjoyment and performance of the song.

The Company Section also gave three demonstrations, the first being a demonstration of an Old Style Drill (before the Captain's time?) this showed how organized the Group was and gave us an insight into how things used to be. The second demonstration was called 'Gone Clubbing' where they gave a display manipulating wooden clubs to the music of 'O Flower of Scotland'. Unfortunately there was a slight 'blip' with the music and everyone was asked to sing instead and this proved to be very successful. demonstration was the Band, where as part of their repertoire the Section gave an excellent rendition of Highland Cathedral (one of my favourites). They finished with a rousing tune just in case we had gone into 'dream mode' with Highland Cathedral!

As part of the Evening the Captain read out his Report for the year, some points mentioned being about the Summer Camp that had been held in Toronto, the vote that had taken place in 2008 where girls could now join the Brigade and £500 that had been donated to CHAS as a result of packing bags at Somerfields.

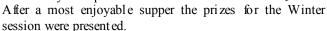
The evening was rounded off by the Presentation of Awards, a closing hymn and benediction, the National Anthem and Dismissal of the Company.

The events of the evening brightened up a cold, wet and windy May evening, and gave us the opportunity to see what a credit these young people are to their parents and to the Leaders of the Brigade.

C Mitchell

### Milnathort Bridge Club

The final meeting of the Winter Milnathort Bridge Club was held at Loch Leven's Larder on Monday 27 April.



#### Best Individual

1st Jim Lawrie 2nd Liz Brown 3rd Willie Young Pairs Championship

> 1st Jim Harley & Willie Young Jim Lawrie & Jim Marshall 2nd Liz Brown & Beryl Harley

The evening continued with 20 hands of board bridge. Summer Bridge is now being played each Monday evening in Orwell Church Hall at 7pm to which visitors are most welcome.

The Winter sessions will begin again on Monday 28 September.

#### Visiting Kinross-shire?

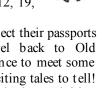
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#### **Time Travellers**

Children who are currently in P1-P7 are invited ' to come along to Swansacre Playgroup each Sunday of the summer holidays. (July 5, 12, 19, 26 and August 9 & 16).



The children will arrive at 10.20am to collect their passports and board the Time Machine to travel back to Old Testament times. They will have the chance to meet some people from the Bible who have very exciting tales to tell! There will also be crafts, games, songs and other activities. Entry is free and all children of primary school age are welcome.

Time Travellers is being organised by volunteers from Kinross Parish church and will run in parallel with the morning service. After dropping their children off at Swansacre, parents can either attend the service at 10.30am in the church or provide the leaders with a contact telephone number. (Parents are also welcome to stay at Swansacre with their children.)

The children will all be taken across to the church at 11.15am to participate in the final part of the morning service. They can then be collected from the church at

There will also be a crèche and a group for pre-school children. These groups will meet in the church at 10.20am.

### 1st Kinross Boys' & Girls' Brigade Awards 2008-2009

The following awards were presented at the Company's Annual Display and Presentation of

Awards held in Kinross Church Centre on Friday 15 May. There was a good turnout of parents and friends who enjoyed a varied programme which highlighted the talents of the boys and girls within the company. The following awards were presented:

#### **Anchor Section:**

Best 1st year: 3rd Andrew Clark; 2nd Megan Jones; 1st Rory Ferguson.

Best 2nd year: 3rd Iona Thomson; 2nd Johnathan Ventners; 1st Amy Wilson.

Best 3rd year: 3rd James Douglas; 2nd Johnny Mullen; 1st Claire Wilson.

Best Squad: Blue Squad – Johnny Mullen, Iona Thomson, James Douglas, Johnathan Ventners, Amy Wilson, Rory Ferguson, Thomas Caldwell.

#### **Junior Section:**

Best 1st Year: 3rd Nicholas Baughen; 2nd Keir Robertson; 1st Ewan Thomson.

Best 2nd Year: 3rd Robbie MacKessack; 2nd Scott Wilson; 1st Douglas Mairs.

Best 3rd Year: 3rd Adam Sweeney; 2nd Mark Cathro; 1st Andrew Beveridge.

Battalion Awards: Mini-Volleyball Champions, Multi-Sports Champions, Bible Quiz Champions.

#### Company Section Awards 2007-2008

Most Improved Volleyball Player
Ten Pin Bowling Cup:
Boys
Officers
David Wilcox
David Munro

Battalion Awards

Jackson Brown Chess General Ralston Drill Medal Andrew Hutchison PE runners up Cup Jamie Booth 5-a-side Snr Football Andrew Hutchison Athletics Rosebowl Jamie Booth Battalion 1500 metres Peter Eade Basketball Cup Nicholas Lauener Volleyball Cup Alistair Vaughn Centenary Volleyball Cup Alice Eade Battalion Swimming Cup David Wilcox Company Scripture Search (Target) George Dick Scripture Search (Junior winner) Jackson Brown Scripture Search (Intermediate winner) Jenni fer MacKessack Scripture Search (Senior winner) Andrew Morris

Best Squad: 3rd Squad 4 (2014 points average)
2nd Squad 6 (2051 points average)

1st Squad 1 (2434 points average)

Jamie Booth, David Wilcox, Joshua Roe, Ryan Robertson, Hannah Lopez.

Best Youngster at Camp
Neale Trophy (Citizenship)

Best Recruit

3rd

Mikey Lawrence
2nd

Andrew Dawson
1st

George Dick

Best Youngster

3rd

Matthew MacDonald

(Melville Trophy) 2nd Jackson Brown

1st Jamie Booth

President's Badges: Alice Eade, Jenni fer MacKessack,

Rebecca Hutt

#### Captain's Report

As well as being the session which celebrated 125 years of the Brigade, it was also a session with a number of "firsts".

It was our first ever "once in a lifetime" summer camp near Toronto, Canada where we had a wonderful time sampling summer delights in Canada.

Battalion's 125 celebration weekend at Scone Palace saw our girls participate in a Battalion overnight camp for the first time.

Our own Company's 125 celebration weekend saw our bugle band performing in public for the first time accompanying the parade from KGV Park to the Parish Church.

Three Company Section officers attended a Brigade National Conference for the first time at nearby Tulliallan and what an historic event it was, with girls finally being accepted into membership.

Anchors have had a busy session with the usual mix of crafts, stories, games and songs to cover their range of achievement awards. A Hallowe'en Party and a Christmas visit to the pantomime in Dunfermline were two highlights with celebrations of St Patrick's Day and Australia Day also taking place.

Juniors participated in most Battalion events, winning the potted sports, figure marching, scripture quiz and for the first time – mini-volleyball. Another success ful week end camp was held at the Dounan's Centre at Aberfoyle where we participated in a range of outdoor activities including a visit to Blair Drummond Safari Park.

Company Section enjoyed a successful session in terms of Battalion Trophies, winning swimming, badminton, basketball, football, volleyball and drill silverware. Bagpacking over the festive period at Somerfield saw us donate £500 to our local charity CHAS.

Company members are looking forward to summer adventure camp at Kinrcraig near Aviemore.

Our final first sees three Kinross girls being the first in Scotland to gain the second highest award in the Brigade – the President's Badge. Well done to Alice Eade, Jenni fer MacKessack and Rebecca Hutt for writing their own little bit of Brigade history.

Thanks to officer staff, parents and friends for their continued support of the Brigade in Kinross.



Jennifer MacKessack, Rebecca Hutt and Alice Eade with their Presidents Badges

#### Kinross and District Art Club



Since the beginning of May we have been happier when out in the garden or when taking

the dog for a walk to see the rush of Spring. By the Primary School in Station Road we have been able to see that wonderful display of Cherry trees in full bloom, with their delicate pink rosettes hanging in masses on every branch, and in the countryside the brilliant golden yellow of the gorse bushes lighting up the hedgerows and standing out along the motorway. Most trees now are now covering their branches with this season's leaves and when you look at them you realise how many shades of green there are in Nature everywhere we look.

If you do notice these welcome changes all around us in our everyday life and would like to capture that lovely view on that walk, or those striking and colourful flowers you saw in a garden, you can of course take a photograph, but you may wish you could do a little painting yourself and capture that good feeling you enjoyed at that moment.

That's where our Art Club can help you to take that first step to enjoy a very satisfying hobby. If you have never painted since your schooldays and have too much time on your hands, why not walk into the Millbridge Hall on September 1st? — yes, that is right, as we held our last Spring meeting on 26 May.

Why not join us **before then** on one of our Outside painting days? We have six of these during the Summer months: two each in June, July and August, when we have been invited into sites of special interest or local beauty, like the two in June to TULLIBOLE CASTLE, by the kind permission of Lord and Lady Moncreiff, when we will enjoy looking at many different views and "capturing" our chosen one (or two) by painting in our own way. If we need help, and most of us do, we have a very enthusiastic and experienced outdoor painting member who will spend as much time with you as you need to get you going on your painting.

If you feel you would like to "give it a go" why not pick up the phone and have a conversation with our Secretary, Bill Bray on (01577) 863361, or any member. It could be the fresh start that you have been looking for and you will be made welcome by a very friendly and enthusiastic group.

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#### Kinross-shire Round Table



A new Tabling year started at the AGM with Mike Spain taking over from David Dumbreck as Chairman. We have said a sad farewell to a

number of stalwarts as they reached the grand old age of 45 (not forgetting that Table is a young man's club) and also welcomed some new members, though there is plenty of room for more.

Planning has started for this year's main event – the **Fourth Annual Charity Beer Festival Weekend** – which will be on **Saturday 19 September**. As always there will be live music, dancing (of varying quality) and more ale, cider and perry than you could shake a stick at.

The now traditional (OK, second) Inter-Club Quiz Challenge will take place on Friday 18 September as part of the festival. We challenge Kinross-shire's clubs, organisations, charities and businesses to put forward teams of four to vie for the honour of being the greatest repositories of otherwise useless information, and all for charity.

This year we have decided that the beneficiaries should be local charities and good causes.

We are once again very grateful to Kinross Estates for granting us use of the facilities at the Pier and hope we can have a good, fun weekend down by the loch. We have enjoyed generous support over the last three years from many local businesses who have kindly sponsored the event, barrels, glasses and tickets. We hope that we can call on their support again in our charitable efforts.

We have a full programme developing, including: working at T in the Park, paintball, camping weekend, Santa Collection, karting, boules, cricket, helping Ladies' Circle staff the LEPRA lunch stop, etc. We recently visited both a major recycling centre and an open cast mine and the lads from Nutz'n'Boltz regaled us with tales of their planned expedition to Ulaan Bator and impressed us with the level of their preparation. We wish them all the best.

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

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

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# Kinross-shire 41 Club (ex Round Tαblers)

Were you once in Round Table? If so, you would be very welcome to come and meet up with other former Tablers and their wives on the second Wednesday of every month (except July), usually in the Kirklands Hotel.

Contact Chairman Stewart Wallace on 01592 840070 or Secretary Chris Willsher on 01821 640465 for more details.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 10 June** when we are going to the Fife Folk Museum at Ceres, with supper in the local pub later.

The first meeting of the new session on **Wednesday 12 August** will start at 7pm with Petanque at the court beside the Green Hotel, followed by a light supper.

#### Report of AGM held in April

Retiring Chairman Robert Mitchell outlined a very enjoyable year as Chairman during which the Club had moved to the Kirklands and Chairman's night had featured Joe Giacopazzi giving some intriguing tales of previous generations of the Giacopazzi family. The year followed a similar format with, on most nights, a very pleasant meal followed by a speaker. However, one evening when there was no speaker, Stewart Wallace regaled us with a tale about the Wallace family's foray into the Tug o' War World Championships.

Robert then spoke of the need to encourage all ex-Tablers to come and join us — the old rule about having to have left Table by the age rule no longer applies, so anyone who has been in Table at any time is very welcome. Robert thanked the Club for the privilege of being their Chairman for the past year and sent particular thanks to the ladies for their continuing support month by month.

New office bearers were then elected: Chairman – Stewart Wallace; Vice-Chairman – Hugh Dobson; Secretary & Treasurer – Chris Willsher; Programme Convenor – Dave Sparling; Meeting Co-ordinator - Ian Simpson; Sergeant at Arms – Sandy Smith.

For more information about Kinross-shire 41 Club please see the website: www.kinross-shire41club.org.uk

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# Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

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Kinross House at the Kinross Gazebo Gathering – a music
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Queen tribute band The Champions

On **Saturday 12 September** from 12 noon - 7.30pm we will have various bands to entertain you: a couple of local bands (Blue Fuse and Vital Sign), the Gary Sutherland Ceilidh Band and also two Tribute Bands – ABBAMANIA and THE CHAMPIONS – who will all perform in front of the wonderful setting of Kinross House. There will be various children's activities arranged, so that you can let them play while you relax on the lawn with the music. Food and drink stalls will be available on site.

**Tickets**: A significant number of people took advantage of our Early Bird ticket offer at the Feel Good Fair at the Loch Leven Half Marathon. However, the Early Bird offer is now closed. We will be in touch with those involved separately. Tickets will be available from John and JH Sands Ironmonger (from Friday 26 June): £15.00 for adults (16 and over on 12 September), £7.50 for a child (15 and under) and £37.50 for a family ticket (two adults and two children). You can pitch your gazebo for free. However, spaces will be limited so they will be allocated on a first come first served basis when buying tickets.

For more details about event you can visit www.kleo.org.uk **Volunteers**: To make this event happen we are looking for a number of volunteers to help out with such jobs as:

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#### Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon

Hope you enjoyed our Feel Good Fair at the Loch Leven Half Marathon. Many thanks for those who helped out and for everyone who attended. Special thanks to Round Table and Army Cadets who helped to erect the marquees!

If you have any suggestions for improvements next year or ideas for other events, please let us know.

www.kleo.org.uk

### **Kinross & District Rotary Club**

"Who do you think you are?" was the title of Derek Flory's talk to the Club on 20 May. He



told how his mother and her sister had been split up when the Japanese bombed Rangoon on Christmas Eve 1941. His mother eventually came to the UK but his aunt ended up in India. Sixty-six years later, following a chance contact via Google, the family were able to organise an emotional reunion in India and Derek discovered a family he had not known until then. The full tale is documented in his book, titled "Torn Apart".

The following week, Rotarian Sandy Pottie entertained the Club Meeting with a series of amusing tales from his 40 years as a veterinary surgeon in Ulster. After qualifying he had set up his own general practice and was involved with the wel fare of horses, farm animals and domestic pets including a pair of tigers. An appointment to the Fédération Equestre Internationale had led to him being an official vet at the Olympic trials in Athens. Now retired, he concluded by stating that he had enjoyed his career and had many happy memories to look back on.

The meeting on 11 May opened with a visit and presentation of banners from Anton Van Doornik, the current president of the Rotary Club of Geelong, Australia. This was followed by a very interesting talk from Rotarian David Chalmers from Dunfermline Rotary Club. A keen hill walker, David decided on his retirement from full time employment to take a trip of a lifetime walking in the mountains of Pakistan, Nepal and Tibet. He described his many adventures and the difficulties of travelling about the area. The vote of thanks was given by Rotarian David Birrell.

The end of the Rotary year is approaching and members are now busy putting together ideas and proposals for promoting the Rotary ideals in the coming year.

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#### Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

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Wednesday, 17 June: Forth Circular - 4 miles. An easy walk from the outskirts of Alloa to Cambus following the River Forth. Opportunities for bird watching. Children welcome but no dogs, please.

**Sunday, 21 June: Wallace Road - 6 miles.** Re-tracing our first ever walk, to celebrate our fifth year of walking as a group! Circular walk through open countryside with terrific views over Bridge of Earn, Abernethy and Newburgh. Some ascent. Mainly on track and farm roads. No dogs please.

For all walks you will require appropriate clothing and equipment, including boots and waterproofs. Week-end 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, where to meet and 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

#### Kinross in Bloom



We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped on Saturday 25 April. 16 volunteers joined members of the committee to plant up the 60 hanging baskets with plug plants.

Everyone worked hard and the task was completed in record time. We were then able to enjoy coffee in the sunshine.

The baskets are due to be hung out on the streets on **Friday 5 June** starting at 7.30pm. We would welcome help from fit strong people as the baskets are quite heavy - meet at the Green Hotel.

The barrels and tiered planters will be planted up on **Saturday 6 June** starting at 10am.

Do come along to help us - meet at County Buildings.

From 6 June onwards volunteers are needed to water the plants using the watering buggy.

If you could spare just a few hours help on a regular or relief basis then please contact Aileen Sorbie 01577 861477. We all looking forward to some good weather this year and hope everyone enjoys the floral displays.

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# **Sports News**



#### **Kinross Road Runners**

On Saturday 16 May, 510 runners completed the **2009 Loch Leven Half Marathon**.

After rain and gales throughout the previous day and night, the morning dawned damp and misty. At least the wind had abated enough to allow tents and banners to be erected, drinks stations set up and all the preparations completed in time for the one o'clock start from Bridgend.

For the runners the conditions were near perfect for much of the race with only the head wind along the road past Vane Farm to bother them. However, an hour and a half into the race, as the main pulse of runners were finishing, the heavens opened, drenching runners, spectators and helpers alike. Although this didn't dampen the enthusiasm, it did send people running for cover, only to emerge into the warm bright sunshine for the prize giving a short while later.

Whilst the runners were out on the road, the supporters at KGV were amply entertained by activities on the field including the Swansacre Fun Run, Maypole dancing and the Kinross Pipe Band. However, the most popular venues were understandably the tents housing the Race Café, where teas and home baking were being served and the KLEO "Feel Good Fair" where stallholders sold locally produced food, arts, crafts and gifts and Swansacre Playgroup ran activities for the children including face painting, lucky dip and colouring.

21 club members completed the race this year and their times and positions are given below. Well done to all.

The race was won by Ross Houston, son of a past president of the club, Dave Houston, in a time of 1h 13m 28s.

The next club event is the **Milnathort Dash** on **Thursday 25 June**. This is a 5.5mile road race which starts from Milnathort at 7.30pm. There are prizes for a range of categories including King and Queen of the Hill.

Entry is on the day. Registration opens at 6.30pm and is well signposted in the village. The cost is £6 (£4 for SA members) Food and refreshments are provided afterwards, before prize giving. This is a great, fun race with times ranging from about 30 mins to just over an hour.



One w et finis her! Chris Myerscough still manages a s mile despite the downpour

#### 2009 Loch Leven Half Marathon - KRR results

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Position	Name	Category	Time	
39	Andy Johns	Senior	01:26:39	
45	Roy Patterson	M50	01:28:16	
50	Peter Edgerton	M50	01:28:54	
58	Martin Hill	Senior	01:29:53	
99	Patricia Milne	F45	01:34:12	
105	Calum Stark	Senior	01:34:52	
123	Hazel Porter	Senior	01:36:15	
135	Judith Dobson	F45	01:37:39	
204	Ronnie Ritchie	M50	01:42:49	
219	Ewen Davis	M40	01:43:43	
233	Christine Myerscough	F45	01:45:34	
286	Douglas Leitch	M40	01:49:35	
332	Jackie Smith	F35	01:53:58	
367	Robert Gibson	M40	01:59:00	
430	Anne Macintyre	F45	02:05:46	
434	Alisa Wilson	F35	02:06:13	
478	Brian Cook	M60	02:16:22	
482	Keith Logan	M40	02:17:23	
490	Norman Smith	M60	02:20:41	
503	Sarah Eaton	F45	02:29:32	
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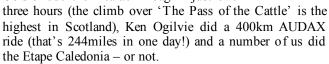
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### **Kinross Cycling Club**

Well! An eventful May was had by members of the Kinross Cycling Club. Alan Corsie rode the Bealach Beag in just over

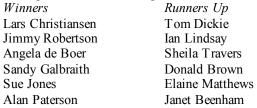


As I'm sure you're aware, the Etape Caledonia was marred by saboteurs using carpet tacks to cause punctures to hundreds — chairman and secretary included. A few managed to get through before the event was shortened for safety reasons. Ewan Findlay did 4 hours 4 minutes and Ken Ogilvie was quicker by two minutes.

Thanks go to everybody who has sponsored Etape cyclists in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support – a very worthy cause. We continue to meet at 9 o'clock on Sundays (High School) and 6.45pm on Thursdays (Health Centre). Why not come along and train for next year's Etape? Keep cycling!

#### Kinross 50 + Curling Rink

At Kinross Ice Rink the eleventh season of our club ended with the winners of our 12-team league being decided on the last game.



The games are played throughout the season on Wednesdays at 12.15pm and 3pm. We have approximately 100 members coming from as far afield as Blairgowrie, St Andrews and Edinburgh, enjoying a friendly yet competitive afternoon's curling.

Next season we are expanding to 14 teams of six, (four playing each session, therefore on average each team member plays in 7 or 8 games per season).

If you are interested in joining us please contact: Sandy Braid 01592 840016 sandybraid@aol.com Angela de Boer 01577 840251 fairfield03@hotmail.com

#### Kinross Squash Club

The end of season Kinross Squash Club annual championship competition was the usual hard fought affair. This year's tournament was superbly organised by Fergus Douds and a good turn out of members ensured a very enjoyable event. Local sport shop Sporting Chance generously sponsored the competition and all players came away with a prize. The final was an especially exciting battle between Callum Johnston and Archie Melville – youth versus experience! The top six positions were:

Callum Johnston
 Fergus Douds
 Gordon Tyndall
 Archie Melville
 Stuart Morrison
 Joe Cameron

The winter leagues have now finished but summer squash continues. Put your name down on the squash notice board at the rear of the courts if you want to keep your eye on the ball and stay trim this summer.

Last league winners were:

Premier League Joe Craw ford
League 1 Stuart Morrison
League 2 Peter Bell
League 3 David Beaumont
League 4 Alison Greenshields
League 5 Christopher Martin

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing our many regulars and some new faces when the winter squash leagues recommence in September.

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### Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

With the very last play of the 2008 – 2009 season, Saturday 9 May saw Kinross Ladies (as current holders of the shield) host the Newcastle Ladies Charity Shield Tournament.



Six teams took part: Newcastle Ladies, Preston Lodge, Whitley Bay, East Kilbride Ladies, Madras Ladies, and Kinross Ladies. Once again the very nature of King George V All Weather Pitch was tested throughout the day, as a steady drizzle progressed to a fairly torrential downpour through the afternoon.

Despite the chill and gloom all matches were played in tremendous spirit. The tournament is played in memory of special friends who have suffered with cancer, and aims to raise money for cancer charities; this year Macmillan Cancer Support with particular reference to the new care unit being built in Perth, St Oswald's Hospice in Newcastle and also Breast Cancer Care. The wearing of something pink on the pitch was obligatory. In addition the umpires were liberal in issuing Pink Card fines for any form of bad behaviour or missed opportunities.

Two pools of round robin matches resulted in play-offs between third, second and first placed teams, with the final ending up between Kinross Ladies and East Kilbride Ladies. Most people were chilled to the bone by this point, and there was more than one muttered suggestion of going straight to penalty flicks to decide the outcome. Nevertheless, the final was played with great gusto, and good attacking opportunities were made by both teams. Equally spirited defending kept the score at 0-0. And so to penalty flicks! A combination of cool calm scoring from our team, together with fantastic reaction saves from Jenny our goalie brought us victory with 3-2 and one flick in hand.

The relief of retreating to the warmth of the clubhouse was evident, and the fun then continued with a raffle, before reviving portions of stovies, and then a disco in the evening. We have so many people to thank for making the day a success: the visiting clubs; umpires (especially Chris & Ryan); and the drooket spectators; Derek & Elma for providing the potatoes; Melvin for making the stovies; Neil & Robert for their tents and gazebos; everyone who baked or contributed to the stalls; KGV for giving us reduced pitch costs: the rugby club for their donations, especially Graham for his help with the auctions and for very kindly covering the cost of the disco; the bar staff for coping well with a very busy shift; Caz Makin for all arrangements with the teams south of Kinross and for managing the justgiving.com donations; and to everyone associated with KLHC who helped make the day, especially our president Mo who did a sterling job pulling it all together.

The charity fundraising aspect of the event was a resounding success with a total of £1053 raised on the day, together with a further £492 raised online by justgiving.com. If you want to see photos of the event or wish to make a donation please do so online at

www.justgiving.com/newcastlehockeyclubcharityshield2009

The new season of Ladies Hockey will restart on the Wednesday 5 August at 6.30 – 8pm at the all weather pitch at KGV. Over the summer mixed hockey will continue on Wednesday evenings.

For further details see www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk

#### **Kinross Tennis Club**

The tennis season is now well under way and we have been blessed with some lovely weather. The shorts, skorts(?) and skirts have

been dusted off, as have the backhands, forehands, volleys and cross court passing shots (well, I'm still working on mine...). Adult club nights (on a Wednesday evening from 6.30pm) have been well attended and it's great to see so many new members and of course returning members out on the courts. If you have not yet renewed your membership or would like to join, it's not yet too late. Memberships can be taken out and renewed during Adult club nights or by contacting Gail Nelson on 07703 132105.

The competitive matches in the Tayside Tennis League have also started and both the Men's and Ladies' teams have a win under their belts. It looks to be a tough season for our Ladies, though, as they were promoted last season and the men are busy working their way up the divisions again. Not only is it fun to play these matches, which are in the doubles format, it's also good for your technique and strategy, so if you would like to play match tennis please contact Aileen for further details (see below).

As mentioned in previous newsletters, tennis coaching runs all year round for both adults and juniors and is taken by our coach Laura Grimmond. Although the current block of adult lessons has ended, you can contact Laura direct to arrange individual coaching. Junior coaching (on Friday afternoons) is incredibly well attended - for further details on junior coaching, please contact Gillian on 01577 861525.

The club is always looking for new members and would encourage anyone interested in playing tennis, socially or competitively to contact us. We also offer a **pay to play facility** and visitors can obtain a key to the courts from Sporting Chance in the High Street, Kinross. A court fee and deposit will be charged. Sporting Chance is open between 09.00 and 17.00 Monday to Saturday.

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#### Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club meets every Tuesday in Kinross High School Games Hall

from 6pm - 8pm. Excellent coaching is provided to boys and girls in P7 to S2. This term P6 boys and girls are welcome from 6pm for an hour, before joining after the summer break.

During this season we have taken part in Sport Tayside and Fife's Development League tournaments. They give players the chance to experience competitive games while learning about the rules, scoring at the table and, above all, to having fun playing basketball.

This season, Adam Bissett (S2) and Kieran Carruthers (S2) have been selected for the Basketball Scotland's Talent Development Programme.

We act as a 'feeder' club to Perth Phoenix. The Club has developed many players who have gone on to play at National League and International level. Jack Nicholson, Katy Brown, Abby and Hattie Lloyd have all played in the National league for Phoenix.

Congratulations to Katy Brown who has been selected to train with the U16 Scotland National girls squad who will shortly travel to Barcelona, and also to Jack Nicholson who has been selected for the U15 Scotland National boys squad who will be travelling to Denmark in June. Good Luck to them both.

If you would like to get involved or would like any further information, please email kinrosscavaliers@btinternet.com or call 01577 840399 or 862623.

### **Kinross Bowling Club**

The bowling season is well under way with one month already past. This has been a good month for us (not so good weatherwise, but results are good.)

We have played friendlies:

Bridge of Earn - winning this one
Orwell - winning this one
Menstrie - narrowly beat en
Glen farg - winning this one

On Saturday 16 May we played "The Cowie Shield", a club competition, amidst rain, hail and sun – the winner being **Sheila M Rennie** and the runner up **Kevin Reay**.

The Triple for Clack LBA of **Jean Cousar**, **May Scott** and **Anne Bell** won the first round of competition, beating Alloa Co-op at Tillicoultry on 13 May.

The Scottish Pair **Anne Bell & Sheila Rennie** won their first round at Inverkeithing on Sunday 17 May, beating Kinghorn.

Good luck in the next rounds to all players! Anne Bell & Sheila Rennie are to play in Clack LBA – Top Ten on Thursday 21 May at Tulliallan.

The Men's County and Scottish ties are due to start the week commencing 18 May.

Again we extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in bowling to come along to the club where you will be made most welcome.

Hat Games: Tuesday 2.15pm (Seniors), Wednesday 7.00pm (All), Saturday 6.30pm (All), Sunday 2.30pm (All). Or phone Secretary, Geo M Rennie on 01577 864727.

#### **Kinross Cricket Club**

#### Senior 1st XI

The 2009 season has started well for the senior 1st XI. Wins against Drummond Trinity, St Andrews University Staff, Rossie Priory,



May field and Norwood have made it 5 out of 5 for the team. The top order batting line up of James Ross, Jeremy Dixon and Stuart Brand have all scored their first 50's of the season which is a great effort given the early season wickets which tend to be unpredictable and can catch batsmen out. The 1st XI bowling line up has got to be one of the strongest in division two. Drummond Trinity were totally unprepared for the Kinross bowlers as they were all out for 48 in the first match of the season. So far no opposition have put up much of a fight but with matches against Arbroath and Strathmore still to come, Kinross can expect a harder fight as the season progresses.

#### Senior 2nd XI

The second's have only had one match so far, facing an extremely strong Almond Valley side. This was always going to be a tough match and the fact that several key players were unavailable made the task even harder. Almond Valley won the match but several of the junior U15 players made a significant impact in the 2nd XI with Rory Weir top scoring for Kinross with 33.

#### Ladies Section

It's been a tough start for the ladies with two matches against the St Andrews University ladies teams. St Andrews were the 2008 University League champions and have several internationalists in their midst. The Kinross bowlers continue to improve as does the overall fielding but the main weakness is in the batting. However, two new players seem to have a natural aptitude for big hitting, so results should improve as the season progresses.

#### **Junior Section**

Junior numbers continue to increase and we are fielding teams this year at U11, U13, U15 and an U17 Select. So far the poor weather has seen the cancellation of several matches with only three games played. The U11's lost a very close match to Largo while the U13's beat Strathearn and the U15's beat Broomhall. Hopefully the weather will improve and the remainder of the season will see both the U13's and U15's progress through their Scottish Cup fixtures. The weather has severely limited the Kwic Crick et schedule with all tournaments being cancelled so far.

Congratulations to Peter Ross (U17), Nick Farrar (U15 and George Buchanan-Smith (U15) as they have been selected for the U17 and U15 Scotland teams for this year's International duties.

Training nights are:

Juniors - Mondays 6.15 - 8.00pm Seniors - Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30pm Ladies - Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30pm

#### **Classified Advertisements**

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#### **Orwell Bowling Club**

On 26 April, after a delay of half an hour whilst torrential rain passed on its way, our friendly at Strathmiglo ended with the home team winning the day. On the evening of Thursday 7 May, Orwell's game at Kinross was accompanied by near gale-force winds, and played with nipped fingers and toes. Kinross triumphed convincingly, but undaunted, and on our home turf, we managed a win against Freuchie on Sunday 10 May, rain having stopped play after eight ends. On a brighter note, our Dynamic Duo, Sandra Fullerton and Jean Menzies, won the County Charity Pairs at Tillicoultry, when £500 was raised for children with a rare but terminal skin-sloughing disease. After listening to the talk on this most distressing of children's birth defects, they both vowed never to complain about playing in the rain again. However, we all trust that the promised 'BBQ Summer' will eventually materialise.

#### Kinross Volleyball Club

At the club's annual general meeting chairman John Cameron thanked the members for the success they had brought the club winning all the trophies in the Perth & District League at Premier and Recreational levels.

The Kinross Club has entered the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament which was held in Perth over the 23 and 24 May (read next month's newsletter for a report).

Summer volleyball returns to King George V Park each Monday evening starting at 7pm for park volleyball. New members welcome to come along and join in for free.

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# **News from the Rurals**



**BISHOPSHIRE** – At the AGM the following committee was appointed: President – Sylvia Herrington; Vice President – Wilma Barclay; Secretary – Ann Hughes; Treasurer – Janette Gardiner.

Points trophies were awarded as follows: 1st Joanne Cowan; 2nd equal Janette Gardiner and Avril Rogers; best trier Sylvia Herrington. Curtis Quaich (for a child's knitted vest) Joanne Cowan. A number of vests were donated for children in Africa.

A basket of flowers was presented to Jenny Sword, who has retired as Secretary after many years of doing a sterling job in the post. Ruth Crighton, daughter of one of our members, then gave a fascinating account of her work as Stage Manager in various theaters throughout the country.

**CROOK OF DEVON -** President Mrs Margaret Arbuckle welcomed members and two tellers from Milnathort to our AGM. Retiring member Mrs Marjory Walsh was warmly thanked for her help on the committee. New committee member is Mrs Alice Johnson, and Mrs Margaret Greig was re-elected.

Competition winners were:

Most Points Cup - Isabel Mill Rose Bowl - Isabel Mill Sheila Lamont

Our president then introduced Amanda Mill who gave us a very interesting talk about Cystic Fibrosis.

Competitions:

Rock Buns - I Mill Flower of the Month - C Bennett

**GLENFARG** – Margaret Scott, Glenfarg's outgoing president, chaired the AGM. Lesley Murison gave an interesting account of all the meetings in the secretary's report. Andzia Scott said the "pudding night" and the recipe books had been very good fund raisers in the treasurer's report. Margaret Scott thanked everyone who entered competitions and helped in many ways to make the year a success in the president's report.

Ursula Stewart has accepted the position as new president and Maureen Lambie joins the committee.

Competitions:

Two butterfly cakes - I Bettaney Small floral arrangement - J Connolly

in a teacup and saucer

Flower of the Month - H Quartermaine
The Jubilee Cup for 2008-2009 was won by J Kirkland.

The Endeavour Cup - L Yull
Flower of the Month - L Johnson

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**CARNBO** – President Eileen Thomson welcomed all members to the AGM. Business was followed by a Beetle Drive, to which members were able to demonstrate their artistic talents by some unusual beetles. Winner of the Beetle Drive was Mrs Barbara Nicol.

The President thanked the two members from Milnathort Rural who came along to be the tellers for the night. A new committee was elected. Mrs Thomson thanked everyone for coming and bid them a safe journey home.

Competition:

Flower of the month

- Margaret Forrester

**CLEISH** - Mrs M Kilpatrick, President, welcomed members to the AGM held in Cleish Hall, with tellers from Glen arg. Satisfactory reports were given by Secretary Mrs A Morris, Treasurer Mrs E Wallace and President Mrs M Kilpatrick.

The Points Trophy was awarded to Mrs S Webster.

Flower of the Month, Mrs M Bisset.

The committee was elected as follows:

Mrs M Kilpatrick (President), Mrs M Bisset, Mrs H Buchanan, Mrs D Morris, Mrs E Wallace, Mrs M Nelson and Mrs S Webster.

Members enjoyed a buffet supper and Mrs Kilpatrick thanked everyone for their support throughout the year.

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## **Out & About**



## **Vane Farm**

Hello again, anither month past awready. At least we hiv hid sum better like weather at times, though the persistin rain is a bit o a



scunner. Ner mind, it's tae be a scorchin summer so they say. (Who are "they"? Awbody aye says "they did this or that", but who are they? Kin "they" reveal thersels?)

At least the pickly sunshine we hiv hid is makin the birds stert tae breed and we hiv seen several broods o goslings n ducklins around the place fur the earlier nestin species sik as mallard. The rest will follow on in due course. Lapwings are also runnin about the place wi a few broods hivin been about fur a week or twa.

The swan nests hivnae hat ched as yet bit by the time ye read this the cygnets shid be swimmin about the place wi maw n paw. We hiv a nest camera oan yin o them which ye kin watch if yer in the centre fur a cuppa or whitever so we shid see exactly when "they" emerge oot the eggs — seven at the last coont. At least this particular group o "they" will reveal thersels, ha! ha! We hiv hid a few sea eagles ower the loch lately so keep yer een peeled fur them if yer oot fur a wander oan the heritage trail or the like. If ye do see ony, tell us whar n when n we will tell oor sea eagle team so they kin keep records up tae date oan sightins, ta very muckle.

Survey work continues apace wi oor staff n volunteers coontin awa tae see whits actually around oan the reserve. Volunteers hiv also been chappin vegetation back oan the woodland walks, gress cutting, weedin n stuff like that tae mak the place look a bit smerter.

New staff again, a young chiel cried Stephen will be startin oan the information side o things sometime in June, so if ye see him howkin aboot say fit like. Then later in June a new chap will tak ower the runnin o the shop cos Raymondo hiz decided tae pop aff tae New Zeal and tae be wi lady luv Jo. Sum o ye might mind o her she wiz a kiwi, surprise that yin since that's whaur he's gawn, she worked in the shop a few years back – that's no when they became romantically linked tho, nuff said!

The new guy's name is Colin as weel, michty a thocht yin wiz enough at Vane bit ther ye go, a brace indeed.

The next event comin up is **Storytelling** (see p. 44 for details). And, a bit o advance warnin fur July, if yer lookin fur stuff fur the bairns tae dae durin the summer hoalidays we are runnin "Minibeast Mondays" oan 6, 13, 20 and 27 July when we will be lookin fur bugs n beasties n stuff Advance bookin no needit, jist turn up n meet in the classroom for 10.30am or 1pm for the efternane session. Followed by "Monsters of the Deep" every Wednesday oan 8, 15, 22 and 29 July which is pond dippin, age limit 7 - 12 yrs. Again, nae bookin required, wi the same times fur sessions. Costs £3 per wean per session. Further details fae Vane on the usual number 01577 862355.

Around the same time, dae ye fancy bein a "Dangerous Dad or an Adventurous Mum" oan Thursdays? This time learn tae live ootdoors wi a bit o the auld woodcraft. So if ye fancy a go at bein Ray Mears or Rayetta Mears come alang n fund oot how tae mak a shelter, a nettle rope, and oan the last session stert a fire! Dates are 16, 23 and 30 July. Bookin required and the cost per person is £8 per session.

Think that's it fur this month. Ta ta,

#### Colin

## **Loch Leven NNR**

It's been a busy time at Loch Leven National Nature Reserve, with some exciting recent spots. A Garganey was displaying beautifully at Levenmouth pools, providing people with an excellent photo opportunity. Thanks to John Nadin for his record shot. During our recent newt survey we were lucky enough to record Palmate Newt on the reserve for the first time. We intend to manage the ponds at Mary's Knowe to benefit our newly discovered amphibian population. The great views of a west coast White-tailed Sea Eagle from Vane Farm caps a busy transition month here, as the last of our winter migrants head north, and we begin to see large numbers of Swift, Sedge Warbler and breeding ducks preparing for the



A Garganey at Levenmouth pools

photo: John Nadin

The last in our extended series of botany walks takes place at Findatie on **Tuesday 2 June** between 6 and 8pm. Alistair God frey from Perth & Kinross Council will be joining Liz Lavery and reserve staff for an exploration of botanical diversity at Findatie - a key site for the hybridised Loch Leven Spearwort, amongst other plants. To book your place please contact the reserve office on **01577 864439**.

The next in our series of Meet the Wardens sessions takes place on **Wednesday 10 June** between 3 and 7pm at the Kingfisher Hide, Burleigh Sands. This is your chance to drop in for a chat with staff about anything from management of the reserve, to interesting wildlife encounters.

After a day of insect survey training with volunteers, we are now well under way with this season's monitoring. However, it's not too late for you to take part, as the surveys will be running throughout the summer at four locations around Loch Leven. The first Large Red Dams el flies of the year were recorded on 11 May, with Small Tortoiseshell, Orange Tip, Peacock and Large White all being seen regularly. If you'd like to learn more about what's involved with insect surveying, or volunteering at Loch Leven NNR generally, please contact the reserve office for more information.

Finally, thanks for all the marvellous entries to the annual Loch Leven Photography Competition. A selection of entries will shortly be on display at Vane Farm, and will be used throughout the year for promotional purposes.

That's all for now folks.

## **Farming**



#### Making the most of the Yellow Stuff

Maybe like me you have become accustomed to and enjoy spotting yellow fields dotted around Kinross-shire? yellow as the yolk of an egg from my free range hens, these patches of nature and nurture cheer up the lands cape during May and June.

The fields are growing Oilseed Rape. This was planted last August/September and has been steadily growing before bursting into flower. Rape is part of the turnip family and provides farmers with a useful break crop. Other important break crops include potatoes, grass leys, peas and beans all of which allow insects and fungal pests to die out between

Apart from this role, the oilseed is produced to satisfy demand for vegetable oil and biofuel. With the market for this product closely related to the price of crude oil, price predictions for this year are lower than previous harvests.

Four enterprising Scottish farmers have decided to avoid the uncertainty of the commodity markets and taken the plunge to cold press the tiny black rape seeds to produce a highly desirable and healthy cooking oil. Completely natural with no additives, a fresh light taste and high Omega 3 content, it can be used in salad dressings as well as for baking and roasting.

Gregor Mackintosh is only 21 and comes from Peterhead. Gregor is one of the four independent farm businesses producing extra virgin oil from oilseed rape. This young man's desire to return to the family farm to live and work prompted him to consider how to take advantage of a crop that was already produced on the 800 acre arable farm. Mackintosh's of Glendaveny is now selling in delicatessen shops, butchers and farm shops across the north of Scotland. Closer to home, Ferneyfold Farm, Madderty, Crieff now produce Summer Harvest Oil from oilseed grown on the farm. The process is simple and after harvest the seeds are cold pressed to extract the oil which is then left to rest in vats before it is filtered, rested for a second time and bottled.

Stocked at farmers markets, in local farm shops and many delis and fine food outlets across Perthshire, getting your hands on a bottle of this nutty flavoured delight should not be too difficult. You will be guaranteed a tasty ingredient and now you know all about it you can share the news about the yellow stuff around the dinner table too!

Fiona

#### Six months free HS membership



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## Weather



#### **April Weather Report** From Carnbo

There were no extremes of weather this April. Even the lambing storm, or as some call it the teuchit storm was missing, this helping the shepherds with the lambing.

Rainfall was just below the long term average.

Temperatures were slightly above normal.

Rainfall for month 54 mm (93% of average)

Heaviest fall 8 mm (very low) Highest temperature 19°C (2nd) Lowest temperature -2°C (19th)

Average temperature 8°C

7 days with maximum temperature 15°C or above

Air Frost 2 nights Ground Frost 10 nights

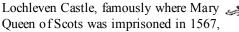
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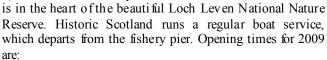
Thunder not recorded

Cloud cover 75% (high)

#### **Local Attraction Opening Times**

#### Lochleven Castle, Kinross





1 April to 30 September: Daily, 9.30am to last outward

sailing at 4.30pm.

1 to 31 October: Daily, 9.30am to last outward

sailing at 3.30pm.

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

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

#### Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

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

#### Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

A 16th century fortified mansion, five miles NE of Bridge of Earn off the A912 and close to Rhynd. Opening times: 1 April to 30 September, Monday to Sunday, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Admission prices: Adult £3.20, Child £1.60, Concessions £2.70. In the care of Historic Scotland.

#### **Abernethy Round Tower**

A free-standing round tower of Irish style dating from the late 11th century. Good views of the Firth of Tay. Keys available from nearby tea room during the summer between 10am and 5pm, except Mondays. Signs at site for key. In the care of Historic Scotland.

## **Gardens Open**

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



Gardens open regularly not too far from Kinross					ssion	Disabled	Contact
	Opening Arran	gements		Adult	Child	Access	Number
Kinross House gardens	1 Apr - 30 Sept	daily	1000-1900	£3.00	free	yes	01577 862900
Arnot Tower gardens, Leslie	May - Oct	Tues only	1000-1700	£4.00	free	partial	01592 840115
Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	to 31 Oct	Mon-Sat	1000-1700	£10.50	£7.50	yes(gdn)	0844 4932186
		Sun	1300-1700				0844 4932186
Grounds at Hill of Tarvit, nr Cupar (NTS)	all year	daily	to dusk	£2.00		yes	0844 4932185
Kellie Castle & garden (NTS)	1 Jun - 31 Aug	daily	1300-1700	£8.50	£5.50	partial	0844 4932184
Garden only at Kellie Castle	1 Jun - 31 Aug	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	£2.00	yes	0844 4932184
Culross Palace and gardens (NTS)	1 Jun - 31 Aug	daily	1200-1700	£8.50	£5.50	no	0844 4932189
Gardens only at Culross Palace	1 Jun - 31 Aug	daily	1000-1800	£2.50		diffi cult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.50	£4.50	partial	0844 4932193
Scone Palace grounds only (SGS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£4.80	£3.20	limited	01738 552300
Braco Castle gardens, Braco, FK15 9LA (SGS)	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	free	partial	
Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff(SGS)	1 May - 31 Oct	daily	1300-1800	£3.00	£1.00	restr	
Barham, Bow of Fife, KY15 5RG (SGS)	23 Feb - 30 Sep	Mon only	1400-1700	£4.00		no	01337 810227
Botanic Garden, Canongate, St Andrews, KY16 8RT	May - Sept	daily	1000-1900	£2.00	£1.00		01334 477178
Pittencrei ff Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 726313

**Notes**: Other prices may be available, eg Concessions, Family. NTS = National Trust for Scotland (entry free to members). At some gardens there are plants for sale and refreshments available. Some gardens do not allow dogs.

#### Scotland's Gardens Scheme

Some of the gardens in the chart above and all of the gardens in the Special Open Days section are members of Scotland's Gardens Scheme. 60% net of each admission charge goes to the SGS charities of the year and 40% to the other charity named. More details can be found in the book "Gardens of Scotland 2009" and on the website www.gardensosscotland.org

#### **Local Garden Open by Arrangement**

Mr and Mrs D S Roulston's gardens at **Wester Dalqueich**, KY13 0NU, ½ mile from Cambo, can be visited by arrangement (groups only, please) between 1 May and 31 August. Telephone 01577 840229. The gardens extend to 3½ acres by the Ochil Hills, and there is a wide range of herbaceous plants, rock plants, shrubs and trees to see. 40% of the £3.00 admission charge goes to St Paul's Episcopal Church, Kinross, and the remainder to the SGS charities. Limited disabled access.

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#### Special Open Days in June

Earlshall Castle garden, Leuchars is open on Sunday 31 May and Sunday 21 June (2pm to 5pm both days). The garden was designed by Sir Robert Lorimer. Features include: topiary lawn, rose terrace, croquet lawn with herbaceous borders, orchard and kitchen garden. Admission is £5.00 (children free). It is on the Earlshall road, ¾ of a mile east of Leuchars Village (off A919). Postcode: KY16 0DP. Plant sales. Disabled access is difficult, but possible. Teas available.

Ceres Village Gardens: Around ten gardens in this beauti ful village are open on Sunday 7 June from noon until 5pm. Admission is £4.50 to see all gardens and also includes free entry to Fife Folk Museum and the Griselda Hill Wemyss Ware Pottery. A footbridge from Ceres car park leads directly into the Museum garden where tickets with maps indicating the gardens can be purchased. 40% of admission benefits Fife Folk Museum Trust. Plants for sale. Disabled access possible at some gardens. Refreshments available. Postcode: KY15 5NF

**Karbet, Freuchie**: This beautiful hidden garden is open on **Sunday 14 June** from noon until 4pm in conjunction with the **Freuchie Plant Sale**. Admission £1.50 (40% to SSAFA). Limited disabled access. Soup and rolls, afternoon tea and baking stall. In the centre of Freuchie on the B936. Postcode: KY15 7FY

Culross Palace: A model 17th century garden has been recreated behind Culross Palace to show the range of plants available and includes vegetables, culinary and medicinal herbs, soft fruits and ornamental shrubs. There is also a herbal remedies exhibition. Culross Palace garden has a special open day on Wednesday 17 June from 10am to 6pm, when the entry of £5.00 includes donations to this year's SGS charities. Light refreshments available.

## **Congratulations**



The parents of **FIONA FRASER**, 10 Bridgefauld Rd, Milnathort and **NEIL CAMERON**, Guardbridge are delighted to announce their marriage which took place at Fernie Castle Hotel on 25 April 2009. A big thank you to everyone.

**BENNIE-BAIRD** Both families are delighted to announce the marriage, on 24 April 2009, of **DOUGLAS**, elder son of Jim and Annette Bennie, Mawcarse Crossroads, Kinross to **GRACE-ANN**, youngest daughter of Robin and Gina Baird, Balmullo, Fife.

Kirsty Jamieson and Michael King are delighted to announce the birth of their son **EUAN JAMIESON KING** on 27 January 2009 at Ninewells Hospital; a wee brother for Amy and Joanne.

**JENNI SMITH** of Milnathort is the latest winner of the Highland Spring Young Sportsperson Award. The 15 year old hockey player trains with Kinross Ladies Hockey Club, and also plays for her school club, Kinross High. Part of the winning team of the Midlands U-18 indoor squad, Jenni also coaches for her local primary school club.

Congratulations to the musicians of **Strathallan School**, whose Year of Homecoming concert in the Parish Church, comprising music on traditional instruments, such as the fiddle and clarsach, as well as song and recitations, raised £500 for Christian Aid.

#### Kinross girl to perform on west end

Ishbel McFarlane will be one of a cast of eight young people performing in a play of monologues, entitled "Eight", in the Trafalgar Studios (previously the Whitehall Theatre), just off Trafalgar Square in London, from 6 to 25 July.

This is the next outing for this group of students from the Edinburgh University Theatre Company whose play, written by recent graduate, Ella Hickson, won three major awards in last year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe: a "Scotsman" Fringe First, the National Student Drama Festival Emerging Artists Award and the Carol Tambor Award which provided "Eight" with an all expenses paid transfer of the play for three weeks to New York.



The trip to New York took place in

January. "Eight" was performed in a venue called PS122, in New York theatre's sector for new, experimental drama. They played to full houses and received excellent reviews. Ishbel, a former pupil of Kinross Primary and High Schools and Strathallan, is currently doing a post-graduate degree at Edinburgh University in Literature and History of Art. Throughout her time in Edinburgh she has been continuously involved in drama at the student-run Bedlam Theatre.

## **Thanks**



The KINROSS OTTERS A.S.C. recently held a Family Party at the Windlestrae Hotel. We would like to say thank you to all who attended, donated and assisted in making it a great night! We raised £626.66. A huge thank you to SUE BLAIKIE, IAIN HARDIE, GILLIAN CAULFIELD & JULIE MUNCEY for all their hard work. Well done to John Muncey and David Haig who shared the compère duties. This is the first family social event that Otters have done – may there be many more! Thanks also go to the following businesses who donated prizes: Sporting Chance, Bridges Butcher, Complete Look, Salon 62, Windlestrae Hotel, Jock's Bar, Loch Leven Leisure, Kirklands Hotel, Raj Mahal Indian Restaurant, Le Jardin Café, Bannatynes Dun fermline, Zen Zone, Tracy Gow Photography, Gavin Anderson Photography, Mandy's Hair Salon, Bowers, Lochend Farm Shop, Grouse & Claret, Baynes Bakers, South Lissens Pottery, RSPB Vane Farm, St. Johnstone F.C., Loch Leven's Larder and Jason's Chinese Takeaway, Gerard Lee (head chef at The Green Hotel) and Greig McSporran (golf pro at The Green). Thanks also to the Windlestrae Hotel for hosting the event and to Gary Nicol of SoundMaster mobile disco for providing the entertainment (as well as the coaches and children!)

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#### Other services for June

Mon 1 8.00am Meditation: Starting the month with a short reading, music and then shared silence (30 mins)

Sun 7 10.30 Moming Service – Quarterly Communion

18.30 Communion Service

Sat 13 8.30 Prayer Break fast –simple break fast and share areas of concern for prayer (1 hour)

Thu 18 21.00 Time to Pray - 'Compline': a short service with readings and responsive prayer

**Tue 23** 20.00 Prayer Meeting (1 hour)

**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.

Mid-week and Mid-day - Time to Pray: In the Church every Wednesday at noon (30 mins).

Midweek worship: Each Wednesday in the Reading Roomofthe

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 865 780.

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).

#### **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

#### Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

Rev Joanne Finlay Telephone: (01577) 850231

E-mail: joanne.finlay196@btinternet.com

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Sunday Services 11.15am Crèche 11.15am Junior Church 11.15am

June

Sun 7 11.15am Reader, Brian Ogilvie

**Sun 14** 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay Sunday School presentations

Sun 21 10am Early Birds Family Service of Worship

11.15am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie

**Sun 28** 11.15am Thanksgiving Service for Armed Forces

Day: Preacher: Rev. John Cairns

#### Fossoway Parish Church Church of Scotland

Rev Joanne Finlay Telephone: (01577) 850231

E-mail joanne.finlay 196@btinternet.com

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Sunday Services at 9.45am

"Wrigglers Group" (0-3 year olds), Junior Church and

DVD club for children and teens 9.45am

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

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

Housegroup/Bible Study group:

contact Margaret Hamblin (01577 850252)

#### Fossoway Church Choir rehearsals:

Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm-9pm

Wednesday evenings: Joint choir rehearsals

June

Sun 7 9.45am Reader, Brian Ogilvie
2.30pm 'Bubble & Balloon Service' for toddlers & their families

Sun 14 9.45am Promotion Sunday: All Age Worship

9.45am Preacher: Reader Brian Ogilvie

Sun 21
9.45am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie
Sun 28
9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

#### 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.

#### **Looking for Contact Details?**

For listings of local clubs, businesses, public services and more, visit **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

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.

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

June

Formal Communion at Orwell church 7th

5th - 7th Milnathort Festival Weekend

21st - 28th Portmoak Festival

July

5th Annual Michael Bruce Service

Portmoak Church 6.30pm

#### St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muirs, Kinross, KY 13 8AY

Telephone: (01577) 866834 Rev Dr Marion Keston

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

June Services

Sun 7 Trinity Sunday, 8.30am, Holy Communion.

11.00am Sung Eucharist with Confirmation.

Preacher Bishop David Chillingworth.

Sun 14 Pentecost 3, 8.30am, Holy Communion.

11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 21 Pentecost 4, 8.30am, Holy Communion.

11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Thu 25 9.30am, Prayers for healing.

Sun 28 8.30am, Holy Communion.

11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

Junior Church and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

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

#### 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.

#### Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

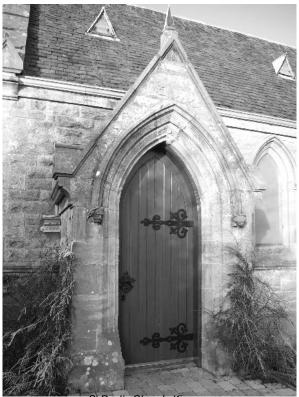
Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.00pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6.30pm	Children's Club (term time)

#### 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



St Paul's Church, Kinross

## **Acknowledgement**

FILSHIE - Jeanette and Harry McLennan would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the cards and flowers received after Margaret's death. Also thanks to the District Nurses and Dr. A. McCracken for their care and attention, to Stewart Funeral Directors for their courtesy and professionalism, and a very special thanks to Rev. Robert Pickles for his funeral service, which was a great comfort to all the family.

#### SAFESTORE, KINROSS

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Telephone: 01577 865141/Fax: 01577 865104 SAFESTORE, KINROSS offers containers which are available for customers to utilise. As it is self-storage, you will be required to load and unload the container yourself, thus keeping costs to you down.

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# Playgroups & Nurseries

#### PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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

Playgroup (2.5 yrs 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 - Fiona Eastop 01577 864194

#### FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL **GROUP**



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 PLAYGROU 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**



#### Kinross High School Citizenship Quaich

The closing date for nominations is:

#### **MONDAY 1 JUNE at 1pm**

Nomination forms appeared in the April and May issues of the Newsletter. Completed forms should be submitted to the school office by the above date.

#### Kinross-shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



#### Tuesday 2 June at 7.30pm in Church Centre.

We have, as always, been very busy over the past few months helping the residents of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg access the services they need whether it is medical appointments, shopping, hospital visiting or other social requirements.

Our co-ordinator, Ann Munro, is pleased to welcome the new volunteers who have joined us recently but would be very happy to have more to help spread the load. From time to time even the regular drivers need medical attention and this can cause problems if they have to cancel runs meaning Ann has to do a rapid phone round to organise another driver.

If you are interested and would like to learn more about us, come along to our AGM on 2 June, you will be very welcome but, should you be too busy that evening, then just contact Ann Munro at 01577 840196.

#### Milnathort Festival

Church, Community & School Partnership

#### Saturday 6 June

at School

2 – 4 pm All the Fun of the Fair

5 – 8 pm Family Ceilidh in School Marquee

7 – 9 pm Former Pupils Homecoming in Town Hall

Orwell Church Events

3 – 4.30 pm Old Church records available

6 – 7.30 pm Old Church records available

#### Sunday 7 June

2.30 pm Treasure Hunt

Guide & Scout Hall, Church Street 6.45 pm Concert in Orwell Church

For further information 01577 861236/863461

#### Storytelling with Sylvia Troon

at RSPB Vane Farm

Professional storyteller Sylvia Troon will be telling tales from Loch Leven and beyond on

Saturday 13 June

11am - 1.30pm

Booking required on 01577 862355

## Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

**Monday 22 June** 3.30pm to 8.00pm **Tuesday 23 June** 5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

#### Orwell Old Folks Association A G M

will be held in Milnathort Town Hall on

#### Wednesday 24 June at 8pm

This very small committee really need some help to arrange an annual outing and a Christmas party. FUND RAISING

Orwell Old Folks Association are holding an

#### Afternoon Tea

on Thursday 25 June

at 1.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall.
Teas, Coffees, Sales Table and Raffle.
All contributions will be gratefully appreciated



#### Would you know what to do in an emergency?

St. Andrew's Ambulance Association are running a Standard First Aid Course every Thursday, commencing 27 August to 26 November 2009 (7.00 to 9pm), at Kelty Community Centre.

The certificated course is open to anyone who wants to learn First Aid. In the past, attendees have completed the course for work purposes, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, as well as developing their own personal skills. The cost of the 12 week course (including an up-to-date First Aid Manual) is £35.00 per adult.

For more information, please call Alex on 01383 880638 or come along to Kelty Community Centre where you will be made very welcome.

#### **Situations Vacant and Classified Adverts**

In next month's Newsletter, we plan to publish details of any Situations Vacant and Classified Adverts which are listed on the **www.kinross.cc** website.

At the moment, any local employer looking for staff can advertise their vacancy free of charge on the community website. Similarly, local residents with items for sale (under the value of £500) can advertise their item free of charge there. And now, for a trial period, these vacancies and items will get extra free coverage in the Newsletter.

So why not go to kinross.cc and register your vacancy or your items for sale?

Any vacancy or item for sale on the website as at 15 June will be included in the July Newsletter.

#### **PORTMOAK GALA**

Saturday 20 June, 2.00pm Well Green, Scotlandwell

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun for all the family. Join the Fancy Dress Parade (1.45pm Church Car Park), and follow the Gala Queen down to the Well Green.

Bouncy Castle, Bric a Brac, Books, Plants, Cake & Candy, Face Painting, Highland Dancers, Majorettes,

Belly Dancers, Superb raffle prizes All this and lots, lots more besides.

A great afternoon's entertainment for the whole family. Donations of bric a brac, plants, books, bottles, cake & candy will be most welcome. Please contact Sandra Davidson 07900 196742

if you would like to have a stall, help on the day or make any donations.

## Orwell Bowling Club SOCIAL EVENING

Saturday 18 July

BINGO at 8pm then
DANCING with Cabaret Artiste JAY KAY
£2.00 entry for non-members

## Abba and Queen tribute bands at GAZEBO GATHERING



at Kinross House **Saturday 12 September** from 12 noon – 7.30pm

Pitch your gazebo in front of Kinross House at the Kinross Gazebo Gathering – a music festival for the whole family!!

For more information, see page 30 or contact Bouwien

Bennet, bouwien@kleo.org.uk

#### **Archaeology Volunt eering Opportunities**

MASS Excavations — Medieval Abbey and Scone Survey excavations at Scone Palace, 8 — 23 August. Will involve excavation and some geophysical survey. No experience necessary, all training and equipment provided. Five-day commitment required.

Ifinterested, email: OO' Grady@pkc.gov.uk

Roman Gask Project (RGP) - Four volunteers required for geophysical survey in Perthshire, 5-17 July.

Unlimited volunteers required for geophysical survey and fieldwalking, 25-29 August.

If interested in RGP, contact Steven Timoney by email at STimoney@pkc.govuk ortelephone 01738477089.

#### **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.

#### **Blythswood Care**

Somerfield's Car Park

Tuesday 16 June between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Please look out for the lorry either at Ochil View (parallel with Station Road) or the Park & Ride

#### T in the Park Drop-In Centre

#### **Church Centre**

#### Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 July

With T in the Park returning to Kinross, the Drop-In Centre will be open serving bacon rolls, cooked breakfasts and beans-on-toast to hungry attendees. With ever increasing numbers visiting the Church Centre, as we become "part of the culture" of the weekend with many people returning year after year for the welcome we give, we require volunteers to run the Drop-In, to cook food, clear tables, wash dishes, man the door or even be on "welly-watch". The shifts we will be operating are

Saturday 11th: 8-11am 10am-1pm 11am-2pm Sunday 12th: 8-11am 10am-1pm 11am-2pm

Also required are two cleaners at the end of each day at approximately 1.30pm. If you can help in any way, or would like more information, please give Fiona Eastop a call on 864194 or 07855769466 or email Fiona@dfeastop.co.uk

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#### **GALA DINNER DANCE**

in aid of Water Action Ethiopia Sunday 5 September 2009



Tickets on sale now – contact:

Alisdair Stewart or

01577 862262

or Margaret Graham 01577 865844



#### **Kinross-shire Fund**

Grants available for local

community projects

e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare, Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations

For more information and to download an application form, see **www.kinross-shirefund.org** or contact Annabel Bath on 0131 524 0300

or email Annabel@scottishcforg

#### Dementia Café for Perth & Kinross

A "Drop in" Cafe is held on the first CAFE 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.

#### Kinross & District Pipe Band CEILIDH

Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross Friday 5 June

Tickets (supper included): £10 adult, £7 concession, £5 child Tel: Nigel, 01577 863738 or email: secretary@kinross-pipe-band.co.uk 46

#### **Community Councils**

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945

KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.govuk Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Mrs M Traylor (01383)830059,

CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Milnathort: Chair: Mr J Giacopazzi (01577) 864025

MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

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

FossowayCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Portmoak: Secv. Mr J Bird (01592) 840368,

PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

#### **Kinross Community Councillors**

Susan Bathgate	42 High Street	864742
Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Dave Cuthbert (Chair)	Highfield Circle	861001
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Laura Mackay	Brunthill Farm	07809232740
Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Joe Richardson	47/49 High Street	863152
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson (Vice Chair	862685	

#### Perth and Kinross Councillors

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

Tel (home): 01337 840218. Email: kbaird@pkcgov.uk

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

Email: Michael@mabarnacle.freeserve.co.uk

Sandy Miller, c/o Perth & Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth,

PH1 5PH. Tel (business): 01577840462.

Email: SMiller@pkc.gov.uk

William Robertson, 85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross,

KY13 9XA. Tel (home): 01577 865 178. Email: wbrobertson@pkcgov.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: fccoffice@btinternet.com

#### **Waste Paper Kerbside Collection**

Next uplift in Kinross, Milnathort and Glenfarg:

#### Thursday 18 June

You can recycle the following materials in your blue-lidded bin: Brochures, leaflets, magazines, newspapers, office quality paper and the contents of junk mail. Do not put envelopes or plastic wrappers in this wheelie bin. Place bin on kerbside by 730am 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, FK 10 1 JF.

#### MSP for Ochil Constituency Keith Brown MSP

will beholding regular

#### surgeries throughout his constituency area.

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

Keith can also be contacted by email at

keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk or by writing to 80 Mill Street, Alloa, FK10 1DY

#### Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address: The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

#### MSPs for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

Claire Baker MSP (Scot Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.padiament.uk **Ted Brocklebank MSP** (Scot Cons) Tel: 0131 348 5610

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#### Mobile Library – Blairingone and Milnathort

**Every Second Wednesday** 

Next visits: 3 & 17 June

Blairingone 9.30am - 9.45am Westerloan, Milnathort 2.10pm - 3pm Bridge fauld 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

MondayElderberries1.30 pmTuesdayBingo1.30 pm

We dnesdayMorning Service10.45 am,Quiz Afternoon1.30 pmThursdayArt Class1.30 pm,Film Afternoon1.30 pmFridayCarpet Bowls11.00 am,Scrabble1.30 pm

Additional Events for June

AGM Thursday 4 at 1.30 pm Barge Trip Tuesday 9 at 11.15 am

All interested parties are welcome to the Annual General Meeting. Agenda includes approval of accounts and appointment of committee.

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

Telephone: 01577 863869





#### 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





#### LimeTArts Textile Art

#### **Quilts and Beyond**

Exhibition and Sale of Textile Art Demonstrations and Mini Workshops

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 July 10am - 4pm Kilgraston School, Bridge of Earn, Perth PH2 9BQ

FREE ENTRY and FREE PARKING Tea, coffee, biscuits, and home bakes

Please visit our website for further details www.limetarts.co.uk

#### Kinross Recycling Centre Bridgend Industrial Estate

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

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

#### Perth 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:

#### 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 microrenewables 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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Tue	9	Portmoak CC meets	20
Tue	9	Citizens Advice Bureau at St Pauls	47
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Thu	11	Milnathort CC meets	16
Fri	12	Common Grounds project supper	22
Sat	13	Storytelling at Vane Farm	44
Mon	15	NEWSLETTER DEAD LINE	1
Tue	16	Blyths wood Care collection	45
Thu	18	Kinross Primary Parent Council AGM	23
Sat	20	Portmoak Gala	45
Sun	21	Civic Trust midsummer walk	25
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Mon, Tue	22, 23	Blood Donor sessions	44
Tue	23	Citizens Advice Bureau at St Pauls	47
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