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Letters

Editorial

Leaflets – There should be two leaflets with your Newsletter this month.

One is the annual **Residents' Information Leaflet** about arrangements for **T in the Park**. This will contain important information about road closures, traffic routes and all sorts of advice which will be relevant to many of us, whether attending T in the Park or not. Please take time to have a look at it.

The other leaflet contains some great news – the **Loch Leven Heritage Trail** has made it into the semi-finals of the National Lottery Awards! The next stage involves public voting, and we urge you all to support this local asset by voting for it. The coverage which would result from reaching the final stage of the awards could be a tremendous boost to Kinross-shire. Read more about it in Neil Kilpatrick's article on page 5.

If your leaflets are missing, try asking in the outlet where you bought your Newsletter – they might have spares.

Welcome – This month we welcome a new member to the Newsletter Team. Glenn Neve will be looking after our subscriptions and distributing the supplies of Newsletters to the shopkeepers who kindly stock it for us. Glenn and his wife Kirsty run Saltire Transport Services, and their big minibus will be useful for the extra load of leaflets this month!

Due to various production reasons, this Newsletter may not be in the shops until a day or so later than originally planned. Apologies for any disappointment – we know you can't wait to read it! – but it will still be out before July starts.

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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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Dirty Dogs

10.06.09

As a recent arrival in Kinross, after 27 years in Canada, I'm appalled and dismayed by the dog fouling and litter-louting in such a small community. It doesn't seem to matter where my wife and I walk, either the pavements in Kinross or the Loch Leven trail, we have to be constantly on the watch for dog poop. Hasn't anyone heard of a plastic bag? Some of those who have leave their parcels in the trees and at the path sides as decoration.

The litter problem here doesn't seem quite as bad as in other Scottish communities but perhaps that is just a matter of populations size. The high school students seem to have no regard for their environment, discarding soft drink bottles and wrappers wherever they feel like, although since Somerfield closed the problem in our area has improved. Who do they think picks the debris up?

There's no shortage of litterbins and dog poop disposal bins in Kinross, so perhaps we need a local education program at school and in the home on how to use them.

Do any of us really want to regress to the days of 'gardylloo'?

Tom Smith
Wilson Court, Kinross

National Curling Academy

15.06.09

The Kinross Curling Trust ("KCT") recently gave a presentation to the Kinross-shire Partnership ("KP") of the exciting plans for the establishment of a National Curling Academy ("NCA") in Kinross.

This letter is to confirm that the directors of KP are fully supportive of this inspired initiative, which we firmly believe will not only be a tremendous boost to the sport of curling in Scotland but will also be a great boon to Kinross in terms of..

- Economic development
- Tourism
- Community recreation

It is clear that KCT have invested a great deal of time and energy into this project, the successful implementation of which will greatly enhance the status of our county town. We know that fierce competition and many hurdles were overcome to get to this stage and understand that the whole scheme could be scuppered if planning consent is withheld. In that connection, KP was made aware of the lengths to which KCT has gone to find the best site for the facility and why (after exhaustive research) Market Park was selected, but that some local opposition to that location has been encountered.

The purpose of this letter is to let people in Kinross know that the directors of KP (both individually and collectively) fully support the location of the NCA facility at Market Park. The architects have clearly done an excellent job in producing an environmentally friendly design which looks very attractive and sensitive to the surroundings.

We wish KCT every success in bringing the project through to fruition.

Alisdair A Stewart, Chairman

Kinross-shire Partnership

KP Directors: Chris Benningwood, David Graham, Ryan Smith, Fiona Craigon, Graham Hadley, Pauline Watson, Euan Ferguson and Eddie Henderson.



News & Articles

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

By Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director

The good news this month is that the Loch Leven Heritage Trail has reached the semi-final of the National Lottery Awards. The awards are an annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects. We are now in the last 10 projects under the Best Environment Project category, having been chosen out of over 500 entries. It is the only Scottish project in this category.

The next stage is a first round of UK public voting, out of which three projects will enter the final stage which culminates in a special gala BBC1 television show. The voting will take place **between 22 June and 10 July** and the public, including children, can vote by telephone or via the National Lottery Awards website. You can vote for us therefore in either of two ways: **phone 0844 686 5219** or **visit website www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards and click on the Best Environment Project category and cast your vote!**



The Loch Leven Heritage Trail has reached the semi-final of the National Lottery Awards!

Please help us if you can by voting for the project and encouraging as many other people as you can to do so as well. They could be family, friends, work colleagues or any network of contacts that you may have. If you can do so we shall be immensely grateful and it will help to give the project and the whole Kinross and Loch Leven environment an immense promotional boost. Against the big English battalions we shall need every local vote that we can get. We have now started the preliminary work on the final stage of the Heritage Trail to link Vane Farm with Kinross Pier and thus complete the full circuit of the loch. Negotiations will take place this summer with Scottish Natural Heritage, RSPB and all the relevant landowners to see if a suitable route can be found.

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Kinross Library News

For junior members of the library there is once again a summer reading challenge to enjoy. The theme this year is *Quest Seekers* and is all about the power of the imagination. Children are invited to embark on a fantastical adventure and become a Quest Seeker. As before, the aim is to read a total of 6 books as well as collecting posters, stickers, certificates and other goodies along the way. Quest Seekers will run in Kinross from Friday 19 June until Saturday 29 August. Please check out the website www.questseekers.org.uk for more ideas and information.

Story telling for pre-school children will continue throughout the summer months. These sessions take place on a Tuesday morning from 10.30 – 11.00am and Wednesday afternoons from 2.15 – 2.45pm and are both held in Kinross library. *Bookstart Rhymetimes*, also for pre-school children, will continue over the summer and take place at the Loch Leven Leisure Centre on the last Friday of the month from 11.00 – 11.30pm. All sessions are free and there is no need to book, just come along and enjoy.

Much work is going on behind the scenes as we prepare for the opening of the new Campus library in October. Stock taking is well advanced in the current library and new stock is presently being purchased for the opening. In the meantime we are always interested in what the community would like to see in the new library. Forms on which to make your suggestions are available at Kinross library.

Job Opportunities in New Campus Community Library

The new library in Kinross, with extended opening hours, will mean more opportunity for local people to browse and borrow books, access computers, meet friends for a coffee, or while away a few relaxing moments reading while the rest of the family are at the sports facilities next door.

The extended opening hours will also mean job opportunities for local people who would like to act as relief library assistants to cover staff holidays. This will include evening and Saturday working. These jobs tend to be popular as a library is a very pleasant environment in which to work – and a complete heaven for people with an interest in books and reading. Working in a library is a great opportunity, too, for people who enjoy taking an interest in others and supporting community activity. And a great place to learn new skills. The pay for a relief Library Assistant is currently £7.55 an hour.

The library service would like to recruit relief Library Assistants for Kinross Library now. If you think you might be interested please come along to Kinross Library on **Wednesday 22 July** between 6.30 and 7.30pm to meet with library staff, hear more about the job and pick up an application form if you remain interested. If you cannot come to a meeting but would like to discuss this opportunity further please call Caroline Beaton, Community Libraries Manager on 01738 477001.

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Kinross High School Parent Council



School Uniform Purple Blazer

The KHSPC sponsored initiative to encourage the reintroduction of the High School's purple uniform blazer and generally improve uniform standards at the school has got off to great start. The arrival of the factory samples of the new purple blazers has been well received by pupils and parents alike, and many orders for the new blazers have already been placed. The new blazers are comfortable, light and easy to wear, and at £40 are very reasonably priced.

The intention remains to encourage as many pupils as possible, throughout the school, to again adopt the wearing of the purple blazer, and in particular in time for the move to the new campus. The new blazers are sold by the KHSPC and are manufactured from a washable polyester. The girls' blazer differs from the traditional design of the boys' in that it has a more fashionable fitted style.

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.

Anyone wishing to order a blazer may do so using the order form below. We will continue taking orders throughout the school summer holidays and the new blazers will be delivered as soon as practicable, hopefully before the start of the new academic year, if not shortly thereafter. The earlier the orders are placed the earlier the new blazers will be delivered.

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.

Calling all Former Pupils of Kinross High School - Date for the Diary: The KHSPC is holding a meeting on **Tuesday 7 July** in Kinross Church Centre at 7.30pm with a view to help set up a Kinross High School Former Pupil (KHSFP) Association. The idea is that the FPs will support each other as well as feeding back life experiences and support to the current pupils at the school, and to the wider Kinross-shire community. The move to the new campus provides the stimulus for setting up the KHSFP association and it is hoped that the FPs will be able to help celebrate the old school and the move to the new campus in October.

The interest shown at the meeting will determine if a KHSFP association is a viable proposition. The meeting is open to all former pupils and teachers of Kinross High School the experienced and the young. We look forward to meeting with you. For further information please contact Jaffrey Weir KHSPC Vice Chair.

KHSPC Membership: As one school year draws to an end we are already looking to the next and the parent membership of the KHSPC. We are looking for volunteers to help with the work of the KHSPC and its Events and Fundraising Team (EFT). Any parent (or guardian) of a pupil studying at KHS may volunteer as a parent member of the KHSPC. For further information please contact Andy Williams the KHSPC Chair.

KHSPC Clerk: Mrs Helen Glover is stepping down as the Clerk to the KHSPC. Helen has provided sterling support to the KHSPC and its predecessor the School Board over several years, and we thank her for all her hard work. Her advice, experience and contributions were much appreciated, and not least her meticulous records of the KHSPC meetings. Helen's departure leaves the position of Clerk vacant. Anyone interested in taking on the role should contact Andy Williams. The role is open to anyone in the community and is not restricted to parents (or guardians) of KHS pupils.

KHSPC Meeting Dates 2009 - 2010 Academic Year

KHSPC meetings take place on Tuesday evenings at the high school commencing at 7.15 pm. The programme of meetings for the 2009 - 2010 academic year is:

2009: 1 September, 3 November

2010: 12 January, 2 March, 20 April,

1 June & 8 June (Annual General 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 environment which supports pupils, staff, and parents. Within the KHSPC the E&FT looks after the activities of the old Parent Teacher Association. The next KHSPC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 1 September**. Parents and guardians of pupils attending Kinross High School are most welcome to attend the meeting.

Elected officers of KHSPC for the 2009/10 academic year:

Chair	Andy Williams	01577 861682
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Vice Chair	Jaffrey Weir	01577 865780
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Kinross High School Parent Council												
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Chest sizes available:		Inches	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
		Centimetres	71	76	81	86	91	97	101	107	112	117
Please make cheques out in favour of Kinross High School Parent Council. During the summer holidays please post your order together with deposit to the following address: KHSPC, c/o 27 Croft Wynd, Milnathort, Kinross-shire, KY13 9GH.												

Thank you ... and one more thing!

Discovery Day was a great success at the end of May! The weather stayed fine and we had a really good day at the Kirkgate Park. More than 600 people took part in activities on the day and I hope that everyone had a good day out and learnt a thing or two about the special qualities that make Loch Leven a National Nature Reserve!

So a great big thank you to those of you that came along – especially to those of you that joined us in the morning for the guided walks and then turned out for the Bat Walk that finished around midnight! An especially big thank you to the exhibitors and helpers on the day who all gave of their time freely and helped make the event a tremendous success!



Thomas McNamara, of Perth, winner of the junior section of the SNH Loch Leven 'biodiversity' photography competition with the display of winning photographs at Discovery Day

And now, for that one more thing! P&KC Countryside Rangers are pleased to be supporting our colleagues in Fife as they undertake a study of the Lomond Hills and surrounding area finding out about people taking access into and around the Lomond Hills Regional Park. The Regional Park borders Kinross-shire and is a popular destination for visitors and residents in the area. The Lomond Hills Regional Park is one of three Regional Parks in Scotland (the others being Clydemuirshiel and third being the Pentland Hills) and Regional Parks are a vital part of Scotland's countryside.

We have been asked to circulate some questionnaires for people to fill in and return to Fife Coast and Countryside Trust. These questionnaires have just over 30 questions and will take about 20 minutes to complete and can be returned in a freepost envelope available with the questionnaire. They are available at the Village Shop in Kinnesswood – so please, if you have ever visited the Regional Park, it would be greatly appreciated if you could fill one in and return it! For more information, please feel free to contact Niall Lobley, Senior Ranger with Perth and Kinross Council by email to nallobley@pkc.gov.uk or 01738 475393.

To see the photograph which was the overall winner in the SNH competition, see the Loch Leven NNR report, p. 59.



There was plenty to see and do at Loch Leven Discovery Day!

Summer Focus Groups

Perth and Kinross Council Officers will be contacting community organisations and members of the Kinross-shire community over the summer holidays inviting them to participate in small focus groups to discuss key issues relevant to the community.

It is hoped that the focus groups will encourage open dialogue and bring a common understanding of the issues. A further event will take place at the end of August/September 2009, to look at joint ways forward under key themes that will have been identified through the focus group discussions. We very much hope that you will be able to attend.

Future publicity for the focus groups will be sent out in due course. If you are interested in attending a focus group session, please contact Alice Yeung on 01738 476375 or email aliceyeung@pkc.gov.uk

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Loch Leven Community Campus

Construction is moving apace with our agreed entry date of Monday 26 October 2009.

Details of construction progress can be found on the KHS website and also on www.kinross.cc.

School closure

In order to facilitate the move from 8 High Street to the new campus, Kinross High School will be closed to pupils from Friday 23 to Tuesday 27 October 2009. We plan to have orientation tours for different groups of pupils during Wednesday 28 October, with the school re-opening officially on Thursday 29 October.



The new High School looking toward the Contemplation Room

Campus Management Group

This group will be responsible for running the campus.

Dick Keatings	Campus Leader
Elizabeth Cargill	Campus Business Manager
Grant Carstairs	PKC Community Integration Manager
June Dudley	Tayside Contracts
Carol Ross	MITIE Facilities Management
Neil Johnston	Loch Leven Leisure Centre Manager (PKL)

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 weekend of **Friday 20 - 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) by telephoning Kinross High School on 01577 862430, or email at dmorris@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Seamab School

The item in May's Newsletter prompted a few enquiries about Seamab - what kind of establishment we are and what do we do - so it might be of interest if I tell you a little bit about us.

Seamab is a very small residential primary school which makes provision for 15 young children who have really severe social or emotional problems - usually as a result of abuse or neglect in their early childhood. If you have seen the NSPCC advert - these are the kind of children who come to Seamab. When they first arrive, very few of the children have any contact with their families and they stay full time in Seamab, in three bungalows with five children in each. The purpose of Seamab is to help the children feel safe, and give them their childhood back, to grow and develop to the point where they can return to family life, not necessarily their birth family, to the community and the local school.

Children are placed in Seamab by their local authorities and the school works closely with professionals from their home area to make sure they get all the support that they need. When a family is identified for a child to move to, our staff work closely with the family to provide support and advice and remain in contact with the child for a period to help them settle. Some children choose to keep in touch even as young adults.

Although we only have 15 children at any one time, we have about 70 staff so the children are very well looked after and there are always adults available when they are needed. As well as the Principal, Depute Principal, Head of Education we have four teachers and four classroom assistants and a large number of qualified care staff. The main benefit our children receive is from living together in a safe environment with adults to understand and care for them. However, we also provide a number of therapeutic experiences including movement, touch and drama therapy. All of our work is based on our belief in the vital importance of the early bond between a child and his or her mother or principal care giver. If this is missing, as with so many abused or neglected children, it can be very difficult to replace/replicate at a late date. If this ability to relate and bond is not replaced then their life chances are limited.

Anne Anderson, Principal

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

Well, this month we are delighted to announce the addition of Peter Vardy, Perth Vauxhall to what is becoming a lengthy list of corporate sponsors! The team visited the showroom this month to collect the cheque and pose for the camera again! We are also ecstatic to share with you that Good Natured Fruit have requested to upgrade their sponsorship from a Silver package to a Platinum package. It seems as though Good Natured Fruit believe that the exposure they were receiving from us is well worth the extra backing.



The Nutznboltz team tinker with one of their motors...

The lads have now begun their courses of vaccinations, thankfully. Thanks to everyone involved, in particular Rowlands Pharmacy for their help, patience and sponsorship!

The team held its last major fundraiser on Friday 5 June in the form of a golf day, held at The Green Hotel Golf Courses. A fantastic day was had all round with the total raised falling just short of the £1100 mark! A great effort and thanks to all that were involved, especially sponsors of the day.

By the time this goes to print, we will be down to no fewer than 18 days until our official launch, so please sponsor us through our website, if you haven't already done so.

The response we received from last month's plea with regard items for the trip was outstanding and we thank everyone greatly who helped us.

The cars are really looking the part now with their fluorescent yellow modifications and abundance of stickers. A huge thanks goes out to Craig Purvis of the Purvis Group who has been helping us prepare the bangers for what is to come.

We are of course always welcome to more corporate sponsorship, so if you want to jump on board and receive updates as we navigate our way east, please contact us ASAP.

To date, we still haven't received our passports back from the relevant embassies in London but we have been advised to remain calm, just a small worry at the moment.

We are still looking for some ridiculous challenges to participate in on our journey. Something that creates a bit of a challenge will most definitely lighten up those tough days as we trundle across rugged terrain. We are rugby boys so we will do anything for charity so please get in contact!

We will be leaving Kinross on Thursday 16 July and we welcome everyone to come down to the KGV from 7.30pm onwards to see us on our way with our bangers weighed down significantly and looking incredibly hideous.

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

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

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Taking part in the Mongol Charity Rally:

Liam Carragher, Cameron Crawford, Ian Harley, Mark Harvey, Duncan Wood and Chris Carragher.

Third in series for local author

Midwinter, a freezing night in Leith, near Edinburgh's red light district. A policewoman's flashlight stabs the darkness in a snow-covered cemetery. The circle of light stops on a colourless, dead face...

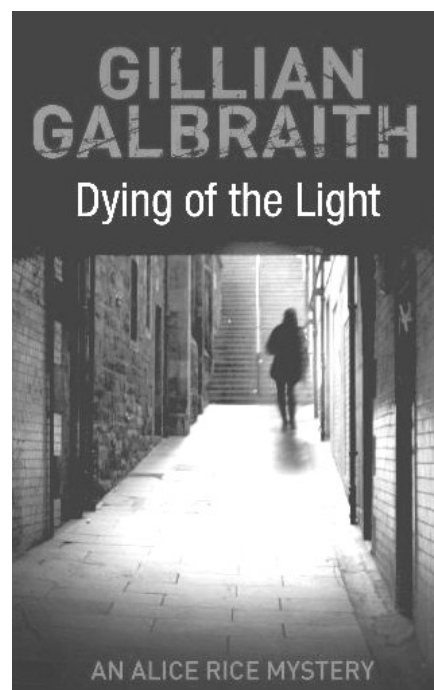
So begins the hunt for a serial murderer of prostitutes in Gillian Galbraith's third Alice Rice mystery, *Dying of the Light*.

Off-duty, Alice's home life continues its uneven course. Her romance with the artist Ian Melville offers the prospect of happiness, but is plagued by insecurity. Her demented but determined neighbour, Miss Spinnell, offers a new challenge to Alice's patience at every meeting.

This atmospheric thriller builds on the success of the first two Alice Rice mysteries, *Blood in the Water* and *Where the Shadow Falls*, and it is Gillian Galbraith's most accomplished novel yet.

Gillian Galbraith was an advocate specialising in medical negligence cases as well as the legal correspondent for the Scottish Farmer magazine. She now lives in the Kinross-shire countryside and writes full-time.

Dying of the Light, published by Polygon, is available now in hardback at £12.99. *Where the Shadow Falls* is now out in paperback at £7.99.



Dying of the Light - Gillian Galbraith's latest book



Kinross- Shire Agricultural Society Flower Show Marquee Sponsored by Dobbies Garden Centre, Kinross



Saturday 8 August, Kinross House Grounds, Kinross

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JUDGING COMMENCES 10.00am. ENTRIES: 50p per Adult Exhibit and 20p per Child Exhibit.

One exhibit entry per person in each class. Entries accepted on Show Field until 9.00pm on Friday 7 August.

Alternatively, from 8am until 9.30am on Saturday 8 August - entries can be uplifted at 4.30pm.

Classes

1. Pot Plant – Geranium	12. Best Single Rose
2. Pot Plant – Foliage	13. Vase of Five Sweet Peas
3. Pot Plant - Flowering	14. One Gladioli any variety
4. Pot Plant - Begonia	15. Hanging Basket
5a. Pot Plant - Fuschia	16. Patio Planter – Containing Herbs
5b. Pot Plant – Standard Fuschia	17. A miniature arrangement in an Eggcup
6. Pot Plant – Any Bonsai Exhibit	18. Bowl of Flowers from an Open Garden to be viewed overall
7. One vase mixed Herbaceous	19. An exhibit of Flowers & Foliage incorporating a bottle on a base not exceeding 30 cms in diameter
8a. Vase of Three Dahlias – Decorated	
8b. Vase of Three Dahlias – Cacti	
8c. Vase of Three Dahlias – Ball/Pom	
9. Four Marigolds any variety to be shown on a board*	20. A Floral Arrangement the theme – "100 years Girl Guides "
10. Four Pansies to be shown on a board*	21. A Posy Floral Arrangement for a coffee table not exceeding 25cms
11. Vase of Three Roses	22. An exhibit the theme – 'Hot & Spicy' not exceeding 40cms x 30 cms.

* Boards available on request - With a refundable deposit of £1.00

Children's Classes

23. A picture on A4 paper depicting "IN THE NIGHT GARDEN" exhibited by a Boy or Girl age 5 years and under
24. A picture on A4 paper depicting "KONG FUE PANDA" exhibited by a Boy or Girl age 6 to 8 years
25. A model of children's character "IGGLE PIGGLE" from using recyclable materials exhibited by Boy or Girl, age 5 years and under
26. A model of children's character "BOLT THE DOG" from using recyclable materials exhibited by Boy or Girl, age 6 to 8 years
27. An arrangement of "Garden Flowers" in a "JAM JAR" shown by a boy or girl aged 8 and under
28. A "FACE MASK" made from a Paper Plate exhibited by a boy or girl age 9 to 14 years
29. A "GARDEN IN A SEED TRAY" shown by a Boy or Girl age 8 and under not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural material only
30. A "GARDEN IN A SEED TRAY" shown by a Boy or Girl age 9 to 14 years not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural material only

Prize Money - In All Classes 1st - £2, 2nd - £1, 3rd - 50p

Prize Giving will take place within the Flower Show Tent at 3.30pm on Show Day. Prize monies to be collected on the day.

Trophies

The Trophies for the most points, Classes 1 to 16 and 17 to 22 inclusive, will be assessed 3, 2, 1 for the first three prizes.

CAIRNS CUP for the most points overall, + Rosette

BALADO SALVER for the most outstanding entry in Classes 1 to 16 + Rosette

FISHER BOWL for most points in Dahlias

CAESAR TROPHY – Sweet Peas

THE KIRKNESS TROPHY for the most points in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 17 to 22 inclusive)

THE RENTON TROPHY for the most outstanding exhibit in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 17 to 22 inclusive)

THE GAVINE LINDORES TROPHY for the best Single Rose (Class 12)

THE SCOTT-DAVIDSON CUP presented by the late W. Scott-Davidson Esq., of Dowhill, Cleish, for the winner of Class 17

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (small) winner of class 29

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (large) winner of class 30

THE MAISIE PIRIE CUP also Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child under 8 years.

THE C PIRIE CUP also Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child age 9 to 14 years.

MAWCARSE SALVER – Best Exhibit Overall in the Show.

Special Prizes

Vouchers for the best exhibit in Classes 1 to 14 & 17 to 22 inclusive. Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places will be presented in Classes 23 to 30.

Schedules available from: Dobbies Garden Centre, Robertson's of Milnathort, Kinnesswood Shop and Newsplus, Kinross. A schedule can also be downloaded from www.kinross.cc

Fund Raising For The Scottish Society For Autism

Support Sarah Miller, a former pupil of Kinross High School as she embarks on a challenge of a lifetime!



In October of this year I will be embarking on a 10 day challenge overseas to raise vital funds for a charity close to my heart, **The Scottish Society for Autism!** I spent four years living on the shores of Lake Geneva in Switzerland and for three of those years I worked in a school for children with autism. Although my current career path has veered away from autism, I learnt a lot from this remarkable population and I am passionate about raising awareness about this lifelong and disabling condition. Now living back in Scotland, I actively support The Scottish Society for Autism and am determined to raise vital funds for distribution across Scotland by doing a sponsored trek along the Great Wall of China.

The **Great Wall of China** is the world's longest manmade structure, stretching 6000km in a dotted line across the country and dating back to the 5th Century BC. The challenge will be physically demanding as we trek for up to 8 hours a day following the contour of this ancient landscape, sleeping in local farms and villages but it will also offer fabulous scenery and a fascinating insight into a rich culture and history. More importantly money raised from the challenge will go to this registered charity and help to provide the funds for the advice, support and specialist services offered to people and families affected by autism in Scotland.

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that begins in early childhood and typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime. It is part of a group of disorders known as autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and impairs a person's ability to

communicate, interact and relate to others. It is also associated with rigid routines and repetitive behaviours and symptoms can range from very mild to quite severe. In recent years researchers have estimated autism affects one in one hundred individuals in Britain alone, making it more common than you may have thought. It occurs in all racial, ethnic and social groups and is four times more likely to occur in males than females. With such prevalence it is quite likely that you may know someone affected by ASD and this challenge will strike a chord with you.

Personally I have pledged to raise at least £2800 and have already raised about a third of this amount but still have a long way to go. As part of my fund raising efforts I have organised a **Summer Ceilidh** at the **Windlestrae Hotel** here in Kinross on **Saturday 25 July** and I hope as many of you as possible will don your dancing shoes and support me on the night.

I am well aware that "donation fatigue" has set in to the mindsets of many in recent years and appreciate that we all need to watch the pennies during the recession. It is however this very fact which makes it so difficult for charities to raise the funds they so desperately need to continue their good work. Since committing to this challenge I have discovered that the fundraising part probably takes as much effort and determination as the trek itself but that makes the goal ever more rewarding! At the root of every plan I make, every event I hold, every penny I raise and every step I take there is a very special charity and if my efforts raise awareness of autism in the community and how it affects people's lives then it will all be worth it!

For more information on my challenge and/or to buy tickets for the ceilidh please visit my online blog at www.sassie09.blogspot.com. Alternatively if you would like to sponsor me online please visit www.justgiving.com/sarah09. Remember every penny counts!

Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's to open in mid July

It's been confirmed - the new Sainsbury's in Kinross is to open its doors on 15 July.

Work has been going on since the middle of May to convert the former Somerfield on Station Road into one of Sainsbury's latest stores. When the store opens it will include a new deli counter and an onsite bakery in addition to a wide range of fresh produce. The store will have 8 checkouts and 4 self-scan checkouts.

Sainsbury's contractors and employees have already started engaging with the local community and have arranged with Milnathort Primary School to help paint two of the classrooms. They are also working with students at Kinross Primary to plant trees at the school and in the new store car park.

Store manager, George Paton is looking forward to working with the local community:

"It's absolutely fantastic that we are able to work with the contractors to support local primary schools," said Mr Paton. "We believe that the new store will be great for the area, not just with the new jobs it has created but also the support we can offer to local community groups. In addition to the school projects, we have also agreed to provide over

200 goodie bags to children at the Portmoak Gala Day on 20 June."

Former Somerfield employees in Kinross have been offered jobs with Sainsbury's and have been undergoing training during the closure period to prepare for the re-opening of the store.

An additional 60 job opportunities have also been created and the majority of these roles have been filled by local people.

Mr Paton said: "It's great that local people are benefiting from the new jobs."

A planning application has also been made to extend the store, which would enable Sainsbury's to offer a wider product range.

Shopmobility

Scooters are available for hire at several shopping centres in the area (details below). You do not need to be registered disabled to hire a scooter.

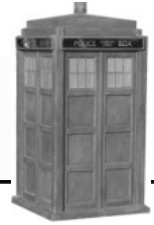
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Kirkcaldy: Mercat Centre Car Park. Tel: 01592 583248



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School Holidays: During the forthcoming holidays officers from Kinross will be paying particular attention to the schools in our area with a view to preventing acts of vandalism and other forms of anti-social behaviour from occurring. To assist us in this plan we would ask members of the public, particularly those living adjacent to our schools, to be diligent and report any incidents of vandalism, anti-social behaviour or other suspicious acts. In previous years this exercise has proved very successful and has prevented various crimes from being committed.

We would also like to remind motorists in the area that owing to the holidays many more youngsters will be out and about, engaged in various pursuits such as cycling, and for these motorists to exercise more care and attention, and to moderate their speeds to avoid any accidents.

Finally, but probably most importantly, on this subject we have a message for the young persons who are on holiday and are out and about more during the summer months. Please choose carefully the places where you play and avoid going near water, entering building sites and derelict property, and playing on or near roads.

Isolated Car Parks are popular with people who enjoy a walk in the country, particularly to exercise their dogs.

Unfortunately cars parked at these locations are occasionally broken into and items stolen from within. We strongly advise people not to leave any valuables within their vehicles, unless they can be locked in a boot. Although it is good practice to keep valuables out of sight, previous experiences have shown that this is not entirely effective.

Once a car is broken into, thieves will look under seats, look inside glove compartments and lift parcel shelves to look into tailgates. Unless you have a lockable boot, do not leave valuables inside your car.

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

Home and Business Security: Now that we are into the summer months and the weather is warmer, many householders and businesses alike keep their windows open to keep cool during the day and particularly with domestic dwellings, occupants will often leave back doors open too.

We would like to remind people to secure these windows when you go out and at night before you retire to bed. If you do leave back doors open, ensure that the room is occupied to prevent any uninvited guests from entering.

Thieves will take every opportunity and look for an easy way to enter into premises and steal.

Dunning Glen problem with refuse: We have recently received complaints relating to the amount of rubbish being left at Dunning Glen by those using this scenic area as an unofficial camping site, particularly at the weekends. This is a yearly problem in the summer months, whereby campers leave used tent and barbecue equipment, food wrappers and empty cans and beer bottles and other rubbish. As this area is private land, there are no refuse bins provided by the local council, therefore we would urge those who use this area to take pride in their countryside and take their rubbish home with them.

CRIME STOPPERS – Telephone No 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 Glenfarg areas - **Constable Lynne Petrie**.

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Kinross Community Council

News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 3 June were: D Cuthbert (Chair), C Watson, D Colliar, B Davies, J Richardson, D Mackay, M Blyth, L Mackay, S Bathgate, M Scott (Secy). Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs K Baird and W Robertson, a police representative and eight members of the public. Apologies were received from CClr I Jack.

Police Report: A generator and trailer have been stolen. The public are again urged to contact the police and report any suspicious incidents and are asked to ensure that any garages, sheds, outside doors etc are closed and locked each evening to deter criminals.

The travellers who are resident in the "Market" overflow car park are to be instructed to remove themselves from this site. The traffic management plan for T in the Park has been drawn up.

A member of the public asked if the police could place a speed trap in the centre of the town to monitor the passing traffic. He stated that the vehicles were speeding in a 20 mph zone. The police representative agreed that the public should be reminded that this is a 20 mph zone.

Matters Arising

National Curling Academy: CClr Cuthbert has still to arrange a meeting with Jamie Montgomery. A letter was received from Kinross Curling School explaining the history of the school and emphasising what this facility will mean to the sport of curling in Kinross and to the local community. A member of the public again raised the negativity of the CC on this matter. It was explained that we are NOT against the siting of the Academy in Kinross (we agree this would be an asset to the town), our only concern was the proposed location, a concern which had been voiced by members of the public. It had been agreed previously that no decision could be reached until we have sight of the proposed plans.

Coventry Place: Cllr Robertson reported that the embankment had been tidied up. The residents plan to approach Kinross in Bloom for guidance on planting in this area.

High Street: CClr Cuthbert asked if the weeds could be sprayed in the High Street. Cllr Robertson answered that a

scheme was currently underway. There is a Hot Line to phone the Council and they can advise what areas would be covered and when this work would likely be carried out (01738 476476). CClr Cuthbert will phone the Hot Line and enquire as to the possibility of this work being done.



Autograss reps submitted evidence of support to the CC

Autograss: The representatives were present. They had forwarded copies of two petitions, one from local businesses and the other from members of the public. Copies of letters of support were also received from the Grouse & Claret and Kinross Caravan Storage. The information from P&KC was still awaited. CClr Cuthbert offered to investigate the possibility of another site for this organisation.

Swansacre Wall: CClr Watson advised that this wall is owned mutually by four different proprietors and that they are unable to meet the expense of repairs. An approach was made by them to P&KC who could offer no assistance. The CC has written to P&KC asking that a Structural Engineer inspect the wall. It was questioned whether external funding would be available for this. CClr Colliar stated that this might reach a stage when the Council will have to close the road due to the dangerous condition of the wall.

Town Centre Regeneration Fund: CClr Cuthbert stated that any application has to exceed £100,000 and has to include a detailed plan of the proposed project. Unfortunately, the Gateway project would not meet this criteria. The Council are applying for £2.8 M for Perth and Coupar Angus. CClr Cuthbert has discussed this matter with Kinross Partnership who have been considering viable projects, one being the construction of a screen in front of the Town Hall. However, there are deadlines to meet and there is little time to collate the information required to complete the application. It was suggested that the shortfall in funds for the relief road be put in towards the Town Centre Fund. Cllr Baird stated that this would not qualify. There was confusion between Cllrs Baird and Robertson over whether there was a shortfall. Cllr Robertson reported that it is proposed that work on the relief road starts at the end of this year.

Loch Leven Campus: Mr Morris was unable to attend this meeting and is to be invited to the next, on 1 July.

Town Centre and High School Site

Derelect building, Swansacre: Cllr Robertson reported that he had met with P&KC Executives Ironside and Stevenson. The Housing Association requested a structural survey, followed by a second survey which has now been carried out.

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There is money available from P&KC. Demolition is not an option: other properties rely on the building, so the site has to be developed.

Town Hall: Details have been circulated to a number of companies. There is interest in the building.

Updates: Cllr Robertson has asked the Council for regular updates on all Kinross issues; this had been agreed.

Chief Executive: Apart from an acknowledgement, no reply has been received to the CC's letter of 30 March to Bernadette Malone, P&KC Chief Executive. The CC has sent reminders to the two Directors to whom the original letter was delegated. Cllr Robertson has spoken to Bernadette Malone; she was under the impression her officers were responding and they believed that she was dealing with the matter. It was agreed that CCllr Richardson would ask for a vote of no confidence in the Chief Executive at the ASCC meeting on 28 June and that the CC would write to the Ombudsman at the Council regarding the lack of response.

CCllr Cuthbert has written to Cllr Ian Miller, Leader of P&KC; this also met with no response.

It was suggested that the CC should investigate the possibility of separating from P&KC, possibly merging with an area in Fife. It was stressed that this was merely research: no decision would be reached without consulting the public. CCllr Cuthbert is to approach the four other CCs in Kinross-shire to discuss this matter and seek their opinions. This is a result of non-cooperation by P&KC in consulting with the CC over various matters important to the town and its residents. If a positive decision were reached then an approach would require to be made to the relevant area of Fife Council and the Boundaries Commission.

CCllr Cuthbert stated that he met recently with Keith Brown, MSP, who said that it is hoped that a meeting would be held locally with MSPs, MPs and Council Officials at which Kinross CC would be asked to make a presentation.



Kinross High School - concerns expressed regarding usage of the site

High School site: Cllr Robertson outlined his three concerns regarding the High School site: (i) the site is in a conservation area, (ii) the property might lie empty for a period of up to three years and (iii) the current proposed plan might be to sell the site to a large supermarket chain. The reasons for his concerns are that it would be detrimental to the High Street and the neighbours in the vicinity of the site. At the outset, it was agreed that consultation would be invited on this; however, the policy has now been changed. It is possible that part of the buildings could be demolished. He explained that there are classrooms to the rear of the building that are multi functional and could be used as offices. It was hoped that the historic part of the building would be

maintained. A Retail Impact Assessment would require to be completed to assess the effect of a supermarket on the town, and, if found to be unfavourable, this would not be allowed. Cllr Robertson continues to believe that part of the site should be adapted to house the Primary School. He further reported that the proceeds from the current site of the Primary School are considerably less than would be achieved from the High School site.

A letter was received from P&KC advising that the final disposal of the site will be conditional on the successful developer gaining Planning Consent. Given the scale of such a development, it is anticipated the final disposal of the site may take up to three years to conclude. As a result, a range of post decant options are being examined. These range from simply blocking up windows and securing access to the site up to (potentially) clearing all or part of the site.

Property Officers will examine the plant and equipment within the school to see what can be salvaged. Items such as tables, chairs, etc as well as catering, technical or science equipment are the responsibility of Education and Children's Services. A copy of our letter has been forwarded to E&CS for comment.

It is planned to transfer the Social Work Department to the new campus once operational. It was suggested that the CC ask P&KC to consider the demolition of the Mill Street building to allow construction of a car park. The Secy will write to Russell Thomson in this regard. No change is to be made to the County Buildings.

Estate Issues: P&KC advises that the resolution of any title or potential Common Good interests is ongoing. An application has been made to the Lands Tribunal for Scotland seeking the reduction of a title restriction over an area at the northernmost corner of the site. The outcome of the application is still awaited. With regard to any Common Good issues, P&KC has taken external specialist legal advice on the matter of Common Good. The advice, which opinion P&KC shares, is that no part of the High School site is currently part of the Common Good. The Chairman explained that the land formerly used by the Tennis Club was gifted to the town by the Bank of Scotland. Accordingly, any monies raised from the sale of this land should be placed in the Common Good Fund. It was agreed that we ask P&KC for a copy of the Opinion and that the Secy write to P&KC stating that it is the CC's opinion that the lands falls in the Kinross Common Good, as the new tennis courts were built on land gifted to Kinross by the Hayfield Trust.

CCllr Watson stated that he understood that the Church of Scotland gifted a section of land to the School and, therefore, P&KC does not own all of the land. He had requested copy

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title deeds from the Council and it would appear that there is one section missing. It may be that they are currently working on acquiring title to this area of land, which can be legally done, however he suggested that we write to the Council for clarification on this. It was agreed that we should write to Russell Thomson regarding this matter.

Planning

There were several domestic/single applications to which there were no objections. There were no objections to the following:

Installation of antenna and ancillary equipment at Kinross Fire Station.

Formation of a lorry compound and associated fencing at land adjacent to Balado Bridge Poultry Farm.

Installation of a bio-disc treatment plant at former hay shed, Hatchbank Farm.

Erection of three houses and garages at Tillyochie Farm.

Erection of three portacabins at Clashburn Close for David Sands.

Applications Determined:

Extension to dentist at 2 Station Road - approved.

Modification of existing consent, Tillyochie Farm - approved.

Alteration and extension to An Cala Care Home, 6 Lathro Court - approved.

Email received: a further objection was received to the application 09/00416/OUT which was discussed at the May meeting.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Baird, having just returned from holiday, had nothing to report. Cllr Robertson reported as follows:

Grounds, Lathro: Cllr Robertson had met with CCllr Davies at Lathro Park and agreed that the grounds were in poor condition. He has written to Nigel Taylor on this matter. The ground at Loch Leven Leisure would be looked at.

Bags: There is a project to distribute a free cotton bag to each household in Kinross-shire following a launch at the Agricultural Show.

Refuse: The current refuse collection is to be changed to two uplifts on a fortnightly basis. CCllr Davies stated that there is no facility for disposing of glass in the bins and that the refuse would not be uplifted if glass were placed in the green bin.

Parking: Cllr Robertson met with Keith Brown and the residents at Swansacre regarding the parking of vehicles and this is being looked into.

Resurfacing: Roads in Kinross and Milnathort are to be resurfaced, possibly in August. Cllr Robertson has asked that cycle lanes be introduced.

A School Traffic Plan for the new campus is currently being worked on by the Council.

Correspondence

Community Transport Group: Invitation to AGM.

Enquire: The CC agreed to a request to raise awareness of this organisation.

SEPA: Consultation on management plans.

Other Business

HGVs: A member of the public produced some photographs taken of commercial vehicles parked on the Muirs, opposite the Green Hotel. He stated that these vehicles are often parked there over a weekend; that this is a residential area, between two major hotels and detrimental to tourism in the town. It was explained that they are legitimately parked, this being the only area where HGVs can park in the town. It was agreed that this matter should be revisited once the Link Road

had been completed and the Bridgend Industrial Estate extended.

The **bins at Kirkgate** are targeted by seagulls and squirrels, creating a mess which blows over the park in windy conditions. Cllr Robertson will check the possibility of adapting the bins to avoid the problem.

Application for charitable status (Kinross Newsletter):

CCllr Watson advised that the charity regulator has asked a stream of questions about the Newsletter, e.g. donations paid out in the past, and if beneficiaries have charitable status. CCllr Watson advised that monies should not be donated to bodies that do not hold charitable status and under the circumstances we should postpone paying out any funds. Two new applications were received since the last meeting: Kinross AFC and Fossoway Out of School Club. The CC will write to these bodies advising that it is unable to accept any further requests at the moment and suggest they approach Kinross-shire Fund and in the case of the After School Club money should be available from P&KC for administration. No further requests for funding will be accepted for the time being.

Development Plan: CCllr Cuthbert learned from Cllr Barnacle recently that P&KC is seeking feedback on development areas in Kinross for inclusion in the Development Plan. The CC and any individuals can put forward an area of land that they feel could be developed. The CC was not consulted in relation to this matter. Consultation is thought to end on 22 June. Cllr Baird will approach Peter Marshall and enquire if the CC can have an input into this.

TRACKS: The new officer presented a short report.

Gallowhill Road/Muirs junction: It was agreed that the CC will write to the Council requesting either double yellow lines or that they widen the road end.

The next two meetings of Kinross CC are as follows: Wednesday 1 July and Wednesday 5 August in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross 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.

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the June Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Thomson, Bennet and Lamont to the meeting held on 11 June. Also in attendance were Minute Secretary E Rougvie; Sgt D Rankine of Tayside Police; P&K Cllrs Baird and Robertson; Diane Cassidy, P&KC senior community capacity building worker; George Lawrie of TRACKS and one member of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Smith, Cottingham and Porter.

Police matters: It had been a quieter month in terms of crime, with two reports of vandalism, one of which had been detected while the other was being investigated.

Parking in Back Loan: Sgt Rankine advised that he had contacted the Fire Service, who said they would not have difficulties with access to Back Loan. The parking situation in Victoria Road had also improved.

T in the Park: Arrangements were progressing well and the organisers reported that 20,000 tickets had been sold for the campsite on the Thursday night, which will help with crowd and traffic management over the weekend. Traffic management plans had been improved to ease traffic flow.

Jolly Beggars licensing hours: CCllr Giacopazzi said that the Jolly Beggars had applied for a licence extension until 12.30am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and that he had been approached by concerned residents because there had already been several incidents of vandalism to cars in South Street. Sgt Rankine stressed that the proprietors of the Jolly Beggars could not be held responsible for the actions of patrons but the police will look into the situation.

Placecheck presentation: Diane Cassidy of P&KC reported that Milnathort had come out top of nine similarly-sized communities in its bid for funding under the Placecheck scheme. She had been shown round the village by CCllr Porter, who pointed out the areas which could be improved. An environmental service initiative, Placecheck is a community project whereby residents identify what they would like to see done to improve their parks and open spaces, roads and public transport. Experts from P&KC offer advice and draw up costings and feasibility studies before the final projects are identified and the work carried out. The CC divided the village into five zones, which include areas of forestry, and, after discussion, a public meeting was provisionally arranged for **Saturday 29 August** at 9am in Milnathort Town Hall. CCllr Giacopazzi will book the town hall or if it is not available, the church hall. In the meantime, it was agreed that CCllr Giacopazzi and P&K Cllr Robertson will liaise with local businesses; CCllr Bennet will liaise with the school and CCllrs Thomson will liaise with the church. The Minute Secretary also offered to write a separate article for the Newsletter in order to maximise publicity.

TRACKS: George Lawrie, the new TRACKS officer for Kinross-shire, outlined the projects currently taking place at Crook of Devon (a bridleway) and at Burleigh Castle. He said that Historic Scotland had now agreed to allow access through Burleigh Castle so that pedestrians can avoid the blind corner of the A91, although there would not be a path. The grass would be maintained by Historic Scotland and any issues with dog fouling would be their responsibility.

Bridge at Hatton Burn: Mr Lawrie advised that P&KC roads department have said they will provide a bridge across

Hatton Burn at an estimated cost of £10,000. Dependent on the availability of funding, the project could be done this year but TRACKS were keen to see it carried out as soon as possible, so funding through the Countryside Ranger Service would be investigated.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail: Feasibility and environmental studies were being carried out into possible routes linking the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Consultations were currently being held with SNH, RSPB and landowners, but it was likely that parts of the new track would be some distance from the loch to take account of nesting areas. This, too, is a major project for which funding has to be sourced.

Community windfarm: CCllr Giacopazzi reported that he had contacted the Scottish Communities Foundation, an Edinburgh-based body that administers charities such as community windfarm projects for a nominal registration fee. He was still awaiting a response.

It was considered to be essential to have the universal support of villagers for such a project and it was agreed that the most effective way of delivering information would be by way of a leaflet drop. P&K Cllr Baird said she had knowledge of Newburgh Community Trust and she will pass on information about how the group operated.

Correspondence: CCllr Bennet reported that she had received a cheque for £350 from P&KC for CC funds.

Copies of Tayside Fire & Rescue Service action plan and environmental report for 2009-10 were noted.

Planning matters

Erection of wind turbine at Netherhall Farm. Noted.

Steading development comprising 11 houses and one rental unit with garage at Blaimorth Farm: The CC will study this further before commenting.

Removal of condition 3 from previous consent at 14 Balfour Crescent: Noted.

Extension to house at 90 Stirling Road. Noted.

Other business

Jolly Beggars: CCllr Giacopazzi reported that the Jolly Beggars had been given permission to turn a piece of ground to the rear into a beer garden. There were concerns about noise late at night and if their application to extend their opening hours were to be approved by the Licensing Board this would exacerbate the problem. After discussion, it was agreed to lodge an objection to the application on the grounds of residents' concerns about low-level vandalism and noise.

Donaldson Park: CCllr Bennet reported that the 'baby' swings had been removed from the park. P&K Cllr Robertson will investigate. CCllr Thomson asked if it would be possible to have a sign erected at the entrance to the park and it was agreed that this was something that could be done under the Placecheck scheme.

Council responses: A member of the public expressed his displeasure about the length of time it was taking P&KC to respond to queries he had raised about a right of way at the old church; the junction at Stirling Road and the Cross and the hoardings at Wester Loan. Holding letters were not acceptable and he advised that Kinross CC had already lodged a formal complaint to P&KC about poor communication. After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Giacopazzi will write to the Chief Executive.

There will not be a CC meeting in July but the next meeting will be held on Thursday 13 August at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall.

Fossoway and District CC

News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 2 June were: A Lavery, (Chair) T Duffy, S Anderson, M Anness and H Wallace. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson; two members of the Forestry Commission, Beat Forester Colin Peacock and Community Ranger Jenny Crick; and approximately 35 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from A Morrison and R Paterson.

Police report: There have been some house break-ins in the local area. If away, take precautions such as not allowing mail to build up, using timer switches etc.

A discussion was held about the rough camping in Dunning Glen. Police are aware and have visited the site. Cllr Barnacle has been in touch with D Stubb, Countryside Access Officer and Waste Services are looking into a roadside locked bin. Other suggestions were for more roadside signage.

Amendment to last minutes: Marion Anness had also asked Cllr Barnacle to look into the Council reviewing the catchment areas and offering Blairingone School as additional option for the children of Powmill.

CC business: H Johnson has resigned as Minute Secretary. The Chair proposed that this position would be filled at the next election in 2010.

Lambhill Forest, Blairingone: Colin Peacock and Jenny Crick from the Forestry Commission gave a presentation about the site. It has been purchased from the Oran group to plant woodland as part of their Climate Change Agenda. There will be range of benefits such as: attractive to the community, timber and biodiversity. There will be a forest design plan for five years and fifteen years after consultation with the community, SNH, SEPA and P&KC. There will also be further community consultation. The map of the area will be displayed on the Community Notice Board and there may be an opportunity to have a display and further consultation in September.

At the moment the site has conifer and broadleaf woodland, willow coppice that is in a poor state, wetland and open space. Areas to look into are: access, wildlife, heritage features and neighbouring landowners. The shoot that is currently on the site may not be feasible and will gradually be wound down. The site will also need a name.

Concerns were expressed about restrictions that were made on the site at the Public Enquiry some years ago and this will need to be clarified. Regret was also expressed that this marks the end of farming on that area of land.

Access and links to the core footpath plan was raised as well as car parking and links to Blairingone. Support and

enthusiasm for the potential benefits this would bring to the community were expressed. It was also suggested that the Forestry Commission could organise walks around the site. There were requests made for a website be set up with the plans and where responses and suggestions could be made.

Recycling, Blairingone: Marion Anness asked for comments about a recycling site for Blairingone. Concerns were raised about where the site would be and if this would attract litter and noise. There were also comments made that now the recycling collection is to be extended to the rural areas, would a recycling site still be needed in Blairingone? Cllr Robertson said that all the other villages had one and even though they had recycling bins collected, many still used recycling points; the Council created attractive sites that were well maintained. Concern was raised about the Council issuing the blue bins but not collecting them and the amount of bins left at the end of farm roads. After a show of hands no-one was in favour of a recycling site in Blairingone and it was decided to monitor the success of the kerb-side collection service.

Strategy group consultation: The local plan for Kinross had now been sent out to all the villages and was open for comment and consultation. The questionnaire should be returned by 30 June. Concern was raised that this area seems to be under siege by developers and why did the residents in the rural areas not have questionnaires? Brenda Murray (01738 475343) is the local plan team leader and all comments and requests should be made to her; she will collate the main issues and concerns about the local plan.

Out of School Care Group: P&KC will be taking on many of the tasks to help maintain a sustainable service. It looks as though the service will be able to continue.

T in the Park: Traffic management and policing will be based on the work from last year. Temporary traffic lights will guide the traffic at Rumbling Bridge. The event will start earlier on the Thursday when 20,000 people are expected to arrive. Passes will be made available for local residents. A series of meetings will take place where local residents can voice their concerns.

Kinross-shire Fund: T in the Park contribute to the Kinross-shire Fund, which is administrated by the Scottish Community Fund. Community projects should apply on line to the SCF. See T Duffy for more details.

Report by P&K Councillors

Plastic bags: Cllr Robertson reported on a campaign to make Kinross-shire a plastic bag free zone.

A977: Cllr Barnacle feels that he has had an unacceptable response to his letter about the closure of the petition and the lack of funding. He has requested a meeting with J Valentine.

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We will return to this issue as a major item in the autumn.

War Memorial, Blairingone Church: It is planned that this will be relocated to the back wall of the Church. However the developer and the Council seem to be undecided as to who is responsible for the cost. Concern was expressed as work has already started and the memorial may be damaged.



The back of Blairingone Church, proposed new site of war memorial

Planning Applications

Concerns were raised about development in the area and the effect on the community and the farmers. Particular concerns were raised about lack of notification and the effect on the road network and the number of equestrian centres in the area.

09/00884/FUL Middleton Fossoway: Alterations and extension to staff welfare facility to provide manager's office, Pending Consideration. Recommend approval.

09/00856 /FUL Woodside, Powmill: extension to house. No comment.

09/00828/MOD, 14/05/2009, Caresefoot, Drum: modification of existing consent (09/00175/FUL), relocation of a 15m monopole wind turbine. No comment.

09/00767/FUL Westmuir, Powmill: erection of a dwelling house and garage. Recommend approval.

09/00738/FUL Caimhol Farm, Blairingone: erection of an indoor equestrian area, stable block, two houses and associated works including wind turbine. Recommend refusal.

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09/00517/FUL Earnieside Farm, Dunning Glen, Dollar: erection of a farmhouse with detached garage and ancillary accommodation. Recommend refusal as contrary to the Local Plan, Housing in the Countryside Policy 64 and the AGLV policy 54.

General Correspondence

A report on the CC incoming and outgoing correspondence was distributed.

Other Business

Saline wind farm: The proposed site is for five wind turbines 400ft high. These will be visible from Blairingone. There will be a newsletter available soon about the site. There is no cross-border co-ordination of planning in this area that is particularly relevant to Blairingone as it borders Fife and Clackmannanshire.

Dunning Glen: Appreciation and thanks were given to the Cllrs and the CC for their support. It was also noted that the Police response was much more supportive than at the previous meeting.

Footpath from Windy Ridge to the School: Concerns about the lack of a safe footpath and the issue of child safety were raised.

The relocation of the bus stop in Blairingone: This was done without any notification and concern was raised about safety as there are no markings on the road to show the bus stop and the bus either has to stop in front of a resident's driveway or in front of the junction to Vicar's Bridge Road. Bags of rubbish have also appeared next to the new bus stop.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 4 August in Carnbo Village Hall.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 9 June were Ian McGrattan, Jim Shepherd, John Bird, Mike Hally, Stuart Garvie, Robin Cairncross and Charles Weedon. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs W Robertson, K Baird and M Barnacle; PC Graham Stephen and 22 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from P&K Cllr S Miller.

Police Report: A car was stolen from Arnot Towers, weekend May 17/21, a classic MG Midget; Police would be pleased for any information.

A resident raised the problem of young people camping in Stephen's field over a recent Saturday night, entering and disturbing articles in a nearby garden and leaving litter. There was also the concern of fire on the hill. The preferred method for local residents to deal with this situation is to immediately call the Police. They would rather be called out prior to any sort of offence being carried out rather than have to attend a scene of crime.

Post Office van driver: It was not thought appropriate for the van driver to attend the meeting at this time.

Mail box: Latest email, 9 June: The Collections and Planning Manager was still reviewing the situation. The Secy will write again to Royal Mail and copy Cllrs.

Youngs Moss: The applicant answered some of the points that he thought might be raised by the Council.

Single Plan: The CC wants to be pro-actively involved in this plan and will ask questions and make suggestions. The onus is on P&KC to ensure proper communications with the CC. At the moment there are a number of differing interpretations as to how the plan will affect Portmoak especially in terms of number of housing units that will be required/permitted but there are other important aspects within the plan which could affect the area. Cllrs Robertson and Barnacle identified their differing views of how the plan could affect the area especially the figure of 480 extra housing units planned for Kinross-shire. Cllr Barnacle spoke on the previously sent information (discussed at the Management meeting) on how Fossoway were going to use a questionnaire to gather information.

The timetable for stages in the plan was noted, Stage 2 end of June 09 and Stage 3 is April 2010. There are also Stages 4/5/ and 6.

It was noted that Scotlandwell had seen an increase of housing by 22% over recent years but there was still a lack of affordable housing.

The CC had not agreed a method of consultation.

Peter Marshall had agreed to attend the CC in September 2009.

Bee hives in Kinnesswood: The Local Ranger had been asked to assess the access arrangements to the land containing the beehives. There did not appear to be any formal access to the property. The CC would continue to seek answers relating to responsibility and access.

Sub Committee Reports

Paths Group: It was hoped the information boards for the Michael Bruce Way would be completed within 2/3 weeks.

Water damage had still to be repaired on the Way and it was hoped to receive some financial assistance. Consideration for grants was being discussed with Quality of Life Trust.

George Lawrie introduced himself to the meeting as the new projects officer with TRACKS and hoped to attend the CC meeting every 6 months. TRACKS had two new projects this year, a bridle way at Crook of Devon and a new route between Burleigh Castle and Hattonburn Road, Milnathort. It was also hoped to start the final phase for the access route around Loch Leven, between RSPB Vane Farm and Kinross.

Planning: Applications discussed at the meeting:

09/00696/FUL Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works, Wester Balgedie Farm, Wester Balgedie: The difference between this and previous submitted plans were detailed by a resident but did not alter the problems which formed the basis of the previous objection by the CC. Action: CC to make an objection.

09/00720/FUL Erection of a dwellinghouse, Mid Bowhouse, Leslie, KY6 3JH: Action: no comment.

09/00701/FUL Erection of a single 15kw wind turbine, Glenvale, Kinross KY13 9HG.

09/00833/FUL Erection of a wind turbine, Newlands Farm House, Milnathort, Kinross KY13 9SL.

09/00835/FUL Erection of 3 wind turbines Newlands Farm House, Milnathort, Kinross KY13 9SL.

There were a number of general questions still to be answered on wind turbines. The Management Group had highlighted the intention of the Scottish Government for more sustainable power but this could be contrary to the Council's perceived attitude to wind farms and crops. The Chairman asked the Cllrs to comment and advise the CC.

It was stated that there had been a more relaxed approach to turbine applications at local council level especially on farms.

The applicant for the single turbine explained that his property had been designed and built to run on the electricity which could be supplied by a single turbine although figures quoted were contested by the CC. The applicant for the three

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turbines explained that it was his intention to build one turbine initially to check on power outage before continuing with the other two. The applicant agreed to give this information to the CC for future reference.

There was a concern that crofts could become farms.

A map had been obtained from Defence Estates detailing the standards required to safe guard the Met Office Bishop's Ball.

Action: In view of all the above information it was decided not to comment on any of these applications.

09/00641/FUL Erection of buildings ancillary to horticultural operations and formation of above ground septic tank (in retrospect), land at Youngs Moss, Scotlandwell:

Action: No comment.

Management Group:

1. Areas of responsibility: It was decided to identify CCllrs with areas. This would assist residents in each area to more easily identify and associate the same name and face and would also give Cllrs the opportunity to voice concerns within that area. Robin Cairncross would be the representative for the Balgedies; Charles Weedon, Kinnesswood; Jim Shepherd, Scotlandwell; Mike Hally would continue to look after planning applications and Stuart Garvie the Paths Group.

2. Kinross-shire Fund: The Chairman had attended a meeting and conveyed information to both Bloom committees. A meeting had taken place with T in the Park representatives.

3. Stephens' Field: Following a request to the residents some time ago, names were recorded who volunteered to serve on an advisory group to report back to the CC. It may be pertinent to activate the advisory group sooner rather than later.

4. Community Campus: Events are required to celebrate the opening of the new campus. It was suggested that information would be sought on the provision of a community radio station including initial cost, involvement with the campus including courses etc.

5. It was proposed and agreed to start future CC meetings at 7.00 pm.

Report from P&K Councillors

Bags campaign: Cllr Robertson highlighted the free Kinross-shire from plastic bags campaign.

Countryside Trust: He informed the meeting that the Countryside Trust was looking for Board members and anyone interested should contact himself.

Traffic calming: he had received a number of complaints about the build-outs which were passed to the Roads dept.

The Round the Loch bus, operated by Stagecoach, would be running each Sunday until the end of November. Times were

in the Newsletter and signposted on the walk.

Cllr Barnacle also reported a number of issues regarding the **traffic calming** which were passed to the Roads dept.

Refuse collection: He reminded the meeting of the proposed changes to the bin collection system.

The proposed **development at Wester Balgedie** would be presented to the Building Control Committee, either at the June or July meeting.

Conservation Area: Scotlandwell would shortly be gaining its Conservation status.

Other Business

Lomond Hills Regional Park: Fife Coast and Countryside Trust were seeking information from anyone who used the Lomond Hills Regional Park. It was decided to use Kinnesswood shop and the Newsletter to advertise what information was required.

Conservation Area: Following the notification that the Conservation area at Scotlandwell would be approved on Friday 12 June, it was decided to ask a P&KC Conservation Officer to be present at the July meeting of the CC to give a short presentation. (Post meeting Note: Rachel Haworth has agreed to attend).

Correspondence: The Secretary gave details of communication he had received/holding.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be held on Tuesday 14 July in Portmoak Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the May Meeting

The CC met on 17 May in Cleish Village Hall and was attended by 5 CCllrs; P&K Cllr M Barnacle; three police officers: Sgt Sandra Williams, Constable Nicky Ward from Perth & Kinross and Constable Gary Crystal from Fife Constabulary; Jenny Crick from the Forestry Commission and 10 members of the public.

Matters Arising: It had been stated in the C&B newsletter that neighbourhood notification had not been served on the occupants of Beaufort Cottage by the Ghosts of Beaufort House, however this was not the case.

Police Report: Constable Ward and Sgt Williams stated Sgt Rankine would be contacting the CC in relation to T in the Park plans.

There had been a theft from a car in Blairadam Woods but no actual break in. The window had been left open. The police urged us all to take care and lock cars and leave no valuable visible for would be thieves.

There was a lot of discussion about the unsavoury litter and activities which take place up the hill road and in and around the Loch Glow car park. Jenny from the Forestry Commission made several useful suggestions. Constable Crystal from Fife Police was keen to liaise with the Perth and Kinross force and with Jenny Crick. Cllr Barnacle suggested he organise a meeting with police forces, Forestry Commission and environmental health and roads dept. from both councils. This was met with approval.

There was yet another incidence of fly tipping in the woods at Lover's Loan (gas works corner) and once again the police urged us all to be vigilant and report anything suspicious.

Tracks and Trails: nothing further to report.

Vacancy on CC: There had been only one nomination from Mr Hugh Somerville and as the vacancy had been advertised for some time it was decided to accept this as the only candidate. Mr Somerville was duly elected as a community councillor. There was some discussion from the floor as to why if you owned land in the council area but did not reside in the area you were not eligible for election. The Chairman explained that the constitution stated that candidates must reside in the area.

Kinross-shire Forum: Cllr Barnacle explained that the forum would not be meeting on a regular basis but only when a relevant issue merited a meeting. The CCllrs could ask to have a meeting of the forum if they thought it necessary.

Procedural Changes: There was to be no Kinross Area Local Plan in future, only a Single Development Plan for the whole of Perth & Kinross. There was talk of there being a Tayside Structure Plan which would include Perth and Kinross, Angus, Dundee and North Fife.

There was a perceived lack of communication between the council planning department and the CC with regard to planning consultations opportunities.

New Planning Applications

Land at West Mains Farm, Cleish: Erection of house and garage and formation of new shared access. After some discussion the CC decided to object, based on the history of the application.

Boreland Farm: There had been a well attended public meeting at the end of April where a presentation was given by the developer. The CC were keen to emphasise that some effort had been made by the developer to address the issues stated by the Reporter, however they were disappointed that only one steading was being developed. The council decided

to object to the plan on size, density and the use of only one steading.

Pending Applications

Shepherd's Neuk – granted.

Beaufort House – pending.

Green Acres – site meeting to be organised with Cllr Barnacle, someone from planning and a member of the CC.

Gairney Bridge Caravan Site – ongoing discussions.

Cleish Mains Steading – erection of one house – awaiting report from SEPA.

Cleish Mill Farm – awaiting clarification from SEPA.

Chance Inn Farm – new application, reduced number of houses.

Dunvegan – erection of house – refused.

Site of former Birchwood Cottage, Blairadam – house and garage – pending.

Housing in the Countryside Policy Review: It is hoped this will go before the P&KC Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee meeting in August.

Roads: Keltybridge to Kelty road only patched; CC to write to roads dept.

Cleish Village Car Park: Money had been requested from the council roads dept to help with repairs, however there are no funds available. A contribution had been given to this project from the Village Hall Enhancement Scheme Maintenance Fund.



Cleish Village car park: badly in need of repairs...

CCs Webpage: P&KC now have a CC web site which gives information for the community.

Traffic: There was a concern about the amount of traffic parked on the roads on the Sunday of the Gardens' Open day.

Recycling: Environmental Services are rolling out phase 5 in their recycling scheme in parts of Kinross-shire. There was some comment that parts of the shire had no recycling bins at all.

Date of the next meetings: 29 June in Tabernacle, 24 August in Cleish, 19 October in Tabernacle, 7 December in Cleish.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinnesswood in Bloom

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Pictorial history of village unveiled - The unveiling of a pictorial history of Kinnesswood took place on 30 May. The tiled panel took Jacqui Seller of Jacqui Seller Ceramics more than 160 hours to paint. Depicting life in Kinnesswood through the ages, the panel has been placed in the picture garden at the centre of the village.

The poet, Michael Bruce, and meteorologist, Alexander Buchan, feature alongside images of weaving, parchment making and sweeping vistas of the local country side.

Professor David Munro unveiled the panel and commended Jacqui on its historic accuracy and attention to detail. "This is a truly superb addition to the village of Kinnesswood, and well worth a visit," he said.

The Kinnesswood in Bloom team came up with the "tiles" idea about three years ago but it was only after talking to Jacqui that the project began in earnest. The team cannot thank her enough for making this dream project a reality.

Britain in Bloom - Judging of Kinnesswood will take place on Friday 7 August. Team members and volunteers have been busy on the new Wildflower meadow, preparing and planting up the tubs and baskets while also maintaining the other project areas in the village. We very much appreciate all the support, donations and sponsorship we have received over the last few months and hope that you will continue to help us ensure that the village is looking its very best this summer.



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. We look forward to hearing from you.



Jacqui Seller and Professor David Munro at the unveiling of the tiled panel illustrating life in Kinnesswood through the ages

41 Club

Kinross-shire 41 Club's last meeting was on Wednesday 10 June when 18 members and wives visited Fife Folk Museum in Ceres.

The staff and volunteers who attended the evening opening had many extra tales to tell about some of the exhibits. A L Rollo's collection of Staffordshire figures and a set of ladies' side-saddle riding gear were mentioned particularly. Help was also sought in identifying a farm, somewhere near Kinnesswood, which was shown in a photograph on display. Some folks thought it is Easter Balgedie but anyone who could confirm this would be very welcome to visit the museum.

There is no official meeting in July, and the next gathering is when we help Rotary at the Kinross Show on 8 August, when we staff the car park. If you would like to know more about

41 Club, please ask at the Rotary stand - there are usually a few of us about there.

Our August meeting is a **Boules or Petangue night** at the Green Hotel on **Wednesday 12 August**.

If you have ever been in Round Table please come along and join us that night.

More information can be had from Chairman Stewart Wallace on 01592 840070 or on our web site,

www.kinross-shire41club.org.uk/Programme.php



Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade

Members are preparing for the annual summer camp, which will be held at Kinraig, near Aviemore in mid July. This is the fifth time the Company has camped at this popular site on the shores of Loch Inch. The site is ideally placed for adventure type activities - hill walking, mountain biking, rock climbing, abseiling and canoeing.

A team from the BB participated in the Kinross Cricket sixes held at Kinross House and once again the team members had a thoroughly enjoyable time playing a sport which is still a wee bit alien to some Kinross lads!

Marquee hire: Company members are busy throughout the summer with marquee hires all around Perth & Kinross. There are still some vacant weekends available at £180 per occasion for the 40' x 20' white marquee. Telephone Kinross 862126 for availability.



Portmoak Hall 100 Club

April Draw

1st	No 124	Bill Michie, Wester Balgedie
2nd	No 41	Bridget Lindsay, Easter Balgedie
3rd	No 82	Jackie Timmons, Scotlandwell

May Draw

1st	No 13	Marlene White, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 79	Mary MacKenzie, Wester Balgedie
3rd	No 31	Janice Broadhurst, Kinnesswood

Kinross & District Pipe Band

Well, since we last went to print the Band has enjoyed a number of successes. Our first outdoor competition was at Dunbar on 9 May, which although a good first outing of the year for the Band, didn't result in any prizes. To his credit, Mike Spain chose this as his first ever go at competitive Drum Majors, and unfortunately ended up attempting to flourish the mace in almost horizontal rain - with predictable results! Well done to Mike, though, for having the bottle to give it a go!

Our next competition was Bathgate Highland Games on Sat 31 May, and this time the Band put in an excellent performance to lift **1st prize** for Grade 4 out of the nine bands who entered. Adults and youngsters alike were delighted with the win, marking a great start to the season. This was closely followed the next weekend where, at Markinch on Sunday 7 June, the Band took **2nd place** - improving on last year's 3rd at the same event.

Undeterred by his experience at Dunbar, Drum Major Mike Spain attended Innerleithen Games on 13 June, and reached 2nd place! Well done, Mike.



Amy Bryson (11) collecting the Alexander Miller trophy from Leading Drummer, Mark Reilly

Away from the competition ring the Band played in support of the Half Marathon and Feel Good Fair on 16 May, and then again at the Milnathort Festival on 6 June. And immediately before that we held our long awaited **Summer Ceilidh** at the Windlestrae on Friday 5 June. The bigger venue proved to be a huge success - everyone enjoyed a great night with music, dancing, games and even some excellent guest performances - and to cap it all we raised almost £700 on the night for Band funds! During the evening, Leading Drummer, Mark Reilly, presented the Alexander Miller Trophy for Drumming Development and Progress to Amy Bryson (11) who only started learning last year, but is now already a valued member of the drum corps. Thanks to all who participated and helped out on the night, and huge thanks in particular to Gary and Lorna Mair and their excellent ceilidh band, **Meall Uaine**, who very kindly played all night for free in support of the Pipe Band! Clearly a very musical family as Gary and Lorna's son, Douglas (10), started learning the chanter only last

year, and is already not only on the pipes, but actively playing with the Pipe Band at events - also demonstrating, like Amy, huge progress in such a short time.

Still to come this year: more competitions in the form of Cupar and Thornton Highland Games on Sunday 5 and Sunday 19 July, the European Championships in Inverclyde on Saturday 25 July, Perth on Sunday 9 August, the World Championships in Glasgow on Saturday 15 August and finally Pitlochry Highland Games on Saturday 12 September. Sprinkled in between will be a number of engagements, and as always, **the opening of T in the Park** at Balado on all three days - Friday 10, Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July.

The Band is steadily growing in numbers, and is starting to attract additional pipers and drummers, but as always we could do with more - particularly experienced pipers. For all queries, please contact Nigel Kellett on 07801 182283 or visit the website at www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk

Kinross in Bloom



The summer planting is now complete and we hope you all enjoy the hanging baskets, tubs and tiered planters around the town. Our volunteers are now busy watering the plants over the summer. Thank you to everyone involved in the planting, watering and sponsorship. The committee members are now looking ahead and planning the autumn planting.

200 Club Winners

May: £20 Elizabeth Paterson, £10 Graham Clarke, £5 Ena McGregor, £5 David Izatt.

June: £20 Norma Anderson, £10 Elizabeth MacGregor, £5 Mrs M Butler, £5 Jean Simpson.

Could you help us organise events by joining the committee? Contact Sarah Cuthbert 01577 861001 or come along to the **next meeting on Wednesday 8 July** or the **Annual General Meeting**, which will be held on **Wednesday 12 August** at 7.30pm in the Green Hotel. Everyone welcome.

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



At the June meeting, the speaker, Jim Christie, gave an interesting talk on the work involved by "The Woodland Trust". Accompanied with slides, his talk was concluded with the members being entertained to the sound of delightful music. An enjoyable afternoon.

Friday Walks:

10 July: A circular walk starting at Letham Glen, going round by Blacketyside, Silverburn and Leven. This is a new walk for the club, not much more than 5 miles, and with lots of interest.

24 July: A repeat of last year's walk from Dowally, up to Raor Lodge and then through the Atholl Estate and Guay to get back to Dowally - about 6 miles.

Hillwalkers:

3 July: Pitmedden Forest, a walk of about 10 miles with 500 feet of ascent.

17 July: Three tops in the Pentland Hills, eight miles and 2,500 feet of ascent.

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

July Meeting: At the meeting on **2 July** the speaker will be Mrs Motion on "Growing up in East Germany".

Behind the scenes at Family Week

Family Week runs from Monday 3 August until Friday 7 August 2009 but what goes on behind the scenes to make it happen? All the local churches are invited to participate in Family Week and to be represented on the Committee. The first meeting of the Committee under the guidance of Moira Hookham, the Family Week Administrator, was held in November 2008 when the theme for 2009 was discussed. The theme is very important as not only must it appeal to all ages it must convey a bible-centred message to the young people who will attend. By March 2009 the materials were being adapted for each of the age groups, particularly for the pre-school/Primary 1 and the S1/S4 Groups, and 34 people had volunteered to help to ensure that Family Week 2009 will be as big a success as Family Week 2008.

So what will Family Week be like this year? What is the theme and what will the Drama be? I have been led to believe that "lifeguards" will be featured, BUT, is this a clue or a red herring? You will have to come to find out! Who are the storytellers? I know there are three and all of the names start with 'M'. What colour are the T-Shirts? The colour chosen is a favourite colour of mine. What will the daily challenges be? Well, those will remain a mystery. You will only solve these mysteries by coming to Family Week 2009.

To make sure that Family Week is a success the team will be rehearsing the Drama, arranging the music, organising storytelling, running training sessions for volunteers, developing materials, preparing registration documents and organising afternoon/evening events for the whole family. The team has also been looking at improving the procedures to ensure that children are collected by a named person at the end of each day.

Whilst the theme is a mystery, one thing is certain and that is that Family Week will begin at 10am on Monday 3 August. Everything will be organised and ready to run thanks to the Committee and to all the volunteers. Linda and her team will be on hand to provide refreshments and Claire and Fiona will be producing the Drama and leading the proceedings in the Assembly Hall.

The end of the week will be celebrated with a Service in Kinross Parish Church and this will be followed by a BBQ organised by Jaffrey Weir and his team and with these events Family Week 2009 will come to a close. We say goodbye to the old Kinross High School building as this is the last year that Family Week will be held there. The volunteers and the young people can have a well-deserved rest. For the Committee though, it is a short rest as the work goes on. The events of Family Week 2009 will be reviewed and in November it all kicks off again for Family Week 2010!

C.M.

Family Week

Family Week is a holiday club for children, from age 3 to High School! It is run by volunteers from the churches in Kinross and aims to share the love of Jesus in a fun packed week. This year it runs from **3 to 7 August**. The morning activities are in the High School, starting at 10.00 and include stories, making things, games, drama and challenges... There are afternoon and evening activities for families and the different age groups (please see diary below). If you have been before, you will know it is fun. If you haven't and would like more information, please contact Moira Hookham on 01577 861033.

Family Week Diary

Mon 3 Aug	Seaside Rock	10.00 – 12.00	Kinross High School
	Family Rounders	19.30 – 21.00	Kirkgate
Tue 4 Aug	Seaside Rock	10.00 – 12.00	Kinross High School
	Family Game	14.00 – 16.00	Kinross Parish Church Gdns
Wed 5 Aug	Seaside Rock	10.00 – 12.00	Kinross High School
	Family Film	15.00 – 16.00	Kinross Parish Church
	Seniors afternoon trip	about 5pm	
Thur 6 Aug	Seaside Rock	10.00 – 12.00	Kinross High School
	Family Game	14.00 – 16.00	Meet at Gacé Gardens
	Seniors Film Night	about 7pm	Kinross Parish Church
Fri 7 Aug	Seaside Rock	10.00 – 12.00	Kinross High School
	Final Celebration + family barbecue	19.00	Kinross Parish Church

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The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

Programme

Visit to The Drum, Bo'ness – 22 August

Following an interesting talk given to the Civic Trust by the noted architect Mr William A Cadell, we have arranged a visit to The Drum Farm housing development on land that formed part of the Grange Estate which was originally purchased in 1771 by William Cadell, one of the three founding partners of the Carron Ironworks. The modern award-winning housing development here is a fine example of collaborative urban planning aimed at achieving a high quality of design and landscaping.

Anyone wishing to take part in this visit and who either needs transport or can offer a lift should contact Bridget Lindsay, Balgedie House, Easter Balgedie, by Kinross KY13 9HQ, tel. 01592 840252. Tickets at a cost of £3, to cover tea and organisational expenses, will be supplied along with a map indicating where to meet at the Drum in Bo'ness. The visit will take place on Saturday 22 August. Those participating should meet at 2.30pm at the inner roundabout at Drum Farm Lane off the A993 Grahamsdyke Road. Parking is available in the housing scheme nearby. After a tour led by Mr William Cadell, there will be a cup of tea at Swordie Mains, courtesy of Mr Cadell.

The Annual Best Kept Village Competition

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

Membership

Anyone wishing to become a member, at an annual subscription of £5 (families and societies, £8), should contact the Treasurer, Mr Ken Miles, Turfhill House, Kinross KY13 0NQ.



Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire

Old Orwell Kirkyard

Until 1729, Orwell Parish Church stood on a site close to the shore of Loch Leven known as Bell's Brae (Grid Ref NO 146038). In that year the parish church was moved to its present location on the Ba' Hill, Milnathort, in order that it might be more accessible to the majority of the congregation. The neighbouring parish churches of Portmoak and Kinross also moved from remote lochside locations in 1661 and 1741 respectively for the same reason.



The Horn family mausoleum at the old Orwell Kirkyard

Nothing of the old church remains, but the foundations are still to be seen in the form of stony, turf-covered mounds about 0.5m high in places. About twenty 17th- and 18th-century gravestones can be found in the burial ground which is surrounded by a wall. The most interesting of these is the gravestone commemorating Robert Stirk, a merchant in Milnathort who died in 1706 aged 73. He was one of a band of intensely committed Covenanters who resisted the established Episcopal Church during the notorious "Killing Times" between 1669 and 1688. For five years from 1683 Robert Stirk and his family were banished from the parish.

The only building to survive within the churchyard wall is the mausoleum of the Horn family of Thomanean, to the west of Milnathort. Built in 1865 in a Gothic revival style, it is constructed of stugged ashlar stone with a slated roof and bell tower. To the west of the churchyard stand the remains of the old manse of Orwell.

The original "Capela de Urwell" was granted along with the church of Kinross to the Abbey of Dunfermline by King Robert I in a charter signed at Cambuskenneth Abbey and dated 14 November 1315. This charter gave the Abbot of Dunfermline the right to "one coble and two sets of four nets" fishing on Loch Leven.

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Kinross Potager garden

Pupils from Mrs McDonald's P5 class at Kinross Primary School have been visiting the garden weekly this term, to learn about growing plants and the environment, and to grow vegetables in the garden. Many thanks to Margaret Greener for working with me in these sessions. A successful gardening course has also been running with Andy Ness from Perth College.

We held a plant sale on 30 May, selling vegetables and salads which the children had grown. This went very well, and thank you to all who came, and particularly to Adele, Alistair, Ewen, Rebecca and Niamh, and their families, for their help. David Sands kindly donated delicious biscuits for the refreshments.

We still have a demonstration area of vegetables growing in containers, and some plants for sale – soft fruit, herbs, perennials and shrubs and hedging. We can sell plants on Monday mornings, or whenever a volunteer is in the garden, or phone Amanda on 840809.

The garden is open every day in good weather. Children should be accompanied by an adult, please, for their own safety.



The plant sale at Kinross Potager Garden

Kinross goes cycle crazy

On Saturday 20 June Kinross once again became the half way post for the Edinburgh to St Andrews Bike Ride. For 29 years Scotland's largest annual charity bike ride has seen over 800 cyclists travelling the 67-mile route. The event is open to cyclists of all abilities and all types of bicycle. The ride left the centre of Edinburgh and followed a well-planned route to the Forth Road Bridge. The route then took cyclists through Kinross and on through some of the loveliest countryside that Perthshire and Fife has to offer to St Andrews.

In 2008, the growing Kinross Ladies Circle took over the running of the half-way point food stop, held in Millbridge Hall in Kinross. After weeks of preparation, over several bottles of wine, they prepared a range of home cooked food for well over 600 of the riders and offered lots of friendly encouragement and support. It was, as always, a really fun event.

The event raises tens of thousands of pounds for LEPROA, a leprosy relief charity. As it only takes £21 to cure one person of the disease, the 800 riders make a real difference to people's lives across the world.

For more details about joining Kinross Ladies Circle, please go to their website kinrossladiescircle.co.uk. They would really welcome new members.



August Launch for Kinross-shire Plastic Bag Freedom!



The members of the Kinross-shire Plastic Bag Free Campaign are delighted to announce that the campaign has secured funding from Perth & Kinross Council's Community Waste Fund. This will mean that as part of the launch of Kinross-shire's status as Plastic Bag Free, each household in Kinross-shire will receive a reusable cotton shopping bag. Bags will be delivered during the first few weeks of August.

If anyone would like to help deliver bags in their area, please contact kinrossshirepbf@googlemail.com. Obviously, a household will probably need more than one bag for doing its weekly shop! But we hope that this will encourage Kinross-shire residents to acquire their own stock of reusable bags which they can take when they go shopping.

Plea for Fabric

Some Kinross-shire residents will already have added to their stock of reusable bags, courtesy of our Make-Your-Own bag workshops held at RSPB Vane Farm and at Loch Leven Discovery Day. As well as making bags, we have found that decorating plain bags to take away is also popular, so popular that we are in need of some more plain fabric with which to make bags for future events! If you have any plain fabric (any colour) that you could donate to the campaign, please email the above, or phone 01577 864640, and one of us will collect it.

Bin the Plastic Bag

People often tell me how useful plastic bags are as bin liners, and how will they manage without them? It's true that plastic bags can be used like this, but remember, we've not always had plastic bags, so what did we do with our rubbish then? Well, for one thing, we didn't get through as much waste as we do now – food (and other items) didn't come with as much packaging. We cooked more often from scratch, and didn't rely so much on ready-meals which have lots of packaging associated with them. We may have composted waste more, or simply made better use of leftovers. Put simply, we threw less away, and what we did throw away was probably wrapped in newspaper or put straight into a bin which could then be washed out.

Perth & Kinross Council's new kerbside recycling scheme starting in August gives us the perfect opportunity to reduce what we throw away and lessen our dependence on plastic bags as bin liners. As well as our garden waste, we will be able send our food waste for composting, and recycling paper, cardboard, cans and plastics will be easy. Anything else can go straight into the green lidded bins without the need for a plastic bag!

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



The summer trip to our twin town of Gacé is almost upon us once again, with 22 members making the journey to Normandy, flying from Edinburgh to Paris Charles de Gaulle on Sunday 26 July returning to Kinross on Sunday 2 August. A full week of visits, including a day trip to Paris, is part of the busy schedule being organised by our twinning partners.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

Summer's here! Why not get out and about more now that days are longer? Walking is one of the best and cheapest ways of keeping fit and healthy, and with us, it can be sociable too. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, take advantage of our Summer programme to try out a walk with us before joining the Ramblers' Association. Walks are led by volunteer leaders from the group members. For July we offer two weekend walks and another weekend walk for 1 August.

Saturday 4 July: Glen Tilt - 10 or 6 miles. A walk up one of Perthshire's finest glens. Constantly changing scenery with mountain backdrop. Walk past waterfalls, a spectacular gorge and an old packhorse bridge. Option of a led 6 mile shortcut. Children welcome but no dogs, please

Sunday 19 July: Sidle round the Sidlaw Hills - 8 miles. A circular walk taking in a Fort, Radio Station and a Coldstream! Reasonable level of fitness required. No dogs, please.

Saturday 1 August: Lundie Craigs from Tullibaccart - 5 miles. A pleasant walk through fields and woodland around Ledcrieff Loch. A couple of short but strenuous climbs rewarded by superb views. No dogs, please.

For all walks you will require appropriate clothing and equipment, including boots and waterproofs. Weekend walks can be of up to 4.5 hours duration and a packed lunch/warm drink/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



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



At the Club's A.G.M. the Chairman reviewed yet another successful year with interesting speakers, companionship and a stimulating visit to Broomhall, the home of the Earl of Elgin. The programme for 2009-10 was outlined and met with members' approval before offers of hospitality were made. After some members talked about their new acquisitions, strawberries and cream were enjoyed by all. Members are reminded to indicate to the treasurer if they wish to renew their membership.

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Kinross & District Rotary Club



Christopher Struth addressed the meeting of the Club on 18 May. Christopher, a student at Kinross High School, talked of his recent visit to the European Parliament at Strasbourg. Despite a failure of the projection equipment he gave a very impressive talk on his experiences. Christopher hopes to go on to study languages in the hope that this may lead to a career in the European Parliament.

The meeting on 25 May heard from Denis Surgenor MBE. Denis talked of his career in the egg industry and in particular his visit to Bosnia under the auspices of the Edinburgh Direct Aid Charity. Denis was able to assist and educate 16 war widows in the skills necessary to establish several successful egg producing units. He added that he had found the wanton destruction in the area very depressing and had found the whole experience memorable and humbling.

At the meeting on 1 June the various committee chairs presented their proposals for the Rotary year starting in July. Our Assistant District Governor, Sandy Matthews, from the Howe of Fife Club was present. He congratulated the Club on its success and offered the Club his support during the coming year.

David Houston from the Scottish Land Court described the work of the Court at the meeting held on 8 June. David related how an earlier career with ICI and farming had led to his appointment by the Queen as a judge in the Scottish Land Court. He advised that most disputes arose over ownership, compensation issues and security of tenure and went on to describe some of the recent cases he had been involved with.

Rotarian Alistair Smith was invited by the residents of the parish of Portmoak to a reception held in his honour at the Lomond View Hotel to show their appreciation for his service to the community during his 21 years as a community councillor.

Thanks to Rotarian Bob Watson the Club now has its own web site. Have a look at our new web pages at www.kinrossrotary.org to find out more about Rotary locally and internationally.

Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



From small beginnings in 1981, the Kinross shire Volunteer Group and Rural

Outreach Scheme has gone from strength to strength. With a management committee of ten and a team of forty volunteer drivers, the scheme supports approximately 250 local residents who require transport to various hospitals, clinics and shopping trips. At the A.G.M. Chairman, Kelvin Reay, welcomed two guests, Councillor Kathleen Baird and local Senior Practice Nurse, Lynne Pollock, who spoke about her trip up the Amazon on the Amazon Hope, a floating clinic taking inoculation, dentistry, pregnancy checking etc to villages on the banks of the river.

In the past year, the volunteer drivers have welcomed nine new helpers (more always needed) and have clocked up no less than 33,141 miles. As a charity, donations from various charitable trusts, NHS Tayside and Perth and Kinross Council are vitally important, as are donations from local groups in the community.

Kinross & District Art Club



July already, school holidays and soon, T in the Park. Where did June go?

It is true that June brought us some real warm sunshine and a very colourful change to both the countryside around us and in our gardens.

The deep gold of the gorse bushes has been joined by the brighter lemon yellow of the broom that brightens up the motorway banks and hedgerows.

In our gardens we have a riot of colour with the brilliant pink, orange and white azaleas and poppies, bluebells and red hot pokers, and the delicate London Pride.

In the country the lonely sheep and Highland cattle have now been joined by the many breeds and colours of cows, all with their young, and the brilliant yellow rape and new corn make a panoramic yellow and green patchwork pattern on the landscape.

No one could miss the June activity of our colourful birdlife, dashing here and there to feed their young, and the dawn chorus, that cacophony of what sounds like thousands of birds all "talking" at once – so early in the morning!

We were also lucky in June to have good weather for two of our six outside painting days, when we were invited by Lord and Lady Moncreiff to paint at Tullibole Castle. The Castle and grounds had many varied and colourful scenic views with the majestic castle and beautiful pink, purple, red and white rhododendrons in full bloom against a wonderful backdrop of many firs and oak trees. It was very enjoyable to sketch and paint at Tullibole Castle. We had the bonus of seeing, and hearing, so many peacocks strutting around within a few feet of us – the shiny peacock blue of the head and the muted shade of their green and long patterned tails were colours that just had to be included in any painting.

If you have read this far and you are not a member of our Club why not?

It is so easy and you would be welcomed whatever your ability. Just pick up the phone and dial either 850243 and talk to John or Bill on 863361. We have two more outside painting days in July, so join us for two good days out with new friends.

MTKY

Musical Theatre for Kinross-shire Youth



Due to circumstances which have arisen, we have made the decision to cancel the show in September. We thank you all for your support and hope you will be able to join us in November for a one-off performance in Loch Leven Community Campus. We will be back in September 2010 with a new cast and a new production. Look out for further details. For any other information, please contact Lynn 863271 or Isobel 862970.

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Common Grounds



Well folks, June did not quite manage to burst out all over as far as the weather was concerned but choose the right day and you can have your refreshment out on the lawn at Common Grounds. We were invited by Milnathort Primary School to the opening of the Eco trail in the grounds; the sun shone and a lovely time was had by all. Our thanks to the school for their kind invite.

Project Supper: Some thirty to forty people turned up to hear Dr Krishnan Swaminathan speak to us on his charity work with Idhayangal (Hearts in Tamil) in his home land. The main thread of his and his colleague's efforts is supplying equipment etc to hospitals rather than giving them money which often gets lost in the Indian Health Service. This was our "Out of Africa" project. Thank you to Dr Krishnan, who works in the Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy. Also thanks to the ladies who supplied the food and to Shona Wales for supplying the Fairtrade wine and of course thanks to all who turned out to hear a very interesting talk.



Dr Krishnan Swaminathan (2nd left) receives a donation from Common Grounds volunteers. Photo: Ian Thorogood

Project Lunch: Our next Project Lunch will be on **Saturday 18 July** at 12.30pm. The speaker will be from the Eden Mozambique Project, to whom we recently made a donation, which teaches English to all comers in the former Portuguese colony in East Africa.

Project: Our project for June has been Hives Save Lives which only use local bees in Uganda, Tanzania and Sudan. Our project for July will be the Lasajang Community Project, Sissala Area, Ghana. This project involves the setting up of community grain banks, where local farmers can store their crops securely within the local community. The grain bank can buy the local crops during harvesting season and store it for times when food is scarce. Wastage is lower, and a local management committee is accountable to local people.

Book Club: The book club continues to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Guide and Scout Hall. Our thoughts are with Marlene Whyte during this very sad time for her.

Thanks: At present we are managing to stock-pile logs and coal, a special thank you to our coal merchant who donated coal and while on the subject of thanks another big thank to Mr Ian Thorogood from the Camera Club who came to our project evening and took lots of photographs, some of which should reach the local newspapers.

Our opening hours are 10am – 3pm on Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Contacts outside these hours are: James Henry (Convener) 01577 864452 and Linda Freeman (Secretary) 01577 865045.

Orwell Dramatic Society

Cooooee!! Here I am again! Your local Herald for the Orwell Players, our hot, fresh amateur dramatic group brimming with talent and prescription hormones! More about them in a mo.

I am sooo excited about the information I received last week! I am, of course, in regular communiqué with the local "news" sources and have my finger firmly on the pulse of local gossip. I'm sure you've heard about the goings on to the west of our town this summer, it is sooo cool! Rest assured I'll be out there with my popup tent and sleeping bag, I can hardly contain myself – Sainsbury's is coming! See you all there! As an aside, I have to say that currently it is really annoying having to queue for ages for my Hello mag and 20 Sovereigns in Sands! Don't you think?

Anyway back to our glorious drama group. Things are shaping up and they have started work on laying the foundations of their up and coming performances. So far I can reveal that plans for this Autumn/Winter Season include:

Dinner Theatre Evenings

Friday 25 & Saturday 26 September at The Grouse & Claret, Heatheryford, tel 01577 864212. Dinner and two one-act comedies.

Theatre Lunch

Sunday 27 September at The Grouse & Claret, Heatheryford, tel 01577 864212. Lunch and two one-act comedies.

Murder Mysteries

Saturday 31 October at The Green Hotel, The Muirs. Tel 01577 863467.

Saturday 7 November at The Grouse & Claret, Heatheryford. Tel. 01577 864212.

Early December at the Green Hotel, The Muirs. Tel. 01577 86346.

Further info will be revealed next month but if you can't wait, details and booking information can be obtained from the venues.

Also they are planning to put a play on at the new high school in October/November to help celebrate the Grand Opening. Watch this space for the scoop on that one.

The Big Christmas Play – A Christmas Carol

Running for a week in **early December** at our new school. By the way, things are shaping up nicely at our new Community Campus, it's going to be soooo cool!! Apparently our new library will be housed there! Take that from someone who is in the know – nudge, nudge, wink, wink.

So there you are! You'll have to hold **me** back, I can tell you! A sumptuous dining experience, live, light-hearted theatre, surrounded by the cream of Kinross-shire society. All wrapped up in two glorious venues. Followed by the thrill of the chase as we all turn detective and solve the murder riddle over a mouth watering feast, again, set in unrivalled surroundings. And then, on to our most architecturally audacious venue; Kinross Community Campus. That name will become synonymous with The Globe, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane and Perth Theatre after Orwell Dramatic Society christen the stage with A Christmas Carol. My Sky+ is going to be working overtime I can tell you – well I just can't miss an episode of Desperate Housewives, I mean it's sooo real! Don't you think? I know our resident professor of Mexican Politics and Astropsychology, Stuart Salmon, agrees with me. Ciao!

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Milnathort School Association

Summer Fair and Ceilidh 2009

As part of the festivities for the Milnathort Festival Weekend, we hosted the Summer Fair and Summer Ceilidh on Saturday 6 June.

Our £5 Day Pass was a great success.

There was jewellery by Cala, Jem's, Natalie Loughy and Silver Experience. Dragonflydichrom Glass, Dots and Stripes Children's Clothes, Phoenix Trading Cards, Gorgeous Graffiti Wall Art and Pampered Chef were also there, to name just a few!

Kinross Pipe Band opened the Fair. There were also displays from Matthew Dance School, JKS Scotland Karate, Majorettes, Pampered Chef and Vocalese!

We would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who performed for us – you really made the day complete. It truly was a community day out, and everyone who came had lots of fun!

This year's Summer Ceilidh took place straight after the Summer Fair, and was a sell out! Everyone had a great time in the floored marquee. We would like to thank Ian Young and his band for a wonderful evening and Scott's hospitality for a great BBQ. It was definitely a super end to a great day! The MSA would like to thank everyone that pulled together to make the day such a great success. That includes all our stallholders, parent volunteers and everyone that contributed to our Raffle and Tombola. We raised approx **£1500!** A very worthwhile day!

Volunteers needed!

It is time for the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to stand down and others to come forward and take up these posts. Any parent or carer with a child at Milnathort Primary School can put themselves forward. This can involve as much or as little time as you are willing to give and can be tremendous fun.

The main purpose of the MSA is to raise funds for the school. Last year, we had a very successful year, raising about £3,000 which will be put towards school funds. We have already contributed £1000 towards our new Wildlife Garden. In 2008/09 we hosted our Annual Halloween Disco, Christmas Bazaar and more recently the Summer Fair and Ceilidh. In April we also had a Quiz Night, which was a lot of fun. Some events were for the children, some for adults and some for both. If you would like to find out more, please contact Susan Britton (secretary) on 01577 863385 or susanjbritton@yahoo.co.uk

Notice will come out soon of our AGM – so watch this space.

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Music and fun at Kinross House

Saturday 12 September

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Come along and pitch your gazebo in front of Kinross House at the **Gazebo Gathering 2009** – a music festival for the whole family!!

We have a great line-up, local bands - Blue Fuse and Vital Sign, the Gary Sutherland Ceilidh Band and two fantastic tribute bands of international reputation – 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 are available from John and JH Sands Ironmonger: £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).

Gazebos: To attend the Gazebo Gathering you don't have to bring a gazebo. If you do take one you can pitch it for free. However, spaces are limited so they will be allocated on a first come first served basis when buying tickets (pre-book your voucher with your ticket!).

KLEO will be setting up a limited number of front row 'Premiere Gazebos'! This could be something for you if you don't want the hassle of setting up a gazebo. Further details to follow on www.kleo.org.uk.

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Sports News

Kinross Road Runners



Summer training is in full swing with both Tuesday and Wednesday nights being equally popular. Tuesday nights involve everybody having a go at some speed work.

Five by one kilometre runs around Kirkgate Park certainly helps to raise the heart rate whilst the Wednesday night off road runs help lift the spirits after a long day. The full programme is available on the club website (Google "Kinross Road Runners" to find it). Some of the training sessions must have been doing some good as it has been very pleasing and rewarding to see in the regular end of the month 2-mile time trial many members achieving personal bests for this distance.

In the well established and popular Auld Toon 10km race there was a great turn out of 16 Kinross Road Runners! The event is held around Pittencreiff Park in Dunfermline and was once again held in good weather. The Kinross ladies produced fine performances to be place 2nd women's team and the men's team came a very credible third. Trish Milne, who has put in a huge amount of effort into her running, was suitably rewarded with a sub 3:30 in this year's cauldron of the Edinburgh marathon.

If you are getting out running around Kinross there is only one way to see if your local club suits you...so come on, give Kinross Road Runners a try.

On the race front, recent results include:

17th May Strathallan 5			
57th	Jane Gibson		40.10
20th May Kinnoull Hill - Perth			
25th	Andy Johns		31:13
45th	Kate Ives		33:34 3rd F
22nd March Black Rock 5			
220th	Judith Dobson		33.12
249th	John Myerscough		33.43
352nd	Christine Myerscough		36.13
473rd	Isabella Carmichael		39.51
27th May Auld Toon 10km Dunfermline			
20th	Andy Johns		39.32
21st	Rashmi Shah		40.12
27th	Peter Edgerton		40.56
43rd	Mark Jeffrey		42.41
44th	Hazel Porter		42.48
62nd	Judith Dobson		44.26
83rd	John Myerscough		46.13
88th	Christine Myerscough		46.43
121st	Jane Gibson		49.01
126th	Geoff Bilton		49.23
148th	Roger Stark		51.06
149th	Douglas Leitch		51.12
159th	Julie Melville		52.29
170th	Allison Smith		53.18
204th	Fiona Kemp		56.43
236th	Norman Smith		62.19
31st May Edinburgh Marathon			
791st	Patricia Milne		3:29:12
2177th	Ewen Davis		3:55:00
2259th	Martin Hill		3:56:12
3822nd	Valerie Findlay		4:18:50

Primary Schools' Cricket

For the second year running Cleish Primary School were crowned winners of the Kinross-shire Primary Schools kwik cricket competition, hosted by Kinross Cricket Club at their Kinross House ground on 12 June. Eight teams took part, including two from Kinross Primary, two from Fossoway Primary, two from Portmoak Primary and one each from Cleish and Milnathort Primary Schools. There was a great deal of excellent quality cricket from all the teams and all the games were played competitively and in the "Spirit of Cricket".

Cleish will now go on to represent the area in the Kinross, Tayside, Angus and Fife Regional round within the next couple of weeks.



Winners - Cleish Primary School

This follows a three-month programme of schools coaching carried out by club coaches in all the Kinross-shire Primary Schools. Two of the schools have now set up after school cricket activities to meet the demands of their pupils who enjoy the game. Many of the youngsters involved have joined Kinross Cricket Club's junior section, which has well over 100 junior members.

Club tournament organiser and schools coach, Kirsteen Ross said, "It is fantastic to see so many young players participating in cricket and especially the growing number of girls. It is clear to see there is a lot of sporting talent in the primary schools in Kinross-shire. We would like to thank the schools for the warm welcome they extend to our club coaches and their support and encouragement for our "cricket taster" programme that we run each year to introduce children to the game".

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Kinross Tennis Club



Now that Summer is upon us and The Wimbledon Championships start on 22 June, what better way to emulate your tennis heroes than to come along to KTC for a game of tennis!

Each Tuesday evening (5.30pm-7pm) is Junior Club Night and Wednesday evening is our Adult Tennis Evening. Our newly-introduced Sunday morning practice sessions at 10.30am have proved a great success, as well as our Junior coaching afternoons on Fridays.

KTC also participates in several ladies', men's and mixed leagues. To date the ladies have had mixed fortunes, with the men winning most of their games - the ladies are in a tougher league!

On the afternoon of **Saturday 25 July**, KTC is holding a **Summer Barbecue** at the tennis courts, including a 'Round Robin' tournament and all members and friends are welcome to enjoy a competitive but fun game of tennis as well as some good food and beverages!

Later in the season we will continue our social events with a Ceilidh in the Autumn, plus our Club Championships will be held during August.

For non-members, Sporting Chance are able to provide access to the courts for a small fee.

For further information, including membership enquiries, please contact: Aileen on 07881594093 or Gail on 07703132105, or see you on 25 July at our Barbecue!

Orwell Bowling Club

Our Seniors must have been on a raw meat diet for several weeks prior to their rampage at home to Headwell on 19 May, when they won by 94 shots to 35. A more modest win in the friendly against Alloa East End on Saturday 23 May, by 11 shots, was followed by a snatched defeat from the jaws of victory in the Men's Top Ten against Alva at home on Wednesday evening 3 June, when our team went down by a mere 5 shots. There was some consolation on Sunday 7 June with Orwell finishing up 16 shots in a Friendly against Dollar. The period of very warm, dry weather has suited the indoor players, with greens playing almost as fast as carpets at some clubs, style of play having been quickly transformed from a need for rocket boosters, to worn brake pads almost in the space of a week. Long may the Barbecue Summer continue.

Kinross Cycling Club



Kinross Cycling Club continues to meet at 9am on Sunday mornings (at the High School) and Thursday evenings at 6.45pm (from the Health Centre). After the disappointment of the Etape Caledonia, Chairperson Roddy Pattison turns his attention to the big one, L'Etape Du Tour, on 20 July. You can sponsor him, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, at www.justgiving.com/venividiventoux.

The club is now officially part of the Scottish Cycling Union/ British Cycling. Membership costs £10 for regular riders and this helps us provide valuable third party insurance on club rides.

We recently held a time trial round Loch Leven (Bridgend to Burleigh Road anti-clockwise). Times ranged from 35 to 40 minutes in testing, blustery conditions. Come along and give cycling a go and get yourself fit!

Kinross Volleyball Club

Four Kinross teams participated in the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament which celebrated 25 years at Perth over 23 and 24 May.

The Scotrange first team was most successful of the four, finishing as runners up in men's division one, losing to the eventual winners from Poland. John Booth's Kinross BB side had mixed fortunes, qualifying from the Saturday only to crash out in the Sunday competition. The Scotrange second string won only one game on the Saturday and found Sunday tough going too, but the experience will stand them in good stead for next season. Dave Mackay's team suffered with the man himself breaking an ankle in their first game on Saturday. This upset the whole team who struggled throughout the remainder of the weekend. A speedy recovery is wished from all Kinross volleyballers - get back fit in time for next season.

A special honour was bestowed on Tournament Director Dave Munro for 25 years as main tournament organiser. He was presented with a skean dhu by P&KC Depute Provost Willie Wilson at a civic reception held on the Sunday.

The club continues to meet at King George V Park on Monday evenings from 7pm until 9pm throughout the summer - new members welcome - free!



Tournament Director Dave Munro is presented with a skean dhu by P&KC Depute Provost Willie Wilson

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Kinross Rugby Football Club



Last season was one of the hardest for Kinross. A very young first team and the weather meant a build-up of fixtures which the SRU had to step into to finish off the season. The team finished this season with a middle-of-the-table place in the league. Never mind, it's all in the past now with the new pre-season kicking off on Tuesday 7 July. Everybody is welcome to join in – we need as many new faces as we can get! And all the guys that should be there: BE THERE!

A very big thanks to Graham Lungley and his committee for this year's club dinner: it was one of the best the club has put on!

Awards

Player of the Year	Iain Spence
Players' Player of the Year	Dale Lamont
Young Player of the Year	Gavin Hardy
Most Improved	Gavin Hardy
Club Man of the Year	Olly Cox
Special Award	Hugh Dobson

Well done guys!

This year is a British and Irish Lions touring year – all games are showing in the clubhouse. The final Test against South Africa will be on **Saturday 4 July**, with BBQ and beer at the club. Kinross RFC welcomes you into their clubhouse all year long – why not pop in and have a look around? There are memberships to suit all. See you soon!

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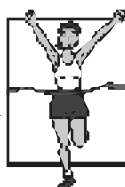
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Athletics



Kinross athlete Eilidh Child has made an explosive start to the 2009 season competing in her favoured event, the 400m hurdles. At the Loughborough International on Sunday 17 May, competing for Scotland, she was first in a time of 56.27 and one week later at the CAU Inter Counties held in Bedford, Eilidh ran 57.09 in her heat and just over three hours later comfortably won the final in an incredible 55.52 seconds, taking almost a second off the Championship best. Her third race of the season took place in Prague on 8 June when she finished second to the world number one, Jashinda Demus, in a time of 55.46 seconds, and ahead of two athletes who ran in the 2008 Olympic final in Beijing. She has now achieved her third Commonwealth Games qualifying time (56.90), her third qualifying time for the European under 23 championships (57.40) being held in Kaunas in July, and a qualifying time for the World Championships (55.50) being held in Berlin in August. Her good early season form has been rewarded with selection for the Aviva Great Britain and NI team for the inaugural European Team Championships in Leiria, Portugal. News of that event and the UK under 23 Championships which are on 27/28 June will follow. Eilidh can attribute her early season form to an excellent winter's training under the tutelage of her new coach, Stuart Hogg. Stuart and Eilidh have been working together since last September and his knowledge and experience has taken Eilidh to a much higher level of performance.

Kinross Otters Swimming Club



Kinross Otters have once again been involved in another high quality meet. "Stars of the Future" was held at Dundee's Olympia pool on 7 June. Swimmers from as far as the Shetland Islands competed and some of not only Scotland's best swimmers, but those of the UK were present. Kinross Otters entered a relatively small team of ten swimmers. As expected the competition was fierce. Some of the highlights consisted of Laura Manson in the Girls 11 year old 50m Freestyle, where she showed what an excellent competitor she is to hold off all the competition leading from start to finish to win the Gold medal. She had to beat her personal best in the process in a time of 32.28 secs.

Cameron McCloskey showed again what an excellent backstroker he is to win the Gold medal in the Boys 11 year old 50m Backstroke in a whisker off his personal best in a time of 37.42 secs.

Yet more medals were won by Laura Manson (silver) and Mhairi Boyle (bronze) in the Girls 11 year old 50m Backstroke where Mhairi smashed her personal best by over two seconds.



Mhairi Boyle, Aaron Gillon and Cameron McCloskey with their medals. Laura Manson was unavailable

Aaron Gillon had an excellent day despite the fact that every way he turned he was up against the best swimmer in Scotland in his age group. He achieved two bronze medals; one in the Boys 10 year old 50m Breaststroke where he took over 3 seconds off his personal best (and pipped his team poor mate Conor McCormick to third place by 0.3 secs!) and one in the Boys 50m Backstroke where he took almost two seconds off his personal best.

Cameron McCloskey had more success in the Boys 11 year old 50m Butterfly, a stroke he had never swum competitively outside Club time trials before and he was realistically only after a personal best time. This he achieved with ease, taking over 6 seconds off his personal best and winning the bronze medal in the process in 38.05 secs.

Other top six finishes included Cameron McCloskey in the Boys 11 year old 50m Freestyle (4th), Laura Manson in the Girls 11 year old 100m Individual Medley, the Girls 11 year old 50m Breaststroke and the Girls 11 year old 50m Butterfly (4th, 4th and 5th respectively), Aaron Gillon in the Boys 10 year old 50m Butterfly (made the final of 6 but was disqualified for a technical infringement) and Conor McCormick and David Elder in the Boys 10 year old 50m Breaststroke (4th and 6th respectively).

The Club is now looking forward to a well-deserved break over the summer months with a resumption of more meets at the end of August. Anyone wanting to know more, please visit kinrossotters.co.uk.



News from the Rurals

POWMILL – President Mrs Janie Buchanan welcomed members to the AGM on Wednesday 20 May in Moubray Hall, Powmill. Annual reports were given by the Secretary, Treasurer and President. A very nice supper was provided by Mrs B Bruce, Mrs E Shand and Mrs J Mitchell. The President then presented the following trophies and prizes:

Eileen White Trophy (Wooden Ornament) – Mrs E Johnston.

Points Cup – Mrs J Buchanan and Mrs M Wilson (Joint winners).

Miss Jessie Gibson Clock – Mrs E Johnston (2nd); Mrs J Mitchell (3rd).

Pat Reay Quaich (Handcraft) – Mrs E Johnson.

President's Prize – Mrs C Stewart.

Competitions:

3 Empire Biscuits – Mrs C Stewart
Garden Gem – Miss G Carver

CARNBO – President Eileen Thomson welcomed members to the June meeting. After completion of business she welcomed the Rolling Hills Chorus, who entertained us with a variety of songs, which had everyone foot tapping. A great night was had by all. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Francis Drysdale.

Competition:

Flower of the Month – Margaret Forrester

BISHOPSHIRE – Our speaker was Susan Payne from Perth Museum. Together with slides, she told the story of an early 17th century doublet in silk satin which had been brought into the Museum. Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, Susan was able to research the doublet, and eventually have 2 replicas made, in the same method as the original. This was a fascinating story – a mix of history and needlework – which the members appreciated very much.

Competitions:

Bookmark in needlework – Jeanette McLennan
Refreshing summer drink – Brenda Bird

MILNATHORT – Mrs Jessica Munro, President, presided at our AGM in May. Two members from Crook of Devon Rural acted as tellers. New secretary Mrs Ann Reid and new treasurer Mrs Grace Drysdale were elected.

After business Mr John Ritchie from Perth Young Farmers gave a film show from a competition they had won, based on "The Rural".

Competitions:

3 Tattie Scones – Sheila Wardell
Wild Flower Arrangement – Cathie Cochrane
Flower of the Month – Senga Marshall
Vote of thanks by Fiona Hynds, Vice President.

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Out & About



Vane Farm



In spite o' the rain peltin doon in June, burdie breedin hiz been continuin apace, wi loads o broods o wee ducklins divin about the place especially shelduck n mallard, no seen only tufted duck young uns yet but they breed a bit later so nae doot they will appear at some stage in the proceedins. The swans oan wur nest camera fledged successfully and are noo swimmin about the loch lookin quite happy, it's been changed tae swallow cam and at the minute we hiv a bonny brood peekin oot at the camera. Guess by the time ye read this tho they will be fledged n sittin oan wires roond the buildin. We also hiv a few lapwing broods runnin around the wetland along wi a pickly skylarks so the place is like a muckle big nursery.

Chris oor warden spied a Spotted redshank oan the flood yin nicht he wiz oot daen survey work, which is the first time we hiv hid yin fur about 8 years. Whit's a spottit redshank yer askin – it's like the shape o a normal redshank, a wee bit bigger but instead o bein a broon colour it's mair black lookin. The beak is also a dark colour rather than the red o the normal bird. Same wi the legs.

The new staff mentioned last month hiv noo stertit. Colin Ross the new shop and coffee shop manager did a week at the Lodge, wur UK headquarters, tae get hiz micro chip implantit and is noo in full flow in hiz new domain.

The ither new guy a mentioned, Stephen, decidit no tae tak the joab efter awe cos the missus didnae fancy movin fae Northumberland, so the new new guy is Stuart Coales who is the new Information Assistant and is a smiley friendly kinda cheil jist like masel oan a guid day onyway. He will be wi us fur aroond six months or so. Ye micht see him gawn about the reserve, the Heritage Trail or the centre so say hiya Stu when yer next in.

Events, mind noo since a gave ye some advance warnin last month we will be startin wi oor new kids events soon. From **Monday 6 July** we will be doin "**Mini Beast Mondays**" startin at 10am till 11.30am followed by a **second session** fae 11.30 till 1pm **every week** until 10 August. On **Wednesdays** we will de doin "**Monsters o the Deep**" startin on **8 July**, same times as above. That will run until 12 August. The **minimum age** fur baith events is **5**, due tae health n safety stuff n things. **Bookin is essential** although a think a mibee said it wisnae the last time (am a very bad man) but it is, prices are £2 for members and £3 for non members per session. Phone on the usual number tae book the bairns a place 01577 862355.

Aroond the middle o the month it's Mum n Dads turn, although if ye want tae bring the kids, ye kin. Startin on **Thursday 16 July** runnin ower three consecutive weeks startin at 10am till 1pm it's "**Dangerous Dads and Adventurous Mums**" turn yersel intae a Ray Mears type wi outdoor woodcrafts, makin shelters, makin ropes, n the last session ye kin be a pyromaniac and learn hoo tae mak a fire without matches or a lighter. Prices are £6 per session if yer a member or a concession and £8 if yer no a member. Again book places on the usual number as mentioned above. Right then, sounds like a fun summer effer that lot, see ye next time. Ta ta,

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



This year's Discovery Day was a real success, with a great turn out and lots for people to do.

We were particularly happy with the range of displays on offer, and the SNH area seemed to be a constant hive of activity, so thanks to all who came down to make it a memorable day in the park.

Volunteers at Loch Leven National Nature Reserve will shortly be enjoying a trip to the Isle of May NNR. To find out more about volunteering at Loch Leven you can take the opportunity to attend the next **Meet the Wardens** event to chat with staff about management, wildlife and the local area generally. We'll be in the Boathouse Hide on **Sunday 19 July** from 11am-3pm, so please feel free to drop in and have a look at what's around.

Insect surveys are now in full swing, with all four sites enjoying good weekly coverage from a dedicated group of 12 volunteers. This year's influx of Painted Lady has been encouraging, and Azure Damsel fly is emerging in abundance. In addition, moth trapping is now taking place both at Vane Farm and The Pier, and we have already discovered a couple of county firsts for Kinross-shire including a neat little micro-moth called *Argyresthia trifasciata*. The highlights so far have undoubtedly been Poplar Hawkmoth and Small Elephant Hawkmoth.

Next month sees the return of our **Volunteers' Meeting programme** in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross, with the British Dragonfly Society in town to launch the Dragonfly Atlas Project in Scotland. Jonathan Willet and Stephen Prentice will be leading a **Damsels and Dragons walk** from 1-4pm on **Wednesday 22 July**, meeting at Loch Leven's Larder. **The talk will begin at 7.30pm** the same evening.

The first of two **Osprey Walks** takes place on **Thursday 16 July** at Burleigh Sands from 6-8pm. We'll be leading you on a guided walk around the north shore of the loch in search of this angling raptor as it scans the water for food. July is also a great time of year to view young broods of ducks and swans as they paddle their way through the first weeks of life at Loch Leven. Please call 01577 864439 or email us to book your place.



Triodiversity by David Taylor, winner of the Photography Competition

Finally, congratulations go to David Taylor for his winning entry to the Photography Competition, a beautiful scene aptly titled 'Triodiversity'.

That's all for now folks.

Craig

Farming



Throughout the summer months, agricultural shows take place across the whole country. These range from very small events to large international events such as the Royal Highland Show held at Ingliston.

The Highland Show is widely regarded as one of the top events in the UK farming calendar, attracting visitors and exhibitors from all over the UK and abroad. It is in stark contrast to the English Royal Show, which has lost its way in recent years. As a result, agricultural exhibitors and visitors have declined and it has failed to attract the general public, so this year's is to be the last Royal Show at Stoneleigh. No doubt it will be re-incarnated in other guises but it serves as proof that no show's future is guaranteed. The difference in the Highland Show's fortunes is a credit to the organisers over recent years.

Many small local shows struggle for survival due to a falling farming population and competition from other attractions for the general public to visit. The local show was and is a great opportunity for the surrounding community to get together, compete in various competitions and enjoy a bit of general socialising. Beer tent antics are legendary at many shows. Our own local Kinross Show is very fortunate to have its venue in the heart of the town at Kinross House by generous permission of the Montgomery family. As well as being a picture postcard setting, the location makes it easy for people within the town to walk to which is a benefit many shows don't have. The weather (here I go again!) is probably the single biggest factor to affect a small show. A wet, miserable day will deter all but the most stoic show-goers and has a serious effect on the finances. Although shows such as our own are non-profit making events, they still have to cover their costs which are the same whatever the weather.

After the last two years' show days being two of the wettest for a long time, this year's President is hoping for kinder weather. Show like ours are only possible due to a large number of people, including the organising committee, convenors of competitions etc and exhibitors giving their services for free both on show day and in the setup and dismantling. It is a great shame when a year's worth of work and planning is unravelled by bad weather, but it happens.

I will take this opportunity to invite you all to attend the annual Kinross Show on Saturday 8 August where there will be all the usual attractions plus some new ones to enjoy. It is a very reasonably priced day out and you will be supporting nearly two centuries of tradition as well as hopefully having fun.

The greatest gift the organisers can wish for is a large crowd of people enjoying themselves. Oh, and a bit of sunshine.

John

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Weather



May Weather Report From Carnbo

May this year turned out to be the worst Spring month regarding poor weather. Chilly winds persisted throughout the month, this leading to low maximum temperatures. Rainfall also was very high, with a total just short of double the 40-year May average.

Rainfall for month	133 mm (190% of average)
Heaviest fall	13 mm (15th)
Highest temperature	25°C (29th - the start of a very mini heatwave!)
Lowest temperature	1°C (10th)
Average temperature	9.4°C
3 days with a maximum temperature above 20°C	
2 days with a maximum temperature below 10°C	
Ground Frost	3 nights
Air frost not recorded	
Snow not recorded	
Thunder not recorded	
Cloud cover	62%

The Highs and Lows of Spring 2009

Spring this year was very changeable but apart from the dismal weather during most of May, there were no extremes of weather.

Total rainfall	259 mm (102% of average)
Heaviest fall	24 mm (March 7th)
Highest temperature	25°C (May 29th)
Lowest temperature	-5°C (March 5th)
Average temperature	7.4°C
Air frost	11 nights
Ground Frost	28 nights
4 snow days, 3 days lying, total depth 5cms	
Cloud cover	66%

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Kinross

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

- 1 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.

Gardens Open

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



Gardens open regularly not too far from Kinross

	Opening Arrangements			Admission		Disabled	Contact Number
				Adult	Child	Access	
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	Fri-Tues	1300-1700	£8.50	£5.50	partial	0844 4932184
Garden only at Kellie Castle (tearoom open at 12)	1 Jun - 31 Aug	Fri-Tues	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		difficult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.50	£4.50	partial	0844 4932193
Scone Palace grounds only (SGS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£4.80	£3.20	limited	01738 552300
Braco Castle gardens, Braco, FK15 9LA (SGS)	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	free	partial	
Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff (SGS)	1 May - 31 Oct	daily	1300-1800	£3.00	£1.00	restr	
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
Pittencreeff Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 726313

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

Scotland's Gardens Scheme

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.gardensofscotland.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 July

Parleyhill Garden at Culross overlooks the Forth and the historic village of Culross. It is a delightful garden with interesting displays of old fashioned herbaceous perennials and a good variety of seasonal plants and shrubs. There will be sculptural works on display by Julia Francis, who will be present on the open day to discuss her work. The garden is open on **Sunday 19 July** from 1pm to 5pm. Plants sales, dogs on leads welcome, disabled access. Admission: £3.50 (40% to Culross and Torryburn Church). Park at the Abbey or in the village. Postcode: KY12 8JD.

The garden at **Wormistoun House in Crail** is also open on **Sunday 19 July**, by permission of Baron and Lady Wormiston. It is a 17th century formal walled garden, restored over the last ten years including orchard, scent garden, parterre and potager. Woodland walk around natural lochan. Mosaic celtic cross in new pleasure garden. Largest listed Grisselinia in Scotland. Plant sales, dogs on leads welcome (except in walled garden), cream teas. Admission: £4.00 (40% to Crail Development Trust), children free. Route: on A917 Crail to St Andrews. Postcode: KY10 3XH.

The Gardeners of Crail welcome you to **small gardens in the burgh of Crail on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 July** from 1pm to 5.30pm both days. There are varied styles: cottage, historic, plantsman's and bedding. Plants sales, homemade teas in British Legion Hall. Admission: £4.50. Tickets (last sold at 4.30pm) and maps available from Mrs Auchinleck, 2 Castle St and Mr & Mrs Robertson, the Old Manse, 9 Marketgate. 20% of ticket price goes to Crail British Legion, 20% to RNLI. Route: approach Crail from either St Andrews or Anstruther by A917. Park in the Marketgate.

For a report on the Cleish Open Days in May, see *Congratulations*, p.64.



Congratulations

John and Tricia **ANDERSON** are delighted to announce the engagement of their son **KENNETH** to **VICTORIA BEGGS** from Green Island, Northern Ireland.

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of **STEPHEN METHVEN** to **MHAIRI BAIRD** on 30 April 2009.

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of **VAILA BELFORD**, lately of Kinross, to **DARREN BRYCE** of Inverkeithing. The couple were married by Rev Evelyn Cairns at Kinross Parish Church on 23 May 2009. Thanks to all involved for a great day.

Jonathan and Katharine **DOUGLAS** are delighted to announce the safe arrival of **LUCY ELIZABETH** on 24 May 2009, a new baby sister for Rebecca and James. Many thanks to the Kinross Community Midwives and the staff at Forth Park Hospital.

CAMERON MILNE (16) of Kinross was second in the Eton Youth Triathlon in May. Cameron is supported by the Central Scotland Institute of Sport.

Congratulations to **PATRICK MACHUGH** who recently became U/17 Scottish National Singles Badminton champion. He also reached the finals of both Doubles and Mixed losing by 2 points in the third set in very tight matches. He was awarded the Moira Skene Trophy for the most meritorious player of the competition.

Patrick came runner up in the U/19 Scottish Schools Singles Final earlier in the year. He is off to Sweden in July to train for a week in a European Junior Badminton Camp.

BEN THOMAS (20) of Kinross was the top-placed Scot in the first ever World Tantrix Open held in Edinburgh in June. Tantrix, known as a 'mind-sport' is played with 56 hexagonal tiles with coloured, curved lines on them. Players place tiles alternately, building a continuous line of their own colour while trying to block their opponent. Ben was placed 21st out of 46, and achieved a win against international Tantrix Master Zoltan Nemeth of Hungary during the weekend-long competition.

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LAURA WHITE, a receptionist at the Windlestrae Hotel, won the top prize of £2,000 when she sang at a talent contest in Dunfermline recently.

Two Kinross residents, **DAVID COCHRANE** and **EILEEN THOMAS**, independently won places for a day at the Nick Nairn Cook School at Aberfoyle after entering a competition run by oats company Hamlyns of Scotland. Along with other winners they enjoyed demonstrations by Nick and tried out some of the recipes themselves.



David Cochrane (at right) with Nick Nairn

Blairingone Primary School received a certificate of merit and a £20 gift token in the P&K Harris Moore Environmental Awards. **Arngask Primary School** and **Cleish Primary School** each received a certificate of participation and a gift token for £10.

Glenfarg has been short-listed in the Calor Gas Village of the Year Competition. Eight other villages are on the short-list. Village representatives will present their case to a panel of judges including the Association of Scottish CCs and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations.

Over £3,700 was raised at the **Cleish Church** annual sale and fête on 9 May.

The sun shone and brought many visitors to the gardens at **Cleish Castle** and **Boreland House** on 17 May. Their participation in Scotland's Garden Scheme raised over £1,500. 40% of this goes to village hall funds and the remainder to the SGS charities of the year.

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland (Charity number SC012555)

Station Road, Kinross
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Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952
Reader: Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602
Session Clerk: Mrs Linda Williamson Tel: (01577) 862789
15 St Mary's Place, Kinross

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

Sunday morning service 10.30am

Other services for July

Sat 11 8.30 Prayer Breakfast - simple breakfast and share areas of concern for prayer (1 hour)

Thu 16 21.00 Time to Pray - 'Compline': a short service with readings and responsive prayer

Tue 28 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 Room of the Church Centre, 10.45am - 11.15am.

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

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

All are welcome to these services.

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

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

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

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.

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Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

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

Sunday Services 11.15am

Crèche 11.15am

Junior Church 11.15am

July

Sun 5 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 12 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 19 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 26 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Fossoway Parish Church Church of Scotland

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

Sunday Services at 9.45am

"Wrigglers Group" (0-3 year olds), Junior Church and DVD club for children and teens 9.45am

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

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

Housegroup/Bible Study group:

contact Margaret Hamblin (01577 850252)

Fossoway Church Choir rehearsals:

Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm-9pm

Wednesday evenings: Joint choir rehearsals

July

Sun 5 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 12 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 19 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 26 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sundays at 9.45am DVD club for children and teens

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10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

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10.15 - 11.45am last Friday of the month.

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Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

July Services**Sun 5** Pentecost 5, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Family Communion (Creche available).**Sun 12** Pentecost 6, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Family Communion.**Sun 19** Pentecost 7, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Family Communion.**Sun 26** Pentecost 8, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Family Communion.**Thu 30** 9.30am, Service of Prayers for healing.

Junior Church and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

Thursday Morning group Bible Study. Everyone welcome.
For further information, please contact Sarah Oxnard,
telephone (01577) 864213.**St James's R C Church**

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Website: www.stjameskinross.co.uk

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30amPlease look out for other information on other parish
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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)

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Obituaries**GREIG SMITH** died peacefully at home in Milnathort, on his 16th birthday - 12 June 2009. Greig attended Milnathort Primary and Kinross High School and was a member of Kinross Cougars (rugby), Kinross Kobras (hockey), Kinross Golf Club Junior section and Dunfermline and West Fife AC before he became ill in March 2007.

Greig will be remembered for his sense of humour and his unselfishness - he always put others before himself and never complained. He put up an extremely brave battle with cancer and fought this with immense courage.

Ann, George and Jenni would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their support and kind wishes over the last two years. Special thanks to the oncology doctors and nurses in Ward 29 at Ninewells Hospital, Ward 2 in the Sick Kids, Edinburgh, Rachel - Greig's physio from PRI and the district nurses. A very big thanks to Anne Miller's home schooling - Greig was told on his birthday that he had done exceptionally well and passed his Maths Standard Grade. A very special thanks to Gaye Steele, the outreach nurse from Ward 29, who made Greig's life less stressful with home visits and her continued care and support. To Pat, you are a remarkable friend and doctor.

We are very proud of you Greig!

Thank you to all family, friends and neighbours who shared our memories of Greig at Perth Crematorium and so generously donated £1440 to the four nominated charities.

JOE MAIN of Hatchbank, Kinross died suddenly at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, on 26 April 2009, aged 74. Beloved husband of Margaret and dear father of Fiona and Shona, Joe was a very practical and obliging man and was always there for anyone who needed his assistance and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.**Acknowledgement****MAIN** - Margaret, Fiona and Shona wish to thank very sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and calls they received in their recent sad loss and to all those who paid their last respects to Joe at the crematorium and donated generously to Cancer Research UK and The Meningitis Trust. Thanks also to Rev. Alan Reid for his comforting service and visits, to Stewart Funeral Directors for their help and guidance and to all doctors and medical staff concerned.**DRIVING TUITION****LOCHLEVEN DRIVING SCHOOL****Call Marie Scott****on****Kinross 862266**

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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

Dr Donald Duncan Bequest Committee

The above Committee has for many years provided Grants for educational purposes for persons whose parents were resident in Kinross at the time of their birth and who have received some of their education in the County of Kinross. In recent years, the Committee has followed a policy of providing awards only for University Degree courses. The Committee also has followed the policy that once one award had been received, no further awards would be given. The Committee has, for the last two years or so, been prepared to consider a more flexible approach to awards; the Committee will in future consider applications not just for University courses and will contemplate making more than one award in certain circumstances. Awards will still only be granted, though, for educational purposes.

Application Forms can be obtained from Andersons LLP, Solicitors, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN.

Michael Bruce Service of Commemoration

Each summer the Michael Bruce Trust invites people from Kinross-shire and beyond to celebrate the life and work of the "Gentle Poet of Loch Leven", Michael Bruce (1747-1767), in a service of commemoration. This year the service will be held at 6.30pm on **Sunday 5 July** in Portmoak Parish Church, a mile from the poet's birthplace in the village of Kinnesswood. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Robert Pickles and the guest speaker will be the Rev. Marion Dodd, a contributor to the modern Scottish Hymn Book. Tea will be served in Portmoak Hall after the laying of the wreath on the poet's grave by Professor David Munro, Chairman of the Michael Bruce Trust. All are welcome.

Kinross Curling School



will be on a stand at the Kinross Agricultural Show on
Saturday 8 August

Please come and meet us.

We will have games, quizzes and prizes to be won!

Archaeology Volunteering 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.

If interested, 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.gov.uk or telephone 01738 477089.

Dementia Café for Perth & Kinross



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

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

For further information contact:

Jackie Daly 01796 474818, Andy Bennet 01738 636358, Debbie Howie 01738 562201.



GALA DINNER DANCE
in aid of Water Action Ethiopia
Sunday 5 September 2009
Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

Tickets on sale now – contact:
Alisdair Stewart or Margaret Graham
01577 862262 01577 865844



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.



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 main article on page 50, visit www.kleo.org.uk or e-mail bouwien@kleo.org.uk





Kinross-shire Fund
Grants available for local community projects
e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare,
Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for
Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations

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



Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

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

Blythswood Care

Tuesday 21 July between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Blythswood Care hope that the lorry will be stationed in the Sainsbury's car park as from July

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross.

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 624301; Appointment line 01738 564304.

Free Energy Saving Advice Freephone 0800 512 012

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

Are you suffering from Macular Degeneration?

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

HOLIDAY APARTMENT TO LET IN CYPRUS

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

One bedroom with fabulous 4-poster bed.

Second bedroom with 2 single beds.

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

2 communal pools, plus a children's pool,

Set in lovely gardens,

close to bus route and local tavernas

Only 20 minutes from Paphos Airport.

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Contact Lawrence on 07836 578563

Or e-mail lbcc@rumenco.co.uk

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KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
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Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:
Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm
Saturdays 10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

Waste Paper Kerbside Collection

Next uplift in Kinross, Milnathort and Glenfarg:

Thursday 16 July

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

Kinross Temporary Library County Buildings, High Street

Tel & Fax: 01577 864202

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

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

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

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: constituency@gordonbanksmp.co.uk

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

MSP for Ochil Constituency Keith Brown MSP

will be holding regular

surgeries throughout his constituency area.

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

Keith can also be contacted by email at

keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

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Mobile Library – Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: 1, 15 & 29 July

Blairingone	9.30am - 9.45am
Westerloan, Milnathort	2.10pm - 3pm
Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort	3.05pm - 4pm
Any queries telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949	

Regular Library Sessions for Children

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

Rhythm and Rhyme sessions take place on the **last Friday of the month** at 11am at LOCH LEVEN LEISURE. All babies, toddlers and carers welcome. No need to book.

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

Perth Association for Mental Health

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

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*



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

Weekly Programme

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

Additional Events for July

Barge Trip Thursday 9th at 11.15 am

Reconstruction work on the Church Centre toilets is due to start on **14 July** for approximately 6 weeks and some disruption will be inevitable. There will be no access from the front of the building although the Day Centre will be open as usual with access from the side door only. The Coffee Bar opening hours will be restricted since toilet facilities are limited. No toilets will be available to the general public for the duration of the work.



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

Telephone: 01577 863869

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross (opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday: 12.00 - 1.00 pm

Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219



Kinross Recycling Centre Bridgend Industrial Estate

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

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

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website before applying to check whether a position is still available. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Chef – Thistle Hotel (full time)

Experienced Chef required to join our busy new restaurant Carduus. Working under the direction of our Head Chef you will assist in the preparation of food. 5 day week – 2 full days off Salary negotiable depending on experience. Email your cv to david@the-thistle-hotel.com

Cleaner – Thistle Hotel (part time)

Part time cleaner required for hotel. Morning and afternoon shifts available. Can accommodate school hours so would suit a parent with child at school.

Email your cv to david@the-thistle-hotel.com

Waiting Staff – Thistle Hotel (full time)

Experienced waiting staff required for new restaurant Carduus at The Thistle Hotel. Previous experience of a busy restaurant required. Salary negotiable depending on experience.

Email your cv to david@the-thistle-hotel.com

See also Caretaker vacancy, p.31 and Library news, p.5.

Classified Adverts

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest checking the website for current availability (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter.

Item for sale: Razor Electric Bike Price: £40.00

Razor Electric Bike nearly new, hardly used, great fun. Would suit age 8+. Comes with charger.

Seller Details: Christine Reid
christinereid@talktalk.net

01577 862952

Diary

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