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Letters

Editorial

The Focus Groups held by P&KC to find out what local people think about Kinross – how the town looks, the services provided, what should happen to publicly owned buildings – are over, but if you didn't manage to get along to one of the meetings, you can tell the Council what you think by completing an online questionnaire. More details on page 15.

There is also a separate online questionnaire about an appraisal of the **Kinross Conservation Area** – again, details are on page 15. If you are buying this Newsletter as soon as it goes on sale, you will still have a chance to visit the exhibition about the Conservation Area, which finishes on 1st September.

Special congratulations to our word processing assistant, Julia Fulton and her husband Ian, on the birth of their baby daughter Mia, a sister for Jamie. Best wishes to you all.

Thanks to Shireen Paterson for coming out of retirement to provide maternity cover!

There is a huge amount happening in the county in September as a glance at the diary will tell you – surely something for everyone!

Letters Policy

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 Letters will not be published unless the sender's name and address are supplied and they are prepared to have them published along with their letter.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

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Disabled parking at Kinross Show

10.08.09

On Saturday 8 August I took the opportunity to drive across from East Kilbride to take my disabled mother to the Kinross Show. My mother has lived in Milnathort for over 30 years now. She is now in a wheelchair due to having cancer for the second time in two years. The door staff were very helpful in pointing out the best place to park. But to my utter amazement my mother was charged £3 to park the car in a disabled place. Please can you tell me how this can be justified, as I am sure enough money was raised through the other numerous parking and entry fees. If possible please can you print this letter and ask the appropriate persons to respond to these questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Mrs Pauline Miller
1 Culzean Avenue, Stewartfield,
East Kilbride, Glasgow

Disabled parking at Show – reply

17.08.09

In reply to the letter from Mrs Pauline Miller about being charged to park her car for Kinross Show I would like to say how sorry I was to hear of her grievance and hope she and her mother had an otherwise enjoyable visit to the show.

Having spoken to a few people about the points which her letter raises it would seem that the situation would be the same at other similar events; there is provision for disabled parking but the usual charge still applies. The subject of giving disabled badge holders free parking has, to the best of my knowledge, never been discussed but it certainly will be discussed, along with all other entry fees by our committee in due course. We at Kinross shire Agricultural Society aim to provide an event which offers all our visitors an enjoyable, good value day out and we have not changed our entry fees for several years.

I would recommend that anyone with particular access or mobility needs contacts the society prior to show day so that appropriate arrangements can be made to minimise inconvenience to themselves and make things simpler for our volunteers stewarding the entrances. Also, I would ask that if anyone has a complaint on show day, please go to the secretary's tent where it can be sorted out there and then.

On behalf of the society, I would like to thank everyone who came to the show and I hope they all enjoyed the sunshine as much as I did. We had a very well attended, successful show this year and hopefully this will go some way in balancing out the two previous years which fell victim to terrible weather.

John Buchanan, Society President

CHILDMINDER

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In appreciation of Dave Goodwin**12.08.09**

I was born in the village of Kinnesswood and have resided in the village all my life. That will be 65 years this month. Needless to say, I have witnessed many changes to the village over the years. I have seen the building of Whitecraigs and Gamekeepers and with that brought the influx of new residents. Many stay for a short while and then move on. Some are happy to remain and enjoy the peaceful village lifestyle but do not get involved in the community. Then there are people like Dave Goodwin, who very sadly passed away this month (August). Dave and his wife Carole moved to the village, I think about seven years ago, and took up residency in Whitecraigs. Dave obviously enjoyed living in the village and soon became active in the community. He began working at the local garage and very quickly became involved in the Kinnesswood in Bloom group. While I appreciate that there were many other very willing workers in the group, I was amazed at the amount of time and effort that Dave put in to transforming the village into the beautiful place it is today. He actually put us 'original residents' to shame with his endless energy and commitment.

I did not know Dave all that well, only to speak to in the passing, and sadly that is my loss. I wish now that I had got to know him better as he was obviously one of a kind. My heartfelt condolences go out to Carole and the family and I hope they can take some comfort in the knowledge that Dave was very much liked and respected and will be sadly missed by the residents of Kinnesswood.

George Reid

(See also Obituaries)

3 Bruce Road, Kinnesswood

Inappropriate Article**17.08.09**

The Newsletter is a publication of which Kinross-shire can be justly proud. However the high standards of this publication were sorely compromised with the inclusion in the August of what can best be described as a personal attack of 'lynch mob' mentality on behalf of a resident of the County who also just happens to be a member of their Newsletter team. This unacceptable use of the Newsletter was further compounded by an announcement that the publication would not accept adverts, due to this attack, from a local business.

This matter has already been dealt with by society's rules via the Court justice system; the individuals concerned (whom I do not know and have no business involvement with) have been fined and ordered to pay back society for their behaviour.

The Newsletter should consider the publication of an apology for this lapse of Editorial judgement and this totally unacceptable use of its privileged position within the community on behalf of one of its 'staff'.

If the policy of the Newsletter is to permit copy such as this to appear, then it would appear to be the thin edge of a potentially nasty wedge.

In the best interests of the reputation of the Newsletter, I trust that you will see fit to publish these observations.

Douglas Alexander
Braelin, Kinross



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News & Articles

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



The Gazebo Gathering 2009

Make sure you support this must-see event!

A Family Music Festival on the lawn in front of Kinross House

Saturday 12 September 12 noon until 7.30pm

Our Gazebo Gathering is fast approaching and tickets are selling quickly – make sure your tickets are bought and the date marked on the calendar. Just as a reminder, our great-line up includes local bands Blue Fuse and Vital Sign, the Gary Sutherland Ceilidh Band as well as two great tribute bands of international reputation – Abbanania and The Champions.



Bring your own gazebo to the Gazebo Gathering...

Gazebos Bring along your own gazebo (pre-book your gazebo voucher with your ticket) if you have one, and if you don't, why not buy one of our premier gazebo tickets along with your festival ticket? If you have a bigger gazebo than 3x3m you can bring it along, but let us know beforehand! You can of course just come along and enjoy the day with a chair or rug, so don't feel you cannot come because you don't have a gazebo!

Other Activities There will be children's activities (a giant Wii, inflatables, face painting, arts and crafts etc) a variety of stalls and food & drink vendors on site. It will be a day to remember with lots to see, hear and do for the whole family.

Dress up as your favourite rock/pop star! During the event there will be a pop star look-a-like competition. Children and adults (!) can take part, so put on that wig and your blue suede shoes! Great prizes to be won!



Maybe try a spot of face painting!

Tickets – Please note the wristbands are the tickets. They are on sale from John and JH Sands Ironmongers (cash and credit cards) or online at www.kleo.org.uk (credit cards). Prices: family ticket £37.50 (2 adults, 2 children); adults (16 and over on 12 September) £15; children (15 and under) £7.50.

Group Discounts are available online only – buy five tickets and get one extra ticket free, buy ten tickets and get two extra tickets free. Get a group of friends or colleagues together, have fun and save some money!



And don't forget the great tribute bands (and local talent!)

Parking: If you are driving to the event, please park in Kirkgate Park, where there will be marshals to indicate where to park. There will be access from Kirkgate Park to Kinross House grounds through the East Gate.

Competition – There is still a chance to win two family tickets – all you need to do to win is fill in the entry form online at www.kleo.org.uk. The draw will be made at the end of August and winners will be informed as soon as possible thereafter.

Health and Safety Restrictions on bringing alcohol and cutlery have been reviewed in light of public comment. To clarify – you can bring alcohol as long as it is not in a glass or metal container (i.e. bottles or cans) and plastic cutlery (including plastic knives) will be allowed.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event happen. We are looking for people interested in doing the following jobs: General stewarding, Box Office, Gazebo Monitoring, Setting up and clearing up, Litter picking and many, many other jobs.....This is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the event for FREE! All volunteers will work in shifts, allowing time off to enjoy the day. Food and tea & coffee will be provided during your shift

If you have already bought your tickets make sure you tell all your family and friends about the Gazebo Gathering. Events like these can only succeed with the support of the local community.

Further details about this and other KLEO events can be found by visiting www.kleo.org.uk



Doors Open Days

Saturday 26, Sunday 27 September

Once again Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust has organised and funded access to buildings of historic and architectural interest throughout the Perth and Kinross area. Properties open in Kinross-shire are listed below.

Michael Bruce Museum, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood

Situated on The Cobbles in Kinnesswood is the weaver's cottage where Michael Bruce, the 'Gentle Poet of Loch Leven', was born in March 1746. Exhibits explain the history of the village, parchment-making and weaving industries and the works of Michael Bruce whose *Ode to the Cuckoo* was described by Edmund Burke as "the most beautiful lyric in our language". A new exhibition *The Burns Connection: Kinross-shire's links with the national bard and his family* will be on display.

Saturday 1030 – 1630. Park on main road.

[Assisted wheelchair access. Part of the Year of Homecoming.]

St Paul's Episcopal Church, Kinross

Built in 1874, St Paul's owes its presence and much of its subsequent decoration to the Montgomery family of Kinross House. The Church reveals the Montgomery family and other Kinross families' histories through numerous memorials, plaques and the beautiful stained glass windows. St Paul's will be decorated in readiness for the Harvest Festival and there will be a table showing the work of the Church Recorder Group. Coffee and tea along with crafts and a Fairtrade stall will be provided in the new meeting room adjacent to the church. There will also be exhibitions of *Work of the Church Record* and the *History of 100 years of Guiding*.

Saturday 1200 – 1600, Sunday 1200 – 1600

Located at the junction of Muirs Road (B996) and Springfield Road (A922). [Wheelchair access, WC.]

Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon

Recognised as a classic example of the Scottish tower house, this is a most interesting and unspoilt building, built in 1608. The castle contains many interesting features which will be explained during your guided tour. The castle has recently undergone a facelift with restoration work to the external finish or harling. In the castle grounds are a 9th century Celtic graveyard and remnants of a ruined medieval church, a 150 yard 'moat' and doocot dating from 1751. View the work in progress on the Witches Maze Memorial for the Crook of Devon Witch Trials.

As well as taking part in the Doors Open event, Tullibole Castle is open to the public regularly for one month: Opening times are 1pm to 4pm Tuesday to Sunday from 29 August through to 30 September. Admission charges are: Adult £3.50 and Child/Concession £2.50. Visits on the Doors Open Weekend are free.

Doors Open Weekend: Saturday 1030 – 1600, Sunday 1030 – 1600.

Located on the B9097 one mile east of Crook of Devon. [WC. Part of the Year of Homecoming. No wheelchair access. Guide Dogs only.]



*Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon
Photo: Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust*

Loch Leven Campus

Build update for works up to 31 July

Construction is moving apace, with the agreed entry date of Monday 26 October 2009 on target.

On the outside of the buildings, sunpipes, passivents and air handling unit vents have been installed. Render has been applied and cedar cladding is almost complete.

Inside, a first coat of decoration has been put on the walls of the first and second floors of the teaching wings, and the stairwells are progressing well.

Work has begun on installing ceiling grids and tiles, floor coverings, doors and ironmongery to the first and second floors of the teaching wings.

Specialised acoustic wood panelling has been installed in the Games Halls and Assembly Halls.

Externally, water, fire hydrant works and gas pipes are now installed. Soft landscaping continues according to schedule.

Community Event

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

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

This event is being planned for the weekend of

FRIDAY 20 to 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):

Email: dmorris@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk

Telephone Kinross High School: **(01577) 862430**

See also Kinross High School news, p 46.



The new campus looking towards the library

Kinross Show Local Prizewinners

Horses

Overall Champion: **Dougal Dick**, Transy Stud, Powmill
 Reserve: **Hazel Lundie**, Liff, Dundee
 Clydesdales: **John Adamson**, Plean
 Ridden Clydesdale: **Christine Galloway**, Wemyss Estate
 Reserve: **B. Duncan**, Balmacalm
 Shetland Ponies: **Dougal Dick**, Transy Stud, Powmill
 Reserve: **Dougal Dick**, Transy Stud, Powmill
 Highland Ponies: **Hazel Lundie**, Liff, Dundee
 Reserve: **Jean Connell**, Auchtermuchty
 Show Hunters - Male or Female in classes 10 – 16:
Fiona Black, Meigle Seggie, Milnathort
 Show Hunters shown in Hand in Classes 10 – 15:
Harry Aird, Crook of Devon
 Bowmore Qualifier: **Mandy Henry**, Auchterarder
 Reserve: **Nicola Johnston**, Mollinsburn
 Third: **Gemma Dixon**, Scotlandwell.
 Riding Ponies excluding lead reign: **Mrs Alicia Hay**
 Reserve: **Harry Aird**
 Mountain & Moorland: **J & C Borthwick**, Dunfermline
 Reserve: **Gavin Reilly**, Currie
 Driving Turnouts: **Kim Pearson-Miller**, Thornton
 Reserve: **Caroline Watson**, Addiewell
 Driving Turnout Exercise Vehicle: **Ruth Martin**, Bo'Ness
 Reserve: **Ann Small**, Cupar
 Working Ponies: **H. & A Aird**, Crook of Devon
 Show Jumping non affiliated ponies under 148cm and riders under 16 years: **Victoria Robb** - Beano.
 Show Jumping non affiliated horses over 148cm:
Gemma Dixon - Storm Control

Cattle

Interbreed Beef Champion (Chapman Frearson Trophy):
Ronald Dick, Mains of Throsk, Stirling
 Reserve: **M. I. Wainwright & Sons**, Dairsie, Cupar
 Interbreed Dairy Champion (Centenary Challenge Rose Bowl):
Brian Weatherup, Crossgates
 Reserve: **A & S Lawrie**, Milnathort
 Interbreed Dairy Champion (Crossfield Trophy):
Brian Weatherup, Crossgates.
 Reserve: **A & S Lawrie**, Milnathort
 Aberdeen Angus: **Brian Hayward**, Wester Aildie, Rumbling Bridge
 Pure Bred Limousin: **Ronald Dick**, Mains of Throsk, Stirling
 Highland: **D & Mrs Margaret McGowan**, Cupar

Dairy Cattle

Ayreshires & Any Other Dairy Breed - Paton Cup Best Animal:
Brian Weatherup, Crossgates
 Reserve: **A & S Lawrie**, Milnathort
 Holstein: **Brian Weatherup**, Crossgates.

Cross Cattle

Hamilton Cup (Best pair from any class in Cross Cattle):
Alistair McLaren, Classlochie, Kinross.
 Sandy Dawson Memorial Cup Best Cross Calf born after 1 Sept 2008:
Alistair McLaren, Classlochie, Kinross.

Sheep

Jacob: **Barbara Webster**, Newburgh
 Shetland: **Rena Douglas**, Craighothie.
 Blackface: **Mrs Mary MacNiven**, Glenfarg.
 Suffolk: **Andrew Barr**, Crossgates.
 Blue Faced Leicester: **Mrs Mary MacNiven**, Glenfarg
 Border Leicester: **A. Watson**, Letham Fife.

Goats

F & B Fairley, Avonbridge, Falkirk (formerly Kinross).
 Tom Page Trophy: **Ronald Dick**, Mains of Throsk, Stirling.
 John F Watson Trophy: **John Adamson**, Glenside Farm Plean
 Gardiner Cup (Most points in Sheep, Cattle, Clydesdale Horse, Goat Section): **Mrs Mary MacNiven**, Glenfarg.
 Bank of Scotland Centenary Trophy: **Fairley & Blaisden**, Avonbridge, Falkirk (formerly Kinross)

Crops

Spring Oats: **T, Greer & Sons**, Wharlawhill, Carnbo
 Spring Barley: **W. Nelson**, West Brackley, Kinross
 Winter Wheat: **W Nelson**, West Brackley, Kinross
 Winter Barley: **John Thomson**, Hilton of Beath, Kelt
 Winter Oats: **John Baillie**, Colliston, Glenfarg
 Seed Potatoes: **W.S. Young**, Mawcarse, Milnathort

Other Competitions

Best Trade Stand Large: **George Colliar**, Kinross (Willie Sneddon).
 Best Trade Stand Small: **Loch Leven Larder** (Robin, Emma & Michael Niven).
 Fancy Dress without an animal: 1st **Getley/McMurtrie Families** (Wizard of Oz); 2nd **Harriet Lovatt**, (Strawberry)
 Fancy Dress with a Pony/Donkey: **Anna Campbell**, Crook of Devon. (Alice in Wonderland); 2nd **Louise Calder**; 3rd **Isse Jeffrey**.
 Art & Craft Tent: **Ms Jacqui McCracken**, Dundee, (1st Reflections).

Dog Show

Puppy: 1st **K. Gerrard**, Rumbling Bridge.
Sporting: 1st **Shona McIntyre**, Yetts of Muckhart
 4th **Anthea Bryson**, Nether Craigow, Milnathort.
Non-sporting: 2nd **Barry Manson**, Powmill
 3rd **Evelyn Nugent**, Kinross.
Open: 2nd **Barry Manson**, Powmill.
 3rd **Lucy McGregor**, Crook of Devon
Confined to Kinross-shire: 1st **Barry Manson**, Powmill; 2nd **Evelyn Nugent**, Kinross; 3rd **Emma Fairweather**, Hatchbank, Kinross; 4th **Shona McIntyre**, Yetts of Muckhart.
Dog with Waggiest Tail: 1st **Lucy McGregor**, Crook of Devon.
 2nd **Hannah Ballantyne**, Wood of Coldrain, Kinross, 3rd **Heidi Ballantyne**, Wood of Coldrain, Kinross; 4th **Zoie Ballantyne**, Wood of Coldrain, Kinross.
Dog with most Appealing Eyes: 1st **Katie Fowler**, Kinross; 2nd **Daisy Galbraith**, Ledland, Milnathort; 3rd **Evelyn Nugent**, Kinross.
Dog Handled by a Boy/Girl under 14 years: 2nd **Shona McIntyre**, Yetts of Muckhart.; 3rd **Zoie Ballantyne**, Wood of Coldrain, Kinross; 4th **Evelyn Nugent**, Kinross.

Trophies

Weaver of Kettle Trophy (Best Pup): **K. Gerrard**, Rumbling Bridge: 'Phoebe' Border Terrier/Jack Russell.
The Balkello Quaich (Best Sporting): **Shona McIntyre**, Yetts of Muckhart: 'Baillie' Flat Coat Retriever.
The Cairns Cup (Best Dog/Bitch in Kinross-shire): **Barry Manson**, Powmill: Japanese Akita.
The Farmer Trophy (Best Shetland Sheepdog): **Emma Fairweather**, Hatchbank, Kinross: 'Barney' Shetland Sheepdog.

SWRI Trophy Winners

Aldridge Sealy Trophy: **Carnbo**
 Jane Elliot Bell: **Glenfarg**
 Enid Scott-Davidson Cup: **Carnbo**
 Benarty Trophy: **Blairingone**
 Stewart Cup: **Alison Messenger**, Glenfarg
 Hilton Cup: **Helen Quartermaine**, Glenfarg
 Ann Watson Trophy: **Nan Douglas**, Milnathort
 Arnotlea Trophy: **Christine Dawson**, Carnbo
 Irene Whitson Salver: **Christine Dawson**, Carnbo
 The Group Rose Bowl: **Ann Munro**, Carnbo
 Teenage Trophy: **S. Simpson**, Blairingone
 Balado Cup: **Cara Warnock**, Blairingone
 Morris Quaich: **Robbie Warnock**, Blairingone
 Community A - Paperweight: **Dorothy Morris**, Cleish
 Community B - Paperweight: **Jane Martin**, Bishopshire
 Community A: 1st **Blairingone**, 2nd **Carnbo**, 3rd **Cleish**
 Community B: 1st **Bishopshire**, 2nd **Carnbo**, 3rd **Cleish**

Flower Show Cup Winners

Cairns Cup (most points overall): **David Forrester**

Balado Salver (outstanding entry, classes 1-16): **Jane Smith**

Fisher Bowl (most points, Dahlias): **Bill Bolton**

Cesar Trophy (most points, Sweet Peas): **Bill Bolton**

Kirkness Trophy (most points, Floral Art): **Sharon Buchanan**

Renton Trophy (outstanding exhibit, Floral Art): **Sharon Buchanan**

Gavin Lindores Trophy (best single Rose): **Kay Adam**

Scott Davidson Cup (miniature arrangement): **Sandra Webster**

Lena Graham Quaich, small (under 8): **Kendall McLean**

Lena Graham Quaich, large (9-14): **Katie Bell**

Maisie Pirie Cup (most outstanding exhibit, under 8): **Kirsty Skea**

Cathie Pirie Cup (most outstanding exhibit, 9 - 14 years): **Katie Bell**

Malvarse Salver (best exhibit overall): **Sharon Buchanan**

Congratulations to the Potager Garden and Milnathort Primary School who did so well in the Marigolds class and Herb Garden.

The Flower Show Committee would like to thank all who took part and came to the Show.

News from the Health Centre



The move to our new home is now complete and we are all settling in to our new surroundings. There will no doubt be some teething troubles, but we hope that these will be resolved easily and will not inconvenience our patients. We are planning an Opening Day for **Saturday 26 September** and anyone who wishes to look round our new building is welcome to come in the afternoon between 2 and 4pm. Watch out for more information about this event at the beginning of September.

The increase in space is allowing us to make some changes to the clinics which are provided, and new services will be introduced in due course. We are hoping that more outreach clinics will be run in the Health Centre and this will enable patients to be seen in Kinross rather than travelling to Perth. St Serf's Medical Practice is making some changes to their clinics and introducing a new extended hours service. Two GPs will be on duty on alternate Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 8.00pm. The GPs will provide both face to face and telephone appointments, but all appointments must be pre-booked. A nurse will also be on duty and again these appointments are pre-bookable only. The other change in St Serf's is that Dr Campbell is reducing his commitment by one session per week. This session will be taken over by one of the other GPs. The list sizes of the GPs have not been equalised since the two new partners, Dr Allott and Dr Cunningham, were appointed and this change makes the lists even more unequal. We have therefore asked Practitioner Services to equalise the lists and some patients will be transferred from one GP to another. This change is for administrative purposes only, and all patients are still free to make appointments with whichever GP they wish. A new timetable showing the appointment times for each GP will be published in due course.

Deadline for all Submissions
2.00 pm, MONDAY 21 September
for publication on Saturday 3 October

Children take up the Post Box Challenge

Members of the Kinross Primary Parent Council (KPPC), Events Group came up with the idea of offering each child the opportunity to take part in a free quiz at this year's Kinross Show and post their entries in a bright red post box. The group made up of parents and teaching staff devised a quiz to challenge children of all ages. Margaret Forrest, leader of the group said, "The group were keen to have a presence at one of the biggest events in Kinross-shire and demonstrate to children and parents that KPPC is busy, active and fun."



Hannah Baughan (4) pictured posting her entry

Questions had children exploring all corners of the showground and finding out about each different part of the show. From tracking down the registration number of a vintage tractor to finding out when you can visit Kinross House Gardens, decoding an anagram for a new tractor to thinking about how many kinds of animals can enter a competition at the show.

With over 40 entries in the post box by 3pm it was clear that many children had taken up the challenge. Margaret said, "We were delighted that so many children took part, the youngest entrant was 18 months old who we suspect received a little help from Mum and Dad and we also received entries from many teenagers."

Kinross Agricultural Society fully supported the quiz by allowing volunteers to hand out the quiz at each entrance to the show and by covering the printing costs. Prizes were sponsored by The Royal Bank of Scotland and KPPC and were given out according to age, for correct and neatest entries. The winners collected their prize from a member of KPPC at the post box on the day.

The next event planned by KPPC is an orienteering challenge and picnic at Kirkgate Park on **Saturday 19 September**. Check out the KPPC page on the website for more details. www.kinross-pri.pkc.sch.uk

For more information contact Fiona Turnbull on 01577 850316 or 07835 719251

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Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Bible Series

Fossway Church, Crook of Devon

The Bible is the best-selling book of all time and Christians claim it is God's word - but how much of it have we read or do we understand? Some parts of the Bible are very well known whilst people often wonder why other parts were ever included! Through a series of five one hour (or so) talks, the "Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Bible" invites us to thumb our way through the Bible and to see in a new way how the whole book holds together.

Leading us will be Rev Colin Sinclair, minister of Palmerston Place Church of Scotland in Edinburgh and an internationally known speaker. He is the current Chair of Scripture Union International and former Chair of the Spring Harvest Council. Colin has been developing and refining his 'big picture' view of the Bible in series of talks for over twenty years, culminating in the publication of a book of the same title in 2008. He is a lively and interesting speaker, able to communicate as effectively with teenagers as with older listeners.

The sessions will take place at Fossway Church on Thursdays 10 & 24 September, 29 October and 12 & 26 November. Each evening will begin at 7.30pm with light refreshments.

Come along and see where your thumb takes you!

Greyhound Rescue Fife

Celia and Jimmy Femie of Greyhouse Rescue Fife have sent in this article:

"Adopting just one Greyhound won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that one Greyhound."

We set up Greyhound Rescue Fife in 2005 in response to the sheer number of unwanted greyhounds reaching the end of their racing careers in the area. Our sanctuary is capable of kennelling nearly 50 dogs. More information is available at our website www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

We have two centres. Baltree Farm at Gairneybank, Kinross can kennel 22 dogs, and has a beautiful woodland walk. Our other centre is at Union Farm Boarding Kennels, Craigrothie, near Cupar. Here, the owner, Nanette Jackson, very kindly allows us to board many dogs in two kennel blocks where there is also a very nice secure paddock.

If you have not had a greyhound before you may not know what wonderful pets these dogs make. The temperaments of Greyhounds are affectionate and comfort loving. Greyhounds lack the usual body odour associated with other breeds.

You may be wondering why, if greyhounds are so wonderful, there is such a problem finding homes for them. The answer is quite simply down to the huge number of dogs involved. There is no way that homes can be found for the 30,000 plus dogs that are surplus to requirements each year. Our purpose is to find good homes that racing greyhounds, who have come to the end of their useful racing life, deserve. They can be as young as two to four years old. We guarantee that you will soon, like us, be hooked on the best dog in the world - the magnificent greyhound.

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you'd be happy to share with others?

Visit www.kinross.cc to find out how to add your photos to the Photo Library. The aim of the library is to provide a resource for promoting Kinross-shire.

Recycling restrictions at Bridgend

Facilities at the Recycling Centre at Bridgend are currently restricted. **There is no access to the skips for cardboard, wood, inert waste or scrap metal.** Temporary skips are available for all general waste.

The Council is installing new equipment which will increase the amount of materials that can be compacted and reduce the number of skip collections required.

The restrictions will be in effect for the whole of September and part of October. (The works started on 17 August and are scheduled to take around six to eight weeks to complete.)

Opening hours remain unchanged during the installation period for the new equipment.

The Council apologises for any inconvenience caused by these works. Anyone wishing further information can contact the Customer Service Centre on 01738 476476, email recycle@pkc.gov.uk or visit www.pkc.gov.uk/recycle.

Alternative recycling facilities are available at the Recycling Point at the Old Causeway car park (Millbridge Hall). Also, the Recycling Point at Sainsbury's (formerly Somerfield) in Station Road is available again following the store refurbishment. There are banks for recycling glass, food and drinks cans, paper and textiles.

Perthshire Open Studios

Saturday 5 September to Sunday 13 September

Kinross-shire residents who are keen on art could spend many a happy hour over a period of nine days in September visiting local venues taking part in the Open Studios initiative.

Perthshire Open Studios involves artists throughout Perth & Kinross opening their studios to the public, or putting on special exhibitions at shared venues.

An excellent colour booklet, which illustrates some of the artists' work, details the 79 venues throughout Perth & Kinross and is available by telephoning 01738 477834. Or information can be found at the website www.perthshireopenstudios.com. Venues are divided into six routes, with Kinross-shire ones on the Turquoise route.

There are open studios or exhibitions in or near Dollar, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Kinross, Blairadam, Milnathort, Path of Condie and Glenfarg.

The artwork on display includes ceramics, painting, drawing, print-making, textiles, photography and sculpture.

Just a few examples:

Angela Heidemann will exhibit her mixed media paintings, collages, etchings and prints at her house in Crook of Devon.

David T Murton, also in Crook of Devon, will show his locally inspired landscapes painted in traditional style.

Paintings by Suzanne Mitchell-Henry and Hugh Murdoch will be on display at the Grouse & Claret at Heatheryford.

Stephen Knudsen at Blairadam designs and makes furniture and sculptures from Scottish hardwoods.

Opening times and days vary from venue to venue. See the booklet or website for full details.

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

Kinross-shire residents give their views to the Council

P&KC officers have been working with the people of Kinross-shire on a community engagement exercise. Locals have been giving their views on three key themes:

- * The Loch Leven Community Campus
- * Planning and heritage
- * Social enterprise

At the time of writing, three focus groups have taken place, with a number of themes arising including: use of the community campus; derelict buildings and the general appearance of the town of Kinross.

Conservation Area Appraisal

In addition, and as part of the community engagement exercise, the Conservation Area Appraisal consultation started on 17 August and will run until Tuesday 1st September.

The draft Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal and consultation questionnaire is now available on the Council

website at www.pkc.gov.uk/kinrossconservationarea.

An **Exhibition** on the Conservation Area will also be held at the Kinross Church Centre, from 10am – 5pm on 27 and 31 August and on 1 September. These sessions do not need to be booked; they are held on a drop-in basis with officers present to answer queries on conservation issues.

World Café Event

The information from the focus groups and the Conservation Area Appraisal will be collated and re-presented at a World Café Event on **Thursday 10 September** between 6pm and 8.30pm at Kinross High School, with a view to working in partnership with the community to take things forward (places have to be booked – see end of article).

For further information visit the Perth & Kinross website at www.pkc.gov.uk/kinrosscommunityengagement, where there is also an Online Survey which locals are being encouraged to complete.

If you are interested in attending the World Café Event on 10 September, please contact Alice Yeung on 01738 476375 or email aliceyeung@pkc.gov.uk

Make time for something new at Kinross Learning Centre!

Whether you're planning a winter sun holiday and need to pick up some essential language skills, want to get more from your digital camera, or come along to a beginners' computing class, Kinross Learning Centre's autumn programme has the course for you.

In addition we offer a wide programme of flexible learning computing courses for MS Office 2007 applications from basic to advanced, so if you want to get back to work, improve your career prospects or simply find out more about computers for your own personal interest, Kinross Learning Centre is a great place to start.

Classes marked ★ qualify for ILA funding – so if you have an Individual Learning account, your course could be free!

If you would like to book a place on one of these classes, call us on 01577 863863, e-mail pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk or drop in to the Learning Centre at 15 Swansacre, Kinross.

Languages ★

Spanish Beginners	Wed 16 Sep	5-7pm	10 weeks	£65
Improving your Spanish Conversation	Wed 16 Sep	7-9pm	10 weeks	£65
Adv Spanish Conversation	Mon 14 Sep	9.30-11.30am	10 weeks	£65
French Beginners	Thu 17 Sep	7-9pm	10 weeks	£65
Improving your French Conversation	Tue 15 Sep	1-3pm	10 weeks	£65
Advanced French Conversation	Tue 15 Sep	10.30-12.30pm	10 weeks	£65
Italian Beginners	Tue 15 Sep	6-8pm	10 weeks	£65
Improving your Italian Conversation	Tue 15 Sep	3.30-5.30pm	10 weeks	£65
German Beginners	Wed 23 Sep	5-7pm	10 weeks	£65
German Improvers	Wed 7 Oct	7-9pm	10 weeks	£65

Computing ★

Welcome to Computing	Mon 14 Sep	7-9pm	8 weeks	£53
Welcome to Computing	Tue 15 Sep	2-4pm	8 weeks	£53
Effective PC Management	Tue 15 Sep	12-2pm	8 weeks	£53
Carry on Computing	Mon 9 Nov	7-9pm	8 weeks	£53
Carry on Computing	Tue 10 Nov	7-9pm	8 weeks	£53

Arts and Crafts

Watercolours 1	Mon 14 Sep	2-4pm	10 weeks	£65
Watercolours 3	Thu 17 Sep	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£65
Watercolours 4	Wed 16 Sep	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£65
Drawing & Painting	Mon 14 Sep	7-9pm	10 weeks	£65
The Art of Drawing	Wed 16 Sep	9.45-11.45am	10 weeks	£65
Credit Crunch Christmas –				
Make your own Decorations & Novelties	Tue 20 Oct	10.30-12.30pm	6 weeks	£45
Fabric Clocks	Tues 20 Oct	1-3pm	6 weeks	£45

Digital Photography ★

Photoshop: Creating Cards and Calendars from your Photographs	Wed 16 Sep	3-5pm	8 weeks	£59
Introduction to Digital Photography	Wed 16 Sep	6.30-8.30pm	10 weeks	£77

General Interest

Learn about the World of Antiques	Fri 18 Sep	9.30-11.30am	10 weeks	£65
Genealogy	Thu 17 Sep	2-4pm	10 weeks	£65
Sign Language	Thu 10 Sep	5-7pm	5 weeks	£38

East to Mongolia!

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

The six local lads taking part in the famous Mongol rally in a Subaru Justy and a Suzuki Swift have been keeping in touch with their sponsors and the Newsletter via email and blog. The news is **VERY EXCITING** – read on for extracts from their communications en route.

7 August (3 weeks after last email in last Newsletter)

Since my last email from Frankfurt we have covered many thousands of miles and indeed problems and issues that we will laugh about in years to come. From Frankfurt we headed to Klenova castle, south west of Prague for what can only be described as a completely insane party inside a castle with 1250 other ralliers. That afternoon we cruised down to Vienna with another Scottish team, the Race Monkeys and enjoyed Vienna and then Budapest. Whilst racing to the Hungary/Ukraine border we spotted a rather large water park on a mountain. Given that we hadn't had a proper wash in a few days we thought we owed it to ourselves and enjoyed the afternoon. We then hit the Ukraine where issues with corruptness really began. First of all border guards seeking cash from us and then the cops pulled us over at 2am requesting cash. We paid them and moved on. Things started to get a little suspicious with cars slowing down and speeding up around us so we decided it was time to pull off the road and take refuge from any bandits looking to make some quick cash. We slept in the cars under a bridge and no more will be said of that evening.

Harvey was due to depart on 26 July from Rostov so we had a tight schedule to get across Ukraine and into Russia. A final push of 37 out of 39 hours of non-stop driving saw us pull up to the Russian border but not without problems en route. It seemed the police had a great interest in pulling us over looking for bribes although I was guilty of committing three offences in one manoeuvre under the watchful eye of a corrupt man of the law which unfortunately cost us a few pennies. We successfully crossed the Russian border after a lengthy wait and a dodgy border guard, again, enough said. We then moved on to Volgograd and Asakhran before moving into Kazakhstan. We moved on down to Atyrau before heading to Beneu to cross into Uzbekistan. We departed the Race Monkeys who headed north and convoyed with team Avara and the Mongol Legends. We scooted on down Uzbek - a truly awesome country which is clearly developing rapidly. We got majorly lost in Bishket, the capital and then found ourselves camping in a huge thunder and lightning storm. We then crossed into Kyrgyzstan where we met a very nice gentlemen who took us back to his house in Osh; the accommodation was very basic to say the least but it gave us time to chill out and sort ourselves out. We moved north through Kyrgy and it impressed us all greatly. We washed in a huge lake before climbing a 3500metre mountain pass which meandered its way through an awesome landscape. Liam borrowed a herdsman's horse at the peak and we camped next to a yurt in an open land with snow still on the peaks of the mountains.

We then visited the world's second largest alpine lake, Issyk-Kul and enjoyed some horse riding along the shores along with yes, another wash! We then pushed on to the Kyrgy/Kazak border where Dunk was caught for speeding. The funny thing is that, given our best interpretation of the policeman, we think Dunk is now banned from driving in Kyrgy. To be honest, doing 80km/h in a 30km/h zone is a pretty punishable offence!

Last night we camped one mile from the border and were joined by a nomad who enjoyed a few drams with us as the sun went down. Today was the quickest border crossing to date on the trip and lifted spirits with only a 250km jaunt to Almaty.

All in all, the trip is proving very hard going for everyone involved. We have probably averaged no fewer than 11 hours driving a day. The hottest we have experienced I think was 48°C in Volgograd which was pretty uncomfortable.

We have now covered 7300 miles since leaving Kinross 22 days ago. The roads have been varied, some amazing and some completely undrivable. We found a pothole that Bull could stand in and the road met his stomach.

8 August: Leaving Almaty just now. Really need to scoot up to the Russian border, as been informed 30 hour border crossing into Mongolia.

9 August: Currently at the Rusky border. Crashed a kids birthday party in Semey – was awesome! Justy is starting to struggle carrying the weight.

13 August: Second night in Mongolia. Ted ripped the sump guard off and 3 flat tyres picked up yesterday. Managed 181 miles of driving yesterday in a 10-hour shift. Really tough now with river crossings! 1000 miles to go! Last final push.

16 August: Roads are terrible. Really tough going. Justy has been written off. Team has had to split on three occasions over the last 48 hours in order to reach our final destination. Hopefully will all meet again tomorrow so we can complete rally together on Tuesday. Cars really are taking a beating now. Lack of showers, raw meat, horses' milk and the cold nights are making us very excited about reaching civilisation again! Great experience though! Wait until you see the photographs!

18 August: Yes, the rumours are true ... we made it!!!! After 756 hours, of which 298 hours we were sitting in a moving car, we finally crossed the finishing line yesterday afternoon covering a grand total of 9804 miles!

The five remaining soldiers piled into the Swift somehow, for the final leg of the journey and amazed many people as we clambered out of the small banger at the finishing line!

We are now enjoying some down time in Ulaan Baatar quietly satisfied that we will not be boarding a very small and inappropriate car for a while. All of us have different plans from here on in and I don't return to the UK until late September. I will be advising in the near future the total amount of money we have managed to raise for our charities. Until then, we would all like to thank you for your continued support and interest throughout our year-long campaign and as always a massive thank you to our main sponsors.

Kind regards from Mongolia, Chris Carragher

Nutznoltz were raising money for three charities: CHAS, The Christina Noble Children's Foundation and Mercy Corps TAN Project. You can still donate by going to www.nutznoltz.webs.com and clicking on the relevant links, or send a cheque made payable to "Nutz n Boltz" to: The Orchard, St Ronan's Drive, Kinross, KY13 8AA.

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Parking outside Schools

Now that a new academic year is with us we would like to remind those people who take children to and from school in vehicles to be considerate about how and where they park when doing so.

We understand that parents want to see their children, particularly the younger ones, safely on to school premises and on wet days ensure that the youngsters are as dry as possible when they arrive. However, in doing so, many people park their vehicles in a manner that compromises the safety of others. We have encountered, among other things, cars parked on the zigzag markings, obstructing the school crossing patroller, and on pavements whereby pedestrians are forced to walk on to the road to get past. Regretfully we have found that the attitude of a small number of parents appears to be that they don't care what happens to anyone else as long as their child arrives at and returns home from school safely. We all have a duty to ensure that everyone, particularly the children, are safe at all times.

We would also ask that parents who are walking to school with their children, cross at and when directed to do so by the school crossing patroller. After all it is their function to ensure that the children cross safely and allowing the youngsters to think they can cross where and when they want is not a good example to set. More specifically motorists should be aware that there are parking restrictions outside the main entrance to Kinross High School which are in force in the morning and again at home time and during those periods the only vehicles which should park there are school buses.

Motorists taking children to and from Kinross Primary School should also ensure they do not obstruct access to or impede the view of residents emerging from Douglas

Crescent and to remember there is a one-way system in operation at the west end of Bowton Road.

We intend to monitor the situation at all our schools, with particular regard to the Bowton Road entrance to Kinross Primary School where we have received a lot of complaints, and where there is evidence that offences are being committed drivers will be issued with Fixed Penalty tickets or reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

New Community Crime Officer for Kinross

With effect from 1st September 2009, Constable Ishbel Wallace will commence duties as the Community Crime Officer with responsibility for Kinross. Constable Wallace will need no introduction to most of the residents of Kinross in that she and her family have lived in the area since 1990. In addition to working for several years in Kinross, Constable Wallace has gained experience working as Community Officer in Dundee and Crime Prevention Officer and Domestic Abuse Officer in Perth.

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

July flash flood at Milnathort

The flooding experienced in the region of New Road, South Street and Back Loan in July, came about as a result of exceptional meteorological circumstances. The volume of rain was truly unprecedented, overwhelming the drainage infrastructure. Given the frequency of recent flooding, it is now difficult to deny that climate change is a reality. It is likely that this sort of event will recur, here and elsewhere.

Following the 2006 flooding when the Back Burn burst its banks, I wrote to the Chief Executive of Perth and Kinross requesting that sandbags be made available locally. My plea fell on deaf ears, as a result of which the Council provided sandbags last month from Kinross only after the water had subsided and the emergency was over.

Following representations to the Council Officials who came to Milnathort in the wake of the flood, sandbags are now available from the hut at the rear of the Town Hall in Back Loan. Keys to the hut are held at Giacomazzi's, Robertson's, the Jolly Beggars and Mrs. Russell at Back Loan.

I raised the question of gully cleaning with Adam Olejnik, Head of Public Space Management, who wrote to me advising that road gullies in flood prone places such as Milnathort are checked monthly, and cleaning carried out as necessary. It is not always possible to clean every affected gully as residents' vehicles are sometimes parked over the

gullies for long periods.

I further raised the question of a pumping station in Back Loan, which the Council had undertaken to examine in 2006. It is unlikely that this will now go ahead although a final decision is yet to be taken.

Dropped kerbs at various locations in New Road and South Street contributed to the flooding of adjacent premises such as The Thistle Hotel and Robertson's. Barring objections, these should be replaced with full height kerbs in early course.

On 6 August the Scottish Flood Forum held a useful advice surgery in the Town Hall which I attended. Information on flooding and its prevention can be accessed at www.pkc.gov.uk and www.sepa.org.uk. SEPA has a list of suppliers of flood barriers which householders might consider.

In conclusion, flooding will be a permanent feature of Scottish village life in the future. Our old infrastructure was only adequate to cope with the climate of previous centuries. Our climate is becoming more severe. Infrastructure changes will take many years to effect; meanwhile residents will have to take what measures they can for the protection of their premises. Perth and Kinross Council will do what it can.

Joe Giacomazzi, Chairman,
Milnathort Community Council

Community Council News



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

Kinross Community Council

News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 August were: CCllrs D Cuthbert (Chair), C Watson, B Davies, J Richardson, D Mackay, M Blyth, S Bathgate, L Mackay and M Scott (Secy). Also in attendance were two police representatives and eight members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs I Jack and D Colliar and P&K Cllr Kathleen Baird.

Police Report

T in the Park: With regard to local policing PC Child reported that it was quieter this year and that the volume of incidents was reasonable.

The High School has been a target of crime recently.

Personnel change: PC Child advised that PC Ishbel Wallace had been assigned as a Community Officer and would be his replacement.

Matters Arising from previous meeting

Newsletter sub-committee: a meeting date has still to be set to clarify the position following incorporation to a company and other matters.

Planning correspondence: An acknowledgement has been received in connection with the CC's objection to the GS Brown application. No response has been received yet in relation to communications regarding Sainsbury's or the exclusion of Consultee Reports from the P&KC website.

Planning Matters

The prefixes for planning applications have changed from 3 August 2009 as follows:

- FLL Planning Permission (i.e. a "full" planning application) and a "local development"
- FLM Full and a "major development"
- IPL Planning Permission in principle and major
- AML Approval of matters required by condition on a planning permission in principle (i.e. the old reserved matters) and local
- AMM For "approval of matters" and major.

Planning Applications

There were some single domestic applications, e.g. for extensions, on which no comments were made.

09/01209/FUL-FLL 6 Broom Road: erection of a replacement dwelling house.

09/01055/OUT-IPL Land 60 metres north of Wood of Coldrain Farm Cottage: erection of a dwellinghouse.

09/01126/FUL-FLL Land to the east of Baltree Farm, Hatchbank Road, Gairneybank: change of house type at Plot 2.

09/01160/FUL-FLL Chance Inn Farm: erection of two dwelling houses.

09/01307/FUL-FLL 11 Talla Park: formation of a vehicular access.

09/01298/ADV Tourist Information Centre, Turfhill: display of signboard and display boards.

09/01318/LBC, 09/01329/FUL-FLL Millers Bar, High Street: alterations, change of use and sub-division of existing public house to form betting office and first floor flat.

09/01289/FUL-FLM Balado Activity Centre, The Old

Airfield, Balado: Change of use of land to Class 11 use (assembly and leisure) plus motor vehicle and sports and fun fairs.

There were no objections to any of the above.

09/01241/OUT-IPL 77 Muirs: Renewal of existing consent (05/01549/OUT): erection of replacement dwelling house. The CC objected to this previously and the Secy is to write anew on similar grounds.

09/01082/OUT-IPL Land 140 metres east of Green Hotel: **Erection of National Curling Academy** including six-rink ice pad, changing facilities, gym, bar, café, curling museum, offices and associated facilities. CCllr Watson declared an interest and withdrew from this discussion. The CC are fully supportive of the erection of this facility, our only reservation is to the location. However, after full consideration, and with a view to not prejudicing the provision of such a facility, the CC agreed not to object to the application provided that certain conditions relating to the site were accounted for in the construction, being:

The first of these conditions is in relation to the removal of mature trees and the CC would wish this to be kept to a minimum with new growth also being planted.

The second relates to access to the site and we would like to see access being allowed from the north using the existing Windlestrae road junction rather than opening a new entrance onto the Muirs.

Thirdly, we would recommend the use of low level lighting rather than overhead lighting, so as to impact on neighbours to a minimum.

Fourthly, we would ask planners to note that the Muirs is a public parking space and should not be reserved for the private use of the Curling Academy.

The CC would also strongly recommend P&KC consider the use of an existing brownfield site (such as the existing High School) rather than this "greenfield" location.

Finally, as this is only an "outline" planning application the CC would like to be consulted on submission of a full application and in relation to any amendments. The Secretary will write to the Council in terms above. CCllr Bathgate read out a statement received from a member of the public voicing many of the above concerns, and objecting to the planned location. An email was also received from a member of the public supporting the application and a letter from Orwell Curling Club in similar terms.

Autograss Race Meeting: Various communications received as follows:

Proposal of Application Notice from P&KC for change of use of land from agricultural to leisure and recreational and construction of fences for an autograss track. Public consultation will be early September.

Acknowledgement and subsequent confirmation that once the data collected in relation to the noise survey is available the CC will receive a copy.

Letter from Central Scotland Autograss Club providing an insight into this sport.

Planning Applications Determined

Balado Mushroom Farm: demolition of existing shed and buildings and erection of a dwellinghouse, garage and stores:

Approved.

Sainsbury's: Section 42 - removal of conditions 1 and 3 from previous consent (04/00052/FUL): Withdrawn.

David Sands, Clashburn: Installation of three port cabins: Approved.

Cruachan, Old Cleish Road: modification of existing consent - change of house type: Approved.

Engagement Exercise, Meeting with Council Officials

CCllrs Cuthbert and Bathgate reported on the Focus Group meeting recently attended by them. This was very productive with eight members of the public present and around ten P&KC officers. The topics of discussion were the Community Campus, Heritage and Planning (this covered the Town Centre: Town Hall, Swansacre etc) and Social Enterprise (an opportunity for the community to become involved with groups set up by P&KC). The CC recommends that people attend these Focus Group meetings and voice their concerns about the future of the town.

CCllr Watson reported that he met recently with Council officials and was advised that negotiations were nearing an end with the Housing Association in relation to Swansacre. He further stated that a community Buy Out proposal for the County Buildings was mentioned.



Focus Groups discussed the state of the town centre: photo shows corner of Old Causeway and Burns Begg Street

CCllrs D Cuthbert, D Colliar, J Richardson and S Bathgate met with John Walker, Jim Valentine and Maria Walker from P&KC at the end of last month. An open discussion was held and a number of matters were raised (i.e. the link road, possible pedestrian area, Town Hall, High School Site etc). It was agreed that the Secy should write to Maria Walker thanking her for attending this meeting with her colleagues and requesting a further meeting following their consideration of the data received to update matters.

Local Development Plan

CCllr Cuthbert had prepared a draft document for revision/approval. After consideration, it was agreed that various revisions should be made:

Removal of reference to Market Park; Site 4 should be removed due to flooding in the area; Site 5 should be removed and retained in the plan as previously; Area opposite Turfhill should be zoned for industrial; reference to sorting office to be removed; reference to the Town Hall should refer to the site not being "exclusively" used as a residential site; and no reference should be made to the Balado/Golf Ball area in the submission; Mill Street reference should be removed; and the High School Site should also incorporate the words "not exclusively" in relation to housing.

It was also noted that CCllr Watson does not support the CC

request for the Primary School to be moved to the High School site.

Correspondence

Tactran Regional Transport Strategy and Sub-Strategies 2008 - 2023.

Premises Licences (conversions): Kinross Golf Club, King Rugby Football Club, Lodge St. Serf 327.

The Community Councillor Spring 2009.

Perthshire Positive Action Awards 2009: Invitation for Nominations. The CC agreed to nominate Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director of Tracks, for his work on the Heritage Trail.

T in the Park: email received complaining about the volume of litter following this event.

Scottish Ambulance Service: notice of a consultation exercise. Deadline 11 September.

Training Meeting for CC: Update on New Planning System in Perth on 7 September, limited to four CC members. Deadline 31 August.

Tayside Fire and Rescue Board: Single Equality Scheme 2009-2012 Consultation Questionnaire.

Convention of P&K CCs: Survey of CCs. CCllrs Watson, Cuthbert and L MacKay will complete this form.

Social Work Offices (Mill Street): P&KC is currently considering the Council services to be offered from the Campus. They anticipate that services currently operating from Mill Street will transfer to the new Campus, however not all are transferable. Currently undertaking an "Asset Management Appraisal" to examine a range of potential future uses for the Mill Street site and building. They may retain the site and building for either an alternate P&KC function or it may be used by a partnership organisation. The use of the site for affordable housing is also to be considered. The CC recommendation to use the site as a car park will be incorporated into the appraisal. An additional letter was received advising that one Local Development Plan is to be prepared to replace the existing 6 Local Plans. A development plan scheme sets out the timetable of work - www.pkc.gov.uk/DevelopmentPlanScheme.

Swansacre: Notification of Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Waiting Restrictions with plan.

Myre Park: P&KC advises that the Myre is leased by King George V Playing Fields Management Committee. In terms of pitch allocation this is left to the clubs, as no specific management agreements are in place for the individual pitches.



The Myre Park

Complaint to Council: Letter received from Jim Irons answering the points raised in the CC's complaint.

Common Good: Response received from P&KC: The

Council is unable to provide the CC with a copy of the Opinion [on the High School site] due to legal reasons. P&KC state that the land on which the current tennis courts are built was acquired from the Hayfield Trust by the former Tayside Regional Council, using Compulsory Purchase powers, in or around 1978 and the tennis courts were built around 1980, some years after Burghs had disappeared. However, the Opinion states that it would be "prudent" to proceed on the assumption that the ground on which the tennis courts formerly stood may have formed part of the common good of the former Burgh of Kinross. P&KC concludes that the existing tennis court site should be regarded as forming part of the Common Good of Kinross. The Secy is to write to the Council questioning what progress P&KC has made in identifying all assets which should be included in the Common Good Fund for Kinross.

Councillors' Committees: Cllr Robertson provided a list detailing the committees the Councillors serve on:

Robertson: Community Safety Committee (Convener); Strategic Policy & Resources Committee; Housing & Health Committee. Also represents the Council on: Tayside Community Justice Authority; Forth Estuary Transport Authority; P & K Countryside Trust.

Miller: Life Long Learning Committee; Development Control Committee.

Baird: Scrutiny Committee (Convener); Life Long Learning Committee; Strategic Policy & Resources Committee; Audit Sub Committee.

Barnacle: No Council Committees. Also Perthshire Alliance for the Real Cairngorms (PARC).

Other Business

CCllr Scott raised four issues:

(a) **Broken windows** at the Town Hall (former Social Work Office).

(b) **Lack of public toilets:** she reported that the area around Millbridge is being used for this purpose.

(c) **Flooding** on the roads during inclement weather, the drains not being able to cope with this.

(d) **Overgrown trees** at Millbridge.

Comment was also made regarding the lack of toilets for people walking the Heritage Trail.

P&KC can be contacted directly regarding broken windows and trees on 01738 476476.

Junction: The Secy is to write to P&KC requesting that either the junction of Gallowhill Road with the A922 be put back into its original state or at the very least double yellow lines be added to the area as the new junction was dangerous.

The next meeting of Kinross CC is to be held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday 2 September at 7.30pm. CCllrs Watson and Davies are unable to attend the next meeting.

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 August Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Smith, Lamont, Thomson, Porter and Cottingham to the meeting held on 13 August. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Baird; Diane Cassidy of P&KC's Placecheck scheme; Minute Secretary E Rougvie, a representative of Tayside Police and two members of the public.

Police matters: Another car had been broken into at the car park at Burleigh Sands on the day of the Kinross Show and a handbag stolen. The police believe that the car park is being watched and specific vehicles targeted, so the public are urged to keep valuables out of sight and report any suspicious activity. There had also been a sneak-in theft in Scotlandwell, whereby the premises had been entered via an open window while the householder was in bed. If windows are left open during the night, appropriate locks should be fitted. The public are once again urged to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour as the police would prefer to have a well-intentioned false alarm than an actual crime. In answer to a question from a member of the public about the use of zebra crossings by young people on bicycles, the police representative confirmed that they should dismount and walk the bike across.

Bridgefauld Road: A member of the public expressed concerns about the semi-circle in Bridgefauld Road, where diseased bushes had been removed from the grassy area. She said that it had been turfed despite P&KC's assurances to the contrary and now it was being used as a football pitch by local children. She and other residents were concerned about possible damage to their homes and the safety of the youngsters. Cllr Baird said that in some areas bushes were not replaced for cost-cutting reasons but after further discussion she said she would pursue the matter.

Unkempt gardens: A member of the public asked what P&KC's policy was in terms of council tenants taking care of their gardens, as there were two in her area which were neglected and spoiling the street's generally well-kept appearance. Cllr Baird said that there was a code in force that tenants had to sign and that this was unacceptable. She was to attend a tenants' meeting the following week and would raise the issue.

Placecheck: The leaflets for this event have been widely distributed and after discussion it was agreed that the outlying rural areas of the village should be included. The event is to be held in the Thistle Hotel on 29 August and was hoped that as many people as possible will attend. Booking is not necessary. The village was divided into five zones and a CCllr will co-ordinate the group visiting their allotted zone on the day. CCllr Giacopazzi agreed to take zone 1; CCllr Smith zone 2; CCllr Lamont zone 3; CCllr Bennet zone 4 and CCllr Porter zone 5. Ms Cassidy said Dunning undertook the Placecheck exercise last year and had a good turnout. The areas identified for improvement included unadopted roads and paths; overgrowing trees on rights of way; sight lines and exits on main roads; unmade areas and traffic-calming measures. However, it was agreed that any traffic-calming measures should definitely not include build-outs such as those in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell, which were considered highly dangerous. Ms Cassidy proposed a follow-up meeting to consider the results of the Placecheck event some time in November.

Flooding: CCllr Giacopazzi referred to a SEPA map that showed that during the flash floods of 6 July Milnathort was

one of the worst-affected areas in Scotland. The monitoring station at Lathro had recorded 30 mm of rain fall in one hour, which is categorised as a 'one in 250-year event'. After discussion, it was agreed that a statement prepared by CCllr Giacomazzi should be submitted for inclusion in the Newsletter. (See Articles p 19).

There are a number of things that people can do in the event of flash flooding and advice about flood defences can be found on SEPA's website. P&KC have also distributed information to those who were affected. After further discussion it was agreed that raising the dropped kerbs in New Road should be a matter of priority as several of the businesses were badly affected.

Planning matters: The following applications were noted: alterations and extension to house at 21 Perth Road (already approved); change of use from shop to office/shop at W Davidson & Sons, South Street; formation of a vehicular access at 16 North Street; demolition of extension and erection of extension at 20 Wester Loan; change of use of land at Balado Activity Centre; alterations and extension to house at 33 Old Perth Road. An application for the erection of a boundary fence and shed at 2 Bridgefauld Road was also noted after brief discussion.

Correspondence:

1. P&KC Development Plan for Perth and Kinross: This deals with allocation of land that is unsuitable for building. The CC was asked to respond by 31 August. After discussion, it was agreed to write to P&KC to suggest allocating some land for allotments or an orchard.
2. Letter from a member of the public complaining about the state of the graveyards in Milnathort, Kinross and Portmoak. Discussion was confined to Milnathort and it was agreed that the letter should be passed on to Cllr Baird as she serves on the relevant committee.
3. Invitation to a training event for CCllrs about P&KC's new planning system in Perth on 7 September; there are four places available for MCC members. CCllr Cottingham will make the necessary arrangements.
4. Copy of 'The Community Councillor'. Noted.
5. Copy of the TACTRAN transport plan. CCllr Thomson will study this.
6. 'Engaging with Communities' document. This sets out new ways of delivering Council services in the light of the opening of the new community campus. It is an opportunity for people in Kinross to put forward their ideas. Noted after discussion.

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Community wind turbine: CCllr Giacomazzi reported that he had met with the head of Social Investment Scotland and, along with CCllr Smith, they had visited Tillyrie Hill to discuss the proposal for a community wind turbine, such as those that had been established on Gigha and in Fintry, Stirlingshire. Funding of £350,000 was available at an interest rate of eight per cent and the balance of the £1 million that was needed could be sourced by way of grants. The loan would take 10 years to pay off after which the income from the turbine would increase significantly. The money would be used within the community to pay for energy-related projects and to help people in fuel poverty. A representative from Fintry had agreed to meet with the CC to show them how the idea had worked there and several people with relevant expertise had volunteered their services. It is stressed that this would be a community project; therefore it was vital to get everyone on board. After discussion, it was agreed that the next step would be to invite everyone in Area 49 to a public consultation, possibly at the end of September, with a view to forming a charity known as the Milnathort Futures Trust.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 10 September 2009 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Primary School.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the August Meeting

The meeting on 11 August was attended by Cllrs Ian McGrattan, Jim Shepherd, John Bird, Robin Cairncross, Stuart Garvie, Mike Hally and Charles Weedon. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr W Robertson, PC Lynn Petrie, PC Graham Stephen and 58 residents.

Police Report

In the Portmoak area there were two reported incidents, break-in to a house in Scotlandwell, sneak-in thief through an open lounge window 7/8 August and vandalism to a reinstated hedge where saplings were removed. Burleigh Sands continued to be targeted; break-in to vehicle on 8 August.

The Police had only received third-hand information regarding the disturbance at Kinnesswood on Friday night [7 August] when plant pots were placed on top of parked cars.

In answer to a question from a resident, the police agreed that there are road traffic problems with all types of traffic calming.

Treasurer's report: Cheque to be sent for membership of the Convention of P&K CCs.

Traffic calming

The Chairman introduced the subject of traffic calming by going over the history. Prior to the introduction of the build-outs, the area of Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell was not statistically considered a 'hot bed' for traffic accidents. However, the CC had campaigned for many years for some form of speed restriction on the understanding that it would be better to do something before someone became an accident statistic. Suggestions from P&KC were put forward to the CC and after two very well attended public meetings the decision was made to introduce the build-outs.

Following the construction of the build-outs there has been a three-month fact finding period. Monitoring stations have been set up to record speed and type of vehicle. During this period, P&KC has received a total of 36 complaints, 31 from residents in Gamekeepers Road and two from outwith the Portmoak area and the rest from elsewhere in Portmoak. The No 1 complaint was the position of the build-out at the bottom of Gamekeepers Road, then visibility of all the build-outs followed by poor signage and abuse of speed and bad driving.

The Chairman then introduced Daryl McKeown from Public Space Management, P&KC, who was present to speak about the information gained from the fact-finding period and answer any pertinent questions.

Generally the fact-finding period had identified that there had been a slight reduction in speed and size of vehicle using the roads and few accidents reported to the Police. Again, generally, after 2/3 months accidents normally decreased after the introduction of changes to road systems but P&KC were surprised at the physical evidence of the build-outs. This evidence showed that there had been a considerable number of accidents involving private cars as opposed to larger vehicles such as lorries. It was clear that the present situation needed change.

Various options were available:

1. Look at repositioning of the build-outs.
2. Make islands more visible.
3. Change signage.
4. Remove completely.

Most everyone agreed that the build-outs were not sufficiently visible and signage could be increased. The

original thinking on the small bollards and signage was that since this was being introduced into smaller type villages we would have preferred less obtrusive signage and less obtrusive bollards. However different bollards were available which could be fitted with a light and an example was available at the meeting.



One of the traffic calming build-outs in Kinnesswood

Questions and issues made by the residents were as follows:

1. P&KC have regular meetings with the Police, Traffic co-ordinating group and perhaps better communication could have resulted in a more consistent approach.
2. Vehicles had been seen accelerating both towards and away from the build-outs.
3. New signs were required, e.g. Traffic calmed area.
4. The anti-skid surface had been applied on the side of the road driving towards the build-outs. Vehicles were cutting off the corner of the road and driving on road which did not have anti slip surfacing.
5. Based on the available data, the build-outs were not necessary.
6. Single build-outs were not enough to slow traffic, a chicane arrangement would be more suitable.
7. The build-out edges were dangerous.
8. There was a problem with the sightlines driving towards the build-outs.
9. The traffic was driving faster leaving the build-outs.
10. Speed control traffic lights could be considered although there was a budgetary constraint.
11. The path going into Scotlandwell from the church was made more dangerous with the number of accidents occurring at the build out area.
12. The build-outs are being totally discredited simply by bad driving. It was important to get the Police involved.

The Chairman thanked Daryl for his input to the meeting and confirmed that it was the CC's responsibility to represent the views of all the residents in Portmoak.

Other Business

A resident complained of the disturbance caused by residents in a P&KC owned flat. The flat was being operated for the Homeless centre and despite a number of complaints to the authorities the residents of this flat were still causing a nuisance to surrounding tenants. Cllr Robertson agreed the complainant had done everything in her power to protect herself from this anti-social behaviour. The Chairman agreed that the CC would take up the issue on her behalf.

Matters arising from previous meeting

Mail box at Post Office: Latest e-mail from Royal Mail (21 July) stated that a final decision had been made. Based on the usage figure Royal Mail will not replace the box. It seems

that Royal Mail cannot understand that the smaller the size aperture then the smaller the number of articles that can be posted. Action: Write again to Royal Mail.

Website: The new website is up and running and will be the main vehicle for communicating with the majority of the community. Following the delivery of a flyer to every resident in the Portmoak area, a number of people have signed up to receive the minutes and other information as and when it is available.

The Notice Board at Kinnesswood will be the official CC notice board and the only one displaying minutes of the CC meetings. Notification of the CC meetings will be placed on the boards at Balgedie and Scotlandwell.

The Phone Box alongside the Kinnesswood shop has now been adopted by the CC under the disused scheme.

Subcommittee reports

Paths Group

Information boards for the Michael Bruce Way were now 99% complete and it was planned to ask residents for comments by copies in the Kinnesswood shop and the website.

MBW: finance is a problem. OK for new paths but not maintenance.

Path between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell: details were with solicitors.

Planning Group

At the last few meetings it has been stressed how important the Single Plan is to the people of Portmoak and the CC will be submitting their comments. The main points were summarised by Cllr Hally and the complete report will be on our website, www.portmoak.org when it is finalised and sent to P&KC by the end of August.

A resident raised the principle of no new building between road and loch. This was always considered of prime importance but appears to be forgotten. It was agreed to include in the final submission.

The CC is not opposed to progress but to inappropriate change.

Planning application discussions:

09/01071/FUL Demolition of existing house and erection of a new dwelling house, Woodlands, Main Street, Kinnesswood: regularising a previous application, already been determined.

09/01149/FUL Erection of a 15kw wind turbine, Balneathal Farmhouse, Easter Balgedie: write in support but setting out the conditions we would like to see for any of these smaller turbines.

09/01227/FUL Erection of agricultural storage shed, Kirkness Farm, Lochgelly: no comment.

09/01278/FUL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Carsehall Farm, Wester Balgedie: no comment.

09/01317/FUL Demolition of outbuildings and erection of a new dwellinghouse, Levenmouth Farm, Kinross: object on basis it appears to be an attempt to build rejected scheme, one house at a time. Suggest P&KC require scheme for whole site from applicant.

09/00936/FUL (Causeway Cottage): following previous meeting did further enquiries and would make an objection. Westfield Wind Farm – this was not in the Portmoak area but notice of the application was sent to the CC. No comment at this stage.

There was some concern from residents that the community was being bulldozed into accepting wind turbines by the Scottish Government. This certainly appeared to be the case. Cllr Robertson re-emphasised the fact that where planning

applications for wind turbines and farms had originally been refused locally, by P&KC, it was common practice for the application to be allowed when heard on appeal in Edinburgh.

Perth & Kinross Councillor reports

The new Housing in the Countryside policy would be available on the P&KC website on 19 August.

P&KC budgets would not be good news for the forthcoming year.

Change to the planning procedures had now been introduced. Loch Leven Heritage Trail was now in the last three of the National Lottery Awards and everyone was urged to vote.

Other Business – Conservation area

A resident raised the issue of the recent presentation by a Conservation officer of the responsibilities of living in a conservation area coupled with the recent painting of the fence at the burial place at Friar Place. The CC agreed to follow this up.

Whilst looking into this issue it was also agreed to confirm the planning consent/conditions for the area left vacant opposite the burial ground.

Communications

The Secretary gave details of communication received since last meeting:

1. Data Protection Act, change of name as data controller.
2. Two replies to letters of complaint re build-outs.
3. Letter received and sent re retrospective planning in conservation areas.
4. Licensing Board, Lomond Country Inn, objection date 17.8.09
5. E-mail to Clarence, re sweeping of roads, Vane Farm and out of Pittendreich.
6. Tactran Regional Transport Strategy.
7. Survey of Community Councils.
8. Training seminar for the new planning procedure, four places booked.
9. Consultation events, local people and P&KC.
10. Letter from Royal Mail re post box.
11. Information from Stephen's re alteration to piece of ground they are donating to community.
12. Letter from Infinis, a Company proposing a five-turbine wind farm at Westfield.
13. Letter of objection, application for a new build, Causeway Cottage.
14. Kinnesswood in Bloom had been judged on 7 August as part of The Britain in Bloom competition.
15. The Kinnesswood shop would now be open on Thursday afternoons.

Via website

1. Request to speak at this meeting.
 2. Letter re the presumption against wind farms in this area.
- The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be held in Portmoak Primary School at 7pm on Tuesday 8 September 2009.**

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the August Meeting

CCllrs Sandy Morrison (Chair), Sheila Anderson, Rod Paterson, Alastair Lavery and Trudy Duffy attended the meeting held on 4 August. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and K Baird and 16 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from Hugh Wallace and Marion Anness.

Declarations of interest: Sandy Morrison declares an interest in planning application 09/01324/OUT, Muirfield, Drum, Kinross.

Community Policing

T in the Park: The CC was sad to learn about the tragic loss of a young life on the A977 during the T-in-the-Park weekend.

Members of the public commented on the vast improvement of traffic management at this year's T-in-the-Park. Following comments are for fine-tuning next year's event:

- Junction A977/A823 Rumbling Bridge: extending the 40 mph speed limit to Clackmannan-shire border;
- Back roads used by local traffic should have verges and overhanging branches removed;
- On Friday morning it was difficult to get out on to the road in Cambo;
- Ongoing query about the road barriers which are too close to the main road - moving backwards could mean parking problems;
- No manned barriers before 9 in the morning - that should be earlier;
- Police presence in Cambo on Monday morning would have been appreciated;
- Member of the public reported incident whereby T-in-the-Park visitor had lost everything but was not helped very well by police;
- A girl was reportedly drugged (injected) but medical staff on-site were unhelpful.

Sgt Williams was appreciative of the feedback; she will take over from David Rankine for next year's event.

Ongoing problems at Dunning Glen: Lynn Petrie has worked with local school children, who have made posters that went up near Dunning Glen. Problems persist. Sandy Morrison observed that many campers take the trouble to put their waste in bin bags - perhaps the provision of a bin could alleviate some of the problems. P&KC is not willing to do this.

Traffic safety: Trudy Duffy has reported a car that skipped the red light at the pedestrian crossing in Crook of Devon. Such reports are welcomed by police and will be formally logged.

CC business

FDCC has written a letter to John Swinney (MSP), a reaction to the SNP policy to give more say to CCs. As we still have no realistic working budget, any increase of workload will be difficult to manage.

FDCC has taken part in a survey of P&KC, organised by the Convention of P&K CCs.

Matters Arising

Lambhill Forest, Blairingone: Sheila Anderson will finalise the date for a walkabout in the forest.

P&KC Focus Group event: There is an open invitation for individuals and groups to attend a focus group (several dates available) about the future of Kinross-shire. Sandy Morrison and Trudy Duffy will be going.

Fossoway After School Care: After a hopeful meeting with P&KC it turned out that the solution (taking part in a scheme called 'Play Start') was not a viable option for the after school club, because P&KC's requirements are for two full time qualified play leaders (the Care Commission has lower requirements) and the club cannot afford two qualified leaders. The problems are persisting and it is likely that the club will have to close unless a solution is found. Mike reported on plans to join up with the COOS club in Cleish, which would require transport. Will be continued.

Blairingone Church Memorial: There is a dispute between the Council and the developer about who is responsible for the costs of replacing and safeguarding the memorial. Mike will follow this up.

Saline North West Wind Farm: The CC has sent a letter of objection against this development.

Councillors' Reports

CC funding/school lets: Mike Barnacle has supported the CC's question for funding. He reported that the school lets are now not free anymore, as the costs of opening in the evening are high. School lets will cost £14.60 per hour (!). One three-hour let will cost the CC £43.80. If we have 5 of the 11 annual meetings in schools, it means that over 60% of our budget will be spent on school lets. Village halls cost generally in the region of £20 per night, bringing the total for lets to around £340, meaning that out of our budget we will have left over £10 for admin costs. Will be continued.

Cllr Barnacle has met with Scottish Water and SEPA re

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Drum sewage treatment plant and adoption of station road, which will cost £13,000. Scottish Water would contribute to this but P&KC has no plans to adopt this road, despite heavier use of it now a recycling station has been set up in the car park of the Institute.

Children cycling: Mike has sent a letter to Stuart, in reply to a letter he received about children cycling on the pavement in Crook of Devon. He would recommend a bell.

There has been a meeting with elected members about the **mitigation measures on the A977**. Next meeting is in September. The CC would like to know when the work will be completed.

The questionnaire sent out to people in Fossoway has generated 115 replies, which at 20% is not a bad response to a questionnaire. Results will be discussed at a next meeting of the Strategy group, and reported back to the CC in a later meeting.

Structure Plan: The alteration to the Structure Plan went through. In the Kinross landward area there will be an additional need for 312 houses by 2020.

A member of the public asked who was responsible for the eradication of **Japanese Knot Wood** which grows along the Devon: according to Mike the Countryside Rangers of P&KC should deal with it.

Planning

09/01299/FUL, North Claysyke Farm, Cambo, Erection of storage sheds: Application newly lodged no details available. Carry over to next meeting.

09/01279/OUT, Land at Blashieburn, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone, Renewal of consent (05/02196/OUT) erection of a dwelling house (in outline): No CC comment.

09/01229/OUT, Honeysuckle Cottage, Cambo, Erection of a dwelling house (in outline) on land to the east of Honeysuckle Cottage: This is a renewal of an application approved on 04/01283/OUT and resubmitted 08/01478/OUT.

A house in infill sites in Cambo. Sewage disposal is critical within the settlement. Recommendation: Accept, with a recommendation that the Council addresses sewage issues in Cambo in a coordinated way.

09/01228/OUT, Honeysuckle Cottage, Cambo, Erection of a dwellinghouse (in outline) on land to the west of Honeysuckle Cottage: This is a renewal of an application approved on 04/01280/OUT and resubmitted 08/01486/OUT.

A house in infill sites in Cambo. Sewage disposal is critical within the settlement. Recommendation: Accept, with a recommendation that the Council addresses sewage issues in Cambo in a coordinated way.

09/01079/MOD, Pathways, Powmill, Dollar, Modification of previous consent (06/00068/FUL), Extension to dwelling house: no CC comment.

09/01008/FUL, Greenparks, Church Road, Crook Of Devon, Erection of a dwelling house with integral garage and associated landscaping: Letter of objection sent.

09/00966/FUL, Glenbank Cottage, Powmill, Dollar, Conversion of dwellinghouse to pre-school nursery: no CC comment.

09/01221/OUT, Whinstone Quarry, Powmill. Change of use of brownfield site to mixed use (in outline). This is a large development of a care home for 60 to 80 residents, a heritage centre, orchid nursery, 4 private houses, 1- 2 staff houses and 16-20 retail units. The application includes a waste water treatment plant and a woodland walk. While the CC was sympathetic to the idea of development at the site, there were concerns about the scale, complexity and viability of the

proposal. The site is not zoned for large scale commercial development in the Local Plan.

Applications Withdrawn

09/01349/PN Solsgirth Farm, Erection of a cattle shed, withdrawn due to new legislation.

09/01324/OUT Muirfield Drum, Renewal of previous consent for erection of 4 dwelling houses.

09/00517/FUL Earnieside Farm, Erection of a farmhouse with detached garage and ancillary accommodation.

Appeals

09/00094/FUL Drumgarland, Warroch: 18 August.

08/00605/FUL Cambo, land adjacent to Churchmouse Cottage: 4 August.

A member of the public commented on the modification of the application of a **wind turbine at Carsefoot**; there is a possibility for another 4 applications on the same site. Proliferation of single turbines could cause a problem; as the rules for this are to be relaxed.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were discussed and made available to the members of the public.

Other Business

A member of the public reported that yet another traffic survey was held in Cambo during the Dollar Academy holidays. For some time the residents of Cambo have requested that the survey be held when Dollar Academy was not on holiday, as the observation is that the traffic to and from Dollar is not always keeping to the speed limit.

A traffic survey was held in Crook of Devon; we will report on the results in the next meeting. Perhaps we can invite to a future meeting the Inspector of the Traffic Division, to discuss all things traffic.

Also in the next meeting we will discuss the new system of waste uplift, which has confused many, as not every household in Crook of Devon and Powmill seems to have been informed fully.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will be held on Tuesday 1 September in Fossoway Primary School. All welcome.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross and District Art Club



What a thought – September is here already. August for our Club usually means taking part in our Outdoor Painting Sessions. This year we visited the harbour and boats around the Loch Leven Pier. A few of us braved the odd shower but had a good time developing a nautical scene of the boats coming and going, taking holidaymakers to the Island.

August is such a colourful month, with so many shades of reds, greens, and blues to enjoy in our gardens and on the hills and glens. The striking contrasts in colours for many at this time of year is the brilliant orange berries and green leaves of the Rowan tree and the colourful sight of masses of purple heather against the many varied shades of greens and browns of the grasses and rich dark green of the fir trees on our hills and in our glens.

We open our Winter Club session on **Tuesday 1 September** and as well as finishing off our outdoor paintings we will be making our final preparations for our **Annual Exhibition of Art and Crafts** that is to be opened on Wednesday 23 September at 6pm, again in Kinross Parish Church, by the well known award winning TV chef, **TOM KITCHIN**.

There are around 120 paintings on a wide variety of subjects, painted in Oil, Acrylic, Watercolour, Charcoal and Silk to be exhibited. Last year over 30 were sold. This is very rewarding for the artists who cover a wide spectrum of abilities, from eager learners to accomplished artists, some of whom undertake commissions of particular interest to visitors to the Exhibition.

If you have an hour to spare between 24 and 26 September you will be welcome to visit the Exhibition at the Kinross Parish Church and talk to any member. Opening hours are:

Thursday 24 September	3.30pm to 8pm
Friday 25 September	10.30am to 4pm
Saturday 26 September	10.30 am to 4pm

If you have an interest in painting or would like to have a go at a new hobby there is no reason why YOU could not enjoy painting as we do; you will be welcomed any Tuesday at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall.

Children's Hospice Association Scotland

Stock for Temporary Shop in Dunfermline

CHAS is looking for unwanted gifts for its temporary shop in Dunfermline.

Donations can be handed in to CHAS Bazaar at 88 High Street, Kinross from 9.30am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday or at 61 Kingsgate, Dunfermline from 11am to 3pm on Fridays only.

Volunteering in the CHAS Shops

CHAS volunteers help to keep the two CHAS charity shops and gift shop in Kinross open six days a week. Volunteers are also kept busy at this time of year in mail order from Monday to Friday. If you are interested in volunteering with CHAS in the shops or mail order and would like to know more, please call Frances Todd on 01577 865557.



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Common Grounds



September 30th is the end of our financial year and a good year it has been, but more of that later. I am required to inform publicly that our **AGM** will be held on **Friday 23 October** at 7pm in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. The public is invited to attend should they so wish and will be most welcome.

Project: Our project for August was Ethiopiaid. Our end of year is a time when we choose an "Emergency Relief Fund" project; we have found MERLIN, a large charity that in 2008 spent £38 to 39 million in 16 countries. The largest amounts were given out to the following: Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Myanmar and Afghanistan. Merlin specialises in health, savings lives in times of crisis and helping to rebuild shattered health services. This is a provisional decision to be confirmed after this goes to press. We are pleased to report that due to a very handsome cheque from the Inland Revenue for donations that had been Gift Aided to us over the last few years, we found ourselves in the position to give a second donation to Marocaroundtheclock and to the new project from Scouting UK in The Gambia. Both Mike Laird from Marocaroundtheclock and George Devine from the Scouts will be visiting Common Grounds in a few months to give us an update on how our donations have been used. Needless to say both charities were thrilled to get a second donation and this was only made possible by people Gift Aiding their donations, so please think about this yourself when you next make a donation to us or any other Charity.

Project Lunch: The next Project Lunch will take place on **Wednesday 16 September** in the Scout & Guide Hall, Milnathort. The speaker will be Alison Graham from Sightsavers. She will talk to us about the project we sponsored in Cameroon. The main problem is caused by river blindness, which affects 18 million people. The talk will start at 12.30 followed by a light lunch.

Book Club: The book club continues to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Guide and Scout Hall. If you are interested in joining the club and wish to know if a space is available, please contact Marlene Whyte on 01592 840371.

We are reaching the end of our year and still Common Grounds are looking for a **replacement Treasurer**. Our continued thanks to John Colebourn for holding on, despite retiring from the post in January 2009. Interested? Then please contact us.

As usual our opening hours are 10am – 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

Lastly, thanks to the person who kindly donated coal and logs, fire lighting time will soon be upon us.

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

Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at

www.kinross.cc

Kinross & District Rotary Club



The Club has enjoyed a busy month, starting with T in the Park, where we ran the Left Luggage stall within the site and hot food was provided at the Lethangie campsite. The former provides a secure facility for the revellers to leave rucksacks for a nominal sum, whilst the Lethangie catering teams provide bacon rolls, etc and hot and cold drinks in the mornings and again at night. All proceeds go to the many charities which Rotary supports, both locally and internationally. Each event provides a great opportunity for fun and fellowship for all those participating. Our speaker on 20 July was the Secretary of the Kinross Show Committee, Mary Morgan, who outlined the history of the Show over the last 150 years. The last few have been difficult for the Show with foot and mouth scares and poor weather and the current credit crunch has taken its toll this year with some of the regular stallholders backing out. The main point of Mary's talk though, was to brief our members on the various ticket prices and entry arrangements for this year's Show.

Rotarian Mike Thomson provided the entertainment on 27 July when he was 'volunteered' to give an update of his 'job-talk'. Mike spoke of his early career for the benefit of newer members, before moving on to present times with his work as General Secretary of the World Curling Federation and his involvement with curling at the Olympics.

Our Business Meeting on 3 August brought events up to date with reports from the various committees and confirmation that our two candidates for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award had successfully completed their week-long camps.

Manning the gates at the Kinross Agricultural Show provided us with the next community service opportunity and thank fully this year we escaped the rain of the past two years. What a difference the sun makes to the whole occasion!

Our District Governor, Bill Macfarlane-Smith, a member of the Rotary Club of Dundee, was the speaker on 10 August and spoke eloquently of the many projects being undertaken by Rotary at home and internationally, with great emphasis on the continuing drive to eliminate Polio from the World by 2012. Polio is now only found in four countries worldwide and the final push is well underway to complete the project; to this end, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has generously offered a large sum of money provided that Rotary International raise an equal amount, so throughout the world, Rotary Clubs are working hard at raising funds. The Governor's far reaching talk touched on environmental issues, membership recruitment, the need to continue health projects to rid the world of other diseases such as Malaria and HIV Aids and the vision of the International President that no-one should go to bed hungry and every person on Earth should have access to safe, clean, fresh water. To finish his presentation, Bill showed an uplifting DVD of the many projects undertaken by Rotary throughout the world.

If you are interested in the work undertaken by Rotary, please visit our website at www.kinrossrotary.org or contact Club Secretary, Kelvin Reay on 01577 864147.

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Kinross in Bloom



The AGM of Kinross in Bloom was held on Wednesday 12 August.

The Chairperson Sarah Cuthbert gave a summary of work and achievements over the last 12 months. Thanks were extended to the Committee members and to everyone who has helped over the year. In particular the work of the volunteers who undertake the watering over the summer was acknowledged. Members of the 200 Club and those who sponsor baskets and tubs were also thanked as without this support it would not be possible to provide as many floral displays.

Office bearers were elected for 2009/10:

Chairperson - Sarah Cuthbert. Contact details 01577 861001, sarah@dataprocessing.ltd.uk

Treasurer - Aileen Sorbie. Contact details 01577 861477, aileen.sorbie@lineone.net

Secretary - Anne Herring. Contact details 01577 862334, anne.herring2000@virgin.net

The committee is now making plans for the winter planting in the tubs which will be pansies and hyacinths. Work continues to progress the Gateway Project to enhance the entrance to Kinross from Junction 6 of the motorway.

Unfortunately a lack of helpers has delayed the display of sponsorship identification on the baskets and tubs and we apologise for this delay.

We are always looking for assistance so if you can offer any help please contact any of the office bearers.

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Lodge St Serf No 327

Regular Meeting **Tuesday 1 September** at 7.15pm Entered Apprentice Degree sub Candidate.

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Squaremen are to work a Degree in Lodge St. Serf No. 327 on **Saturday 5 September** at 2.30pm. All Mark Master Masons are welcome to attend. All proceeds to Lodge Good Causes Fund.

General Committee Meeting **Tuesday 8 September** at 7.30pm to arrange work for next Degree, any other competent business.

Regular Meeting **Tuesday 15 September** at 7.15pm. Entered Apprentice Degree sub Candidate.

General Committee Meeting **Tuesday 22 September** at 7.30pm to arrange work for next Degree, any other competent business.

The Lodge are to work a Demonstration Entered Apprentice Degree in Lodge Shafesbury No. 327, Arthur Square, Belfast on **Saturday 31 October**, time to be finalised. Brethren are welcome to attend.

The following received Donations totalling £2,100 from the Lodge Good Causes efforts over the last year: Scottish Cot Death Trust, Scottish Huntington's Association, Lochleven Babies & Toddlers, Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade, Kinross Rainbow Brownies, Kinross & District Pipe Band, Diabetes Scotland, Kinross-shire Church Day Centre, Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme, CHAS, Lochleven Twos Club, Macmillan Cancer Support, Sara Thackery Memorial Trust, Orwell Old Folks Association, Glenfarg Old Folks Association, Tayside NHS Board Endowment Fund, Erskine Hospital, Kinross United FC, Kinross Colts under 14 FC.



Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

Could September be the new summer? Now's your chance to find out. 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. Walking is one of the best and cheapest ways of keeping fit and healthy, and with us, it can be sociable too. Walks are led by volunteer leaders from the group members. To complete our summer programme we offer two week-end walks in September.

Sunday 13 September: Birks of Aberfeldy (extended) – 4 miles. Circular walk on narrow, well-defined paths through wonderful mixed woodland following the tumbling waterfalls of the Moness Gorge. Path climbs to a height of 150 metres above the Falls of Moness returning on tracks and farm roads via Dunskiag with uninterrupted views (on a clear day) from Ben Lawers to Beinn a' Ghlo. No dogs, please.

Saturday 26 September: Norman's Law – 7 miles. A steady climb on farm track between fields, continuing on grass, rock and heather up to a short, stiff climb to the summit. Panoramic views over Tayside and Fife (weather permitting). Once off the hill, return through fields and by currently somewhat overgrown path. No dogs, please.

For all walks you will require appropriate clothing and equipment, including boots and waterproofs. Week-end walks can be of up to 4.5 hours duration and a packed lunch, warm drink and water should be brought.

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

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Kinross Camera Club

2009/2010 is the Silver Jubilee of the Kinross Camera Club and to celebrate we plan to host a Dinner for past and present members of the Camera Club.

Former members of the Camera Club are welcome to contact the President, Bob Duguid 01577 862997.

September

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Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade

Kincraig Adventure

A Kinross Youth Group consisting of 1st Kinross Boys' & Girls' Brigade and 1st Kinross-shire Scouts enjoyed a week-long adventure camp on the shores of Loch Insh. A traffic jam and wet weather meant that the group only succeeded in erecting the large marquee plus the youngsters' tents before a late evening meal.

It was a 7am reveille with Jack Boyter's bugle blasting the slumberers' ears in preparation for ablutions followed by breakfast and full uniform inspection prior to marching to the 9.30 service in nearby Insh Kirk, where the group were warmly welcomed by the congregation. The party marched back to the camp site for lunch and afternoon activities which included erecting the staff canvas and a cross country mountain bike race, won by Stuart Fairbairn with Alice Eade second and Michael Thompson third. The focus for evening prayers was the 10 commandments and the importance of having rules with accompanying rights and responsibilities.

Another 7am reveille started Monday and the party dividing groups. A senior group led by Mr Campbell climbed Braeriach whilst two junior groups alternated between kayaking and mountain biking. Inter tent football followed the evening meal with Alice Eade and Matthew MacDonald leading tent three to victory. Evening prayers looked at the importance of friends before supper and a well-earned rest in cosy sleeping bags.

Tuesday's 7am bugle call started the standard camp routine before the senior group set off in kayaks to a day-long paddle from Loch Insh to Aviemore. One junior group tackled Cairngorm whilst the other junior group enjoyed a day in Aviemore followed by a swim in the MacDonald's Hotel complex. Evening meal was followed by the inter tent chess competition which was won by tent four's Sarat Roy. Evening prayers looked at the race of life and how important it was to compete meaningfully in the Olympic spirit, rising to the challenge knowing that there is only one winner.

Wednesday saw the group permitted a mid week lie-in until the bugle call at 7.30am. The whole group spent a full day at nearby Landmark in Carrbridge. The youngsters rose to the challenges of the high ropes and the popular sky dive as well as savouring the speed of the water flumes. Following the evening meal the inter tent cricket was interrupted when

rain stopped play but the indoor connect four contest saw Jackson Brown triumph. Evening prayers highlighted the importance of team-work and helping others.

On Thursday the senior group enjoyed a full day of rock climbing and abseiling under the watchful eye of Ian Pert whilst the junior groups swapped Tuesday's activities. After the evening meal cricket play resumed with Andrew Jack's tent 2 finishing as winners. The popular French boules competition also reached its conclusion with Mark Cathro defeating Andrew Beveridge in the final. Evening prayers looked at facing personal challenge and appreciation of God's natural beauty which surrounds us and is sometimes taken for granted.

On Friday the senior group enjoyed quad biking at Rothiemurchus whilst the junior groups tackled a half day of rock climbing and a half day of mountain biking. There was also time to finish off the darts competition with Matthew MacDonald narrowly pipping Duncan McDiarmid in the final. After evening meal the traditional camp concert saw a range of performances from each tent, including a staff parody rendition of 'By yon Bonny Banks' (of Loch Insh) to round off an enjoyable week. **Camp awards** were then presented: Camp poser: Alice Eade. Camp pig: Andrew Jack. Camp chatterbox: Michael Thomson. Camp sleepyhead: Ally Rennie. Happy Camper: Andrew Beveridge. Camp scruff: Andrew Dawson. Best tent: tent 3 (Alice Eade, Matthew MacDonald, Douglas MacKessack, Michael Thomson, Adam Sweeney, Ally Rennie & Francesca Fiorentini). Best camper: 3rd, Mark Cathro; 2nd, Stuart Fairbairn; 1st, Alice Eade.

On Saturday morning it was all hands on deck to take down all the canvas, pack it away and prepare to head back to Kinross. Unfortunately part of the group was late in arriving back at Kinross due to vehicle problems but thanks to the AA things were fixed and everyone eventually made it back home.

Everyone is already looking forward to next year's camp which will be based in Valkenburg (South Holland) taking in Holland, Belgium and Germany from 17 -22 July 2010.

The Brigade starts back on Friday 4 September:

Anchor Section, for boys and girls in primaries 1, 2 and 3, meets at Kinross Church Centre, 6pm-7.15pm.

Junior Section, for boys and girls in primaries 4, 5 and 6, meets at Kinross Church Centre from 7pm until 9pm.

Company Section, for boys and girls in primary 7 until age 18, meets at Kinross Church Centre, 7pm-10pm.



Kinross Boys' & Girls' Brigade and Kinross-shire Scouts enjoyed their adventure camp on the shores of Loch Insh

12 September is International Plastic Bag Free Day!



Organised by the Marine Conservation Society and Plastic Bag Free (PBF) Campaigns around the world, **12 September 2009** has been declared the first International Plastic Bag Free Day. It aims to encourage more people to join the growing numbers of those who have given up plastic bags for the sake of the environment.

Events will be happening across the country to help continue to raise awareness of how easy, and yet important, it is to drastically reduce our dependence on plastic bags.

The day will also act as a celebration for the 140 towns and communities that have gone, or are planning to go, Plastic Bag Free, which includes the county of Kinross-shire.

It just so happens that 12 September is also the day of the **Gazebo Gathering!** We will have a tent at the Gathering on that day where we will have a free bag decorating activity on offer as well as lots of other information about the campaign. Hope to see you there.

Our PBF campaign was officially launched at the Kinross Show on 8 August where we were presented with a cheque from P&KC Community Waste Fund. With this money we are delivering reusable cotton bags to each household in the county. Most of you should have received your bag by now, but if you haven't please email kinrossshirepbf@googlemail.com.

Finally, we'd like to say a BIG thank you to all the volunteers who have been delivering the bags – we couldn't have done it without you!

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Kinross & District Pipe Band

Well, that's the main season almost over for another year. Just one final competition at Peebles on Sunday 13 September, an 'Out and About' day in Kinross on Saturday 19 September and that's pretty much it! Of course, later on in the year we will play as usual for the **Armistice Day parade** and **Light Up Kinross** when the time comes. Also this year we expect to have the **RSPBA Branch solo competitions** in the new High School and Community Campus as part of the school's inauguration events on **Saturday 21 November**. We would encourage all piping and drumming fans to come along and support this event in such a great new venue! Overall it's been a good year: the Band took first place at both Bathgate and Cupar, second place at Markinch and a third also at Cupar in Grade 3. On top of that, Mike Spain, in his first ever season at Drum Majors, beat seasoned competition to take a well-deserved second place at Innerleithen. The drum corps has done particularly well too, scoring highly in most events. The Band has also taken part in both the European and World Championships, but failed to qualify this year amidst a plethora of Irish bands taking all the top spots!

Off the competition field, Kinross & District once again appeared all weekend at **T in the Park**, with most getting maximum benefit from their complimentary all-weekend performers' passes, and we even managed a few galas and engagements along the way. Both drum corps and now also the pipe corps are steadily growing in numbers, and next year promises to be very interesting: the Grade 4A competition at the five major championships is changing to a March, Strathspey and Reel format and there will be fewer qualifying events, giving more bands a shot at winning a 'Major'. We will be working hard on our 'MSR' to that end as well as a medley for the Grade 3 competitions, giving everyone something to get their teeth into over the winter. So if you are considering joining the Band, now is the ideal time as we choose our tunes for next year and start practicing in earnest! For any queries, visit the website at www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk or contact Nigel Kellett on 07801 182283 / secretary@kinross-pipe-band.co.uk

News from the Rurals

The following achieved success at the Perth Show: **FRANCES DRYSDALE** of Cambo; **DOROTHY MORRIS** and **C PILLING** of Cleish; **CATHERINE FAIRWEATHER**, **ALLISON MESSENGER** and **MARGARET SCOTT** of Glenfarg. In the Teenagers Section, **AILSA MORRIS** of Cleish 1st Prize for her Poster of Perth Show and a 3rd for oven scones.

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The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

Best Kept Village Awards

Kinross-shire Civic Trust is pleased to announce the results of the 2009 best kept village and hamlet awards. A panel of three judges inspected each settlement on Thursday 6 August. They examined closely various aspects of how local communities look after their local area, such as: the cleanliness and general maintenance of public areas; signs of community involvement such as flower beds and baskets; the upkeep of private gardens; the condition of play parks; presence of litter; and the improvements made since the last inspection in 2008.

Kinnesswood took the best kept village award, regaining it after a two-year gap. The judges noted significant improvements after its joint second place last year. Scotlandwell, also joint second last year, and twice a winner in the past four years, was again in second place. Milnathort slipped from first place last year, but all three settlements showed high standards and it was not easy for the judges to reach their final decision, with competition in the village section particularly fierce.

Cleish was the winner in the best kept hamlet category, regaining the crown held many times before in a very closely fought category. In second place was Keltybridge/Maryburgh, with Easter Balgedie, another former winner from the east side of Loch Leven, in third place. Keltybridge/Maryburgh also took the Stewart trophy for the most improved settlement in the county over the past year, and must surely be candidate for top honours in the future.

Mrs Sue Hendry, of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and Perth Civic Trust, spokesperson for the judges, said "we were very impressed with the improvements that had been seen in a number of the villages and hamlets since the last competition". She added that it was important to look 'around the back' and make sure that it is not just the main streets that are being looked after, and that there is a clear sense of pride that is being seen in many of our communities for the local environment, and the efforts that are being made to make the area attractive. Kinross-shire is an important tourist destination and playing a part in the upkeep of our villages and hamlets benefits visitors and local people alike. She also emphasised the independence of the judges in reaching their decisions.

The other independent judges were Mr Mike Brown of Falkland, and Mr John Ford of Balforn. All the judges have wide experience in conservation and heritage matters. They make their own assessment on a points system and these are averaged out to give the final markings without any influence from Kinross Civic Trust. The results are:

Villages

1st Kinnesswood	2nd Scotlandwell
3rd Milnathort	4th Crook of Devon

Hamlets

1st Cleish	2nd Keltybridge/Maryburgh
3rd Easter Balgedie	4th Wester Balgedie
5th Blairingone	6th Cambo

Stewart Trophy for most improved settlement:

Keltybridge/Maryburgh



Programme

Annual Architectural Award: The Trust is holding its bi-annual competition for new architectural projects in Kinross-shire and Glenfarg in the Autumn. The Trust is looking for interesting new and innovative architecture. Anyone wishing to enter the competition should contact Bridget Lindsay on 01592 840252.

Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire

The Old County Building

One of the most distinctive buildings in Kinross High Street, the three-storeyed Old County Building or Tolbooth, with its semi-circular south end, is said to have been built about 1600. Nearly two centuries later, as it says on a second floor plaque, "*This County House was repaired by the Crown AD 1771 Robert Adam Knight of the Shire, decorated this front at his own expense.*" Rather than create a standard gable end, the noted architect finished the building off with a three-bay bow-end that maximises the impact when viewed from the southern approach. Described as "a blatant piece of self advertisement at fairly minimal expense," the building is an expression of Adam's urban planning principles for public spaces, incorporating order, harmony, scale and unity at a key junction in the centre of the town. A statue of Robert Adam may well have been intended for at least one of the two niches flanking the central first floor window. The building's role as a courthouse, prison and centre of administration came to an end in 1826 when the neoclassical County Buildings were erected in more spacious grounds further up the High Street.



Old County Building, or Tolbooth

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School Uniform Purple Blazer

A new school year is already upon us and a momentous one at that with the move to the new campus only months away. The KHSPC is looking forward to an enjoyable and successful year.

The new school blazers have sold very well over the summer and despite half the consignment not arriving until a few days after the start of school, the new uniform has made a smart and colourful impact, and a welcome improvement to the standards of school dress. The KHSPC will continue to sell the blazers over the coming months.

The aim is to encourage as many pupils as possible, throughout the school, to again wear the purple uniform blazer, and in particular in time for the move to the new campus. The KHSPC would like to take the opportunity to thank all the pupils, parents and school staff for their continued support to this important initiative. For more information please contact the school office or alternatively the KHSPC Chair Andy Williams or Vice Chair Jaffrey Weir.

KHSPC Membership

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

The position of Clerk to the KHSPC is vacant. Anyone interested in taking on this paid role should contact Andy Williams the KHSPC Chair. The role is open to anyone in the community and is not restricted to parents (or guardians) of pupils attending KHS.

Role of the KHSPC

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

The next KHSPC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 1 September** starting at 7.15 pm at the High School. Parents and guardians of pupils attending Kinross High School are most welcome to attend the meeting.

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

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Treasurer: Denis Sweeney - 01577 861651,
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If you wish to raise any issue regarding the KHSPC and parental involvement in the High School, please don't hesitate to contact one of the above officers. Alternatively you may write to the Chair care of the school address noted above.

Kinross High School

Campus Information Parents Evening
Mon 14 September, 7.00pm



This is an opportunity for all parents to find out more about the way the campus will work for the school. Venue: Kinross High School.

School Closure

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

Campus Lets

For Lets from October, you should continue to complete the School Let form and return it to Support Services Pullar House. Lets will be confirmed once the new booking system has been completely configured sometime in September.

Goodbye to the High

We will arrange dates for former pupils and staff to visit the current High School Buildings before we close the doors for the last time. This is likely to be in the last week of term, details to be confirmed.

Visits to campus

The number of people allowed to visit remains low, with the constraints of a working building site. We are aiming to arrange organised visits once the campus is open so watch this space for more details.

Campus Launch Event, 20-22 November

An exciting programme of events is being arranged to showcase the new facilities and organisations which will be using the campus. If you are interested in participating in some way please contact Derek Morris at Kinross High School.

See also Loch Leven Campus update, p 9.

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The Thursday Group

Some of us may remember that many years ago there used to be 'The Young Wives Group' run by churches throughout Scotland. How one decided who was a young wife I am not too sure! The Thursday Group has evolved from there and it is for anyone, no matter what age. The Thursday Group in Kinross started up in 1975 and is still going strong today. The group meets on the first Thursday evening of every month at 7.30pm in the Church Centre and people from any denomination are welcome to attend. The first meeting after the summer break is in September. Different events are arranged each month and it may be that guest speakers are invited or group outings are organised. I decided to go along to the May meeting to experience for myself one of the events on offer. As with all of the groups I have visited there was a good atmosphere, and I was made very welcome.

At this event the group had a talk from Mr Watson, a Chocolatier, a subject of interest to all. Having retired from his educational post, he and his daughter decided to start making 'luxury' chocolates as a hobby and just before Christmas last year, they got 75 orders for their chocolates. Whilst it remains a hobby, it may eventually become a small business.

Some interesting facts ensued from the talk. The history of chocolate dates back 1600 years to the Aztec where chocolate was drunk as a cold drink by people of high status! Around the 16th Century chocolate went from Spain to Italy, France, Belgium and Switzerland. Chocolate came to the UK at the beginning of the 18th century when it was still a drink and during the Industrial Revolution chocolate was used for medicinal purposes. This would be a good excuse for many chocolate eaters today! By 1828 modern (eating) chocolate came into being. Fry's of Bristol were the first people to use cocoa to make chocolates, followed by Cadbury, who made the first chocolate box. By the middle of the 19th Century chocolate was big business. At that time the USA made their chocolate using chocolate beans from trees from Central America or Africa.

During the evening different flavoured chocolates were passed around the group; the first sample contained chilli and the second cinnamon. Mr Watson handed out recipes for his vanilla and mocha chocolate truffles and there was also time for questions, particularly from the people who were interested in using the recipes.

Finally the group was reminded about the AGM to be held later in May, (I think I heard the word 'Pimms' mentioned!); and arrangements for the end of 'term' dinner to be held at the Windlestrae in June were finalised.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks by the President, Dorothy Fyfe, followed by refreshments, when we were invited to sample the lemon and toffee truffles that Mr Watson had left for us – quite a hardship!

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Twenty-two members of Kinross-shire and District Town Twinning Association enjoyed exceptional hospitality during their week long visit to Gacé in Normandy over the last week of July.

The party flew from Edinburgh to Paris Charles de Gaul airport and were picked up by coach to make the three-hour journey to Gacé, arriving just after midnight.

The first day was spent quietly with host families. The second day saw an official visit to Caen Peace Memorial and Garden. The third day was again spent with host families who took their guests on individual local visits. The fourth day saw an early start as everyone assembled at 7.15am for a day trip to Paris. Water taxis were used to visit various attractions in the French capital. On the way back to Gacé the group stopped at a restaurant for a lovely evening meal. On the fifth day a car treasure hunt with clues in French and English was organised, ending with a barbecue. The sixth day was again spent with host families with a farewell dinner held at night in the "Tahiti" with an exchange of gifts. The Gacéans presented the Kinross contingent with a marquetry plaque depicting the arms of Kinross and Gacé. Kinross presented Gacé with a framed photograph of Loch Leven and its surrounding countryside at harvest time.

Next summer it is our turn to host our Gacé friends.

Portmoak Film Society

Sizzling New Season about to start

Yes, film buffs, the waiting's over! The 2009/10 season gets underway on **Saturday 12 September** with Danny Boyle's Oscar-crowned "**Slumdog Millionaire**". It's in the true Boyle tradition with a huge feelgood factor that shouts out LIFE! with all its dark humour, exuberance and - well, the unexpurgated nasty bits too (when I first saw it, I had to close my eyes at one point but it's more than worth sticking with it). It's the story of a boy from the slums of Mumbai who becomes a celebrity due to his intelligence and sheer determination to survive against all the odds. Don't miss this great opportunity to see it at your local film club and catch up with all the summer gossip from the regulars with a nice bottle of BYO or a cup of tea and home-baking at the end.

There will be a special treat at the opening film: with the help of our membership fees, raffles and a kind donation from the Portmoak Hall Committee, we have raised enough money to pay for a super new screen which will be permanently installed in the ceiling and rolled down/up at the push of a button. Portmoak joins 21st century technology at last!

To ensure you don't miss the other great films, please mark the following dates in your diary: **10 October** ("The Flying Scotsman"), **14 November** ("Frost Nixon") and **12 December** ("The Lives of Others"). You'll notice that our members have again chosen an eclectic mix of high-class Hollywood blockbusters and European films to whet any film-goer's appetite.

Season tickets are available from Stuart Mackenzie at the Pottery in Kinnesswood or on 01592 840638 for the usual fantastic price of £24 for the whole season of eight films. You can bring a friend for £4 on the door. Beats any regular cinema in Scotland on price!

Kinross Primary School Parent Council



The AGM took place in June at the school. **Stephen Crawford** is now the new Chair of the Parent Council, **Jackie Wood** is the new Treasurer and **Gillian Baughan** continues as Secretary.

Sponsored Family Orienteering and Picnic. Come along and take part in an orienteering challenge and picnic at Kirkgate Park on **Saturday 19 September!** Children of all ages will race round a marked course searching for hidden markers. Maps will be provided, but don't worry if you don't know the points of a compass – there will be plenty of help around. Mums and Dads can join in too! There will be medals and certificates for everyone taking part and prizes for the fastest boy and girl from each year group. Children will be encouraged to obtain sponsorship for the event to help raise money for the school. *Please note that the course will be located within Kirkgate Park (for P2 and below) and extending into the first part of Loch Leven Heritage Trail (for P3-7). Whilst the event will be organised and supervised by Kinross Primary Parent Council, there should be a responsible adult for each child taking part.*

The **next meeting of the KPPC** will be on **Monday 28 September** at 7.30pm in the school. If there are any issues that you would like raised then please contact me beforehand at kinross_primary@scottishparents.com. All staff, parents and carers of children at the school are warmly invited. It is a great opportunity to become more involved with and influence activities and initiatives which support your child's experience at Kinross Primary school. To find out more of what we do, details of previous meetings of the KPPC can be found on the school website. www.kinross-pri.pkc.sch.uk/index.htm.

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

Gillian Baughan, Secretary KPPC

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Kinross-Shire 50 Plus Club



At the August meeting, Dave Clark of Tayside Fire Service gave a worthwhile talk on safety precautions in the home. Accompanied by a video showing the fire risks that can be found in the rooms of our homes, Dave had the members participating in his talk by having us spot all the hazards shown. An interesting afternoon.

Friday Walks

4 September: 'The Fish Supper Walk' – our annual walk from St Monans to Anstruther and back, along the Fife Coastal Path.

18 September: Beecraigs Park and the Korean War Memorial, along good paths in the park leading to picnic tables near the Memorial.

Both of these walks are about 6 miles.

Hillwalkers: The Autumn/Winter 2009 programme is to be confirmed. Please note, this group's membership list is currently full; all enquiries to Bill Blair 01577 864450.

September Meeting: The speaker at the meeting on **3 September** will be Sandy McFarlane on 'My Granny was a Knitter'.

Kinross-shire Fairtrade Steering Group



On **Friday 18 September** in the Parish Church, Kinross there will be a showing of the film *Black Gold*. This is an eye-opening exposé of the coffee industry. This is a powerful feature length documentary about Coffee Farmers in Ethiopia, highlighting the injustices of world trade and the difference Fairtrade can make. There will be Fairtrade goods for sale, and refreshments will be served. Free entry, but donations welcome! The film starts at 7.30pm.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

This year's shoebox appeal is underway. The leaflets giving instructions are available in the Day Centre and in the Library. Boxes should be handed into Common Grounds Scout and Guide Hall Milnathort or to Shoena Wales, 44 Lathro Park, Kinross.

Further details can be obtained on www.blythswood.org or from Patricia Payne, 01577 862715.

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Bishopshire Horticultural Society Flower Show Prize Winners

1. Opdahl Cup for most points in Baking Section - Janette Gardiner
2. Elliot Cup for runnerup in Baking Section - Tricia Duncan
3. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Baking Section - Mary Baird
4. Tullis Cup for most points in Handicraft Section - Christine Hunter
5. Bell Cup for best exhibit in Handicraft Section - Norma Smith
6. Buchan Rose Bowl for most points in Produce - Elaine Carruthers
7. President's Prize - £2 by Sandy Band for runner up in Produce - Christine Cameron
8. £2 by the Society for the best exhibit in Produce - Doug Carrie
9. Fulton Quaich for most points in Floral Art - Jane Martin
10. John Boyd Salver for best exhibit in Floral Art - Jane Martin
11. Hunter Trophy for class 33 - Biddy Fladgate
12. Clydesdale Shield for most points in Baking, Handicraft, Produce and Floral Art - Elaine Carruthers
13. Lamont Cup for most points in Cut Flowers - David Martin
14. £2 by the Society for runner up in Cut Flowers - Isobel Baird
15. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Cut Flowers - John McDonald
16. Isabella Foreman Quaich for best single rose - Margaret Brown
17. Eric Sword Tankard for best 3 gladioli spikes - David Martin
18. Bag of compost from Carrs Billington for best 3 vases sweet peas - Maggie Strang Steele
19. Akerman Rosebowl for most points in Pot Plant Section - Deborah Fladgate
20. Gift Token by Willie Robertson, Milnathort for runner up in Pot Plants - Jane Martin
21. Flint Quaich for best exhibit in Pot Plants - Jane Martin
22. Donaldson Shield for most points in Vegetable Section - Deborah Fladgate
23. Gift Token by Willie Robertson, for runnerup in Vegetables - Simon Herrington
24. £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Vegetable Section - David Martin
25. James field Trophy for the best collection of potatoes - Deborah Fladgate
26. Prize by Kirkcaldy Garden Centre for best collection of vegetables - Deborah Fladgate
27. Songhurst Cup for best 6 tomatoes - David Martin
28. BHS Premier Tray - Certificate + £3 - Deborah Fladgate
Certificate + £2 - David Martin
BHS Premier Vase - Certificate + £3 - David Martin
Certificate + £2 - Maggie Strang Steele
29. Gardenland Trophy for most points in Fruit Section - Isobel Baird
30. BHS Trophy for most points in Horticultural Classes - Deborah Fladgate
31. Kirkness Trophy for Best Kept Garden
+ £15 Voucher - Andrew Pitblado
+ £10 Voucher - Margaret and George Brown
+ £5 Voucher - Colin Nichol
32. George Harley Cup for best exhibit classes 130, 133, 134, 139, 140 - Heather Wilson
33. The Sunshine Quaich for the most points 4 years and under - Emma Mitchell
34. Special Prize by Mrs B Hunter for the best exhibit 4 years and under - Emma Mitchell
35. Anne Robertson Cup for most points 5-9 years - Heather Wilson
36. Prize by Margaret Brown for best exhibit 5-9 years - Megan Brown
37. Prize by the Wardell family for best exhibit 10 - 15 years - Victoria Baird
38. Loch Leven Cup for the most points 10 - 15 years - Victoria Baird
39. Barbour-Curtis Family Challenge Shield

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society held their annual Flower Show on Saturday 15 August at the Crook of Devon. The Show was opened by Ms. Sam Nicholson, Head Mistress, Fossoway School, who also presented the trophies. Taryn Evans presented Ms. Nicholson with a basket of flowers. The Society would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, everyone who gave donations, attended and exhibited at the show.

The Trophy Winners were:

Ramage Dawson Cup (most points): **Mr. R. Wilkie**
 President's Shield (runner up): **Mr. G.M. Harley**
 Bob Wilkie Cup (Pot Plants): **Mrs. Elsie Johnston**
 Moir Cup (Cut Flowers): **Mr. R. Wilkie**
 David De Boer Cup (Gladioli): **Mr. R. Wilkie**
 Drummond Trophy (Sweet Peas): **Mrs. Elza Harley**
 G.A. & G. Kendrick Cup (Vegetables): **Mr. G.M. Harley**
 J.M. Fraser Cup (Open Section): **Mr. W. Bolton**
 Stalker Cup (Baking & Industrial): **Mrs. Gillian Taylor**
 Barden Trophy (Baking): **Mrs. Gillian Taylor**
 Miss Pirie Cup (Industrial): **Mrs. Trudy Duffy**
 Nicolson Black Jug (Preserves): **Mrs. Mary Wilson**
 Stewart Rose Bowl (Floral Art): **Mrs. Mary Wilson**
 Mabel Ross Trophy (article in wool): **Mrs. Elsie Johnston**
 Liz Wilkie Trophy (Best Exhibit Industrial): **Mrs. Betty Bolton**

Children's Sections

Ramage Dawson Cup (most points overall): **Caitlin Duffy**
 The Aldridge Cup (under 10 years): **Kirsty Skea**
 J.M. Fraser Cup (over 10 years): **Caitlin Duffy**
 Spinningdale Trophy (article in wool): **Ella Mayne**
 Good Yam Trophy (Writing): **Rachad Wood**

Special Prizes

Best Exhibit Pot Plants	Mrs. Elza Harley
Best Exhibit Cut Flowers	Mr. Lawrence Thomson
Collection of Vegetables	Mr. G.M. Harley
Collection of Potatoes	Mr. G.M. Harley
Best Exhibit Vegetables	Mr. G.M. Harley
Best Exhibit Open Section	Mr. W. Bolton
Best Exhibit Baking	Miss. G. Carver
Best Exhibit Industrial	Mrs. Betty Bolton

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Orwell Dramatic Society

Ciao daahlings!! Suitably refreshed after a short break with my celebrity friends in Cannes, it's back to the vital work of keeping an eye on the goings on in our wonderful, if slightly damp(!), rural retreat. Honestly, five weeks is just not long enough for a decent break. I was just settling in to the staterooms aboard our very good friend's yacht in the Med when all of a sudden it's back to the high pressures of being the socialite of our fair town. I just hope that I will be able to keep on top of the endless parties, dinners and assorted social gatherings; it can be such a stressful bore. I'm sure you'll agree!

Anyway what is the latest with our glorious drama group, I hear you cry! Rehearsals are continuing at a hectic pace. The dinner theatre/theatre lunch set for the Grouse & Claret later in September is going to be a goodie so get those tickets booked now to avoid major disappointment. Below is the itinerary for the coming months. Keep an eye out for the posters dotted around our assorted retail establishments. And make that call to book your place for a most exciting and dramatic gastronomic experience.

Dinner Theatre Evenings

Friday and Saturday – **25 & 26 September 2009** at The Grouse & Claret, Heatheryford. Tel. 01577 864212.

Comprising Dinner and two One Act Comedies.

Theatre Lunch

Sunday – **27 September 2009** at The Grouse & Claret, Heatheryford. Tel. 01577 864212.

Comprising Lunch and two One Act Comedies.

Murder Mysteries

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

Saturday – **7 November 2009** at The Grouse & Claret, Heatheryford. Tel. 01577 864212.

Early December at the Green Hotel, The Muirs. Tel. 01577 863467

The Big Christmas Play – A Christmas Carol

Running for a week – **Early December** at our new school.

Kinross Bridge Club

The Club starts the 2009/2010 season in the Church Centre at 6.45pm on **Wednesday 23 September**. New members at all levels are very welcome to join us.

For any further information contact Sandy Greenhill, Club Secretary, on 01577 862901.



New Handcraft Group for Kinross

The **Scottish Handcraft Circle** is a group of amateur craftspersons who, through their activities, create handwork of innovative design and a high standard of execution.

The Circle was founded in 1945 from an idea at a Guide Commissioner's conference. It is mainly involved in needlecrafts, including embroidery, patchwork, quilting, crochet and tatting, but other crafts, such as pewter work and calligraphy, feature from time to time. It is a tradition in the Circle that members are willing to pass on their skills to others.

Handcraft Circles are currently active in Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews. **In September we intend to start a branch of the Scottish Handcraft Circle in Kinross.** If you think you might be interested in joining, you can obtain further details from Mairi Wheeler 01592 840661 or Dianne Mitchell 01577 865570.

Alternatively, do come along to the first meeting on **Tuesday 1 September**, from 10am to 12 noon in Milnathort Church Hall.

Milnathort Bridge Club

The Club will resume for the season 2009-2010 on **Monday 28 September**.

Meetings will be held at **Loch Leven's Larder** starting at 7.00pm prompt, playing Duplicate Bridge.

The Club has approximately 40 members and would welcome any new members.

If interested, please contact Secretary Beryl Harley, telephone 01577 863590, e-mail beryl.harley@zen.co.uk

As the **AGM** will be held prior to the first session of Bridge, would members please **attend on the first night at 6.45pm**.



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Sports News

Kinross Tennis Club

The season is in full swing and it's great to see so many players making the most of the nice weather. Wednesday adult club nights and Sunday mornings have been well attended, and our summer BBQ and fun tournament on 25 July was a huge success – thanks to Richard's superb organising.



The well attended Summer BBQ and fun tournament

Our junior section is going from strength to strength. Some 20 juniors attended a fun tournament on 20 June and numbers continue to be high at junior club nights which are adult-supervised and open to all junior members on Tuesdays from 5.30pm until 7pm.

In the Tennis Tayside leagues our Ladies team had mixed results further to promotion to Division 2 this season, but have secured enough points to remain in Division 2 next season. Our Gents team had great results, narrowly missing out on winning Division 6, but still gaining promotion to Division 5 for next season. The mixed league is in progress as we speak and the team will do well to stay in Division 3 next season. Our ladies and gents are also competing in the Perth & District leagues at the moment with lots of new club members having their first club match experiences.

Coaching runs at various times throughout the year. The junior summer camp was very well attended in August and the next block of junior coaching starts on 21 August, running until 25 September – places are filling up very fast, so if you are interested please contact Gillian on 01577 861525 as soon as possible.

As the autumn leaves consider falling, don't hang up your rackets, remember we have floodlights on two courts and can play all year round. New members are always welcome so if you are interested in playing tennis, socially or competitively, contact **Aileen Jones on 07881 594093**.

Orwell Bowling Club

Pomp and Circumstance not quite warranted, but congratulations to Gordon Morton who was narrowly beaten in the Men's County Finals on 18 July. Although our Men's Top Six also went out in the semi-finals against Tillicoultry, the Team Triples won every game, deserving at least a muted fanfare.

Orwell was victorious in its friendly against Perth Caledonian (51-44 shots), and secured a marginal win against Strathmiglo, when rain stopped play after seven ends. The Ladies' rink at Headwell and also the mixed at Lochgelly both became melting pots, with players inter-mixing to make up a shortfall in numbers.

After a tentative start, Cambus whipped up its coach and horses and drove it through our Golden Oldies' defences at home on 16 July, winning decisively.

Results of our Open Pairs on a blustery 19 July were as follows: 1st: Kingseat, 2nd: Orwell's Vic McKechnie and Andy Lloyd, 3rd: our own Bill Smith and J Johnson of Freuchie, 4th: a father-and-son duo - C and R Ross (Polmont and Castings clubs), the skill genes having been passed from grandfather Jock Taylor (Orwell's Club Patron), and Grandma Min.

The 'summer' weather continues to be unpredictable, with players having to be prepared for high winds (wayward bowls), torrential rain (slippery bowls) or blinding sun - and often a combination of all three during the same game. We hope for better news on that front in the next edition.

Kinross Bowling Club

Rain stopped play at semi-final stage on our Ladies Open Pairs day on Sunday 9 August – would you believe this is the third year in a row this has happened!

The semi finalists shared the prize money, which was sponsored by Sidey, Meiklem Drainage and Newsplus. Thanks again to sponsors. Thanks also to the men who worked hard in the kitchen all day and the bar, the organisers etc. We have played another three friendlies since the last Newsletter – against Falkland, Glenfarg and Lochore – with mixed fortunes.

Our Fun Day on 25 July was held on a lovely sunny Saturday and one or two people showed an interest in the sport, with one person joining on the day.

The Mixed Open Pairs due to be played on Sunday 16 August was postponed due to lack of entries, but has been re-scheduled for **Sunday 13 September**, so come on get your entries in to the Secretary, G.M.Rennie 01577 864727 asap.

The ties are due to be brought to the final stages in the week commencing 18 August and finals will be under way asap.

Good luck to all finalists.

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Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

35th Anniversary Year

With two weeks of training so far under our belts already the season is already looking positive. The benefits of having two coaches running the training sessions together are already being seen, allowing basics and more advanced skill training to be worked on at the same time. The numbers attending training have been encouraging despite the earlier start this year when many are still on holiday.

The hockey season kicks off on **Saturday 5 September** with the Corporation Cup, followed the next week by the Bell Trophy Tournament (which we go into as current holders!). The league season starts on **Saturday 19 September** with home fixtures for both teams; all spectators will be welcome, with pass back likely to 1pm.

This season is particularly special to Kinross Ladies, as we celebrate our 35th year as a club! To celebrate we are holding an Anniversary Celebration at the Windlestrae Hotel on **Saturday 26 September**, from 7.30pm. It will also be a fundraising event in memory of Greig Smith, who sadly died of cancer earlier this year. Greig's twin sister Jenni plays for Kinross Ladies, and has also represented Scotland at under 16 level for the past 2 years. Tickets for the Dinner are priced at £35, which includes music, food and a glass of wine. The proceeds will go to Rachel House, where Greig was treated very well. Tickets are available from Morag Donaldson (01577 863356) and Nel Davidson (01577 840400).

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



Kinross Curling Club

After an all too short summer the curling season is upon us once again. The **opening bonspiel** will be held on **Thursday 24 September** at 7.45pm. The format will be

Past President, Dave Beveridge, vs President, Alistair Wood. Skips will be in contact with the rinks in due course. Keep up to date with all Club news on the website which will be updated regularly over the playing season.

With the proposed National Curling Academy on our doorstep, now is a good time to take up the game or rekindle a past involvement. The Club are always interested in new members to further promote the sport. If interested or looking for more information, please contact Club President Alistair Wood on 01577 862749.



Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club

The Club held its final session on Tuesday 30 June, when we said goodbye to all our S2 members. We had a fun games night to end the term, and presented our 'graduates' with a team photo as a souvenir of their time with the Club.

The Club resumes on Tuesday 25 August, running from 6pm to 8pm, in the Games Hall at Kinross High School. All P7 to S2 boys and girls are welcome. The cost is a registration fee of £10 for the year, and £2 per session.

If you'd like to get involved, please e-mail kinrosscavaliers@btinternet.com or call 01577 840399 or 01577 862623.



Kinross Curling School

On **Monday 21 September** at 7.45pm we are holding a **Free Come and Try**

for those who would like to try the sport of curling. If interested and you come along, please bring with you a pair of clean-soled trainers that you have carried into the rink, wear a pair of loose fitting trousers and bring an extra fleece just in case you feel the cold.

Monday After School for children 8 years to pre High school starts up again on **Monday 28 September** from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

Thursday After School starts **Thursday 1 October** from 4.00pm – 5.15pm.

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Kinross Road Runners



The long summer days have been great for getting out and about and members have continued to make the most of the light evenings with regular training runs in the hills and lanes around Kinross. There have also been some excellent race performances and a selection of results is given below. Full details are available on the club website.

A couple of more unusual events feature in this month's results. Firstly, the "Tour of Fife". This event consists of 5 races on 5 consecutive days. The races range from a 5 mile opener between Strathmiglo and Pillars of Hercules, a 4 mile beach run along St Andrews West Sands, 2 miles uphill on East Lomond, a flat 5 miles through Tentsmuir forest and a final 4 mile race from Falkland, up Maspie Den and under the waterfall at the top. Everyone has their favourite race, and for most, the hill climb isn't it! 3 KRR members joined almost 200 runners to compete in this year's event with both Judith Dobson and John Myerscough completing all 5 races. Chris Myerscough chose to miss the last event and run the Dyce Half Marathon instead!

The second event that is worth a special mention is the Devil of the Highlands Footrace. The banner on the event website reads "12 Hours, 43 Miles, Mountains, Valleys and unpredictable weather....Are you mad?" Well – One KRR member was willing to take on the challenge. Starting from Tyndrum at 6am the race followed the route of the West Highland Way northwards through Bridge of Orchy, Glencoe Ski Centre and Kinlochleven, from where it climbed over yet more hills to the finish at Fort William. Runners had up to 12 hours to complete the race and were supported on the way by a team of two. The support teams carried food and spare clothing between the check points and also provided moral support and encouragement to the competitors. 94 hardy souls completed the race and Judith's time put her in 22nd place overall and 4th fastest lady, as well as first lady in her age group. Well done Judith for completing this event and in such an excellent time! Judith was supported by her husband (Stuart) and fellow club runner, Isabella Carmichael who ran the last 14.7 miles with her.

Summer training continues on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Full details are available from the club website – Google "Kinross Road Runners" to find it.

Tuesday: Meet at the bottom end of Kirkgate Park at 7pm (Except first Tuesday of the month when meet at Lathro Health Centre at 7pm for the 2 mile time trial)

Wednesdays: Meet at Lathro at 6.45pm. The full programme is available on the club website (Google "Kinross Road Runners" to find it).

15th July Maddy Moss Hill Race

7th	Roy Paterson	57m20s
36th	Andy Johns	1h 03m38s
120th	Sandy MacCalman	1h 40m47s

30th July Killin Games Hill Race

3rd F	Jane Gibson	34m39s	1st FSV
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2nd August Donkey Brae 7 mile race (Aberdour)

19th	Peter Edgerton	45m43s
61st	Maureen Hill	50m08s
83rd	Ronnie Ritchie	52m14s
128th	Isabella Carmichael	55m48s
173rd	Douglas Leitch	1h 00m09s
267th	Sarah Eaton	1h 17m05s

29th July – 2 August Tour of Fife

66th	Judith Dobson	2h 20m46s
77th	John Myerscough	2h 25m43s
--	Chris Myerscough	-- -- --

2nd August Dyce Half Marathon

52nd	Chris Myerscough	1h 45m32s	1st F45
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8th August Devil of the Highlands 43 mile Footrace

22nd	Judith Dobson	7h 26m33s
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1st FSV 4th Female PB

9th August Fourth Road Bridge 10k

50th	Maureen Hill	43m02s	2nd FSV
124th	Geoff Bilton	48m14s	
136th	Isabella Carmichael	49m02s	
191st	Fiona Kemp	52m53s	
285th	Sarah Eaton	62m42s	



Members of Kinross Road Runners line up before the start of the Newburgh 5-mile race, July 2009.

Photo: Bill Nollan

Athletics

In the July Newsletter it was reported that Kinross athlete Eilidh Child had been selected for the Great Britain and NI team competing at the European Team Championships in Leiria, Portugal. On the first day of this competition she was fourth in the 400m hurdles in a time of 55.48 seconds and on day two ran the second leg in the 4 x 400m relay in which the British team finished third.



This was the start of a busy few weeks for Eilidh. Next up was the UK Under 23 Championships. Eilidh ran a steady heat and easily qualified for the final in which she lined up against her UK main rival, the talented Perri Shakes-Drayton from London. In a thrilling final, Shakes-Drayton crossed the line in 55.34 seconds, just two one-hundredths of a second in front of Eilidh who ran her fourth Personal Best of the season, finishing in 55.36 seconds. Both athletes ran easily within the qualifying time for the European Under 23 Championships and were subsequently selected for the event that took place a fortnight later in Kaunas, Lithuania. In Kaunas, Eilidh easily got through her heat and semi-final to reach the final, where again she was up against Perri Shakes-Drayton and a very good Russian athlete. The final was closely contested and once again Eilidh was just pipped at the post by her rival by only six one-hundredths of a second; Shakes-Drayton finished in 55.26 and Eilidh won the silver medal in another PB time of 55.32 seconds.

One week later Eilidh was given a lane at the prestigious Aviva Grand Prix at Crystal Palace where she lined up against a world class field including world number one Lashinda Demus from the USA, and the gold and silver medallists from the Beijing Olympics, as well as Perri Shakes-Drayton. Eilidh ran a solid race finishing fifth in 55.68 seconds and for the first time this season ahead of Shakes-Drayton who was sixth in 55.79 seconds.

The reward for her efforts this season was her selection for the Great Britain and NI World Championship team and by the time this article goes to print she will have competed in the event in Berlin.

Kinross Volleyball Club

Volleyball Season commences

Indoor training and coaching commences at Kinross High School on **Monday 7 September** with junior coaching from 8 till 9 pm and senior coaching from 9 till 10 pm. New members always welcome. It is hoped to have five Kinross teams competing in this season's Perth League with Kinross defending the Premier League Championship, the Premier League Cup, The Recreational League Championship and the Recreational League Cup.

Kinross Cricket Club



Senior 1st XI

The 1st XI have continued their dominance of Strathmore & Perthshire division two as they currently sit top of the table with 10 wins out of 10 games. The highlights of the month include Peter Ross's unbeaten 102 and Nick Farrar's maiden senior 50, both against Forfar based Strathmore Cricket Club. Perthshire-Mayfield were resoundingly beaten by 10 wickets with James Ross taking the key Perthshire batsman with the very first delivery of the game. James then went on to score an unbeaten 41 in the run chase. With three games left to play the 1st XI look set for promotion to division one. 1st XI opening bowler James Ross has been selected for the MCC Scotland XI to play in an invitational two day game against MCC Yorkshire XI at Carlton Cricket Club in Edinburgh. James is the first Kinross player ever to be selected for an MCC team and the entire club wish him well for the game.

Senior 2nd XI

The seconds continue to improve but have yet to record their first outright league win in division three. A host of new players moving up from the under 15's look set to boost the team's performance and we all hope they can get their first win before the season ends. A combined junior/2nd XI team won a tight game against the Perthshire Solicitors team in early August. A return fixture at the end of August looks set to be a great fixture.

Ladies Section

The ladies and juniors have been enjoying the summer break and are set to resume their match schedule at the end of August.

The Junior Awards Night is set for **Monday 14 September** at the Windlestrae Hotel at 6.30pm. The junior cricketers have been busy throughout August working towards the ECB bronze, silver and gold and inter cricket proficiency awards. The statistics are being collated for the individual age group performance awards as the competitive season draws to a close. There have also been lots of young players that have improved greatly over the season and have worked hard with a good positive attitude and this is also greatly valued by coaches. All proficiency award winners and other prizewinners will be announced next month.

Training continues until mid September. Junior training is on Mondays, 6.15pm – 8pm. Ladies' and Men's training (coached separately) is on Thursdays 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Further information can be found on the club website at www.kinrosscc.co.uk

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Kinross Men's Hockey Club

Kinross Men's Hockey Club is delighted to announce it has formed a 2nd XI.

A new season is now upon us and after four seasons in East District League (EDL), this season the club has entered a 2nd XI into EDL Division 4. This is a very exciting development and opportunity for the club after only five years in existence. This is in a direct response to the large numbers of players supporting the club, attending training and wishing to play again at the end of last season. There are five 1st XI and four 2nd XI friendly games arranged before the Leagues start on 26 September. The 1st XI plays in EDL Division 2 in which they finished third last year. The friendly games start on 22 August for the 1st XI, but the following fixtures are:

29 Aug	1st XI v Falkirk 3rds at 12pm	KGV
	2nd XI v Falkirk 5ths at 1.30pm	KGV
5 Sep	1st XI v Stirling 1sts at 12pm	KGV
	2nd XI v Stirling Wanderers 2nds at 1.30pm	KGV
12 Sep	Both teams play Falkirk	Away
19 Sep	Both teams play Madras	Away

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

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

For further information please visit our website at www.kinrosshockey.co.uk or alternatively contact Douglas Ogilvie on 07768 708250 or e-mail: captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk

Kinross AFC

The Club made a fine start to the season 2009/2010 by defeating Star Hearts (Markinch) by 4 goals to 2.

Star striker Iain Robertson scored 3 fine goals, capping an excellent appearance. Craig Moyles completed the scoring with a fine finish after a superb pass from midfield maestro Tom McKenna.

A pleasing aspect of this fine win was the level of fitness of the Kinross players, a testimony to the hard work of the coaches, Bruce Deas and Stevie McInroy.

The Club face difficult away fixtures over the next few weeks: Kettle Utd, Balgonie Scotia, Strathmiglo and Lumphinnans.

A significant development on Saturday was the opening of Alan (Joe) Fraser's pie stall. Alan is now serving the finest bovril in the Kingdom league!

Come along and enjoy good honest endeavour from the players and a halftime pie and bovril.

For any information on the Club please contact Alan Fraser on 01577 862018 or Sandy Fraser on 01577 865762.



Hyde Park heroics

Kinross Triathlete Wins 2009 British Championship

The conditions were perfect for the British Triathlon Championships in Hyde Park, London on Sunday 16 August when Kinross triathlete, **CAMERON MILNE** (16), swam, cycled and ran to take the British Triathlon Youth Championship (under 17).

It was an early start for the 35 best youngsters in the UK, when, at 8am, they dived into the Serpentine. The temperature of the water was 20.5°C so, unusually for a British triathlon, wetsuits were not required. The first leg of the event got under way and by the time the 325m swim was over, Cameron had already established a 12-second lead over his nearest competitors.



Cameron Milne shortly after the finish of the 2009 British Triathlon Youth Championship in Hyde Park, London on Sunday 16 August

The first transition (T1) required a 400m run to the bike and Cameron capitalised on his lead. Two laps of Hyde Park, through throngs of spectators and tourists was a demanding 10 km course of long straights and difficult hairpin turns.

Cameron's hard training along side the Leslie Bike Shop Right Move Windows Cycling team began to pay off as he extend his lead by 15 seconds per lap. The following riders were riding as a peloton, Tour de France style, but because of the tight hairpin turns were not able to use this to their advantage. This meant Cameron could take a 50-second lead into the second transition (T2).

A near perfect transfer from bike to running shoes completed, Cameron set off for the punishing third and final leg of his race, the 3000m run. He was clearly tired from his efforts but was comfortably able to stay ahead of his rivals and finished in style in front of the grandstand crowd.

When asked about his victory Cameron commented: "The race was tough, I got a break in the swim and I just tried to extend it through transition. I got on the bike and put my head down and worked as hard as I could to stay away. In the run it was a case of keeping the gap there and coming home strong".

Cameron, a pupil at Kinross High School, swims with Glenrothes ASC, cycles for Leslie Bike Shop Right Move Windows Cycling team and runs for Kinross Road Runners. He is a member of East Fife Tri Club (based in Cupar, Fife). He is a member of the Central Scotland Institute for Sport in Stirling and is part of the Triathlon Scotland Development Squad based at Stirling University.

**Deadline for all Submissions
2.00 pm, MONDAY 21 September
for publication on Saturday 3 October**

Kinross Cycling Club



Well, we tried hard. On the first outing of Kinross Cycling Club's Summer Loch Leven Time Trial Series, we sent Ken 'Big Diesel' Ogilvie down Lethangie Road instead of to the finish in Milnathort! However, there was no stopping him on the second outing on 13 August.

In near perfect conditions, 13 cyclists (some non-members too!) turned out for the 'Race of Truth' – the cyclist against the clock. For a lot of people, this was their first TT event and their posted times are something to aim for. Starting at the Woollen Mill, riders set off in one-minute intervals going anti-clockwise round the loch to finish in Burleigh Road. What's the best strategy for a 12.2 mile course? Start out hard or save some energy for later? Ken Ogilvie started near the back two minutes after Roddy 'The Doc' Pattison, but after 12 miles of pushing that big gear, was not far off catching him on the line in an amazing time of 32m 24s, an **average** speed of 22.6mph! Oh, and John McKay (Loch Leven Cycles) continues to ride on a mountain bike! How fast would he be on a road bike?!

Here is the full list:

Name	Gender	Category	Time
Ken Ogilvie	M	Vin	32.24
Roddy Pattison	M	V	34.11
Peter Owen	M	Sn	34.17
Tony Brotherton	M	SnV	35.45
John Stapleton	M	V	36.04
John McKay	M	Sn	36.44
Gillian Corsie	F	V	36.51
Michael Meaden	M	V	37.05
Paul Zarb	M	V	37.36
Gerry McCuskier	M	Vin	41.43
Steve Wilcox	M	V	41.48
Roger Stark	M	Sup	43.02
Alan Lockhart	M	V	43.22

As a club, we are starting to plan more of these events because it gives members something to train for. Why not come and join us? We meet on Sundays at 9am departing from the High School and Thursdays at 6.45pm (although days are getting short) departing from the old health centre. Shortly, perhaps in October, you will see us out in our new club kit! Tell us what you think!

Alan Corsie and Robbie Sangha participated in the Gore Bikewear cycle sportive at Selkirk on Saturday 1st August. They chose the 'long sportive' course (don't be fooled!) of 95 miles and 2,700m of climb finishing in just under six hours. I've seen the course profile and this is a very good time. The 'extreme' course is 120 miles (3,600m ascent). If you start training now, you could be fit for this next year! Where do I sign?!

- RP

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Cycling

Montelimar or bust!

"Before July 2009 the only things I knew about Montelimar in the South of France was that it was famous for the manufacture of white nougat and that it had featured on the Beatles 'White Album' in the song 'Savoy Truffle'. That limited knowledge was soon to change as we prepared to make the long drive south for a sporting event of enormous magnitude."

So begins an article written by Derek Flory, whose daughter's partner took part in L'Etape Du Tour, along with 9,000 others, including local GP, Roddy Pattison.

We don't have room to print Derek's article here, but you can read it on line at www.kinrossnewsletter.org (click on Features, then Articles Online).



Read our online article for personal accounts of L'Etape du Tour

Kinross Rugby Club



With the league under way now, the pre-season training is going well but we still need a bigger pool of players and more numbers at training. We have a number of coaches to help the backs and forwards so let's be seeing more of the current players at training and also anyone who is interested in playing, whether experienced or a beginner! You will all be made more than welcome. Training is on a Tuesday and Thursday night 7pm-9pm. Find us at KGV Playing fields, The Muirs, Kinross. Tel: 01577 861773. Website: www.kinross-rugby.com

September fixtures

		kick-off
5th	Ross Sutherland vs. Kinross	3pm
12th	Kinross vs. Aberdeen Uni	3pm
19th	Grangemouth vs. Kinross	3pm
26th	Kinross vs. Orkney	TBC

Kinross Squash Club

The winter leagues will commence this October. The league tables will be established as they finished last April. The **AGM will be on Monday 28 September.**

If you want to join the leagues simply add your name and phone number to the bottom of the league tables on the squash notice board which is to the rear of the squash courts in Loch Leven Leisure Centre. Alternatively contact Peter Hookham on 01577 861033.

League winners for July: Premier League **John Car**; League 1 **David Beaumont**; League 2 **Scott Finnie**; League 3 **David McInroy**; League 4 **Chris Martin**.



Out & About



Vane Farm



Our loveable Information Warden, Colin Shaw, is on holiday this week so it has come to me to try to fill his boots. Not an easy job, I can tell you, and I don't have the accent!

Well, the most exciting news at Vane this month is the release of fifteen juvenile white-tailed sea eagles into the area. The release is part of the five-year East of Scotland Sea Eagle programme and this is the third year. Fifteen birds are brought over from Norway every year for five years. Upon arrival in Scotland they are taken to a secret location in Fife to acclimatize for six weeks then set free in a flurry of media excitement. This happened last week (mid August) - you may have caught it on the news - so you might see one in the skies above Loch Leven. Keep 'em peeled!

More strangely, we have turned into Animal Hospital, with various people not knowing that it is the SSPCA who deal with this type of thing, dropping in with injured - or just tired - birds. Anyway our new Administrator, Debbie Hardie, used to work for the SSPCA so was quite adept at checking them out and moving them on. Debbie was pleased as punch with this new element of her job, particularly when she got to release onto the reserve a Little Grebe chick, which was brought in after being found alone in a barn miles away from water (its natural habitat). Aww.

On a drier note our bumblebee meadow has been cut for silage ready for the influx of wintering geese to graze upon in October.

If you notice any funny goings on at night here over the next few weeks our lovely contractor, affectionately known as Donnie Digger, will be cutting rushes around the hides to stop them becoming unattractive to waders.

The other, more important, goings on (well they are to me as I work with the visitors) are the great new summer events we've been running this year. Every other day we have had kids looking for 'Monsters of the Deep' (pond-dipping as it is otherwise known) or looking for wild beasties in the undergrowth. Mums and Dads were pleased to join in the fun too, with Dangerous Dads and Adventurous Mums, another new event which allowed people to explore their inner Ray Mears. People turned out in their droves for these events, no matter what the weather, and we will most certainly keep them in next year's programme, so if your kids missed out look on our website (www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/vane-farm) in the new year and see what we have in store for next summer.

Events

Field Days on 12 & 13 September with a Viking Optics expert to demonstrate a new type of high definition binoculars plus all the usual range.

Budding wildlife photographers might be interested in a **Beginners' Photography** course on **20 September** run by our award-winning photographer, Dave Taylor. Book in advance by calling Vane Farm on 01577 862355 if you are interested.

Andrea Habeshaw,

Vane Farm Information and Publicity Officer

Loch Leven NNR



It's been a busy summer here at Loch Leven, with plenty of work going on and lots of wildlife to see. The second Osprey Walk on 6 August was well attended by people and Ospreys, with a record of eight birds making an appearance for the group. This is peak time for Ospreys, as juveniles learn how to fish before their long migration south, so it is well worth a look to see if you can spot one before they disappear. There have been a number of interesting birds turning up recently, including several Green Sandpiper, Ruff, Black-necked Grebe and a Marsh Harrier at Vane Farm.

The White-tailed Sea Eagle reintroduction programme is now in its third year of releases, so eyes to the sky for the flying 'barn doors'! With several records at Loch Leven from previous years, we expect more to come.

The last volunteers' meeting with the British Dragonfly Society (BDS) was a resounding success, with six species being recorded during the afternoon Damsels and Dragons walk, and two very interesting presentations from Stephen Prentice and Jonathan Willet. With insect surveying now taking place on a regular basis at Loch Leven NNR, there is now heightened interest in dragonflies, and the work of BDS to develop a National Dragonfly Atlas is something that many of us will be able to contribute to in the coming years. For more information on BDS, and the Atlas Project, please visit www.dragonflysoc.org.uk.

Our next volunteers' meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday 30 September**, with Tony Wilson from the British Mycological Society coming in ahead of two Fungi Forays, to talk to us about the fascinating world of mushrooms and toadstools. The meeting will take place in the Millbridge Hall at 7.30pm. Please contact the reserve office on 01577 864439 if you'd like to attend, or for more information on the forays this autumn.

Extensive willow removal work took place on St Serf's Island throughout August. This willow scrub had encroached on otherwise suitable duck breeding habitat. We hope that as a result of this work we will see an increase in successful duck broods next year.

Selected entries from this year's photography competition are now on display at Vane Farm, so it's well worth a visit to have a look at the high standard of this year's competition. Information on next year's competition will come in due course, so keep those cameras ready.

That's all for now folks.

Craig



A White-tailed Sea Eagle

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Farming



For me, the first half of August was spent preparing for and tidying up after the Kinross show. Being President is a great honour and with it comes great responsibility. I was very nervous during the final run up to the show and was relieved when we were blessed with a glorious day until the rain at 5 o'clock, and things ran about as smoothly as you could expect them to. Many thanks go to all those who help make the show happen, and to the many paying visitors who make it a success.

For now however, it's back to the 'ranch' and a bit of playing catch up with all the jobs which were abandoned during the ten days when the show took priority. Along with Helen and our two boys, we had a family fun day preparing firewood for the coming months. Our house has a multi-fuel stove which runs the hot water and central heating system. Through the winter months we burn a tattie box full of flogs roughly every three weeks, which amounts to quite a lot of logs over a year. We have quite a good system which involves me sawing tree trunks into manageable sizes for Helen and the boys to split into pieces which will fit into the stove using a log splitter. The log splitter is a very useful and surprisingly powerful piece of kit and it certainly saves me a lot of sweat swinging an axe.

Also on the list of jobs is the second cut of silage, and getting ready for the harvest. Hopefully Andrew's green dinosaurs will munch their way effortlessly through our oats and barley and the recovery chain will remain unused.

A new job for me back in July was clipping our flock-ette of sheep. Never having done this before, it was certainly an experience and I have to say that the guys who shear thousands of sheep a year deserve every respect. It is a great skill and a tough one. I considered my efforts to be a success since every ewe still had the same number of teats and ears after I had finished!

John

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Weather



July Weather Report From Carnbo

Although the month on the whole was rather average, two outstanding events were noted early in the month.

The maximum temperature recorded on the 2nd was 29°C; this is the highest temperature recorded here in many years.

The second event was on the 6th when, around 9am, 13.7mm of rain fell in less than half an hour, this leading to some surface flooding.

Rainfall for the month	128 mm (125% of normal)
Heaviest fall	22.8 mm (28th)
Highest temperature	29°C (2nd)
Lowest temperature	6°C (31st)
Average temperature	14°C
Cloud cover	75%

Six days with a temperature above 20°C

Thunder recorded on three days

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.

St Serf's Church and Dupplin Cross, Dunning

This picturesque parish church houses the 9th century Dupplin Cross, a masterpiece of Pictish stonework. Donations welcome. Open summer only, seven days a week. In the care of Historic Scotland.

Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

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

Abernethy Round Tower

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

Gardens Open

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Gardens open regularly not too far from Kinross

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				Adult	Child	Access	
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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)	to 31 Oct	Fri-Tues	1300-1700	£8.50	£5.50	partial	0844 4932184
Garden only at Kellie Castle (tearoom open at 12)	to 31 Oct	Fri-Tues	1000-1700	£3.00	£2.00	yes	0844 4932184
Culross Palace and gardens (NTS)	3 - 23 Sept	Thu-Mon	1200-1700	£8.50	£5.50	no	0844 4932189
Gardens only at Culross Palace	all year	daily	1000-1800	£2.50		difficult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.50	£4.50	partial	0844 4932193
Scone Palace grounds only (SGS)	1 Apr - 31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£4.80	£3.20	limited	01738 552300
Braco Castle gardens, Braco, FK15 9LA (SGS)	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	free	partial	
Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff (SGS)	1 May - 31 Oct	daily	1300-1800	£3.00	£1.00	restr	
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 Special Open Day

Willowhill and Tayfield Gardens at Forgan, near Newport on Tay have a Special Open Day in support of Scotland's Gardens Scheme on **Sunday 6 September** from 2pm to 5.30pm.

Willowhill is an evolving 3-acre garden started nine years ago which has mixed borders of bulbs, shrubs, alpine and herbaceous perennials. There is also a grassland area with a wildlife pond and trees.

A wide variety of trees established over 200 years can be found at Tayfield House.

Route: 1½ miles south of Tay Road Bridge. Take the B995 to Newport off the Forgan roundabout. Willowhill is the first house on the left hand side next to the Forgan Arts Centre.

Plant sales and homemade teas. Admission £4.00 with 40% to RIO Community Centre and 60% to SGS beneficiaries.

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The initiative is part of Historic Scotland's contribution to the 2009 Year of Homecoming.

Marketing and media manager, Rebecca Hamilton, said: "One of the most popular ways of enjoying our sites, and creating a lasting memento of a great day out, is by taking pictures.

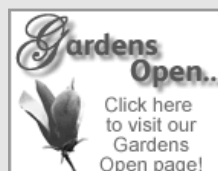
"Each year we see a fabulous variety of photographs taken by visitors – from family snaps to artistic studies.

"As part of the Year of Homecoming we decided it would be a fun to give people the chance to share their pictures with a wider audience by including some of them in our online gallery."

Anyone wishing to submit a picture for possible inclusion is asked to email it to HSmktg@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Historic Scotland asks people not to send hard copies of photographs, or negatives and slides, to avoid the risk of them getting lost.

• Gardens info on our website •



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

Congratulations



Best wishes to **MARK MORAN** and **GRACE MacRAE** for their forthcoming marriage on 19 September 2009 at Peterhead, from Margot and Mike.

Congratulations to Tony and Karen **MORAN** on the birth of their daughter **LUCINDA** (Lucy), born on 19 July 2009. First grandchild of Margot and Michael Moran.

Congratulations to **LUCY FERGUSON**, daughter of Margaret & Paul Ferguson, Perth who has graduated as an Early Care Practitioner from Perth College, and also **LAURA HAY**, daughter of Hazel and James Hay, Linlithgow who has graduated with a diploma in legal practice, both granddaughters of Margaret and the late Robert Meiklem, Kinross. Well done to both of them.

CIARA DOHERTY of Emslie Drive has achieved an MA (Honours) degree in History from Glasgow University. Ciara is a former head girl of Kinross High School.

At the Kinross Show, a long-service medal was awarded to **JOHN WILSON** who has been at Kinneston, Scotlandwell for 53 years.

The following achieved success at Perth Show:

MRS ALICIA HAY, Blairview, Milnathort with the winner in the Novice Working Hunter Ponies section, as well as 1st and 2nd in Best Pony of Show Hunter Type, 4years-old and over.

TRANSY STUD, Devonshaw Estate, Powmill with the winner in the Shetland Ponies section, as well as 1st for Registered Shetland Pony ridden by child under 14 years.

J & G WILSON, Leys Farm, Muckhart with Reserve in the Shetland Ponies section, as well as 1st in Young Handlers 16 years and under: **LISA WILSON**, age 10.

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Thanks



JACQUELINE CRAWFORD: A very big thank you to all the dancers of Lawson's School of Dancing who helped to make the Evening of Dance a great success on 27 June. Can I also thank all the mums who worked behind the scenes on the night and also Rachael Sikora for her assistance with the music. £400 was raised and this has been donated to CHAS. Well done everyone! Anyone interested in taking classes in Ballet, Tap or Highland dancing please contact Jacqueline Crawford on 01577 861501.

HELENA and **ALEX CANT** would like to thank all who supported Trash to Cash in aid of **Equal Futures** and to those who have made donations and offers of support since the TV programme.

Thank you to family and friends for making my 75th birthday party a 'happy one' – **SHEONA BELL**, Churchill Road.

RBS Caledonian Challenge: Carol Vance and team would like to thank the Lomond Country Inn, Buchan's Garage (both Kinnesswood) and all friends and family who sponsored us so generously. We raised a total of £3157 for the Scottish Community Foundation. Your support was very much appreciated.

The local **HELP FOR HEROES** team (George Aitken BEM and David Seabrooke-Spencer) would like to say a very big thank you to all the kind folk who contributed so very generously to the charity on 8 August at our collection point outside Sainsbury's and at our stall at the Kinross Show. Our special thanks go to the show convenors for giving us such a prime site and to Bower Hair Designers, the Complete Look and the Green Hotel who contributed prizes to the raffle. The charity was launched in October 2007 and, with the backing and support of the Royal Family, celebrities, the media and countless ordinary decent people, it has raised over £1m a month since then. Now, thanks to the generosity of the people Kinross-shire, the charity is £1,628.00 better off, the money is needed, it is hugely appreciated and, together, we can make a real difference to the lives of some extraordinary young men and women.

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Kinross Parish Church of Scotland (Charity number SC012555)

Station Road, Kinross

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

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

Services for September (in church unless indicated)

Wed 2 Housegroups restart. (Contact: Margaret Michie)

Sun 6 10.30 Communion Service, 6.30pm Evening Communion Service. Retiral collections for the WEB project

Mon 7 8am: Meditation for 30 minutes.

Fri 11 – Sun 13 Harvest Time Flower Festival. Fri. 2-4, 6-8pm, Sat 10am – 12 noon, 2-4 and 6-8pm, Sun 2-4pm. Donations split between Malawi Sangalala Maize Mill Project and Christian Aid Water Action Ethiopia. Musical Interludes. Refreshments served.

Sat 12 8.30am Prayer Breakfast

Sun 13 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Thu 17 9pm Compline: a short service with readings and responsive prayer

Fri 18 7.30pm Fair trade film night

Sun 20 10.30am Service

Tue 22 8pm Prayer meeting

Sun 27 10.30am Service 'Back to Church Sunday'
6.30am Informal Service 'Back to Church Sunday'

Pram Service: Tuesdays at 10am in church. All pre-schoolers and carers welcome. Children's worship followed by coffee and juice. Contact Evelyn Cairns 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. For the use of the suite of halls, meeting rooms and kitchen at the Church Centre, contact Helena Cant: Tel (01577) 862923 or email helenacant@aol.com. For use of the main auditorium and two meeting rooms at the Church, contact Anne Miller: Tel (01577) 865610.

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

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

Sunday Services 11.15am

Crèche 11.15am

Junior Church 11.15am

September

Sun 6 11.15am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie

Sun 13 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 20 10am Early Birds Family Worship
11.15am Preacher Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sat 26 Old Time Music Hall evening

Sun 27 Guild Dedication Service

Mon 28 7.15pm Guild

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

"Rendezvous Refreshment" coffee Club: Thursday afternoons, 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

September

Sun 6 9.45am Preacher, Reader Brian Ogilvie

Sun 13 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 20 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 27 9.45am "Back to Church Sunday"

Thursday 10 September, 7.30pm "Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Bible" - Speaker: Rev. Colin Sinclair

Monday 21 September "Prayer, Meditation & Massage" - Retreat Day (limited spaces left, please contact minister)

Thursday 24 September, 7.30pm "Hitch-hikers Guide to the Bible" - Speaker: Rev. Colin Sinclair

Friday 25 September 7pm "African Evening for Wimenu" - church hall

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

Jesus said, "I come among you as one who serves."

Church and Children's Sunday Club

Every Sunday at 10.30am

in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

During each service there will be a time for ministry and prayer for healing.

Saturday Night Worship

Last Saturday of each month, 7.30 – 10pm

Millbridge Hall, Kinross (parking available)

Heartfelt praise and worship Prayer for healing

Opportunity for testimony Refreshments

Books and resources Open to all

For further details contact Sarah Corsar 07795313864

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

Rev Dr Robert Pickles Telephone: (01577) 863461

E-mail: robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

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

10.15 - 11.45am last Friday of the month.

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

Tue 1st Culdees College starts

Sun 6th Formal Communion, Portmoak

Sat 12th **Portmoak Sale of Work**Sun 27th **Back to Church Sunday****October**

Sun 4th Formal Communion, Orwell

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir's, Kinross, KY 13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

September Services**Sun 6** Pentecost 14, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 13** Racial Justice Sunday, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Sung Eucharist. Preacher Rev Ian Watt.**Sun 20** Pentecost 16, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Thu 24** 9.30am, Service of Prayers for healing.**Sun 27** Back to Church Sunday,
8.30am, Holy Communion.
11.00am Family Eucharist.

Junior Church and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

Thursday Morning group Bible Study. Everyone welcome.

For further information, please contact Sarah Oxnard, telephone (01577) 864213.

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY 13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Website: www.stjameskinross.co.uk

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

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

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

Obituary**DAVE GOODWIN - A tribute from Kinnesswood in Bloom**

If a life is measured by the way that it has been lived, and the positive impact that it had on others, then Dave Goodwin scored highly.

From the moment of his arrival in Kinnesswood with his wife Carole, Dave saw the splendour of the village and the surrounding area and began working with members of the community to bring out the beauty of the village to the wider world. In choosing to retire here, he was struck by the combination of hills and loch and the wonderful natural scenery.

And so began Dave's long association with *Kinnesswood in Bloom* and his substantial part in mapping out and implementing the significant developments with the other community volunteers.

His professional naval background characterised David in every possible way and he was a man with the energy, organisation and commitment to see a vision through, working with and motivating others.

From his organisation of working parties to his dynamic strimming; or rejuvenating the tired



Dave Goodwin, of Kinnesswood

lettering on the war memorial before doing another little stint in the Michael Bruce cottage garden; or nipping along to cut some grass; or be ready for the watering parties, he made his commitment to the village absolute.

His was a tireless energy that is to be seen throughout the village, taking a generous pride in ownership and participation with community projects and no-one was more thrilled than Dave at the success of the village in all of the local and national competitions.

He is missed by Carole and all of his children and grandchildren.

He is missed for that wry smile and laugh at the garage.

He is missed daily by everyone in the village and everyone who worked with him in all the hard work over the last few years helping to make Kinnesswood a pleasanter place to live.

If there is a celestial garden, we know that he will be involved, but they better be sure they don't miss their turn on the watering rota!

*Kinnesswood in Bloom
Committee and Volunteers*

Acknowledgements

STIRLING – Peter Stirling and Margaret McCartney would like to thank people for all the cards and expressions of sympathy received on the recent death of their father Peter Stirling, formerly of Montgomery Street.

SZAFINSKI – Janina and Gordon Clunie would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and letters on the sad loss of Janina's brother Tony (Szafinski) who passed away on Sunday 12 July 2009. A special thanks to Matilda and John Wood for all their support during this difficult time.

Playgroups & Nurseries

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

Babies and Toddlers (birth – 3yrs)
Tues 9:30am - 11:00am

Playgroup (2yrs onwards)
Mon & Fri 10:00am – 12noon

Contact Carolyn Robertson 01383 831129

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact - Tracey 01577 863468

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

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 9.30 to 11.15 (term time only)

Suitable for children from about 18 months to pre-school. We have lots to offer including playdo, painting, craft, dressing up and a variety of toys. A snack is also provided. This is also a great place for parents and carers to have a coffee and chat whilst their children play. Younger siblings welcome.

The club will restart after the summer holidays on 20th August.

Contact Sophie Irvine on 01577 863288 for further details.

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - Fiona Eastop 01577 864194

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Moubray Hall, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives

Sessions daily 9.15 – 11.45

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



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21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

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aka Swansacre Playgroup

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TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacreplaygroup.org.uk

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

Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.15-11.45am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

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

This is complementary to Nursery.

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

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1pm-3pm

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

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



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contact: Susan Britton 01577 863385 or 07737 461 293

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Village Hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

9.30am to 11.30am during term time

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

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



Notices



GALA DINNER DANCE

in aid of Water Action Ethiopia

Saturday 5 September 2009

Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

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Alisdair Stewart or Margaret Graham

01577 862262

01577 865844



Bishopshire SWRI

At our monthly meeting on **Thursday 10 September** at 7.30pm at Portmoak Hall, we will be having a talk on

Metal Detection by Jim Crombie

All visitors are welcome

Entrance £2, this includes a “jolly good supper”

Kinross Parish Church Flower Festival

Friday 11 – Sunday 13 September

All are warmly invited to our ‘Harvest Time’ Flower Festival at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road.

Free entry but donations welcomed for the Malawi Maize Mill Project and Christian Aid Water Action Ethiopia.

Refreshments served. Opening times:

Friday 2–4pm and 6–8pm

Saturday 10am–12 noon; 2–4pm and 6–8pm

Sunday 2–4pm

More details to follow.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Archaeology Volunteer Opportunity

A short excavation will take place as part of the Roman Gask Project north of Perth between **Monday 31 August** and **Saturday 5 September**, 10am – 6pm. No previous experience is necessary. Email Steven Timoney of Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust on STimoney@pkc.gov.uk if interested.

St Paul's Episcopal Church, Kinross

Sale of Work and Coffee Morning

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Kinross Church Centre, 10 am to 12 Noon

Usual Stalls

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 p 6, visit

www.kleo.org.uk or e-mail bouwien@kleo.org.uk



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FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Scout and Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort



St. Andrew's - First Aid Keeping Scotland Safe

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

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

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

Orwell Bowling Club Social Evening

Saturday 12 September

Bingo at 8pm followed by Dancing along with talented local Husband and Wife team

NEIL and EILEEN MILLER – Neil sings “70’s – Noughties” with Eileen in Lily Allen mode.

NOT TO BE MISSED!

Entry £2 (non-members)

Kinross and District Art Club

ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

Kinross Parish Church

Thursday 24 September 3.30pm to 8pm

Friday 25 September 10.30am to 4pm

Saturday 26 September 10.30 am to 4pm

See also p. 36 for more information

Recycle your waste and help the Friends of Wumenu Community Farm

(Charity No SC037724)

www.friendsofwumenufarm.org.uk

The charity will take: old agricultural tools, bikes, clothes, fabrics, old sewing machines, art materials, duvets, curtains, blankets and bedding, kitchenware, toys, clothes, play equipment, power tools, garden tools household furniture and unwanted electrical goods in any condition. All goods can be collected.

Telephone Graham Holden on 01577 864115.

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

Kinross Scottish Country Dance Classes

begin on

Wednesday 30 September at 7.30 pm
in Milnathort Town Hall
Contact Jennifer Wallace 01577 863855
or just come along.

Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Bible Series

Thursdays 10 & 24 September
at 7.30pm

Fossoway Church, Crook of Devon

Speaker: Rev Colin Sinclair

See Articles p 12 for further details.

Portmoak Parish Church Annual Sale of Work

Saturday 12 September

2pm in Portmoak Hall

All the Usual Stalls and Teas with Home Baking
Please come and support us!

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.

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For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

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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

THE SALIX DEMENTIA TRUST, in Milnathort, is looking for volunteers to help with fundraising for its work with people with dementia. Details of this work, as well as what we are looking for in volunteers, may be obtained by telephoning our office on 01577 863824.

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.

Music in Kinross Parish Church

Saturday 3 October

Maestro Cabaret perform *Getting to Know You!*
Amanda Beveridge, Ian Grieve and Michael Ellacott
Tickets £10

Sunday 18 October

An evening with Bruce Davies, singer/composer
Tickets £5, children free

The Parent Forum of the Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

will be held on

Monday 14 September at 7pm
in Milnathort Primary School

All parents/guardians and permanent carers of pupils at Milnathort Primary School are entitled to, and warmly invited to, attend. Please come along and hear what your Parent Council has done for your child and the school over the past year. More information to follow.....

Meantime if you have any queries, questions or wish to stand as a member for the Parent Council then please contact Sheila Herron 01577 864015 or sheila_herron@tiscali.co.uk. Thank you.

Wee Springers Classes

For children aged 18 months – 5 years.

Mondays and Wednesdays at Loch Leven Leisure Centre.
A fun and stimulating gymnastics based class, developing social, physical and creative skills.

Contact Loch Leven Leisure Centre on 01577 863368
for further information.

Recently bereaved? Needing some support? AMONGST FRIENDS

(Bereavement Group)

meets at the Health Centre, Lathro, Kinross
on the last Friday of the month, 2.30pm to 4pm
A warm welcome awaits all
For details phone
Hazel 01577 863461 or Marg 01577 863557

Healing Rooms Kinross

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

Kinross Floral Art Club

will meet in the
Windlestrae Hotel

Thursday 24 September at 7.15 pm prompt

Demonstrator - Marie Rutherford
Title 'Not Tied'

All Welcome to come and join us for a fun evening

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

Tuesday 22 September between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

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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

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		

Kinross Recycling Centre, Bridgend

Temporary restrictions in place - see p 12 for details

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.

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

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Mobile Library – Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: 9 & 23 September

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



**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



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').

Taxi Driver – David Colliar (part time)

For school and college contracts. Clean driving licence essential. Contact David Colliar, tel 01577 864037, mob 07766996655.

Play Leader – Fossoway Fun Factory (part time)

Five hours per week, term time only. Monday to Friday, 3pm - 6pm. £5350 to £6521 per annum. Dependent on experience and qualifications. Applicants should preferably hold a Lead Practitioner Qualification or have a Practitioner Qualification and be working towards qualification. Job sharers welcome. For further information and an application pack please contact Anne McKay on 01577 840093.

Support Play Worker – Fossoway Fun Factory (part time)

Ten hours per week, term time only. Monday to Friday 4pm - 6pm. £2675 to £3344 per annum. Dependent on experience and qualifications. Job sharers welcome. For further information and an application pack please contact Anne McKay on 01577 840093.

Classified Adverts

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

Items for Sale

Spiral staircase £375.00 ono
Black wrought iron spiral staircase and banister with a 2430mm rise. Please call for more details or email your e-mail address and I will send photo. Purchaser must collect.

Seller details: Craig Smith

Email: jcsmith34@hotmail Tel: 07850 691747

Kinross High School Blazer £20.00 each
Boys blazers, chest sizes 32 & 34. Would suit 1st or 2nd year pupils. Good condition.

Seller details: Fiona Dunning

Email: Fiona.dunning@btconnect.com Tel: 01577 861025

Stompa Pine Bedroom 'Suite' £450.00
Cabin bed with ladder, under-bed cupboard and pull-out desk. Matching two-door sliding wardrobe and tall bookcase with two drawers. All very good condition (cost new £1400).

TP Activity Toys Chesapeake

Wooden Climbing Frame £490.00
Platform with canopy – access ladder – rope ladder – monkey bars – giant wave slide – rock climber – built in sandbox with two corner seats.

Seller details for the above two entries: Susan Walster

Email: suwalster@talktalknet Tel: 01577 862096

Futon £40.00

Ikea double bed size futon with mattress and cover.

Seller details: Morag Wellman

Email: morag.wellman@btinternet.com Tel: 01592 840387

Table tennis table £80.00
Butterfly, indoor/outdoor. Playback facility, fold up and wheel-away system. Very good condition.

Seller details: Morag Wellman

Email: morag.wellman@btinternet.com Tel: 01592 840387

Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
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