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Letters

Editorial

A Happy New Year to all our readers, and thanks to our regular contributors who sent their good wishes to the Newsletter Team for the new year.

We hope everyone has been coping with the snow and ice, and that the thaw happens gradually so that flooding doesn't become a problem. It looks as if the frost may have caused considerable damage to the tarmac of our roads and pavements.

Thanks very much to those who sent us some photographs of the remarkable weather. We hope you enjoy our feature on pages 6 and 7.

Remember, if you have interesting or attractive photos of Kinross-shire, Pauline at the kinross.cc website would love to have copies for the website photolibrary.

Have you made a new year resolution to give your little grey cells more of a workout? If so, you might like to have a go at our crossword, making a return after a long absence.

If your new year resolution is to give something back to the community, why not think about standing for Kinross Community Council? Election time is coming up again and there is a Nomination Form on page 19.

Letters Policy

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Balado's Flying Birds

07.01.10

Further to a letter printed in your December 09 issue from Ken Miles of Turfhill House, decrying the Balado microlights as a "nuisance", this is certainly a term I would very much like to take issue with.

I was lucky enough to be given a flight in one of these wonderful planes as a gift. It was absolutely breathtaking to get a bird's eye view of this lovely county which we live in. The loch was like a giant mirror reflecting the trees and surrounding hills. Kinross House with its well manicured gardens looked amazing as did the patchwork of fields and woods. My pilot, who was a policeman from only a few miles away, was keen to highlight the various points of interest we could see, the Forth Bridges, Stirling Castle etc, etc, it was so exciting. But the highlight of the flight was when some geese flew close by, the little engine was switched off and we glided along beside them, with them hardly giving us a second glance, this was just magic.

From my own experience, I have found the centre very welcoming and a superb addition to the diverse range of activities available in Kinross-shire that will help bring visitors to the area. Mr Miles raises points regarding the noise pollution of a few "flying chainsaws", I would say their noise is more akin to lawnmowers, so if he is going to use this as an argument, then perhaps we should all be banned from cutting our grass too. The Kinross CC's notes state that one member of the public who supported Mr Miles's point added that these were a distraction to passing vehicles, so perhaps using that logic we should also close down Edinburgh Airport?

I personally know scores of local people who love these wondrous sights in our skies, some actually come out into their gardens to wave to the pilots. Like Mr Miles, I too have a lovely garden that I love to sit in on summer days. It is all the nicer to watch these giant birds soaring overhead. Congratulations to Kinross CC for acting on behalf of the wider community and not just the vocal few.

Norma Crawford
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Looking for my Grandmother

30.12.09

I would love to find any family members of my maternal grandmother. Her name was Jessie Morrison and in 1901 she was a domestic servant working for the Rev A J Millar at the United Free Manse, Perth Road, Milnathort. Also there lived at the house in Perth Road with the Rev his mother Agnes, his wife Margaret and four children: George, Janet, Agnes and Margaret.

Jessie's mother was called Jessie and Jessie junior was born in 1884. Her father Arthur was a baker. She had brothers and sisters Arthur, Maggie, Mary, George and Jemima and I have the address Millbank, 12 Stirling Road, Milnathort.

In 1910 Jessie gave birth to my mother at 2 Grey Street, Newmilns, Ayr. Jessie called her baby (my mother) Elizabeth Millar Morrison. The Millar was after the Rev.

Why? Was he just a very nice kind man to a young woman in trouble or was there more to it? My mother, who was known as Lily, was brought up in Kilmarnock, Ayr, by a family called Peter and Alice Burns and never met her mother again as far as we know. My mother died in 1995. I would love to know more about my Scottish roots. My mother came down to London after Peter and Alice died and she found out they were not her natural parents.

I hope you can help.

Gillian Smith

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A plea to dog owners

Jan 2010

I know the snow has caused many difficulties for those struggling to get to work or just trying to get some shopping in – but Milnathort and Kinross were postcard perfect as they lay blanketed in snow. Children – large and small! – were out with the sledges and early morning walkers were treated to sparkling hillsides with the occasional deer crossing the fields. It's been lovely. But a plea from one happy dog walker to others: pure drifts of snow look rather less lovely when they're bespattered with dog pooh. It's not exactly difficult to see! And it's not such a big deal to pick up and clear up; the bags are free at the local post office, so there's no cost, only the effort of bending down to pick it up. Most of us pick up, it's just a few who don't. But please – let's not spoil it for the rest.

Katharyn Plevan

South Street, Milnathort

Premier Private Hire, A Change in Service

Jan 2010

From 1 January 2010 we will no longer be offering a local 'Taxi Service', except on Saturdays, when Dave will still work as before and we will continue to provide contract cars for Perth & Kinross Council and our Corporate Clients. The main reason for this change in our service is so that we can spend more time with our children who are now 4 and 2 and like to do things in the evenings and at the weekends with both their Mum & Dad, not just Mum.

We would both like to thank everyone who has supported our 'Taxi' business over the past 2½ years. We have met and befriended many interesting people and if the kids let us off on a Saturday night, we would love to meet up for a meal and a drink. Do you know a good taxi company to get us home? Sarah & I will continue working together running our cleaning company, The CIA, which is continuing to 'buck the trend' in the recession.

Once again thanks for your support and we hope to see you soon. Best wishes for 2010.

Sarah & Richard Scott, Premier Private Hire,
Warroch Cottage, Dalqueich, Kinross, KY13 0RG

Maryburgh Memories

9.01.10

I am collecting reminiscences from people who can remember Maryburgh before 1965 and particularly before World War II. I would also like to hear of anyone who was married in the Tabernacle Hall. I know a handful of ex-Blairadam residents now live in Kinross.

Any photographs would also be very welcome, could be copied and returned.

Mrs Mary Smith

Silver End Cottage, Maryburgh,
Blairadam, by Kelty, KY4 0JE

A smile costs nothing

23.12.09

Having lived in Milnathort for 25 years, I find it the most unfriendly place I know of

With many problems I can still manage to smile at people but made to feel I am committing a sin. What is the saying – laugh and the world laughs with you etc.

I am a widow and in poor health but still find something to smile about and always will. God created the beautiful scenery, the hills, fields etc; come on you damned straight faced beings – a smile costs nought (nothing).

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News & Articles

A Winter Wonderland? The big freeze grips Kinross-shire!

Winter 2009 - 2010

Whatever your views on the snow, there has been no escaping it for the past few weeks. It may look lovely lying on the hills on Christmas Day when you're snug inside with nowhere to go, but it's a different story when you have to get back to work or battle your way to school. It has been many years since conditions were this extreme, and it may be many years until they are again. With this in mind, we've put together a collection of photos showing snowy Kinross-shire, to look back on fondly (or not!) when that far off summer finally arrives!



Strolling to Loch Leven Castle across the frozen loch Photo: Hazel Saunderson



Loch Leven from Pittendreich Photo: David and Julie McIntosh

A short verse by Sidney Goodsir Smith

The following verse is inscribed on a stone plaque which I purchased in a sale-room last year and seems as appropriate to this winter's snow and ice as it was when the verse was written by Sidney Goodsir Smith.

Loch Leven

Tell me was a glorie ever seen
As the morn I left ma lass
'Fore licht in the toun o' snaw
And saw the dawn
O' burnan crammassie
Turn the grey ice
O' Mary's Loch Leven
Tae sheenan bress
And kent the glorie and the gleen
Was but the waukening o' her een?

The word crammassie means 'crimson'.

Graham Paton

Snow-bound
Kinross:
Green Wood
on
Christmas Eve



Whilst everyone else was sledging and building snowmen, local boy Cameron McCloskey built a 2 metre tall igloo in the back garden of his Lathro Park home over a period of days just before Christmas.

In the initial stages of construction he was ably assisted by his sister Kirsty and next door neighbour Michael Drysdale (both 10). Long after they had disappeared sledging Cameron showed particular tenacity and not a little building skill to complete a very impressive igloo which still stands as of the second week in January. No adult help was given or asked for at any stage. The igloo has played host to numerous picnics, candle parties and general snow fun over the last few weeks.

The children hope that the cold snap continues for quite some time yet so that they can continue to enjoy their cold garden home.



Cameron McCloskey in his igloo!

If you have photos of this spectacular winter, the folks at the photolibrary on www.kinross.cc would love to have copies.



No substitute for the much hoped for Grand Match, but some outdoor curling took place in Kinross on 9 & 10 January



Portmoak Moss in the snow



Dog walkers and skiers put the frozen loch to good use!



Photos: Hazel Sanderson

Update on community engagement

In December Perth & Kinross Council issued an update on the community engagement exercise which took place in August and September 2009. The update said:

The purpose of the exercise was to work with the local community to identify issues of importance to them. A particular focus was given to identifying the opportunities which have arisen from the Council's investment in the new Loch Leven Community Campus where state of the art classrooms combined with the latest sports and cultural facilities provide first class education, sports and leisure services. The commitment of the community to the new campus was symbolised by the 5,000+ people who came through its doors during the opening weekend between Friday 20 and Sunday 22 November.

In addition to issues relating to the campus, discussions also took place with the community relating to planning/heritage and the local townscape, and social enterprise.

Following a period of community engagement over the summer in Kinross, including several focus groups, the exercise culminated in a World Café event in September open to the whole community. The Council confirmed that the comments coming from this process have been invaluable in helping to inform the future planning and delivery of services within the area.

Progress has already been made on a range of issues identified:

1. A funding event took place on 30 November for the community which took into consideration the work of the local community groups;
2. A new community worker has now been in post since the end of September 2009 and has been contacting and meeting with community groups throughout the area;
3. Consultation and collaboration between the Council and the Kinross Partnership is continuing on improvements to business facades and public spaces, and the redevelopment of the Town Hall;
4. Meetings have been held with the CC and the Kinross Partnership on the Conservation Area and associated design issues. The draft Appraisal of Conservation Area is completed and awaiting approval from Council and Scottish Ministers;
5. Exploration of options for extending schemes to allow improved access to toilet facilities for the public at Kirkgate Park;
6. Simplification of the traffic management arrangements and increased public safety around the recycling centre;
7. Signage to be erected to advertise public parking provision in the former Kinross High School grounds.

Council Leader Councillor Ian Miller said: "I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Council to thank everyone who has been involved and continues to be involved in the discussions as part of the community engagement in the Kinross-shire area. This process provides a better and more informed engagement between the Council and local people. Some of the issues raised will require longer-term planning and detailed consideration, particularly in light of the current financial climate. However, I am pleased that a range of work is already being progressed in the local area. We will keep the community fully informed as this moves on into the New Year and beyond."

Harry in the media

A young Kinross drama student, Harry Sangha, aged 10, has been selected to star in an advert destined for the Middle East - but he will be filmed on a windy beach in Fifé!

Harry, who attends the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy in Kinross, was among 18 boys whose profiles were submitted to an advertising agency, MidasMedia, looking for a boy willing to take direction, with good facial expressions, and expressive body language.

Harry was delighted to be chosen, and filming of the advert, on behalf of an energy company, will take place in January. "I have been attending Drama classes since I was 5," Harry said, "but it was for fun. Perhaps I will be an actor after all!"



Harry Sangha

Something for the girls

Volunteers and players needed to start up a Netball club
Active School coordinators for Kinross High School and cluster primaries, Helen Davidson and Cath Devanny, are looking to set up a netball club for girls at Loch Leven Community Campus:

"Once children leave primary school netball stops so we are keen to keep the interest in netball going. It is well evidenced that girls moving from P7-S1 and thereafter drop out of sports and physical activity. We think if we can continue netball past primary school and into secondary school then we will keep girls active and healthy. We are also keen to help support an adult section too, so that girls leaving school can continue to be active through netball.

"We would like to invite any parents or friends of the family who have played netball or are interested in netball to help us start up this club and provide an opportunity for girls and women to enjoy physical activity through netball. Also if your daughter is interested in attending the netball club please contact me."

For more information please contact Cath Devanny, Active Schools Coordinator for Kinross High Cluster on 07824529785 or CDevanny@pkc.gov.uk.

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Loch Leven Heritage Trail Scooters

At the start of April, KP established a new mobility scooter service from Loch Leven's Larder. Two scooters were stationed at the Larder and made available free of charge to those whose mobility is impaired in one way or another. The service was not heavily advertised but utilisation grew steadily over the summer and we were encouraged by an enthusiastic response and favourable comment. It is planned to extend the service and make it more widely known in the Spring.

We are very appreciative of the support we have enjoyed in making this happen. The scheme was organised by locals Lindsay Cant and Susan Bathgate. Scooters were supplied at significant discount by Fairprice Mobility (Scotland) and maintained by volunteers from Perth Shopmobility. Two further scooters were kindly donated by a casual visitor to the Larder.

Our sincere thanks are due to all those who helped make this possible – particularly the owners/managers and staff at Loch Leven's Larder.



Mobility scooters which may be hired free from Loch Leven's Larder

Potential for boat trips on the Loch Leven

Research was carried out by the Partnership to look at the issues around establishing a seasonal boat service on the loch. This would link in the existing Historic Scotland Castle Island service with two new stops at Loch Leven's Larder and Vane Farm. Meetings were set up with all the stakeholders and the outcome, at this point in time, is that the objections from Scottish Natural Heritage regarding the disturbance to wildlife have meant this project is on the 'back burner' for now.

Town Hall

Following preliminary liaison with the conservation and regeneration manager at Perth & Kinross Council, KP has been vigorously exploring possible options for regeneration of the town hall buildings and the surrounding public space. We are working in collaboration with a building preservation trust and a firm of architects. The professional team we are talking to has successfully undertaken a number of similar projects around Scotland – notably the award winning restoration of the former Lochgelly Miner's Institute.

A feasibility study is being commissioned to examine ideas for a sustainable mix of social, cultural, educational, tourist recreational and commercial uses. The cost of the feasibility study will be funded by KP with assistance from local and national supporters. The study will examine practical options and will report ahead of the closing date for offers in March. A key element of the study will be to identify which envisaged end uses are realistic, achievable, financially viable in the long term and capable of being funded.

Street Football

Just as a reminder, this facility is still available for local groups. If you are interested please contact Claire McCance or Rhona Thom at PKC Youth Services, Loch Leven Community Campus. Telephone – 01577 867107.

Community Campus Big Weekend

The Partnership, along with many other local groups took a stand at the Campus Big weekend. It was good to see such a great turnout for the event.

Kinross-shire Partnership AGM

The next AGM is on **Tuesday 16 March** at 7.00pm in the Green Hotel.

If you have any comments or wish to get in touch with the Partnership please contact us at admin@kinrosspartnership.org.uk

Alisdair A. Stewart, Chairman, Kinross-shire Partnership
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Big Weekend – big turnout

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The weekend was not without a bit of drama. Dozens of community groups, charities and craftspeople had just put the finishing touches to their stalls for the start of the community fair when a fire alarm sounded and the building had to be evacuated for half an hour or so while the fire service investigated. The cause turned out to be a helium balloon rising to the ceiling, tripping the alarm. Despite that, the day was a great success and was rounded off in the evening by an enjoyable ceilidh in the assembly hall.

Unfortunately the new public library was not open in time for The Big Weekend due to a delay in furniture supply, but library staff put on interesting displays from the archives and activities for children.

Other events over the weekend included drama workshops, live music and sports tasters.

The school was delighted with the response from the community.



Recently appointed community capacity building officer, Tracey Ramsay, found The Big Weekend useful for making contact with community groups



Angus Montford tries quill writing, one of the library activities at The Big Weekend

Local MP welcomes Binn Farm review

In response to news from SITA UK that the company is reviewing details of their waste from energy plant to consider the possibility of gasification, Gordon Banks MP for Ochil and South Perthshire said:

“This is very welcome news and I look forward to more details emerging in the near future.

“This decision is recognition of not only community concerns about original proposals but acknowledging that technology is ever evolving and that aims and objectives can be secured in more than one way.

“The reduction in waste product from gasification is much reduced over standard energy from waste burning and this is recognised by environmental campaigners such as Dr David Bellamy who recently advocated the benefits of gasification plants when he said they ‘solve the problems of waste without polluting air and water or threatening the heritage of sustainable fisheries and tourism.’”

Legg review – no issues of concern over Gordon Banks’ expenses

Following the review into MPs’ expenses carried out by Sir Thomas Legg, Gordon Banks MP for Ochil and South Perthshire has received a letter informing him that as a result of the investigation there are no issues of concern, nor is he being asked to repay any monies.

Speaking upon receiving the letter Mr Banks said:

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nutznboltz DVD showing

The “nutznboltz” teams who took part in the 2009 Mongol Rally to raise money for charity will be showing a DVD of pictures of their adventure on **Saturday 20 February** in the Rugby Clubhouse at KGV.

Chris Carragher, one of the ralliers, said:

“As you know, the lads are all back in the country now. The rally DVD has finally been completed and we have great pleasure in advising that we will be showing the hour long DVD on Saturday 20 February starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along, have a laugh, have a few drinks and see what life was really like on the rally! We look forward to catching up with you!”

The lads got together briefly in November for the first time since the rally to organise their charitable donations. The picture shows (back row) Duncan Wood, Ian Harley, Mark Harvey and (front row) Cameron Crawford, Chris Carragher and Liam Carragher with donations of £8,609 to CHAS; £1,000 to Mercy Corps and £1,000 to the Christina Noble Children's Foundation.



The “nutznboltz” boys with their donations

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History at your fingertips

Keith Brown, SNP MSP for Ochil, has written to schools and local history groups in the constituency of Ochil to bring to their attention the new online resource – Scotland's History Online.

The website, www.ltscotland.org.uk/scotlandshistory/ covers a range of subjects, from prehistoric through to 21st Century Scotland.

The website is aimed to be a resource for pupils and teachers and help inform all Scots – at home and abroad – about Scotland's history. It has over 200 topics that include links to over 1,000 other online sources and a wide range of interactive supporting materials.



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Assistance From The Public

We would urge members of the public to inform us of all incidents when they happen. Very often people are reluctant to "get involved" because of preconceived ideas that they will be targeted and anticipate reprisals. However this very rarely, if ever, happens and is viewed very seriously by the courts if it does. In any case, although it is more help to the police for witnesses to give their details, an anonymous call to report a crime being committed or to report suspicious behaviour or noises is better than no call at all. When deciding whether to call the police to report incidents such as those described above, we would ask members of the public to consider how they would feel if they were the victim, and that somebody who had been in a position to help them did nothing.

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes have been running successfully for many years throughout Tayside and other areas of Scotland. Within the Kinross area the scheme is well supported but as with everything else the scheme is only as good as the people supporting it.

Due to the huge support from members of the community in the various areas there is now an organised body responsible for all Scottish Neighbourhood Schemes. In an effort to keep our schemes up to date and our members well informed, it is important to ensure that notification of any changes in co-ordinators or members be provided as soon as possible to this body.

The contact for all schemes is now: Angela Edgar, Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watch, telephone Number 01786 450145.

Please continue to support neighbourhood watch and update the association with any changes or if you have been unaware of the association and have not already contacted them please update them that your own scheme is in existence and who your members are.

Nominated Neighbour Scheme

Tayside Police and its Community Safety partners in Perth and Kinross run a scheme to assist efforts in preventing bogus caller crime. The Nominated Neighbour initiative provides residents with added reassurance and help older

people and vulnerable members of our community to feel safer in their own homes. Funded by the Community Safety Partnership, the scheme will be coordinated by Tayside Police in Perth. It is an initiative that has already proved successful in a number of other police areas throughout the UK.

Through the scheme, residents are provided with an A4-size card that they can hold up to a window or show through the gap in the door when a cold caller arrives at their door. The card states: 'I do not recognise you! Please go to number XX who is my nominated neighbour. They will check your identity and return with you.' The caller can then go to the Nominated Neighbour, who checks their identity and if they are genuine return to the resident's home. They will stay with the caller throughout the duration of their visit.

The aim of the scheme is to give householders, in particular the elderly and more vulnerable, the opportunity to deal with unwanted callers without having to take decisions on their own, or even having to enter into direct conversation with them. The Nominated Neighbour is chosen freely by the householder and should always be readily available. We are confident that this will greatly reduce the chances of the householder entering into any contract, having unnecessary or overpriced work carried out, or giving out cash unnecessarily.

Furthermore, it is anticipated that this reinforced approach will scare away the bogus callers and criminals who will not want to stick around and be identified by more than one person. At the heart of the scheme is the ethos of being a good neighbour. Any genuine caller will follow the instructions given on the card and contact the Nominated Neighbour. Unscrupulous callers will be deterred.

For more information on the Nominated Neighbour Scheme please contact Jenny Squire, Community Engagement Administrator, Divisional HQ, Perth, on (01738) 892642 or Donald Campbell, Crime Prevention Officer, on (01738) 892937, or your local Community Crime Officers listed below on 0300 111 2222.

CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone Number 0800 555 111

This telephone number is a free phone number, unless you are using a mobile phone, which any member of the public can contact at any time, if they have information relating to criminal activity of any sort. It is, if you wish, confidential and you cannot be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous. Community Crime Officers (details shown below) can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 0300 111 2222.

Constable Ishbel Wallace – Kinross.

Constable Brian Easton - Milnathort, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell.

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

Kinross Community Council - Notice of Election

1. Notice is hereby given that the Election of membership to Kinross Community Council, consisting of ELEVEN members, falls to take place on **THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2010**.
2. Nomination forms, duly completed and signed in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, must be lodged with Margaret Scott, 21 Ross Street, Kinross, KY13 8EF, on any day after the publication of this Notice but no later than **WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2010**.
3. A Form of Nomination is printed below. Spare forms of nomination may be obtained from Margaret Scott, 21 Ross Street, Kinross, KY13 8EF (Telephone: 01577 862945) or downloaded from the www.kinross.cc website.

KINROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FORM OF NOMINATION

The undemoted candidate is hereby proposed and seconded for the election to Kinross Community Council.
Signature by the candidate is confirmation that the candidate accepts the nomination.

	FULL NAME (BLOCK CAPS)	ADDRESS (BLOCK CAPS)	SIGNATURE
CANDIDATE			
PROPOSER			
SECONDER			

NOTES:

- (i) **Candidates** for election must appear or be eligible to appear on the Electoral Register for the **Kinross Community Council** area. A Candidate's **Proposer** and **Secunder** must appear on the Electoral Roll for the same area. For precise provisions applicable, reference should be made to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.
- (ii) Candidates are also invited to submit a **Personal Statement** with the nomination form. In the event that there are more than eleven valid nominations, a candidate's personal statement will be published along with his or her name and address in the April Newsletter. Personal statements should be limited to 80 words (in addition to name and address). Any statements received which are longer than 80 words may be truncated. Any candidate who does not submit a Personal Statement will simply have their name and address printed.
- (iii) Please ensure that Names and Addresses of the Candidate, Proposer and Secunder are shown clearly.

COMPLETED FORMS, and Personal Statements if being submitted, should be lodged with Margaret Scott, 21 Ross Street, Kinross, KY13 8EF **no later than WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2010**.

Copies of the Scheme and further information may be obtained on application to the Community Council Liaison Officer, Perth and Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth. (Telephone: 01738 475000)

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 December Meeting

CCllr D Cuthbert (Chair) welcomed CCllrs L Mackay, J Richardson, D Colliar, C Watson, D Mackay, B Davies, S Bathgate and M Scott to the meeting held on Wednesday 2 December 2009. Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs K Baird and W Robertson, PC Child and five members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr M Blyth.

Police Report: PC Child had nothing to report. It was mentioned that the traffic flow at the new campus is better than anticipated. The Police continue to monitor this in the morning.

Matters Arising from previous minutes

Grass Cutting/Cemetery: Cllr Baird reported that maintenance is ongoing; however, due to the time of year, no cutting would be carried out.

Gellybank (planning application): CCllr Colliar advised that this application is still recorded as "pending decision" on the council website.

Memorial Seat: CCllr Colliar reported that the seat at the County Buildings is in a state of disrepair and consideration should be given to either repair or replacement. This matter would be postponed until the Spring.

Planning Applications Received

09/01929/FLL Land at Kellieside: Change of house types on Plot 2 and 7.

09/01992/LBC 8 School Wynd: Alt/extension. Listed Building application.

09/01936/FLL 44 Gallowhill Road: Conservatory.

09/01869/FLL Tillyochie Farm, Balado: Alt/extension.

None of the above applications were objected to.

09/01959/FLL Land 120 metres north of Green Hotel: Erection of 47 retirement flats. CCllr Watson indicated an interest in this application and withdrew from the discussion. It was noted that a number of mature trees are to be removed to form a car park. A new entrance is to be constructed directly on to the Muirs. No objections were raised, however it was agreed that we write to the council requesting that as many mature trees as possible be retained in relation to this application. A copy of a letter forwarded to the council by a neighbour was received. This person referred to the procedures for notifying neighbours and the public of the proposed application and the procedures to be followed and outlined the discrepancies therein. The CC had applied for an "extension" in relation to this application, however we were advised that the "expiry date" was 11 December.

Planning Applications Determined

09/01082/IPL Curling Academy: Approved.

09/01670/FLL Sands Supermarket, Alt to shop: Approved.

09/01126/FLL Land east of Balfree Farm, Hatchbank Road, Plot 2 change of house type: Approved.

09/00841/FLL Former Hay Shed Hatchbank Farm Installation of a Bio-Disc Treatment Plan: Approved.

09/00925/FLL 126 High Street, Alt and conversion of garage to form 4 guest bedrooms: Approved.

Golf Ball: The CC received a response from the council advising that "any specific policy for a site would have to

follow a separate process and it would not be appropriate for this application to be delayed pending such a consideration. However, they will ensure that the case officer discusses this aspect with the policy team."

Reports from P&K Councillors

Lethangie Road: Cllr Robertson advised that the drainage problems in this area have now been cleared up. CCllr Colliar asked if the roadside could also be tidied up. Cllr Robertson advised that it was difficult at this time of year, but this matter will be addressed in the Spring. Problems were experienced in various areas in the town with drainage and Scottish Water cleared them as they arose.

Heritage Trail: A business study has been carried out. The trail receives, on average, 400 visitors a day.

Campus: Cllr Baird reported on the very successful community event held at the new campus over the weekend 20-22 November.



Discussing local issues at the community fair at the new campus

Old High School: CCllr Richardson mentioned that shutters have been pulled off at the High School. CCllr Colliar stated that the High School has been closed and boarded up as surplus to requirements. However, he understood that meetings continue to be held in one of the old Perth schools. Cllr Baird answered that this is to hold music lessons, the new premises not having this type of facility.

Swansacre: It was reported that the Swansacre building is now in the hands of the Housing Association and the next step will be to lodge a planning application.

Town Hall: A representative from Kinross Partnership was present and reported that the Partnership are working with John McCrone and the Conservation/Regeneration Team and plan to undertake a feasibility study for the centre of town which will include the Town Hall. It was noted that the CC supports this and it was agreed that we would offer assistance if requested.

Perth 800: Cllr Robertson advised that the Lord Provost was keen to include communities in this event. It was agreed that we should write to the Lord Provost stating that as a community we would like to be involved in the Perth 800 celebrations. It was further agreed that we should write to Dr David Munro asking if he could suggest something Kinross could celebrate.

Correspondence

A977 mitigation measures: Copy letter from P&KC to Fossoway & District CC advising that this matter is to be discussed with elected members for Kinross-shire ward. Cllr Baird advised that she understood KCC were to be invited to a meeting shortly.

Perth & Kinross Local Development Plan: Copy of Council's Development Plan Scheme. Date of publication of the Main Issues Report moved from April to September 2010. Further information on council website.

The CC also received correspondence from Montagu Evans acting on behalf of a client who owns land at Turfhill, Mawmill, Hatchbank and Balado. They submitted details to P&KC of land within their client's ownership in relation to the preparation of the Main Issues Report of the Perth Local Development Plan and a copy was enclosed for the CC's attention. Their client would like to meet with the CC to discuss the future development of the town. It was agreed that we offer an invitation to our February meeting.

CC annual insurance renewal: Papers received from Council for period to 30 September 2010.

CC Data Protection: Notification from P&KC of renewal due by 23 December. The council will attend to this and pay the fee of £35.00.

BT Scheme for adoption of red telephone boxes and removal of payphone services: This does not relate to our area, however refers to Cambo, Cleish and Rumbling Bridge. Communities can adopt the kiosk for £1.

Guide to Recycling in P & K: Update received from the council on ongoing waste and recycling initiatives in Perth & Kinross. Awareness talks available to local groups. Contact the Waste Awareness Co-ordinator.

Good Practice Guidance: Amendments made to paper in relation to planning and interim vacancies/elections. Information available on the Scottish Government website.

CC Election: Council notification of election to be held in April 2010. A sub-committee was formed to discuss this: CCllrs Colliar, Cuthbert, Richardson and L Mackay. It was noted that nomination forms should be made available in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Other Business

Light Up Kinross: CCllr Colliar thanked the public for attending the switch on of the Christmas Lights on such a wet night. It was agreed that the CC would write to the Light Up Kinross Committee conveying their thanks for their efforts in this matter.

Newsletter: CCllr Watson asked if a meeting could be arranged shortly with the sub-committee and Newsletter staff. This is to be arranged.

High Street: CCllr Bathgate reported that she had received a complaint from a second resident in relation to traffic speeding on the High Street. Mention was also made to the narrow pavements in certain areas. It was commented that the Police are monitoring this situation. It was agreed that we should raise this matter with the Police.

Path between Lathro and the Health Centre: CCllr Bathgate reported that the path between Lathro and the Health Centre was very susceptible to flooding. Cllr Robertson advised that the council was going to take action on this matter and that the most likely thing was the raising of the path above flood levels.

St Andrew's Day Parade: It was agreed that we should write to the council thanking them for bringing this event down to Kinross.

Engagement process: A representative from Kinross Partnership advised on the meeting held with Alan Taylor in Perth following on the World Café. Unfortunately, due to holiday and work commitments the CC were unable to attend.

Microlight aircraft: A member of the public provided the CC with a copy of an email that he had received from the Council Planning Enforcement Officer confirming the statements made by him at the last meeting. He reiterated that he felt that any complaints in relation to aircraft should be directed at the Civil Aviation Authority, the body responsible for pilot misdemeanours etc. He asked that CCllr Jack either submit his complaint to them or retract it in relation to the allegation that a microlight performed a loop at an altitude of 100ft. CCllr Cuthbert advised that he would communicate this to CCllr Jack who was not present.

CCllrs' "interest": CCllr Watson stated that a CCllr might have an interest in a matter that is not financial. It was questioned whether a CCllr who lodges an objection can address this matter or whether they should withdraw from further proceedings, there being a potential conflict of interest as the CC acts on behalf of the community and provides a collective view, not a personal opinion. It was agreed that this was a matter to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

News from the January Meeting

CCllr David Colliar welcomed CCllrs Ian Jack, Joe Richardson, Barry Davies and Margaret Scott to the meeting held on 6 January 2010. Also present were P&K Cllr W Robertson and two representatives of the Police. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the meeting was chaired by CCllr Colliar. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs D Cuthbert, S Bathgate, D Mackay, L Mackay, M Blyth and C Watson and P&K Cllr Baird.

Police Report: PC Euan Mitchell introduced himself as Community Crime Officer based in Kinross and Constable Ian Thomson as Community Liaison Officer based in Perth. There was little to report this month apart from a theft of a bike from a house in Springfield Park and vandalism to a shop window in the High Street. They have a suspect for this latter crime. Again, should any member of the public witness anything suspicious please contact the Police.

Lathro (path): Following on the last meeting, CCllr Bathgate forwarded photographs to Cllr Robertson who has passed these to the Council.

Funding request: Kinross-shire Partnership has placed a request for funding from the Newsletter towards a feasibility study on the Town Hall. The plan would be to submit an offer to the Council to purchase the Hall and, if successful, the premises would be upgraded offering a mix of both commercial and community accommodation. The property would be acquired under a Community Trust and the facilities offered would have to generate income as well as being part community. This was discussed at the last meeting of the Newsletter Sub-Committee and following further discussion the general consensus was to contribute £2,000 towards this. This will be dependent on the finances available and the three requests received last year will also be given consideration at the next meeting.

Gritting and snow clearing: A complaint was received from David Sands advising that vehicles were unable to access the Bridgend Industrial Estate. Cllr Robertson explained that the council has a systematic programme for clearing roads based on their usage and importance. Information can be found on the council website. Cllr Baird advised by email that grit

boxes are to be filled. Cllr Robertson is to ask P&KC to add this road to the priority list. The CC will also write to the council with this request and ask for a copy of the list of categories.

Campus: CCllr Colliar advised that although the roads have been cleared along the front of the school, there are walls of snow in the area where the children are dropped off by the buses. The only access/exit is at the library, the pathways to the other entrances and emergency exits being blocked off by tape and covered by snow. The gutters have been weighed down by snow and are in danger of falling off the building and injuring someone. Cllr Robertson will enquire into this. CCllr Richardson added that the steel gates were locked between the car park and offices recently. MITIE were asked to open these but refused.

Planning

There were no planning applications in our area this month, however CCllr Colliar reported on an application for four wind turbines at Ledlation Farm. He had received adverse comments from members of the public on this proposal. There is no policy on the council website but it was believed that there were to be only two sites for wind farms in the Ochil Hills. The current application is for four 15kw turbines which will be visible from both Milnathort and Kinross and the surrounding area. The existing road is to be used to transport materials. Although not in our jurisdiction this will have an impact on the town. It was agreed that we write a letter of objection to the council on the grounds of visibility and destruction of the landscape and views.

Planning Applications Approved by P&KC: 09/01209/FLL 6 Broom Road: Erection of replacement dwellinghouse. 09/01723/FLL Easter Cockairney Farm: Alt/Extension. 09/01763/FLL 25-27 Montgomery Street: Alt and extension. 09/01887/ADV Sainsbury's Supermarket: Display of signs. 09/01797/FLL Burnbridge House, Gairneybank: Conservatory. 09/01936/FLL 44 Gallowhill Road: Conservatory.

Planning Applications Withdrawn: 09/02066/PN Rushfield Farm: Extension to building. 09/01384/FLL Gairneybridge caravan site: 32 static units. 09/01790/FLL Land to east of Balfree Farm, Hatchbank: Erection of a dwellinghouse (change of house type - Plot 4).

Planning correspondence: 47 Retirement flats at Green Hotel: A copy of a letter from P&KC to Mrs Allan was received. This was in relation to procedural points concerning the process of this application, i.e. neighbour notification etc.

Report from Councillors

A977: Cllr Robertson reported on a recent meeting with officers from the Roads Department and members of Fossoway CC in relation to the mitigation proposals for the A977. Traffic warning lights (flashing lights) were one option raised and various sites and costings would be looked at. Another suggestion was a path down the south side of the A977 from Turfhill to Balado. A speed limit on the road from Dobbies Garden Centre to slow down traffic approaching the roundabout was also mentioned.

The CC grant has been increased and an additional £100 is to be received to cover hall lets. It was agreed that we should enquire into the costs of the hire at the Masonic Hall (this is currently paid direct by P&KC).

Refuse collection: Cllr Baird in her email mentioned that there is to be a media release requesting householders to put out only the green lidded bin meantime until the backlog is

cleared.

Correspondence

P&KC Draft Interim **Local Housing Strategy Consultation** 2009-2012. Comments to be submitted by Friday 22 January.

Waste Management Plan: Public consultation. Information on council website.

Tayplan Consultation: Strategic Development Plan and Main Issues Report. Consultation to take place in May/June over a period of six weeks. Consultation will be via an online questionnaire.

The Secretary advised that various emails were received from CCs who were concerned over the number of consultations they are being asked to participate in.

Good Practice Guidance for Local Authorities: Report by Gillian Taylor presented at Council Meeting on 16 December. Available from council website. If approved, the council will be consulting with CCs early in the new year.

Craigmillier CC: Email received enquiring as to our experience in dealing with the ASCC.

Data Protection Act 1988: Confirmation of entry in the register.

Other Business

Planning Applications: CCllr Jack advised that the date comments/objections are to be received by is not recorded in the Perthshire Advertiser. Cllr Robertson will bring this to the attention of the council and ask that they include this in the notices.

World Café: CCllr Davies enquired as to when it would be possible to view the council report following the World Café. Cllr Robertson advised that this was planned to be raised at the December meeting but has been delayed. The next council meeting is in February. It was agreed that we write to the council asking when this Report can be made public.

Election: It was agreed that we hold the election in the Millbridge Hall on Thursday 22 April. The entire CC stands down this year; however, all are, of course, eligible for re-election. Members of the public can also stand (you must be resident in Kinross and appear [or be eligible to appear] on the Electoral Roll). Nomination papers will appear in both the February and March editions of the Newsletter. The Secretary is to write to the council asking that they appoint one of the local Councillors as Electoral Officer and request the use of their ballot boxes. A room at Millbridge Hall is also to be booked from 9am to 11am and then from 1pm to 9pm.

Minutes: Mr Alexander enquired as to the content of the last minutes in relation to his comments. The Chairman read this out. Mr Alexander asked if Mr Jack had lodged a complaint to the Civil Aviation Authority as flying under 500 ft was an offence and in the interests of safety should be registered. CCllr Jack advised that reference to this incident was mentioned on the website and added that, unfortunately, he did not have details of registration etc.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will be held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday 3 February.

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.

Deadline for all Submissions
2.00 pm, MONDAY 15 February
for publication on Saturday 27 February

Milnathort Community Council

News from the December Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Porter, Thomson, Smith, Cottingham and Lamont to the meeting held on 10 December. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Robertson, Minute Secretary E Rougie and five members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Bennet and P&K Cllr Baird.

The minutes of the November meeting were proposed by CCllr Thomson and seconded by CCllr Smith with the following correction: 'Auchtermuchty Road' should read 'Auld Mart Road'.

Matters Arising

Placecheck: CCllr Giacopazzi reported that this event had been well attended.

Venue for CC meetings: it was agreed to revert to the school for meetings and CCllr Giacopazzi will get a booking form. The town hall rent had doubled to £16, the same price as the school, but the accommodation was considered to be cramped. P&K Cllr Robertson advised that he had written to P&KC to ask about increasing grants to CCs in the light of rising hire charges.

Grants workshop: CCllrs Smith, Lamont and Bennet had attended a meeting about external funding sources, which had proved useful. An external funding officer from P&KC is available to help with applications, and after discussion it was agreed that CCllr Smith would act as co-ordinator in this matter.

Planning matters

The following applications were noted:

Change of house types on plots two and seven on land at Kellieside; Erection of a garage and studio at Meadowcroft; Erection of a conservatory at 3 Reid Crescent.

Correspondence

- Letter from P&KC confirming that MCC has its certificate relating to the Data Protection Act. Noted.
- Letter from P&KC re Milnathort Flood Prevention Scheme: a three-month consultation period is under way before work starts on re-instating flood prevention measures in the village. This time it is propose to install a concrete bund. After discussion, it was agreed that the CC would like to see the scheme put in place as soon as possible.
- Questionnaire from the NHS entitled 'Communities in Control.' Noted.
- Literature from Rekk.co.uk about youth shelters: this had been discussed at the Placecheck event and although it was not considered a priority, some young people had been in favour of the idea. It was considered that a shelter could be useful at the skateboard park and after discussion it was agreed to pass on the information to KCC.
- Letter from a member of the public: this raised concerns about a traffic hazard in Auld Mart Road at its junction with the main road. Cars were parked on the hill, making visibility difficult. After discussion it was agreed to forward the letter to P&KC roads department.
- Tayside Fire & Rescue consultation document: CCllr Smith will study this.
- E-mail from P&KC regarding CC elections: Thursday 24 June 2010 is the suggested date for CC elections. CCllr Giacopazzi will make the necessary arrangements.
- E-mail from CCllr Bennet, Treasurer: The CC bank balance as of 13 December was £811.13. Payments were still outstanding for the minute secretary and the hire of the town hall but the CC was well within its budget.

Other business

Dog fouling: CCllr Giacopazzi reported that several members of the public had approached him about the issue of dog fouling but he was dissatisfied with the lack response by P&KC's dog warden service to complaints. P&K Cllr Robertson will follow this up. At this point PC Brian Easton joined the meeting and indicated that the police would be prepared to speak to irresponsible dog owners if they were given their details.

Broken glass: CCllr Giacopazzi also raised the issue of broken glass in the village. A number of broken vodka bottles had been found embedded in the bark in the small park in Back Loan. The police will investigate and P&K Cllr Robertson will contact grounds maintenance staff with a view to having the bark replaced with rubber matting. PC Easton said that a campaign targeting under-age drinkers run last year had proved very successful in terms of reducing vandalism, and that anyone who sees children drinking should call the police on the non-emergency number, 0300 111 2222.

Speeding: PC Easton reported that a police check had recently been carried out in Burleigh Road that had resulted in nine drivers being stopped for exceeding the speed limit. In Perth Road, three drivers were given warnings within a half hour period. CCllr Giacopazzi commented that as part of Placecheck it was hoped that small build-outs could be installed in these areas.

CCllr Thomson commended the police and paramedics for their swift and supportive action following an accident she had witnessed.

Other police matters: an incident involving a dog being out of control in the village has been dealt with and the police will visit the owner to monitor the situation.

Two people had been charged with possession of drugs and one person had been remanded in custody for possession with intent to supply.

There had been two incidents of vandalism to vehicles in South Street and one in Wester Loan, as well as the theft of a car part in New Road. These were all being investigated.

A community bus had visited the village on two occasions and would do so again in order to give the public the opportunity to speak to the police about any issues of concern.

The police are now administering Neighbourhood Watch schemes and it was hoped to get such a scheme up and running in the village again. The police also intended to look at a crime prevention scheme involving local shops.

Other business: CCllr Porter raised two issues of concern in relation to Marshall Place. One concerned flooding at a lamp standard, which made the path inaccessible, and the other concerned residents, many of whom are elderly, being told that they had to take their bins a considerable distance so that the lorry could access them. P&K Cllr Robertson will investigate.

Date of next meeting: there is no meeting in January, but the next meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on **Thursday 11 February 2010 in Milnathort Primary School.**

Milnathort CC minutes are posted on www.kinross.cc

Hall Bookings

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

Portmoak Community Council

News from the December Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 December were: I McGrattan, J Bird, S Garvie; P&K Cllrs Baird and Robertson and four residents. Apologies were received from: M Hally, R Cairncross, C Weedon, J Shepherd and P&K Cllrs Miller and Barnacle.

Police Report

PC Brian Easton had previously telephoned with his apologies and the following report:

The Mobile Police Station appeared to be working well but would need time for it to be established. Times and dates for 2010 had yet to be finalised.

There had not been any response to the request for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Treasurer's report

£409.74 in the bank account. £75.00 in MBW Account.

Matter Arising from Previous Minutes

Kinnesswood post box: Letter received 25/11/09 from Royal Mail deciding that a new post box was not warranted with a number of reasons explaining why. This response was again met with incredulity from Community and County Cllrs. The letter also advised that Royal Mail would not "enter into any further correspondence concerning this issue". However, it was decided to continue our efforts for a permanent posting facility within Kinnesswood.

Maintenance Issues

Road cleaning: The B9097 between B996 and B920 and the A911 between Easter Balgedie and Burleigh Sands were reported to 'Clarence' on 23 July 2009. Each month since, prior to the CC meeting a progress report has been requested. Up to now the same reason has been given for non-completion - road sweeper is broken down. However, this month the reason for not sweeping has been "we are now into the winter programme".

Signage at Scotlandwell: Request made to Clarence to remove picnic signs because these are placed on private property. It has been confirmed with P&KC that the removal is on the list of 'things to do'.



The hedge alongside Bishop Terrace playing field is causing road safety issues

Hedge alongside playing field, Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood: Reported to Clarence on 26/10/09. Issues raised have been reported to Roads Dept. Apart from receiving a reference number, no further information available.

Mud on road: A resident raised the issue of mud on the road along the Causeway, Scotlandwell. It was stated that this was

a Police matter and such incidents should be reported to the Police.

Ice: A resident raised the issue of accidents due to ice on the B191 between the Toll and Mawcarse and the possibility of ice warning signs. It was generally felt that signs would not alter peoples driving standards.

Post Meeting Note: For information on roads that are gritted, information can be found at the P&KC website, www.pkc.gov.uk

Insurance cover for CC members: There is still some detail required to be decided in the event that a CC was taken to Court.

Payment of School lets: Contacted the Chief Executive's office re extra expense not in this year's budget. Cllr Robertson stated that this problem had been raised by other groups caught out by the change and P&KC were further considering the issue.

Subcommittee reports

Paths Group: The MBW sponsorship programme is doing well with approx £300-400 sponsorship money already donated against a target of £500 for the upkeep of the path. Notices will be put up explaining the system. Anyone wishing to take out sponsorship should contact a Community Councillor or Stuart Garvie direct on 01592 840825.

The signs for the MBW are with Kinnesswood in Bloom for their consideration and their content will be placed on www.portmoak.org

Kinnesswood in Bloom have very kindly offered to tidy up the path between Gamekeepers and the Cobbles, Kinnesswood. KiB have also agreed to look at the hedge leading onto the MBW which runs alongside Suilven, which can become very overgrown.



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A resident raised the issue (which he read in the publication 'Scottish Farmer') of Council maintenance of core pathways and the problems it could cause farmers. Cllr Robertson stated that there was no money in the Council budget for the maintenance of core paths and said he thought this proposition was very unlikely.



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Planning Group: The following applications were applicable to the area and were up to date at time of meeting:

09/01808/FLL, Erection of a terrace bar, Lomond Country Inn, Main Street, Kinnesswood: Request made to P&KC to confirm whether noise levels were a planning or licensing issue.

09/01931/FLL Change of use from store/garage into residential accommodation, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood: No comment to be made.

09/01854/FLL Modification of condition 2 from previous consent (hours of retail) 09/00641/FLL, Land at Youngs Moss, Scotlandwell: The change was for retail sales from 10.00/12.00 on Saturdays to 09.00/16.00 seven days a week, 12 months a year. The original request was to sell excess produce from the allotments; clearly the new request was for a different purpose. Clarification required. *Post Meeting Note:* P&KC Planning dept have written to applicant asking for clarification, no response to date.

A resident raised the question of planning information not being sent to the applicant from the CC. It was agreed to send a further copy.

Management Group

Traffic calming: A resident reported the information that he had received from P&KC Roads dept; consideration would be given to extending the anti skid surface at Scotlandwell further up the hill. Extra cost figures were available.

A resident raised the question of P&KC responsibility for road traffic accidents at these "particularly bad areas of road" which have higher than normal accident rates. A concern was raised that to date, all the accidents had been to vehicles but it

seemed just a matter of time before someone walking along the path way was involved in a serious incident. The problem seemed more concerning since this pathway was part of the 'local' path network.

After some discussion it had to be accepted that the Council was not liable unless there was some material problem with the road construction or some other defect in the road makeup. Although in this particular area there were a number of underlying factors including camber of the road, lighting, high sides alongside road etc, the final responsibility for the safety of the vehicle was down to the driver. Every driver should take the road and traffic conditions into account no matter what the conditions are.

The Chairman summarised the build out situation.

Cllr Robertson agreed to notify the authorities of a hole which had appeared in the road at the top of the hill near the church which involved the Water Board.

Local Plan: The Chairman had received a copy of changes to the Local Plan which were basically changes to dates with improved consultation times. (Note: Cllr Barnacle telephoned his apologies and gave information on proposed building units in other areas of Kinross-shire.)

Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Robertson: P&KC were presently looking at drainage problems within the area.

Communications

A detailed list of correspondence received by the Secretary since the last meeting can be found in the full draft minutes on www.portmoak.org

The next meeting of Portmoak CC was due to be held in the Primary School at 7pm on 12 January 2010.

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the December Meeting

A meeting held on 1 December 2009 in Cambo Village Hall was attended by: A Morrison (Chair), Trudy Duffy-Wigman, Alistair Lavery, Sheilagh Anderson, Marion Anness, Rod Paterson (minutes), P&K Cllr Barnacle and seven members of the public on a wild and snowy night. Apologies for absence were received from Hugh Wallace and P&K Cllr Robertson. There were no declarations of interest.

Community policing

New initiative of a Community Policing Van was announced; it would initially be in the Crook of Devon 15/12/09 and thereafter every third week in the month, with next visit 19/01/10. Any member of public could drop in and the van would be on station for a couple of hours. The scheme will be rolled out to other villages.

Recent break-in outside Crook of Devon resulted in theft of an ATV (now recovered); members of the public were reminded to report suspicious vehicles and for farmers to ensure security of plant and machinery.

New Community Officer PC Ewan Mitchell would be in attendance at the January meeting.

Discussions on Neighbourhood Watch Scheme announced, and looking to move these forward; in addition the new Scottish Neighbourhood Watch had been launched where members of the public would phone other "watch" members to raise the "alarm". Member of the farming community "farm watch" raised issue of lack of information over break-ins / thefts; not advised by the Police by which time it could be too late. Police agreed to look into this and revert back to the CC. Reported that crime had dropped within the area overall.

Speeding in villages remained a concern, and Police requested continued feedback on problem areas. Local area Police were to receive a new speed gun, but main purpose was prevention, although reported that in previous week two motorists had been caught and reported for doing 55mph and 60 mph in Cambo.



Speeding in villages remains a problem in the area

Problem areas were identified as Blairingone School with lorries accelerating up the hill or running south into the village. Also suggested that in addition to the current Balado section of the A977 for speed checks, areas such as the straight at Ardulie and at Drum were also deemed suitable spots for the camera van.

Minutes of last meeting

Signed off by Chair; however pointed out that the minutes

were only a general record of the meeting held and were not verbatim.

One question from the public; minutes had not been published on the internet; explained that two new websites were being developed, with Jim Pritchard developing the Fossoway site.

Matters Arising

A977 mitigation measures: CC have written to P&KC over the preferences; Cllr Barnacle reported that he written to Jim Irons on 25/11/09, including reference to all correspondence back to 2004 and hoped for a meeting before Christmas, with Councillors, FORK, FCC and other elected members, in order to push forward the spending of the £250K. Following discussion it was agreed that any spending of this money should be directly related to speed mitigation measures on the A977 and not for other purposes, including an additional crossing at the Institute on the A977, which is the designated parking spot for parents dropping off / collecting children from Fossoway Primary School. It was pointed out by Marion Anness that Fife Council could install solar powered speed warning signs for approximately £5K at a time.

Lambhill Forest: reported that the weather has affected progress on development, and issues with access over land owned by ORAN had also had an effect.

War Memorial, Blairingone: Cllr Barnacle laid out timeline of events, which was now delayed by an internal planning department argument, having initially agreeing to move the memorial when the building was sold, this could not now be imposed on the new owner, who was also selling the property in the open market. The Church now meets in the school, with the remembrance wreaths laid in the school playing field. It appears that the Church of Scotland imposed no conditions when the building was sold. Apparently if moved by the council, no planning permission required (but no money to do so); if it is the developer then it will need full planning and listed building consent!

Development proposal, Powmill: Chair commented on a very good meeting at Powmill on 16 November, with a mixed response observed by the Chair, with long-term residents of village apparently most supportive, with more positive than negative comments. Scale of development and benefits ensuing debated, with previous facilities not used by the villagers and shut down. Noted that we were quick to complain about sporadic developments over the Fossoway and landward area; this was a comprehensive development proposal. Chair commented that the CC had two roles; make sure that issues are made available to those who are impacted upon by them – when the CC has sight of the definite proposals then the CC will have to form a view that the CC feels represents both the wider community and Fossoway. There were varying views to be expressed and heard.

A member of the public commented that the development would allow a better core path network around the village that would not lead walkers through cattle sheds and across farm fields. Clear message was that associated benefits of the proposal were "copper bottomed".

The Chair accepted comments from Mr Ken Thomson, developer, who confirmed that the meeting of 16 November was just a starter meeting, with formalisation of the local plan not due until 2014, but very keen on an engagement strategy, with the possibility of a working group to look at the different options available to the community. Also suggested that a full-scale exhibition would be included as part of the development proposal.

Discussion on minutes of meeting of 16 November – no

minutes were taken by the CC as the CC only facilitated the meeting. A member of the public could take whatever notes they wished, but there were no minutes taken by the CC as not appropriate at this stage.

Chair emphasised that the CC had a particular role under the planning process and that the CC Committee will fulfil this, and must represent the views of the community. The Planning Department in the past have appeared to ignore the CC viewpoint – this now cannot happen.

Anything over 50 houses and / or 2 hectares in development terms will now follow the significant development process, and involve consultation, but in all cases P&KC will have the final decision. Cllr Barnacle emphasised the need for open dialogue on relation to these developments.

SEAMAB: No representative on site tonight. Someone would be at next meeting.

Adoption of telephone boxes: Cambo and Powmill both available for £1 each. However community would require to take on all liabilities. No calls at all in Cambo in last 12 months; only £103 of calls recorded in Powmill. BT will remove the phone boxes if not adopted.

Community Council Business

Elections due in March 2010; volunteers required for the CC, with nomination papers to be available in the New Year.

Moral Code: Chair had written to P&KC and it had been recommended that the code be adopted. In addition there had been another debate over funding, but agreement that invoices for hire of schools would be paid by P&KC.

Councillor's Report

Cllr Barnacle re-emphasised the new website for the area:
www.fossoway.org.uk

Had also met Nick Bryer, Head of Development and Planning. Meeting at Vicar's Bridge Road reference stones on verge – if someone complains about stones on a verge then P&KC are obliged to look at them and take action and remove them. Council will install marker posts on this road. Cllr Barnacle also re-iterated a number of items being dealt with by himself and general correspondence as received.

Planning matters

Following last month's meeting, the major issues report as the first step of the structure plan has been issued, highlighting a consolidation by P&KC of all the declared development proposals. These can be viewed on the council web-site or using the link at www.fossoway.org.uk

The Community Strategy Group will be meeting in the new year to review how these will impact on the various communities, with the CC being given the opportunity to consider these at the appropriate time. Proposals for Milnathort, for example, include 1200 homes.

Three Planning proposals:

09/01671/FULL – siting of portable cabin at Seamab: not for more pupils. Application was for 2 years with no comment passed. Noted however that there had been no neighbourhood notification.

09/0915/IPL – erection of farm workers cottage; agreed in principle providing continuing agricultural condition.

Mill Cottage Crook of Devon – reported an approval of matters specified in conditions, with no flood risk.

Carnfold Farm – application for equestrian centre withdrawn.

Middleton of Fossoway – change of use from training facility to dwelling house – planning permission not granted for living in, however house is reported to be in permanent residency(?)

Other business

Saline Wind Farm Proposal: meeting was updated on recent developments at Saline which although not within the Fossoway area would impact on the area. Fife Planning Dept has asked to defer its decision until 10 Feb 2010, but developer can appeal to the Scottish Govt. Lively debate ensued.

Lay by: Member of public thanked Council for cleaning up the lay by at Powmill.

Dumping: Reported that asbestos sheets have been dumped on the Coldrain Road.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC, due to take place on 5 January, was postponed to 12 January.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the December Meeting

The CC met on Monday 7 December in Cleish Village Hall and was attended by five Council members, PC Ewan Mitchell, our new Community Liaison Officer, Sgt Lynn McIver, 10 members of the public and the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter Editor.

Apologies for absence were received from the Secretary, Margaret Traylor.

Crime Prevention: PC Mitchell had little to report apart from a case of vandalism at the Bus Shelter at Gairneybank, and a domestic break-in at Cockairney Feus when a quantity of jewellery was stolen.

He stressed the importance of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and is always anxious to learn of more communities who would like to set up such a scheme. A coordinator is still being sought for Keltbridge.

Telephone numbers for the following coordinators are as follows: Bert Ironside – Cleish Village 01577 850231; May Bayne – Boreland 01577 850226.

PC Mitchell told the meeting of a proposed Nominated Neighbour initiative which will provide residents with added reassurance and help older people and vulnerable members of the community to feel safer in their own homes. The Nominated Neighbour, chosen by the resident, will check the name of an unexpected caller who will have been shown a card by the resident stating “I do not recognise you – please go to ...who is my nominated neighbour – they will check your identity and return with you.”

It is vital that these cards must not be on display but shown through a window or through a gap in the door. This scheme is at present being trialled in the more built-up areas but will apply to rural areas as well.

It is also planned to have a mobile office which will initially visit non rural parts of the county one a month and will be in place for anyone to visit and express their immediate concerns. It is hoped that this will soon operate in the rural areas as well. Details are available in the Kinross Newsletter. The Chairman thanked the Officers for their attendance – and as they were new to the area they kindly agreed to remain for the rest of the meeting.

Planning Procedural Changes: The Chairman again emphasised yet again what had been said at the previous meeting, i.e. the Weekly Lists must be scanned by everyone as it is all too easy for an application to slip through without any comment, and an objector has only 21 days to make a submission.

Six objections put an application before the planning committee, although the CC only counts as one. Each household counts as one, not each member of a household. Copies of letters should be sent to Cllr Mike Barnacle, our MSP and the Head of Administration, P&K Council.

Planning Applications

1. Maryburgh – erection of stables opposite Woodlands – work has now stopped.
2. Millhill Blairforge – concerns as to traffic – pending.
3. Nivingston House – erection of stables – already erected.
4. Millwood, Cleish – house on top of hills – old building to be knocked down and a new house erected – agreed sympathetic in design.

Pending

- Nivingston House – erection of wind turbine.
- Nivingston House – erection of three dwelling houses.
- Lochran Moss – erection of dwelling house.

Sunnyside Farm – erection of three dwelling houses.

Kirkdale, Cleish – alteration and extension.

Boreland Farm Steading – conversion of steading to three dwelling houses and erection of five dwelling houses.

Greenacres – continuing. Meeting awaited.

Cleish Mill Farm – both applications pending.

Dunvegan, Great North Road – refused.

Chance Inn Farm and Gairneybridge Caravan Site – although both of these are out of our area they do have an impact and we will continue to monitor.

Roads: The main issue is the road into Cleish and the road up the hill. The state of these roads is appalling although the draining channels are installed.

The new entrance into Woodlands is at the wrong point in the road with very limited visibility, and the state of the drains and ditches can only exacerbate the problem of flooding down the hill and onto the road into Cleish. Cleish Mill Steading had been the chief sufferer with flooding into the house.



*The roads in and out of Cleish are in a bad state due to flooding
Photo: Pauline Watson, kinross.cc photlibrary*

West Mains – the road continually floods and in frost is a skating rink.

At Keltbridge the water up the Old Sawmill Road had risen 25 feet.

There was also mention of a very bad pothole at Coldrain bend and although this is out of our area, it is a road used frequently by those living in Cleish and surrounding district. Letters to be sent to the Roads Department, with copies to Cllr Barnacle and our MSP, also the Chief Executive.

Village Telephone Box: only six calls were recorded for last year. Agreed to accept BT's offer to the community to adopt the telephone box and to keep the box minus the telephone for the grand total of £1.

Signage at Car Park: There have been several comments. Reported by the Minister that these will be dealt with by the appropriate committee.

Christmas Tree: Agreed we should have one in Cleish Village – Richard Jeffries to investigate sources.

Future members of the CC: The Chairman reported that Margaret Traylor would now like to stand down after many years of exceptional service. Margaret has been exemplary in her service, writing endless letters and e-mails and this now involves a huge amount of work. The thanks of the CC can only be an inadequate expression of their gratitude for all she has done; she will be very much missed.

This now leaves a vacancy and it is important that a replacement is found as soon as possible – anyone interested should contact the Chairman on 01577 850363. Margaret will stay on to hand over. Anyone expressing an interest should be IT literate.

The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 8 February at the Tabernacle Hall.



Club & Community Group News

Common Grounds



New Year greetings from Common Grounds; we do hope that by the time you read this the snow will have gone.

Our Christmas raffle was a great success and made £110 for us. Many thanks to our Patrons for all their generosity and also to Sainsbury's for donating Fairtrade items for the hamper.

Project: Our project at present is the charity "Practical Action" who has projects in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe to bring electricity to medical centres in these countries by restoring six small hydro schemes which are installed but at present are unusable. These are in the highland regions and will make a great difference when they are working. The next project will be "Bees Abroad" which supports bee keeping in Ghana, Nigeria, Sudan and Malawi with the aim of self sufficiency.

Project Lunch: Our latest Project Lunch will have taken place on Saturday 16 January, weather permitting. The speaker would have been from the Lasajang Community Project.

Book Club: The book club will meet in March on the first Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. If you are interested in joining the club and to see if there is a space available please contact Marlene Whyte on 01592 840371.

Volunteers: The weather is not the only reason why we have to close on occasions, we also have a lack of Volunteers to serve in Common Grounds and likewise we would be grateful for a reasonably strong person to help set up and put away. If you are interested in either of these please get in contact by phone or in person, contact numbers are below.

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

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

Lodge St Serf No 327

February

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| Tue 2nd | St Serf No 327 Regular Meeting. Fellow Craft Degree at 7.15pm with substitute candidate. |
| Tue 9th | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm to arrange work for next Degree. Any other competent business. |
| Tue 16th | St Serf No 327 Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Degree to be arranged. |
| Tue 23rd | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm to arrange work for next Degree. Any other competent business. |



Fund Raiser for local good causes: **VORTEX**, a two-piece live band from Perth who come very highly recommended - **Saturday 20 February** at 8.00pm. Tickets £5.00 from 01577 863298 after 6pm. Donations for raffle would be very much appreciated.

The Youth of Today!



Friday 20 November 2009 was a very cold, wet and windy night that was brightened up considerably by going to 'A Medley of Musicals' presented by MTKY (Musical Theatre for Kinross-shire Youth). As this was the 10th Anniversary of MTKY, the programme started with an overview of all the productions from 1999-2009, an excellent introduction to the evening.

In Act 1, music was selected from Mamma Mia, Pirates of Penzance, Chicago and Guys and Dolls. How Chris remembered all the words of the 'Major General's Song' I do not know! What struck me about the performances given by the young people was that we saw their talent shining through. There were no special effects, no big bands and no gimmicks, just pure talent. I had to remind myself throughout that these were young amateur performers and not professionals and the soloists are to be commended for being able to perform so well in front of a packed hall. This was a brand new venue for them, and was the first performance in the new Loch Leven Community Campus facility. The support from the audience throughout the performances was great.

Act 2 featured songs from Grease and this proved popular with everyone. The performances of the young people were superb and a tremendous amount of work had gone into its production. My own favourites being 'Sandy' and 'You're the One That I Want'. All the songs were sung with expression and feeling and were worthy of the best performances from X Factor – or even the original production of Grease!

Whilst the performances were good, these shows need people to support them and one of those people had been John Stewart, who had recently died. Throughout the ten years John had worked tirelessly to get sponsorship for each of the shows. He had also taken on the 'front of house' role – anyone who had met or who knew John will know that he will be missed. The show on 20 November was in memory of John and the money raised from the show was given in aid of Pancreatic Cancer research.

The production of 'A Medley of Musicals' also needed people to work hard to make it a success. No easy task in a new venue. There were the young people who played the keyboard, drums and guitars; the choreographers and of course those who provided lighting, sound and worked backstage. It is a credit to them that on the night everything went well.

Finally there are the two ladies, Isobel Miller and Lynn Caldwell, who were responsible for the performances of the 'Company' of 52 young people. From the initiation of the programme to rehearsals through to the final performance they have been there. I am sure that the young people are grateful that Isobel and Lynn have devoted their time to them so that performances like 'A Medley of Music' can be enjoyed by the people of Kinross-shire and I look forward to next year's performance.

KM

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

Portmoak Film Society

Chilling thriller sparkles in January

About 30 people braved snow and ice (and a rather cool Portmoak Hall!) on 9 January to see "Blood Diamond" starring Leonardo diCaprio and Djimon Hounsou as the two main characters whose fate becomes entangled in Sierra Leone in the search for diamonds, their ticket out of Africa to a better life. "Conflict" or "blood diamonds" are so-called because they are mined in areas of civil war where entire communities are brutalised, degraded and thrown into chaos. The diamonds, of course, are sold on by unscrupulous adventurers to the agents in Antwerp and London, making them vast profits. Clearly the audience enjoyed it, with 17 marbles in the "excellent" jar, 4 for "good" and 3 for "average" making it the second most popular film of the season so far.

The next film, to be shown on **Saturday 13 February** at 7.30 p.m. is Stephen Dauldry's 2009 hit "The Reader", starring Kate Winslet and Ralph Fiennes. Set in post-war Germany, it tells of the relationship a tram conductress strikes up with 15-year-old Michael Berg, the deal being that he must read to her in return for sexual initiation. He moves on but his first love affair comes back to haunt him at various stages in later life with devastating consequences. The film is in English.

In March and April, PFS is planning to show films by popular demand, so if you have any favourites you would particularly like to share, please make suggestions to Stuart Mackenzie on 840638 or to Neil Robertson at alineil@mountain93.wanadoo.co.uk. Or alternatively come along on 13 February and hand them in personally. Two films will then be democratically selected and announced in the next article. Remember, you can still buy a membership card for £3 per remaining film, or if you want a little more time to think about it before committing yourself, you can turn up at the door and pay £4. All newcomers are welcome and you will find it a very warm atmosphere (hopefully the hall temperature will be warmer next time!!).

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

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Portmoak Community Woodland

January is always a time for writing thank you letters and the Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group have two very important ones.

Our first is to Kinross-shire Round Table who gave us an early Christmas present with a generous donation of £500 towards our new community orchard. Local groups were invited to bid for funding by taking part in a 'Dragons' Den' session. We plied (bribed) the Dragons with homemade apple juice and apple pie, as a taste of what is to come after we plant our apple, pear and plum trees this autumn.

Of course, the new orchard will mean even more trees to put in but recently we've had lots of practice - and that brings us to our second big thank you.



A group of volunteers warming up

It is to everyone who took part in planting trees for the new community woodland in the Field Abin the Kirk in Scotlandwell. During the first week of December ten primary school classes planted hundreds of trees and while some were lucky, with sunny days, others had to endure bitterly cold weather. Their perseverance was impressive and so was the dedication of a team from the Woodland Trust Scotland, who organised the week.

The climax was on Saturday 5 December when we took part in the UK-wide Tree O'Clock event, in an attempt to plant the largest number of trees in one hour. The weather was dreadful but 38 people braved the rain to plant 992 trees. We didn't managed to break the world record but we all scored 'personal bests' as we battled the conditions to dig in a wide variety of native trees, including oak and ash, rowan, hawthorn and birch. The Operations Director of the Woodland Trust Scotland, Angela Douglas, came along to encourage us, running up and down the hill with plants and even directing traffic!

Afterwards there was soup and home-baking, as well as woodland crafts and games. If all this mud and merriment sounds irresistible, you too can help to create a forest as we still have **990 trees left** and are looking for help from individuals and community groups to get them planted by April. We will organise some more work days (or even the occasional hour), when the ground thaws. We can't promise crafts and games but might manage tea and biscuits.

Contact Dave and Louise Batchelor on 01592 840233.

Now we're gearing up for our fundraising **Burns Supper** on **30 January** in Portmoak Village Hall. It's always a sell out and, with folk singer Alastair McDonald providing the Immortal Memory, this year's event will be no exception.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



Professor David Munro MBE gave a fascinating talk to members of Kinross-shire Historical Society on Monday 14 December. His theme was Robert Burns and his connections to Kinross-shire.

He described Burns' only visit to Kinross in 1787 and explored links and connections with other poets of the locality. The talk then went on to Burns' family links to Kinross through Robert Burns-Begg senior, his nephew, who was schoolmaster in Kinross for 50 years. His great nephew, Robert Burns-Begg junior, was also a distinguished man of the county. He followed a legal career, setting up his own firm in Kinross in 1860. He did a great deal for the improvement of the town, excavated a crannog in Loch Leven and wrote books including 'The History of Loch Castle' and 'Secrets of my Prison House'. With David Marshall, another Kinross antiquarian, he restored Michael Bruce's cottage in Kinnesswood. In 1888, Robert Burns-Begg junior founded and became perpetual President of Kinross Jolly Beggars Club which survives to the present day.

See Notices for details of next Historical Society meeting.

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

The Club meets at 7.30pm in the Church Centre, Kinross on Thursday evenings.



January

27th (Wednesday). Cupar CC / Kinross CC / St Andrews PS inter-club competition at St Andrews. Judge: George Neilson.

28th Santorini – Island of Light. An illustrated talk by David Hay.

February

4th AGM – paid up members only.

11th Ethiopia, past to present. An illustrated talk by Bob Duguid.

18th Discussion. Bring along images that you love, hate or have inspired you. Hand in League 3 entries.

25th Glenrothes / Dunfermline / KCC inter-club competition at Glenrothes. Judge: Stan Miller

Members of the Club may also attend Digital Group Meetings held monthly on a Wednesday night in The Stables (function area of the Crook Inn) Crook of Devon, £2 per meeting.

For further details of Club Membership etc please contact Alison Bradley on 01592 840251 or e-mail info@amb.abelgratis.co.uk

Kinross & District Rotary Club



Since the last article, we have enjoyed a wide variety of interesting speakers and activities.

Hamish Brown MBE spoke to the Club about his life as a writer, following a successful career in education, particularly outdoor activities. Hamish has written many well known guide books and books describing his achievement in climbing all of Scotland's hills over 3,000 feet high (Munros) in one continuous trip, followed by the English and Irish hills and then the Atlas Mountains.

The Club organised concerts in Whyte Court and Causeway Court with musical entertainment provided by pupils from the High School. We also took part in the Community Fair held in the magnificent new Lochleven Community Campus, where several members manned our stall throughout the day. Margaret Lumsdain, founder member of the Mary Queen of Scots Society, provided a detailed history of Queen Mary and her tragic life, including the period of incarceration in Loch Leven Castle and our November meetings were rounded off with a very moving presentation by Fiona Symon on the sinking of HMT Lancastria, which was bombed off the west coast of France on 17 June 1940. The disaster, news of which was covered up by Churchill at the time, involved the loss of over 6,000 souls, more than those lost in the Lusitania and Titanic combined. The liner had been involved in rescuing the rear-guard troops following the Dunkirk evacuation. Fiona is raising funds to provide what will be the only permanent memorial in Clydebank, where the ship was built for the Cunard Line.

Our business meeting on 7 December saw the induction of new member Trevor Wootton and confirmation of next year's office bearers at the Special General Meeting held the same evening.

Brian Johnston gave an illustrated talk on 14 December on his accomplishment in conquering all the Munros, which he completed in 2008. Some magnificent slides of the Scottish hills rounded off his talk.

The year was completed with the Club's Christmas party held at the Windlestrae, with in-house entertainment by Club members.

Due to the Big Freeze, our Business Meeting on 4 January was postponed, so details of the Club's proposals for Rotary International's "Polio Plus" campaign have yet to be finalised. The initiative was started in 1985, when Rotary joined forces with the World Health Organisation and UNICEF in a global campaign to eradicate polio, since when more than 2 billion children have been given the oral polio vaccine. The disease is still crippling children in four countries today and can easily jump borders when carriers move from one country to another, allowing the virus to reappear in previously polio-free countries. As long as it is circulating somewhere in the world, the threat of an outbreak remains.

Rotary International has been offered an outstanding matching grant by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help in the final push to finally eradicate the disease and to this end, Rotary clubs throughout the world are holding fund raising and publicity events on and around **23 February**. Watch out for the Kinross Club's events towards the end of February, which we hope you will support. Once eradicated, polio will join smallpox as the only two diseases ever eliminated.

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Probus Club



Graham Hood was the speaker for the Probus meeting on 18 November. The title for his talk was "Skye to Shanghai with a camera", and it was feast of pictures he showed on his power point presentation. Graham had been a golf development officer for a good few years. This involved quite a bit of travel abroad. On all these journeys Graham took his camera. So at six o'clock in the morning Graham was out and about taking photographs, while the other members of his party were still in their beds. He showed some lovely pictures with the sun just coming up, but the object of his photography was to capture the essence of the places he visited. Now as a professional photographer he still travelled abroad, and we had pictures of Scotland, Italy, Iceland, Canada, the USA and finally China, which country Graham has visited three times. One of Graham's other interests is mountaineering. He has climbed all the Munros. He showed some spectacular shots of craggy hills and steep mountain summits, both in this country and elsewhere. Interspersed with the landscapes were pictures of people which brought out the characteristics of folk such as the Chinese. Jim Ferrier gave the vote of thanks for an enjoyable afternoon.

The speaker for the meeting on 2 December was Brian Ogilvie and his subject the renowned English author, Dorothy L Sayers, for whom Brian had the highest regard. He shared his enthusiasm with his audience. First he gave a short resume of her life. Dorothy L. Sayers was born on 13 June 1893, the only child of an Anglican vicar, and was educated at home until 15 when she went to a girls' boarding school. In 1912 she went to Somerville College, Oxford, from where she graduated with a first class honours degree. One of the positions Dorothy Sayers held was a copywriter for Benson's Advertising agency in London. Dorothy Sayers was successful as an advertiser. In collaboration with an artist she started "the Mustard Club" which made Colman's the big firm it is now, and her "Zoo" adverts for the Guinness Beer company still appear in print today. But Dorothy Sayers is mainly remembered in this

day and age as a writer and author, in particular her detective novels. Pride of place in these detective stories must go to the novels featuring Lord Peter Wimsey, the aristocratic amateur sleuth. Brian Ogilvie emphasised she was a master story teller, using her experiences in life as the background for her novels. For instance she used the advertising industry as the setting for her novel "*Murder must advertise*". He mentioned that her description of places was so graphic and so accurate that readers today can find the actual buildings she refers to, for instance the Bellona Club is the Army and Navy Club in London. Arthur Wallace gave the vote of thanks for an informative talk, amusingly presented.

The speaker for the meeting on Wednesday 6 January was Caroline Needham and her subject "Face Reconstruction". The members thought this might be a talk on how to improve their appearance, but no! - This was a discourse on how the University of Dundee made a life-like cast from the skulls and other remains of deceased people, some thousands of years old. Caroline is a member of the staff of Dundee University working for this section Face Reconstruction. Caroline's first degree was in fine arts and the work of this section is a marriage of the artistic and scientific. The work is done in six stages:

- 1) The skull reassembled. Often if the bones come from an archaeological dig or even a modern grave, the skull has been broken into several bits.
- 2) The skull remodelled in clay. This has to be done, as the bones have to be returned.
- 3) The face. Visualize where the muscles on the face are. Plastic material is added and other facial material detailed.
- 4) Facial anatomy is sculptured.
- 5) Skin layer added, again in plastic material.
- 6) Colour is added.

Facial Reconstruction has uses. For instance they have found the grave of Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the great. From facial reconstruction we now know what he really looked like. John Pleas gave the vote of thanks for a very interesting afternoon.

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



The Association is preparing for a visit from our Gacé friends this coming summer and a programme is currently being prepared. Various fund raising events will be being held between now and the summer, so watch out in the local press and the newsletter for details. Anyone interested in joining the local twinning group should contact secretary David Munro (tel 01577 862126).

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December Draw

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| 1st | No. 42 | Jenny Sword, Kinnesswood |
| 2nd | No. 69 | Joe Smith, Scotlandwell |
| 3rd | No. 76 | Sylvia Wilson, Scotlandwell |

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A most successful evening was held on Monday 30 November when George Sutherland took his audience to the Antarctic to enjoy penguins and pack ice. £300 was raised for the Guild projects.

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Kinross and District Art Club



Members of Kinross and District Art Club enjoyed the club's first ever Christmas lunch at The Kirklands on 8 December. Following a very fine festive meal, most of us managed to attend the AGM of the club at The Millbridge Hall at 2pm.

Club President Glenys Andrews reviewed the year's activities and praised members for the enthusiasm and commitment to the club, which has seen a rise of around 50% in membership and a highly successful annual Exhibition in the face of so much economic gloom in the country.

Outgoing Secretary Bill Bray was thanked for the excellent contribution he has made to the club during a time in which the Secretary's range of tasks has expanded to such an extent that two people will take over the role. Sybil Galbraith is the new Club Secretary and Vice Chair and Irene Thorogood is the Committee Secretary. John Green remains Treasurer and Membership Secretary and other Committee Members have agreed to stay on in their current positions.

The year ahead for the club promises to be exciting and challenging. The club's monthly 'Group Activity' sessions have become focussed on learning new skills and techniques with our resident artist Tom Sutton-Smith and other visiting artists, including in December 2009, a session on portraiture, led by Ian Cuthbert Imrie, whose paintings hang in collections in Dallas, New York, Paris, London and all over Scotland.

We have given a great deal of consideration to joining the other community groups who will move their meetings to the new campus and have decided that this will be the venue for our monthly Group Activity sessions, when we will have the use one of the school's Art Rooms.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



At the annual Christmas party, Joe's Festive Challenge was a three parter, all tongue in cheek and requiring perhaps more artistic talent than members possess. Suffice it to say, the club boasts no budding Jomolos or Peter Howsons, but a good time was had by all as they attempted to compose a recognisable pastiche of a contemporary Scottish artist, design a poster celebrating Scottish cuisine for the Homecoming (deep fried Mars Bar, anyone?) or a poster designed to attract tourists to our more unusual attractions, the M8 perhaps. Members and guests then enjoyed an excellent buffet. The club's next meeting will be in February.

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Kinross Boys & Girls Brigade



The Kinross Company is still in two national competitions. The Masterteam Scottish semi-finals were held in Kinross Church Centre on Saturday 16 January with six teams from as far afield as Buckie taking part. The Company is also in the semi-finals of the national Table Tennis competition. Read next month's newsletter to see how they fared.

Junior section teams will also have participated in the Battalion Bible Quiz with Kinross having won the competition in the past two years.

The company section will have also competed in the Battalion 5-a-side football competition at Bell's Sports Centre by the end of January.

New members are still joining up so if you have boys or girls in primaries 1, 2 and 3 they can join our Anchor section on Friday evenings in the Church Centre from 6 till 7.15pm. Boys and girls in primaries 4, 5 and 6 can join the Junior Section at the Church Centre from 7 till 9pm and those in primary 7 up to age 18 can join the Company Section at the new High School from 8 till 9.45pm. For further details, telephone company captain David Munro (Kinross 862126).

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



I am sure everyone was as fed up with the recent spell of severe weather as us and can only hope that it has ended by the time you read this. It caused many problems for our Co-ordinator, Ann Munro as quite a few drivers were unable to get their cars out on the road because of the amount of snow which meant she had a lot of reorganising to deal with. One thing is sure – Ann always does her best to keep the activities of our Group running and we thank her.

Kinross Churches Together, Fossoway Church and DMR Machinery Club have given us generous donations recently as have several other local donors; thank you all very much. Our local community gives us great support and we are grateful.

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Kinross High School Parent Council



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The start of the new year brings new challenges for the pupils at Kinross High School. Looming large for the senior school are the preliminary standard and higher grade examinations. The KHSPC wishes all the pupils every success in their academic endeavours.

New Campus: The recent cold weather and snow was big test of the new school buildings and several important lessons have been learnt for the future. There remain concerns as to the road safety measures in place for children walking to and from school, especially the positioning of the temporary 20-mile per hour speed limits. There are also concerns as to the ongoing problems with the school catering arrangements, especially the lack of seating space and excessive queuing times. The KHSPC hopes that these issues will be addressed and resolved in the very near future.

KHSPC website: The new KHSPC website www.khspc.org.uk is now up and running. Whilst it is still a work in progress and will be developed as we learn from experience, it is hoped the new website will grow to become a focus for KHS Parent Forum activities.

KHS Former Pupils: A KHS Former Pupil Association is in process of being formed. It is open to any former pupils and teachers of KHS, and the old Kinross Secondary School. To support the FPA a new FP section will shortly be added to the KHSPC website. Any FPs interested in joining the FPA please contact the KHSPC Vice Chair Jaffrey Weir.

School Blazers: Well over half the pupils at the High School are now wearing either the new or the old style blazers. To meet the continued demand a new batch of 100 of the smaller sized new style blazers will be delivered at the end of January. The arrival of the new batch means that the KHSPC again has a full range of sizes in stock for both boys and girls, and these are available now for purchase via the school office.

The usual programme of P7 parent high school acquaint evenings is scheduled to commence in March. Members of the KHSPC will be on hand at each parent evening with sample blazer sizes, ready to accept orders for the 2010 intake of S1 pupils. Further new stock for the next academic year will be manufactured in the spring and delivered ready for the start of the next academic year. Anyone wishing to place an order for a new blazer for the next academic year please contact the school office or alternatively the KHSPC Chair Andy Williams.

If you have any questions regarding the new blazers or the Kinross High School uniform policy in general please contact the KHSPC Chair Andy Williams.

'K' Factor 2010: The Events & Fundraising Team is delighted to once again host the 'K' Factor Talent Show on **Friday 19 February** in the Assembly Hall. Tickets (£5 for adults and £3 children/concessions) will be available from the School Office in early February. Make sure you buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Further details are available on the KHSPC website.

10K Race: The annual 10K run is scheduled for **Thursday 29 April** at 7.30pm. Registration (in Loch Leven Community Campus) will be from 6pm on the day of the

race. The entry fee is £5 for Scottish Athletic Association members and £7 for non-members. Further details of the race will be available on the KHSPC website nearer the time.

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 EFT looks after the activities of the old Parent Teacher Association. Details of the KHSPC activities may be found on the KHSPC website at www.khspc.org.uk.

The next KHSPC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 2 March** starting at 7.15pm. Parents and guardians of pupils attending Kinross High School are most welcome to attend the meeting.

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

Chair	Andy Williams 01577 861682 a.b.williams@btopenworld.com
Vice Chair	Jaffrey Weir 01577 865780 jaffreyweir@lebc-group.com
Treasurer	Denis Sweeney 01577 861651 sweeney5@tiscali.co.uk

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

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the work of the KHSPC and its EFT. Any parent (or guardian) of a pupil studying at KHS may volunteer as a parent member of the KHSPC. For further information please contact Andy Williams the KHSPC Chair.

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Kinross & District Pipe Band

After a very successful competing season last year the band is looking forward to bedding in the new tunes for the 2010 season, and particularly to taking on the new challenge for Grade 4A Bands – the March, Strathspey and Reel, being played for the first time in this grade at the Major Championships.

We were delighted, last October, to be part of history as the band led the parade of all the High School pupils from the old school to the brand new Loch Leven Community Campus – and we were particularly pleased also that the Campus was able to host the RSPBA local branch piping and drumming solo competitions the following month. The venue was a huge improvement on previous years, and many thanks go to Dick Keatings, Derek Morris and all from the band who helped out on the day. Hopefully we will be able to do the same again this year! Once again our youngsters fared well in the competition, with Douglas Weir (15), Douglas Mair (11) and Connor Stuart (16) all picking up prizes on the pipes and chanter.

Otherwise, no major news to report, other than to announce that our very popular **Pipe Band Ceilidh** will take place a little earlier this year – on **Friday 19 March** at the Windlestrae. Tickets will be on sale during February and March, so book early to avoid disappointment.

For any other information or queries on the band, visit the website at www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk or contact Nigel Kellett on 01577 863738

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

At the December meeting an interesting talk was given by Neil Robertson from Tannoch Brae Tearooms.

Due to weather conditions the New Year party had to be cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Friday Walks:

Our plans for walks in February assume that most of the snow and ice have disappeared, making it safe to venture out once more.

5 Feb: The Atholl Woods circular walk, going past Mill Dam, Rotmell Woods and Polney Loch. This is along estate roads, with some gentle climbing and a good 6 miles.

19 Feb: A one way walk from Abermethy to Newburgh, through the Pitmedden Woods. This is along forestry roads and is also a good 6 miles, with some climbing. Both of these walks will be familiar to most of our members.

February Meeting: At the meeting on **4 February** the speaker will be the guide from Scone Palace.

Kinross Garden Group

Our December meeting, attended by 61 members and visitors, was addressed by Ian Young who gave us a very informative, humorous and interesting presentation entitled “A Fishy Tale” which described how to transform a basic polystyrene fish box into an attractive plant trough which, when filled with compost and the clever use of alpines, stone, slate, gravel etc would become an asset to any garden or small patio.

We are having our Festive Lunch at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross on Thursday 14 January.

Our next meeting in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross is on **Thursday 11 February** at 2pm. We will be delighted to welcome Susan Band of Pitcairn Alpines to give us a talk on “Spring Bulbs”.



Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

Walk off any winter blues this month. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, take advantage of our winter season's programme to try out a walk or two with us before joining the Ramblers' Association. Walking is the best and cheapest way to keep fit and healthy, and with us, it can be sociable too. Walks are led by volunteer leaders from the group members. We have two weekend walks in February (and one for end January if you get your Newsletter sharpish).

Saturday 31 January. Auchtermuchty/Dunshalt Figure of Eight - 2 miles or 7 miles. Either an easy two mile walk to Dunshalt from Auchtermuchty with return over farm tracks or seven mile circular via Pitmedden Forest and Auchtermuchty Common back to 'Muchty. Dogs on leads welcome.

Saturday 13 February. South Queensferry to Cramond - 7 miles. A gentle walk through Dalmeny Estate to Cramond, returning by the same route. No dogs please.

Sunday 28 February. Glensherup Circular - 9 miles. Good forestry track to Glensherup Reservoir then a steep ascent towards Ben Shee. Thereafter an undulating ridge walk with spectacular views of Cairn Morris Hill, Tarmangie Hill and Innerdownie before returning on forest tracks. No dogs please.

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

For further information on walking with the group, including further details of the above walks 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

Kinross & District Inner Wheel

The ladies met for their Christmas meal at the Green Hotel on a very cold evening but it was a very warm welcome indeed when we all safely arrived. The meal was excellent and the staff were very efficient. We have not long moved venue and we certainly seemed to have settled down at the Green. A potential new member joined us – Barrie Reid. Barrie has been a member of Inner Wheel before and she is a Past President of her former Inner Wheel.

After our festive meal we moved into the Loch Leven Suite where our guest speaker for the evening was Claire Paton.

The tables were covered in lovely checked red and white tablecloths. Claire is a bee keeper and her talk was completely fascinating, telling us about the day in the life of a jar of honey.

For breakfast: yoghurt, berries and honey. Mid morning: flapjacks with honey. Lunch: soup and bread made with honey. Afternoon tea: sponge cake made with honey. Tea time: cranachan, of course with honey. We were delighted to sample everything. Claire was an inspirational speaker and this report doesn't do it justice. The vote of thanks was given by Linda Hegarty.



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The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



Annual Dinner

The Trust is holding its Annual Dinner at the *Grouse and Claret* on **Wednesday 10 February**. Reception will be from 7pm to 7.30pm. The dinner will be followed by a talk by Mrs Sue Hendry, Chairman of Perthshire Heritage Trust about the Trust's work. The Heritage Trust does a tremendous amount of work supporting the important heritage sites throughout Perthshire and this will be a great opportunity to hear about the range of work that it does and see illustrations of this. We look forward to seeing as many members and guests as possible. Tickets are £24.50 per head. Please contact Bridget Lindsay 01592 840252 to reserve your tickets or use the booking form below.



Grants: At the Campus event the Trust was asked about grants for historical projects. We investigated this and the Scottish Civic Trust recommends a very good website for information is to be found at **Funds for Historic Buildings** www.fhb.org.uk

This site gives information on all kinds of grant funding. It gives advice on searching for a funding source, funding advice on seeking funds, contacts and has an update section on the latest news. It is supported by among others, the Scottish Civic Trust and Historic Scotland

New Local Plan: P&KC have begun the process of creating a New Local Plan for guidance for future planning. This has partially come about because a new Town and Country (Scotland) Planning Act came into force in August last year. The current Local Plan is the Kinross Area Local Plan 2004. The new Local Plan will cover the whole of the area for Perth and Kinross Council. There will be Appendices to cover matters covering Kinross-shire. The programme is to have the new Plan adopted by 2015.

Representations have been submitted to the Council from landowners/developers for areas throughout Kinross-shire. These can be viewed on the P&KC website www.pkc.gov.uk

You will find plans and submissions on all the areas submitted and the Trust would encourage everyone to look quite closely at these.

If you have any concerns or objections, you should write to Brenda Murray, Forward Planning, Perth and Kinross Council, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD. The Council intend to publish their first Master report in September 2010. This has been delayed already from April 2010.

Programme for 2010

The Executive Committee has agreed a provisional Programme of events for the coming months.

Wed 10 Feb Annual Chairman's Dinner and Talk. (See left for details).

Wed 14 Apr Trust Annual General Meeting.

Sun 20 Jun Annual mid-Summer Walk: Loch Leven Heritage Trail (Fishery Pier to Loch Leven's Larder).

Autumn An autumn visit will be arranged later in the year.

Annual Architectural Award: The Trust has postponed its Architectural Award for new-build until the Spring of this year. The Trust is looking for new architectural projects in Kinross-shire and Glenfarg. The Trust is looking for interesting new and innovative architecture. Anyone wishing to enter the competition should contact Bridget Lindsay on 01592 840252.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust website: We are now about to update the Trust web site, so that members will find a more interactive site which will provide them with information about the trust is doing, the aims of the Trust as well useful information and contacts.

Membership: The Trust is always looking for new members to help us in our work in looking after this beautiful county that we are all so fortunate to live in.

Unfortunately, being so beautiful makes it a prey to development. The Trust does support development, but it has to be appropriate to the area. It is a sad fact of life that regrettably, much of new development is aimed at maximising profit regardless of the impact on the surrounding areas. That is one of the aims of the Trust to prevent such developments occurring.

If you know people who are concerned about what could happen to Kinross-shire, please encourage them to join the Trust.

Application forms can be obtained from the Chairman, Alistair Smith, 01592 840215 or the Treasurer, Ken Miles, 01577 863881

A Very Good New Year and best wishes for 2010 to everybody

Alistair Smith, Chairman

See the next page for this month's "Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire" feature.

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The Kinross-shire Civic Trust (continued)



Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire

Kinross House

Situated between the town of Kinross and the shore of Loch Leven, Kinross House commands a stunning view towards Castle Island and the Lomond Hills beyond. It is probably the finest example in Scotland of 17th-century country house architecture and was built between 1686 and 1693 by Sir William Bruce (1630-1710) who owed his rising political fortune to his support for the exiled Stuart monarchy. Though not a craft-trained mason, Bruce acquired a knowledge of architecture through travel and reading, Leslie House, Thirlestane Castle, Hill of Tarvit, Hopetoun House and the Palace of Holyroodhouse being amongst his greatest works. In addition to a baronetcy bestowed in 1668, he was appointed surveyor-general of the royal works in Scotland for his loyalty to the Crown and received from the leading architectural savant, Sir John Clerk of Penicuik, the accolade of being "the introducer of Architecture in this country".

Sir William Bruce purchased the Kinross Estate from the Douglas Earls of Morton in 1675 and four years later began to create the policies and mansion house that were eventually to be described by John Macky in his 1723 *Journey through Scotland* as "the finest Seat I have yet seen in Scotland", an opinion shared by the novelist Daniel Defoe. Bruce laid out his mansion, garden and policies astride a main axis with a dignified approach avenue on one side and, on the other, a garden pathway with a magnificent terminal vista of the ruined Loch Leven Castle and island framed by the Fish Gate.

After laying out the garden and forecourt, work on the house began in earnest in 1686. Stone was brought from Nivingstone Quarry in the Cleish Hills to be worked by a

band of stone masons of whom the most important was Tobias Bachop of Alloa. Two Dutch stone-carvers may have been responsible for the carved details of the Fish Gate and the two ornate volaries that flank the principal façade and by 1691 the house had been roofed and slated by Alexander Eizat. Much of the interior remains largely intact today since the house was not occupied for the greater part of the 19th century and therefore not subject to Victorian 'modernisation'.

Following the accession of William and Mary in 1688, Sir William Bruce fell out of political favour and lost all of his government offices. Lack of funds perhaps prevented him from completing his ambitious plans for the house, a curtain wall and pavilions replacing his proposed north and south wings. Nevertheless, the end result was outstanding, the Scottish historian Robert Sibbald describing Kinross House as a "stately building....surpassed by few in this country".



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Sports News



Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



Kinross Cavaliers are enjoying another busy season. Training is held within the Sports Hall at the new Loch Leven Community Campus on Tuesdays, from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Excellent coaching is provided to boys and girls from P7 to S2.

We had a visit recently from the Perth Phoenix Under 16 cadet men and women's teams, showcasing their skills, which everyone found exciting.

We would like to congratulate Kieran Carruthers and Craig Bell, two of our former players, who have been selected for the Under 15 Talent Development Programme. They are currently enjoying monthly TDP training sessions.

We are looking forward to the Under 14 Central Venue Development League tournament, to be held within Loch Leven Community Campus on Sunday 31st January. This will be the first taste of competing in a tournament for some of our players.

We would like to express a warm welcome to Nick Morrice who has joined us as Coach, and a huge thank you to Findlay Rush for his hard work and ongoing commitment as Head Coach.

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

Basketball News

Congratulations to Katy Brown and Jack Nicholson who were recently awarded a scholarship grant of £250 from Perth & Kinross Sports Council.



Jack Nicholson and Katy Brown with their scholarship grant cheques

They both recently attended the Perth & Kinross Council Young Achievers Award Ceremony at Perth Concert Hall, in recognition of their contribution to basketball and selection to the Scotland national squads.

As part of their scholarship grant, Katy and Jack gain free access to the fantastic new facilities within Loch Leven Campus, and are currently training hard, in addition to their monthly Under 16 national squad training. They are both hoping to be selected for the final 12 in the Under 16 squads, who will compete in the Euro C championship to be held in the summer, venue yet to be confirmed.

Good Luck to them both !

Kinross Cricket Club



Boys selected for Scotland Under 18s

1st XI players, Peter Ross and Nick Farrar have been selected for the Scotland under-18 squad. This is a marvellous achievement as both boys are very young for this age group with Nick only 16 and Peter just 17. This is a wonderful achievement as this squad is preparing for qualification for the 2012 under-19 World Cup. The European part of the World Cup qualifiers begins in Summer 2010 and so preparations have begun in earnest at Cricket Scotland to prepare the squad to move forward for this very exciting challenge. Congratulations to them both.

Fundraising Christmas Party

The annual Christmas fundraising party was a great success, attended by over 180 people. The total amount raised was a fantastic £1415. Many thanks to the fundraising girls (Lisa, Jane, Debbie, Wendy, Maureen, Zoe and Kirsteen) for organising another very successful event, and to the following local businesses, organisations and members for their support: Lochend Farm Shop, Kirklands Hotel, Kinross Cakes, Wendy Conway's Handmade Cards, Kinross Curling Club, Raj Mahal Restaurant, Loch Leven Leisure, R&JS Doig, Ochil Soaps Dollar, Bowlplex Dunfermline, The Green Hotel, Edrington Drinks, Hair Preet Grevaal, Kirkcaldy, ICC Europe, Turffit Kinross, Aitken & Niven, Perth, Ken Reilly and Grahame Clarke.

Men's Winter Training

New players and existing members are invited to attend winter nets at the Community Campus from Sunday 18 January 2010 from 2-4pm.

Ladies and Junior training continues – details can be found on the club website www.kinrosscc.co.uk

Kinross Squash Club



Happy New Year! The leagues have settled down to be very competitive affairs each month with numbers of players holding good. We are currently running 6 leagues of 5 players. If you wish to join please add your name and contact number at the bottom of the league tables which are posted on the Kinross Squash notice board situated at the rear of the courts in Loch Leven Leisure Centre.

We had an excellent response from members for the re-formation of a team. Although Kinross Squash can not join the Fife leagues at this late stage it is hoped that a sustainable team will be in place by the end of this season ready to do battle at the start of the next season.

Junior players continue to be very active in competitions under the guidance of Mark Beaumont and it is anticipated that a full report on their activities will feature next month.

League winners for Dec 2009

Premier League	Phil Shore
League 1	Jim Marshall
League 2	Peter Bell
League 3	Chris Martin
League 4	David McInroy
League 5	Stephen Park

Kinross Otters

Carnegie Winter Meet, Glenrothes Institute, 21 and 22 November

The last major local gala of 2009 took place over 21 and 22 November at Glenrothes Institute pool whilst major renovations continue to Carnegie's pool in Dunfermline. As usual it attracted the cream of the crop. Kinross Otters sent a small team due to commitments elsewhere but achieved remarkable results in the form of Laura Manson who simply gets better and better. She was the only Otter to get into the top six and of her six races she won six medals as follows:

10 + 11 year old Girls 200m Backstroke - 2.48.80 secs – **silver** medal. Despite leading for well over three quarters of the race, she was caught in the final few metres and only missed out on gold by 0.02 secs.

10 + 11 year old Girls 100m Breaststroke – 1.29.90 secs – **silver** medal.

10 + 11 year old Girls 200m Individual Medley – 2.51.22 secs – **gold** medal *winning by a clear 6.5 secs.*

10 + 11 year old Girls 100m Backstroke – 1.18.32 secs – **gold** medal.

10 + 11 year old Girls 200m Freestyle – 3.31.95 secs – **gold** medal leading from start to finish in a winning margin of 15 hundredths of a second.

10 + 11 year old Girls 50m Freestyle – 31.75 secs – **bronze** medal despite a personal best.

Congratulations must go to Laura for a very good weekend's work.

Best of the rest was Amy Baker with an 8th in the 10 + 11 year old Girls 200m Breaststroke and a 9th in the 100m equivalent. Her brother Callum managed a 9th in the 200m Backstroke for 12 + 13 year old Boys and two 10th places in the 200m Individual Medley and 100m Backstroke. Ellis Johnston came 15th in the 200m Backstroke for 12 + 13 year old Girls and 17th in the 100m Backstroke and achieved two 19th positions for the 200m Individual Medley and 200m Freestyle. Vicki Reid scored a 12th in the 200m Breaststroke for 12 + 13 year old Girls, a 15th in the 100m Breaststroke and a 23rd position for the 200m Individual Medley. Well done to all in what was a particularly stiff competition.

Kinross Otters Club Championships 2009

Kinross Leisure Centre, 29 November

For the first time in a number of years both the senior and junior clubs came together to hold the club championships all on one day. This turned out to be a great success with some very competitive categories and close races and as such the time keepers and other officials had to have all their wits about them. The results were as follows (first, second, third, left to right):

Iona Crawford, Kirstin Haig and Erin Stevens - 9 and under 50m Girls

Robbie Deas, Finlay Nesbitt and Keir Menzies-Smith - 9 and under 50m Boys



Laura Manson displays her medals

Niven Lowe, Iona Stevenson and Lauren Miller - 10/11 50m Girls
Aaron Gillon, Conor McCormick and Euan Boyle - 10/11 50m Boys
Katie Fowler, Hannah Henderson and Charlotte Longstaffe - 12+ 50m Girls

Ewan Scougall, Cameron Henderson and Kiron Roy - 12+ 50m Boys

Laura Manson, Ellis Johnston and Vicki Reid - 12 and under 100m Girls

Cameron McCloskey, Cameron Nelson and David Elder - 12 and under 100m Boys

Elidh Gibson, Maini Mulhem and Rachel Miller - 13/14 100m Girls
Ewan Simpson, Ruairidh Haig and Callum Deas - 13/14 100m Boys

Ruth Miller, Kayleigh Reid and Fiona Spain - 15+ 100m Girls

Ross Balingal and Brodie O'Kane (no bronze medallist) - 15+ 100m Boys

Katie Fowler, Hannah Henderson and Claire Mather - 100m IM Girls

Aaron Gillon, Ewan Scougall and Ryan Wilson - 100m IM Boys

Ruth Miller, Elidh Gibson and Laura Manson - 200m IM Girls

Ewan Simpson, Ruairidh Haig and Jamie Mather - 200m IM Boys

Female Open 100IM winner - Laura Muncey and Male Open 100IM winner - Simon Metcalfe

Coaches Cup - Bronze Squad - Amy Broadhurst

Coaches Cup - Silver Squad - Niamh Mullen

Coaches Cup - Gold Squad - Rachel Brisbane

Coaches Cup - Platinum Squad - Ruairidh Haig

Best Female and Male Swimmers of the Year - Laura Manson and Ewan Simpson

Scottish Schools National Swimming Championships

Tollcross Pool, Glasgow, 30 January

Throughout the autumn the various regions of Scotland held their individual schools' championships with the aim of selecting their best swimmers to compete at the national finals to be held in Glasgow at the end of January 2010. As a result of these finals 9 Kinross Otters have made it to the Nationals. At least 3 of those appear to have a realistic chance of getting a medal. The swimmers are:

Session 1

400 F/C - Cameron Milne
50 B/C - Cameron McCloskey, Cameron Nelson
200 B/S - Ruth Miller
200 B/C - Callum Baker

Session 2

200 F/C - Ewan Simpson
50 F/C - Laura Manson
200 B/S - Jamie Mather
200 B/C - Eilidh Gibson

Session 3

100 F/C - Callum Baker
100 F/C - Ewan Simpson
100 B/S - Jamie Mather

In addition to the above, little Milnathort Primary School has made it all the way to the Nationals by winning the Tayside 200m Freestyle 12 and under Boys Final by over 7 seconds from Kinross Primary School (a sweet victory that one!!). The sight of eight Kinross Otters t-shirts on the winning podium was a moment of great pride. The team consists of four boys from the *same* class – Gregor Malcolm, Cameron Nelson, Cameron McCloskey and Gareth Hutchison – the latter of which is not an Otter or regular swimmer but was picked due to his general athletic ability. Gareth has been given some intensive coaching by Otter's coach and Gregor's mother Ann Malcolm. Hopefully, this will pay off again.

Good luck and best wishes to all our swimmers at the Nationals. Full update next month. For more information on this vibrant club visit kinrossotters.co.uk

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

1sts. The next league matches saw Kinross up against the top two teams in the league. Against Grange 5ths, Mike Wilson scored from a counter attack in a very close game. Man of the match Shaun Masson saved a penalty flick but eventually continuous Grange pressure got them an equaliser followed by their winning goal in the last minute of the game to win 2-1. Kinross were gutted having led for most of the game but pleased with their standard of play. Kinross then travelled to Edinburgh to face a powerful and physical Erskine S/M 3rds. Having kept the initial Erskine onslaught at bay, Kinross found themselves 3-0 up at half time through goals from Chris Benningwood, Ali Vaughan and full back Gordon Balfour. Erskine then redoubled their efforts in attack and despite some brilliant saves by Shaun Masson, Erskine scored twice before Chris Benningwood scored a with a brilliant deflection to give Kinross a 4-2 lead. Erskine scored again and Kinross managed to keep their furious intense attack at bay for the last 5 minutes to secure a well deserved win with excellent performances from joint man of the match Chris and Shaun. The final league match last year was against Falkirk 3rds. With the score 1-1 with 10 minutes to go, Calum Anderson put Kinross into the lead 2-1 as the match turned sour and a Falkirk player was red carded. Then an inexplicable decision led to Falkirk scoring in the final minute to draw the game 2-2. So far played 10, won 5, drawn 1 and lost 4, lying in top half of the league with everything to play for in the second half of the season.

2nds. Kinross travelled to Eskvale. Whilst the Kinross forwards and midfield applied continuous pressure, keeper Andy Marsh had to make some excellent saves from Eskvale counter attacks. Continuous forward pressure eventually resulted in goals, the best by far being a solo effort by Pete Smith as Kinross secured a 3-0 win. The final league game was against Falkirk 7ths who had 2 very quick forwards who were very dangerous on the counter attack.

Kinross spent most of the game in Falkirk's half but against the run of play Falkirk led 2-0 at half time. Continuous pressure from Kinross with some quick passing play brought Kinross 2 goals, but with a minute before the final whistle Falkirk ran the length of the pitch and scored to give them a 3-2 win. Kinross did not deserve to lose this game with so many missed chances and the post hit 3 times. So far, half way through their 1st season lying mid table; played 8, won 3 and lost 5, but looking forward to the second half of the season.

The next league games are:

January

30th 1sts away to Edinburgh University 6ths and
2nds at home to Stirling Wanderers 2nds.

February

6th 1sts at home to Edinburgh University 5ths and
2nds have the day off

13th 1sts at home to Grange 6ths and
2nds at home to WITrinity 4ths.

20th 1sts at home to Carnegie 4ths and
2nds away to Carnegie 6ths.

27th 1sts at home to Watsonians 3rds and
2nds away to Fidra Lions

Hopefully, by the time you read this, Wednesday indoor training has discontinued, the snow has gone and we are back outdoor training with Alan Dickie on the KGV astro pitch on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9pm. It's free and all are welcome, no matter what age or ability. Kobra (U14) training for both boys and girls is on Thursday evenings 6.30 to 7.30pm. Again it's free, and all are most welcome no matter what your ability as Shaun Masson organises a lot of fun for all.

For further information why not contact Douglas Ogilvie on e-mail: captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk or 07768 708250 or Ollie Volland at secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk or 07725 884672

Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Kinross Curling School



The After Schools Clubs started back on 12 and 15 January. If you have children between 8 and 12 years who could be interested in curling either on the Mondays 3.30 – 4.30pm or Thursdays 4.00 – 5.15pm, please get in touch with me.

Our first **Curling Clinic** is not until **18 February**. We are holding this one on daytime ice 12.15pm, and will be going over your curling delivery and the correct way to hold the curling stone. If interested, then get in touch with me.

If you would prefer one to one coaching or a couple of friends want to come and try, I am available most days during the week.

For any more information please contact me:

Ena Stevenson 07974 826563

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Curling

Thursday After School Club



On Saturday 28 November two rinks had a friendly game against Stirling Young Curlers. It was exciting to play in the new ice arena at Stirling. The teams of Finlay Campbell, Lewis Leslie, Lewis McLaren & Gavin Hay and Murray Nicholson, Georgia Smith, Ellen Niven & Poppy Baird enjoyed the experience. The result was two wins and two losses, but Kinross won on shots.

On Sunday 10 January at the Green Hotel ice rink there was a triangular competition between Kinross, Stirling and Gogar. Each centre puts forward two teams. Once again we did very well: overall Kinross were second but the TASC (Thursday After School Club) were the highest up rink with Finlay Campbell, Lewis Leslie, Lewis McLaren & Gavin Hay. In the Draw Shot Challenge part of the competition, Lewis McLaren of TASC won.

I was very pleased with the way our players acquitted themselves and we look forward to the return match at Murrayfield later in the season.

Anne Porter, TASC organiser

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Deadline for all Submissions
2.00 pm, MONDAY 15 February
for publication on Saturday 27 February

Kinross Road Runners

New Year's Resolution?

Happy New Year to all runners everywhere. KRR has been going from strength to strength and we now have the largest membership for sometime. We are very active and have had people competing in over 70 events from Bath to Berlin and Anstruther to Aberdour. But don't let this put you off. If you have a new year's resolution to get fit then KRR could be the answer. We have runners of all abilities and we will be able to get you running whether it's a mile or a marathon. Only about 33% of the club members are competitive and run in races which means that we have plenty of fun and fitness runners who will be happy to show you the ropes.

Still Running

We have been training throughout the cold weather with extra runs on Boxing Day and 2 January. We still meet every Wednesday at the old health centre at 7pm and any new runners will be made most welcome. Other runs are also scheduled and can be found on our website www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk.

Awards Dinner

Kinross Road Runners held their annual awards dinner at Loch Leven's Larder on Friday 8 January. The dinner was attended by around 80 members and guests who were entertained with slide shows, videos and speeches. The dinner was hosted by club president Raymond Milne. Significant achievements throughout the 2009 season were recognised with the awards of certificates and trophies.

Prize Winners

Andy Johns, 1h 26m 43s, was the fastest club runner in the Loch Leven Half Marathon with Patricia Milne 1h 34m 35s the fastest lady. Paul Hegarty, 33m 18s, a new member to the club, was the fastest member in the Milnathort Dash and Kate Blake, 34m 59s, the fastest lady in the Dash was also the fastest lady, 41m 15s, in the club's 10k handicap race held in December. Andrew Laycock, 36m 21s, another new member, was the fastest man in the Handicap, but was pushed in to second place when the handicaps were taken into account by Judith Dobson, who ran a handicapped time of 58m 32s, 1m 28 s faster than her handicap suggested.

Fastest Marathons

Judith also ran the fastest marathon for a lady from the club in 3h 24m 3s but a special mention must be made to Alastair Black who broke the 3 hour barrier by completing the 26.2 miles in a staggering 2h 59m 37s.

Kinross Road Runners monitors the performance of all its athletes over the year in 12 key races and the best 6 results of these are used to calculate who the club champion will be. Coming top for the men was Stephen Crawford with Patricia Milne, picking up her second award, was the Ladies Champion.

Athlete of the Year

The most prestigious award presented is to the KRR Athlete of the Year. This year, following the customary secret ballot of all paid up members, the Athlete of the Year was awarded to one of Kinross's most successful athletes, Cameron Milne. This young man not only holds the club record over 1000m and 2 miles but is the fastest club runner ever to complete the Milnathort Dash. He has been working on his running as part of his main sport of Triathlon where in 2009 he competed for Scotland, as a TriathlonScotland



squad member, in European events in Luxembourg, England and Wales. He was selected to represent Great Britain and competed against the best in Europe in a major event in Italy. At the end of the season he was again selected for Great Britain to compete in Spain as part of the Youth Olympic Games qualifying events. During the season he competed in the British Triathlon Youth Series and was crowned Series Champion beating all comers from across the UK. The pinnacle of his success came in August 2009 when he became British Youth Triathlon Champion by winning the British Youth Triathlon race in Hyde Park, London beating competitors from all over the world. Cameron is a member of both TriathlonScotland and the Great Britain Triathlon squads.



Cameron Milne winning the British Youth Triathlon in August 2009

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Kinross Ladies' Hockey Club

Prior to the Christmas break, our teams managed some interesting results despite the continuing season's trend for teams to concede matches!



Our 1st team travelled to Queen Anne HS in Dunfermline on 21 Nov and beat Brechin 10-nil. The following week frost put paid to all fixtures, then Blairgowrie conceded to us a week later. On 12 Dec we travelled to Disc to play Madras in the League Plate Final with a depleted squad. We took to the pitch in an attacking formation, scoring first, but then struggling with the bounce of the water-based astro and finding ourselves 2-1 down at half-time. We were finally rewarded for our continued pressure, winning a penalty stroke which Gill Robb converted to equalise. Some great play and perseverance followed, which saw Chelle Best netting a brilliant third goal, before a fourth followed and we finished 4-2 winners – both teams know this game was really the League CUP Final!

Our 2nd team played three games during this same period with mixed fortunes, though the hard work at training from the new members is already reaping rewards so hopefully the rest of the season will be more settled. On 29 Nov (after a debacle of trying to find a suitable pitch for a home match!) we travelled to Dundee to play Brechin. It was a freezing day and the end result unfortunately not in our favour: 1-10. A week later v Dundee Uni 3s – a pre-planned strong squad turned out not so and some sort of magnetic force kept making us play the ball straight to their star striker, who relentlessly netted the ball – final result a disappointing 1-7. We then travelled to St Andrews Uni 4s on 12 Dec where an exciting game of cat and mouse ensued, finishing 4-4 in the last second of the game with a penalty corner equaliser from Wendy Symington – just reward.

Our next fixtures are on 6 February where both teams are due to play away, 1s v Grove and 2s v Perthshire 3s.

Congratulations to members Morna and Ginge who both had babies recently, a boy and a girl respectively; and to Maggie Best a happy 60th birthday in January – she's one of our founder members and still playing with us 35 years later – inspirational!

Training with coaches Ryan and Scott continues on Wednesdays at 6.30pm either at the KGV astro or indoor at the Community Campus; you are more than welcome to join us. Please check our website for further information www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk.

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Kinross Cycling Club



If you thought winter 08/09 was bad enough for cycling, as I write this we are just entering the thaw of the great 09/10 snow/freeze cycle! It has been terrible weather – not only does salt eat into bicycle components, the lumpy side roads and back roads are too treacherous to cycle on. Still, we must look forward to the rising sun and warmer spring days.

From 7 February, we're going to try something new. I think a lot of people have been put off cycling by the speed of the group. To encourage more slower cyclists to improve their fitness, we are going to have two groups: **group 1** (faster group) will depart at **9am** and **group 2** (slower group) at **9.30am**. Routes will be tailored to suit ability but may have to be curtailed due to weather. Also, we are changing our departure point from the old High School to the new High School. Please note that these groups are not fixed and cyclists can move between them according to fitness and injury etc. On February 7th, group 1 will cycle to Dunning and Bridge of Earn whilst group 2 will do Yetts o' Muckhart, Crook of Devon and Cleish.

To put down a marker for one's fitness, please come along to the **Winter Hill Climb** up Cleish Hill on **Sunday 21 February**. Both groups should meet at 9am and will cycle together to the bottom of Cleish Hill for the individual timed climb. Membership fees will be decided at the AGM on 21 January but the 2010 fee should not be too different from 2009 (£10).

Cycling is an excellent way to lose weight and get fit. Why not give us a try and come along on a Sunday morning? All you need is a road bike, helmet, cycling clothing, spare tubes, pump, energy drink, energy bars.....

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'Lots' of Fun at Orwell Fundraiser

Members of Orwell Ladies' and Men's Curling Clubs plus friends and family held a fun bonspiel and auction a week before Christmas to raise funds for the Kinross Curling Trust.

The evening started with some light-hearted ends of curling with forfeits, such as having to pay 50p for every stone through the back of the house or for talking during an end which was meant to be played in silence.

Meanwhile one sheet was set aside for an ongoing challenge to throw a stone to land on the pot-lid. Sue Cameron and David Clydesdale achieved this feat once and twice respectively, so took part in a play-off. In that, Sue was closest to the button and won a bottle of champagne, to many cheers from spectators in the bar.

Then the main activity of the evening began: a grand auction of 38 lots, ranging from half a side of venison to hampers of goodies, from computer lessons to a live sheep! The proceedings ran quickly and smoothly with professional auctioneer Graham Burke in charge.

The evening raised £3,818. This will be split evenly between Orwell Ladies and Men's Clubs and added to the funds they are raising as their contributions to the new curling facility.

For more information see www.kinrosscurlingtrust.org



Sue Cameron whispers tactics to Sandy Braid at the Orwell Fun Auction Night Bonspiel

Kinross Volleyball Club

At the mid way stage of the season the Kinross teams are having mixed fortunes in both the Premier and Recreational Leagues in the Perth District League.

In the Premier League Kinross Scotrange lead the championship race but it will be a close run thing. Kinross Kintronics are starting to improve and recorded their first win of the season just before Christmas. Their target is to finish mid-table and keep improving their play.

In the recreational league Kinross BB have suffered a couple of losses due to changes in personnel but they got back on the winning trail in their first games of the new year defeating local rivals Kinross Scotrange II and Rodney's Trotters. Kinross BBGA currently have the youngest players in the league with four primary seven boys: Mark Cathro, Mitchell Brown, Adam Sweeney and Andrew Beveridge showing great enthusiasm and improvement game by game.

Training has resumed on Monday evenings in Kinross High School with junior coaching from 8 till 8.45pm and adult coaching from 8.45 till 9.45pm. Old and new members welcome. The club is also preparing to enter teams in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament at Perth in May and also to celebrate 30 years of volleyball the club is looking to enter teams in the De Haan tournament in Belgium during August.

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Kinross Rugby Football Club



Happy New Year to you all!

Well we are going back to 21 November to bring you an update on game play. Crieff was the opposition team and we were both fighting for survival. The weather was shocking and the game was no thriller but I am glad to say Kinross got the points with an 8-0 victory. Next up was Ross Sutherland to visit Kinross. This game was a very hard game with both teams giving it their all; probably Kinross' best game this year. The game ended 12-12 and Kinross should have taken the points but by not keeping their discipline intact allowed the Invergordon men in at the last minute to play for a penalty and a share of the points. Unfortunately when it looked like Kinross were starting to come to themselves, the weather has wiped out further fixtures to date! Even the traditional Christmas Young Boys vs. Old Boys had to be moved inside the club house; there was only ever going to be one winner; the old heads in the bar where no physical running involved just the running of beer freely! 1-0 to the professionals! Hopefully we can fit a match in at the end of the season but with the current weather conditions, who knows when the season will end. All Six Nation games are being shown in the Clubhouse.

Training: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-9pm at KGV Playing Fields. Let's be seeing you there!

Fixtures

30 Jan	Mackie FP vs. Kinross	3pm KO
20 Feb	Kinross vs. St Andrew Uni	3pm KO
27 Feb	Kinross vs. Madras FP	3pm KO
6 Mar	Aberdeen Uni vs. Kinross	3pm KO

Tel: 01577 861773 **Website:** www.kinross-rugby.com

Bonus Ball

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Dec:	£50 – William Bolton	£25 – W.A.S.M. Smith

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Kinross Tennis Club



Snow has suspended play at the tennis courts over the last few weeks, but as soon as the courts are free of the fluffy white stuff, play will continue once more. That's not to say that the committee have not been thinking about tennis. Behind the scenes we have been busy making arrangements for next season, including opportunities for coaching, social events and competitions. Hopefully you are all looking forward to more tennis and we can build on last year's success. Officially **the new season starts on 1st April 2010** and our **Open Day** will be held on **Saturday 27 March**. Please come down on that day to renew your new membership and exchange your key so you continue to have access to the courts. All members will receive further information and new membership forms nearer the time. Any prospective new members please contact me on the number below for further details on membership.

Our annual **Quiz Night** will be held on **Tuesday 23 February** at the KGV Rugby Club on the Muirs, Kinross. It is always a lot of fun and very well attended. Everyone is welcome, so please bring a team and come down to pitch your wit against the reigning champions, including yours truly! It starts at 19:30 hrs. Tickets are available on the door and also by phoning me on the number below. Ticket price (£6 for adults, £3 for children) includes a very tasty chilli con carne!

We have arranged pre-season **coaching for adults** which will start on **Thursday 25 February** for five weeks. Beginners' classes are at 19:00, and coaching sessions for improvers start at 20:00. Exact costs will depend on numbers, but are usually around £5 per person per session. Payment must be made in full in advance of the coaching starting. Coaching sessions filled up quickly last year so book your place early to avoid disappointment!

If you have any questions please give me a call on 01577 865 449 or 07881 594 093. Remember, adult club night is on Wednesday evenings from 18:30 and club members also come down to play on Sunday mornings at 10:30. Hopefully see you there.

Aileen Jones, Secretary, Kinross Tennis Club

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Health and Fitness

My name is Tony Brotherton. I am a personal fitness trainer based in the Kinross area where I run my business, Fit & Happy. I am delighted to have been invited to write a regular monthly article on health and exercise related topics for the Newsletter.



I am often asked why it is important to exercise and what is meant by exercise? Let me explain.

The Top Five Health Benefits of Exercise

Every year, the evidence becomes more convincing: regular exercise is one of the most important things you can do to extend and improve the quality of your life.

The health benefits of exercise impact your body from head to toe. By exercising at least 30 minutes a day on most days of the week you can dramatically lower your risk of disease and injury. Exercise also helps improve your emotional health.

Specifically, regular exercise will:

1. **Strengthen and protect your heart and lungs.** Exercise provides numerous benefits to the heart. It lowers levels of LDL (or "bad") cholesterol, reducing the risk of blockages (plaques) in your arteries that can lead to heart ailments. Exercise also reduces high blood pressure. Regular workouts help build your lung capacity, which improves your body's ability to use oxygen. As heart and lung function becomes more efficient, blood travels more easily through the body. This helps you feel a higher level of energy.
2. **Increase muscular strength and joint flexibility.** Strength-training exercises build muscle tissue, boosting your overall strength and making it easier to do everything from controlling your dog as he strains at the leash to lifting baggage into the overhead bin of an airplane. In addition, exercise increases the flexibility of your joints, making them less likely to become injured.
3. **Build and maintain strong bones.** Weight-bearing exercise builds and strengthens bones. This can help ward off osteoporosis, a thinning of the bones that occurs in many women after menopause and in some men as they age. Strength training exercises and weight-bearing activities can best build bone mass. Examples of

weight-bearing activities include walking, running or jogging; skiing; weight-lifting; basketball and aerobic activities such as dancing. Older adults without a previous history of regular exercise can still increase bone density through exercise.

4. **Promote weight loss.** Exercise burns calories. Most people who are overweight will shed pounds if the amount of calories they expend exceeds the amount of calories they take in while eating. People who are not overweight will better maintain their healthy weight level even as they age and their metabolism begins to slow. Maintaining a healthy body weight is crucial to reducing the risk of many illnesses and conditions, including heart disease and diabetes. In addition, a slimmer body frame reduces the pressure on bones and joints and reduces the risk of osteoarthritis.
5. **Improve mood and reduces stress.** When you exercise, the body releases neurotransmitters known as endorphins. The release of these chemicals helps reduce pain, relieves stress and gives you a sense of overall well-being. Exercise also activates the neurotransmitters serotonin and norepinephrine, which help relieve depression. Exercise also boosts your emotional health in other ways. For example, a person who becomes fit is likely to have a stronger self-image.

Use It or Lose It!

Failure to exercise can be directly linked to higher risk of coronary artery disease, colon cancer and type 2 diabetes. People who are regularly active sharply reduce these risks.

However, you must continue to exercise throughout your lifetime to maintain these benefits. Nearly all of the health benefits of exercise disappear within months of stopping exercise.

Even professional athletes fail to maintain any of the long-term benefits of exercise unless they continue to remain active. Therefore, it is important to view exercise as an ongoing, long-term investment in better health.

Note: It is important that anyone considering taking up an exercise regime should consult their GP before doing so, particularly if it has been some time since you last exercised or if you are on any form of medication or suffer from a chronic illness or high blood pressure.

Next month: Cardiovascular Health and Exercise.

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News from the Rurals

MILNATHORT – President Mrs Jessica Monro chaired the November meeting. She introduced Mr Bob Sievwright and his daughter Heather, former owners of “The Roost”, Bridge of Earn, who gave a brilliant demonstration and talk on how to make lovely crêpes. He had us all having a go at making our own. Bob now has “Crêpe Sieve” Mobile Crêperie. The vote of thanks was given by Fiona Hynds.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- May Paterson
Soup	- Fiona Hynds
Oven Glove	- Nan Douglas

President Mrs Jessica Monro welcomed all our members to the Milnathort Bowling Club for our Christmas party. The room was beautifully decorated and we had an excellent meal supplied by D Barnett Caterers from Anstruther. Our thanks go to the Bowling Club staff and the catering staff for all their hard work, also our President for thinking up all the party games.

GLENFARG – Entertainment by Lesley Murison, Andzia Scott and Maureen Lambie plus excellent catering by Alice Mee made for a lively and happy Christmas Party at Glenfarg on Thursday 12 December.

Mrs Barlas, guest of honour, judged the competitions and the winners were:

Shortbread biscuits	- Lesley Murison
Best wrapped parcel	- Allison Messenger

POWMILL – President Mrs Janie Buchanan welcomed Powmill and Blairingone members to our joint Christmas Party at the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort, on Wednesday 9 December. After an excellent meal we sang Christmas songs and carols and the evening ended with a visit from “Santa Claus” who gave everyone a Christmas present.

Competitions:

Small Wrapped Christmas Present (to be donated to Ashleigh House)	- Mrs M Wilson
3 Mincemeat Pies (Shortcrust Pastry)	- Mrs S Buchanan

CLEISH – Mrs Margaret Kilpatrick welcomed member and guests to the Cleish coffee, cake and carols evening. The event was well attended in spite of poor weather conditions. We were entertained by the Fossoy Singers led by Mr Don Finlay whose programme consisted of carols, readings and music, the audience joining in the well known traditional carols. A most enjoyable evening and start to the Christmas season.

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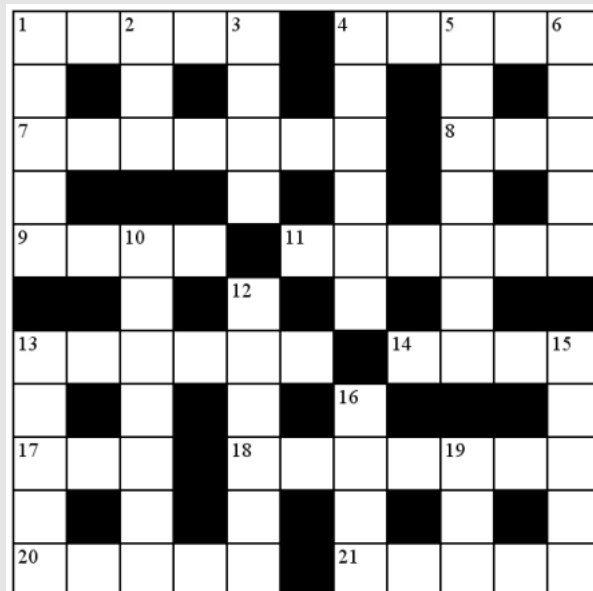
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ACROSS

1. Type G races around the Nile. (5)
4. It hides in the tenth. (5)
7. I ranged about a passage. (7)
8. A busy letter. (3)
9. Shades of us he uses. (4)
11. Spices make celestial fish. (6)
13. Made of words hidden in clever ballad. (6)
14. Chef finds Australia. (4)
17. Hazel finds a cask going backwards. (3)
18. Let axed confusion be highly praised. (7)
20. Footwarmers. (5)
21. Transmits, finishing after the point. (5)

DOWN

1. Home planet is where the heart is. (5)
2. Aye, or put it another way. (3)
3. To understand a branch. (4)
4. Flower rigs it about. (6)
5. Bat up a 200 for nothing, stick that in your pipe and smoke it! (7)
6. Oddly seven isn't against the odds. (5)
10. Rare tic a bit wonky. (7)
12. Scares a kiss. (6)
13. Victory in Europe precedes student organisation to make a planet of love. (5)
15. Mixed sudoku loses nothing to great acclaim. (5)
16. Arms make a planet of war. (4)
19. 2,240 pounds are not up. (3)



Out & About



Vane Farm



Hello folks and a guid New Year tae ye, even tho it's a wee bit late.

Michty me we hiv certainly hid mair o a winter this year wi the loch and reserve completely frozen as a write which hiz kindae made things a tad difficult fur the birds tae fund sum grub tae eat. Hivin said that, we hiv hid a fair selection o birds kickin aroond the place. As weel as the normal selection o ducks, geese n swans (record numbers were roostin oan the reserve at the end o last year, so hope they appear back when it thaws) Snow Goose, Jack Snipe, Red Necked Grebe, Hen Harrier and Brambling hiv awe pit in appearances ower the last wee while.

Tree sparrows hiv also been regular visitors tae oor feeders doon at the first hide wi up tae 10 or so kickin aboot, hope they decide tae nest in the boxes we pit up last year this spring, 50 Yellowhammers (a rarer fermland bird noo a days) are also dodgin aboot.

The stars o the show tho are the three White-tailed Eagles fae last year's release in Fife. First yin appeared, then twa, then the third. They awe hiv turquoise tags oan the wings wi the letters H the first bird we saw oan St Serf's which is a big female, the ither twa are X n Z. Visitors are bein treatit tae a daily show o them scrappin ower carrion oan the reserve. They hiv been aroond since December so fingers crossed they bide aboot a while, they ur certainly awesome lookin burds.

In the shop anither new staff member Lewis Dick joined us jist afore Christmas. He will be be workin between the shop n coffee shop so welcome tae him. The new spring catalogue is in and by the time ye read this we will hae stock o the new products if ye fancy a look see. Those o ye that are birdie types, the new 2nd edition o the "Collins Bird Guide" which is widely thocht o as the birdie bible by maist birderwatchers is also oan the shelves. Nae doot aboot it, it is a grand guide so if ye fancy buyin yin they ur also in stock. Loads o folk were certainly askin when it wid be published so noo's yer chance if ye wur efter a copy. At this time o year n specially wi the weather the wey it's been, it's awfa important tae help yer gairden pals along, so mind n keep pittin oot yer bird food tae gie them a boost oan the cauld winter nights. If yer lookin fur ony advice oan how tae help look efter them, come alang n hae a wurd n we kin point ye in the richt direction oan whit tae gie them. Oors o entertainment watchin them fae the windae if ye canna get oot wi the bad roads.

A new edition, those o ye wha'r regular visitors will probably mind o Andrea oor Visitor and Publicity officer; onywey, she gied birth tae a wee loon (George) oan Christmas Eve so nae doot she's hiz hid a fun time feedin the wee sowl n cheengin nappies. Hope wee Dod's a hardy chiel in this cauld.

Events fur February are a **Guided Walk** on **Tuesday 2 February** tae celebrate "**World Wetlands Day**" fae 9am – 12 noon. Meet here at Vane but book with SNH on 01577 864439. Oan **27 February** we are hoddin anither **Guided Walk**, startin at 11am, tae see whit's aboot oan the reserve. Again we are askin folk tae book a place, this time with Vane on 01577 862355. Baith these walks are free – jist bring yersel n mind n wrap up warm!!

Richt then, think that's it fur this month, keep cosy! Colin

Loch Leven NNR



Many folk have been enjoying the wintery scenery and weather. About 12 inches of snow has fallen around Kinross-shire and with temperatures down to minus 10, it is quite a change from the mild wet autumn. When a multi-user path was installed around the NNR, I don't think anyone envisaged it being used by skiers! Neil and I were out and about over the new year around the reserve. The cold weather did not stop many locals using the site.

Unfortunately the weather has taken its toll around the loch. The Burleigh hide has been damaged by the moving ice and will be closed to the public until further notice while engineers are dispatched to rectify the problem (*see photo on page 70*). We will be keeping our usual ongoing check on infrastructure on the Reserve for other signs of damage from the ice and snow.

There is nearly 100% ice coverage on the Loch which does mean the loss of many of our wintering birds which seek out a warmer climate. We are still doing our fortnightly bird count of the loch and some birds have hung in there taking advantage of the small ice-free pockets of water around the loch. The spectacular sight of three of the locally reintroduced White-tailed Eagles brightened up New Year's Eve. Nicknamed Boing, Boom and Chack by reserve staff, the birds were feeding on carrion on the south shore spending much time sat on the ice or fighting over food. They even killed a Buzzard in front of the visitor centre. Other birds of note include a Greenland White-fronted Goose, Green Sandpiper, Barnacle Goose, Jack Snipe, Smew and American Green-winged Teal.

Our first indoor meeting of the year is planned on **Wednesday 27 January** at 7.30pm at the Millbridge Hall. We welcome Johanna Willi, from the Fife Coast & Countryside Trust who is the Fife Red Squirrel Project Officer based down at Loch Ore Meadows. She will be speaking about a co-ordinated approach to red squirrel conservation in Fife. Johanna will also be joined by Simon Poots, who is chair of the Perth & Kinross Red Squirrel Group. It is possible to see Red Squirrels around Loch Leven but only if you are very lucky!

A full list of forthcoming volunteer events for 2010 will be published in due course. If anyone wishes to spare some time around the reserve or you would like to book on any of the events, please contact the reserve office on 01577 864439.

We have just purchased a reciprocating scythe grass cutter. This is to manage small wetland plant communities around the loch including Mary's Knowe, Orwell Marsh and Levenmouth pools where it is difficult to get machinery in without damaging the ground. The machine is fitted with double tyres for low ground impact.

During January/February the tired old fencing along the Loch side of the golf course beyond Kirkgate will be replaced. There should be no disruption along the path but please be aware around this area where men are at work.

For now, I hope you are all settling into life in 2010, and we look forward to sharing the NNR with you over the course of the coming year.

Jeremy

Farming



Well so much for global warming and predictions of a mild winter from the Met Office! The icy conditions for such a prolonged time has certainly come as a shock to the system and made the day to day tasks of livestock farmers more laborious, time consuming, and therefore more expensive. It also means that certain jobs just can't be done which will result in playing a hectic game of catch-up when the conditions improve.

When temperatures stay below freezing for days on end it is amazing how the cold penetrates to freeze seemingly well protected water supplies.

One of my most frustrating jobs was removing the polystyrene insulation from frozen pipes so I could get them thawed out. Relatively speaking, conditions in this area haven't been quite as bad as in some places where there have been reports of milk tankers being unable to collect milk from farms for days on end. Sheep farmers are having to feed hay and silage to their flocks as the snow is too deep and hard for the sheep to dig to find grass. This is fairly easily done on lower level farms, but further up in the hills it is proving nearly impossible to reach the animals through deeper and in some cases, badly drifted snow. There is also the danger that sheep, while huddling together in a hollow to find shelter, could be covered and suffocated by wind blown snow. Farmers who grow winter harvesting vegetables such as carrots, cabbage and Brussels sprouts are also having problems with harvesting crops under a blanket of snow.

All these examples and more besides have certainly made farming interesting over the past four weeks and it serves as a reminder of just how much we all are at the mercy of nature's elements.

There has been a lot of criticism aimed at various councils, governments etc for being unprepared or unable to cope but I believe most of the criticism is unfair for two reasons. Firstly the conditions have been severe and relentless – once or twice in a lifetime circumstances and secondly it is very easy to wave a finger and say something should be done but it must be remembered that some poor b**ger has to get out there and do the jobs, risking life and limb. It all goes to show how vulnerable the country is when transport is limited and it raises issue of food miles and people commuting large distances to work. On the bright side, it has given me a great excuse to write about the weather for a change. Best wishes for 2010 and another barbecue summer!

P.S Did you know that cattle were recently found at the north pole – they were a herd of eskimoos!

John

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Weather



November Weather Report from Carnbo

November was a very wet month and rather stormy throughout, maximum temperatures were slightly above normal.

Rainfall for month	248 mm (200% of normal)
Heaviest fall	37.8 mm (19th)
Highest temperature	11°C (19th)
Lowest temperature	-2°C (28th)
Average temperature	4.7°C

4 days with maximum temperature above 10°C

No ice days (maximum temperature below 0°C)

Lowest maximum temperature 2°C

Ground frost 13 nights

Air frost 4 nights

Sunless days 11

Cloud cover 76%

Snow not recorded

December Weather Report from Carnbo

This was the coldest December of recent times. The temperatures during the first two weeks were on the low side but from the 17th to the end of the month the temperatures plunged, with even daytime maximum temperatures below 0°C. After the 17th snow lay on the ground to the end of the month.

Rainfall for month	70 mm (62% of normal)
Heaviest fall	10 mm (26th)
Highest temperature	7°C (5th) (very low)
Lowest temperature	-9°C (23rd)
Average temperature	1°C

No days with maximum temperature above 10°C (very rare)

13 ice days (maximum temperature below 0°C)

Ground frost 30 nights

Air frost 24 nights

10 snow days

Snow lying 16 days, total depth 34 cms

Sunless days 7



The bird hide at Burleigh Sands, its posts skewed by moving ice during the recent big freeze

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Congratulations

CHARLIE SCORDECCHIA-WILSON, a P7 pupil at Armgask Primary School, Glenfarg, won the 2009 competition to design a Christmas card for Gordon Banks, MP. The design was selected from over 400 entries by Alloa Athletic winger Dougie Wilson.



Charlie Scordecchia-Wilson, with Gordon Banks MP (left) and Dougie Wilson

COLIN and JILLIAN BELL (née **FREW**), of Wilson Court, Kinross are delighted to announce the birth of their second son, **EUAN ARTHUR**, on Friday 27 November 2009 at Forth Park Hospital, Kirkcaldy. A brother for **OLIVIA** and **MATTHEW**.

Perthshire Chamber of Commerce recently held an award ceremony, which recognised and rewarded business achievement during 2009. **EMMA NIVEN** of Loch Leven's Larder received a Highly Commended in the Campbell Dallas Tourism Hospitality Star Award.

JOHN WILLIAMS of Kinnesswood, a glider pilot based at Portmoak, has been breaking gliding records in Argentina in the Andes. He has shattered his own UK distance record by flying 1550 km and is waiting to hear if that 8½ hour St Andrew's Day flight is also a world speed record. John (56) now aims to complete a 2000 km flight before returning home. John set the previous UK distance record of 1100km from the Scottish Gliding Centre at Portmoak.

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Publication Date
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VICKI and DAVID FU TONG at **The Grouse & Claret Restaurant**, Heatheryford, Kinross would like to sincerely thank **George Lawrie** for his magnificent work in keeping our road to the restaurant clear and open (not once but twice!), during the recent heavy snow. We, and all our customers, very much appreciate all his hard work and effort. **Thank you George.**

ELSIE JOHNSTON, Powmill, wishes to thank family, neighbours and friends for visits, cards and phone calls during her stay in Ninewells Hospital and convalescence at home. Special thanks to medical staff, Ward 16, for excellent care and Dollar Health Centre.

LYNN, ISOBEL and the cast of 'A Medley of Musicals', the one-night performance from **MTKY** in November, would like to thank the wonderful audience for their presence and their donations towards Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. The final amount sent to the organisation was £1059.60. Further details about this organisation including statistics can be found on the website www.pcrf.org.uk. Thank you all VERY much and we look forward to seeing you all in September 2010.

CHRIS RENTON would like to convey her sincere thanks to the many people who sent cards, flowers etc and best wishes during the recovery from her recent accident. God bless you all.

Everyone at **Portmoak Under Fives** would like to say thank you to all those who sponsored the four Dads who completed a 13-mile fancy dressed walk around Loch Leven on 22 November. A huge thank you also goes to the Dads who took part: Ian Buchanan, Bob Caldwell, Graeme Brown and David Porter for all their efforts. Over £1400 was raised for group funds, so well done the Dads!



The Portmoak Under Fives Dads!

Tom and Jean Webster and family, Kinross Quilters and Vi Todd would like to thank everyone for their wonderful donations of money and raffle prizes.

Especially to the lovely ladies from Kinross Quilters, the shops, friends, family and carers, whose support has been wonderful and very much appreciated.

The Ceilidh was for the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.

The sum raised after all expenses were paid was a grand total of £1,200. A new quilt has been finished to raffle for the Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline.

Thank you again for all your wonderful generosity and support.

LYNN BATHGATE would like to express her thanks to all her friends and family who joined her for her wild west themed early retirement party at the Green Hotel. A great time was had by all and the sum of £270 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The **Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service** would like to thank all those who attended the donor sessions in October, when 272 people attended, with 232 of these making a donation. This is a tremendous help to patients all over Scotland. The Service next visits Kinross on **22 and 23 February**.

Fossoway Primary School Association would like to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas Raffle a great success. We would particularly like to thank the following local businesses who helped by selling tickets or by donating prizes – your contributions were greatly appreciated. We raised £1,291.26 which will go towards purchasing resources for the school: Cairney Fruit Farm, Heather Kerr, Tracey Gow Photography, Maxine Gray, Turnhouse Golf Club, Brian Devlin Butchers of Dollar, Noah's Ark, Bunty Ann Interiors, Craigie Hill Golf Club, Caledonia Play, Baxter's Foods, Helen Rattery, Moët Hennessy UK, Knockhill Racing Circuit, Salon 62, Over Dalkeith Stables, 1st for Balloons, Perth and Kinross Leisure, Bannatynes Health Club, Margaret Farnworth, Bower Hair Design, Windlestrae Hotel, Bowlplex, The Muirs, Mhairi McNeill, Jumpin Jacks, Hunters Butchers of Kinross, The Bean Shop, Gavin Anderson Photography, Lochend Farm Shop, Loch Leven's Larder, South Lissens Pottery, Mona's of Muckhart, Fi & Computers, Muckhart Inn, Complete Look, Powmill Milk Bar, Heaven Scent, The Zen Zone, Le Jardin at Dobbies, Fossoway Garage, Fossoway Post Office, Hepburn Garage, Sainsbury's.

Light Up Kinross would like to thank the following traders for supporting the 2009 Christmas Lights: Adam Neilson, Adamson Drinks Ltd, Alphavet, Bayne the Bakers, Belle Kitchen Designs, Bower Hair Design, Central Fish & Chips, Mr Chans, Dawson International, David Sands, Grouse and Claret, Hunters the Butchers, J & J H Sands, Kinross Plumbing & Heating, Kinross Primary School, Kinross Stove & Cooker Centre, Kintronics, Kirklands Hotel, Koronka, Le Jardin Café, Lodge St Serf No. 327, Mozolowski & Murray, Rowlands Pharmacy, Royal Bank of Scotland, Raj Mahal Restaurant, Salutation Hotel, Stewart Funeral Directors, Todd & Duncan, Tyrefair, Williamson Florist.

The LUK committee thanks the following for their assistance: Alan Copland and his team (Tayside Contracts), Stuart Skinner (plaques on poles etc), Ian Millar (electrician), John Campbell (fitting tree lights), Steven Brown (David Sands gifts), Kinross Rotary Club (stewarding), Kinross Round Table (santa sleigh), Kilted Christmas Tree Co. (Christmas tree and lights), Kinross-shire Fund (grant for lights), Roy Munro (photos), Shaun @ Drum Service Station (pa system), David Blyth (set up pa system), Lynn Caldwell (singers), P&KC (use of County Buildings), Kinross CC Newsletter (grant), Kinross Pipe Band, Sainsbury's (mincemeat pies). Thanks also to all members of the public who have supported our fund raising events and switch on ceremony and generously donated to our collecting cans.

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Sun 24 10.30 Morning Service: Rev. Marion Keston of St. Paul's Church
 19.30 Church Centre : Crossfire, for S1 age upwards (and every Sun.)

Tues 26 10.00 Pram Service (and every Tuesday)
 14.30 Causeway Court – Service (last Tues of every month)

Wed 27 10.45 Midweek Worship: Reading Room, Church Centre, 30mins.(and every Wed.)
 12 noon Mid-week and Mid-day: Time to Pray: 30 min. (and every Wed.)

Sun 31 10.30 Morning Service
 18.30 Informal Evening Service to celebrate Candlemass

February

Mon 1 08.00 Silent Meditation (30 min.)
 20.00 Heaven and Earth café, Muirs Inn lounge (new, informal meeting -see separate notice)
Tues 2 14.30 Whyte Court –Service (First Tues. of every month)
 19.30 The Guild, church centre: 'Equal Futures'
Thu 4 19.30 Thursday Group, Church Centre: 'Motor Neurone Disease'

Sun 7 10.30 Morning Service, followed by informal communion
Mon 8 20.00 Taster evening for 'The Marriage Course', Kirklands Hotel (see separate notice)

Sat 13 08.30 Prayer Breakfast, Church centre (1 hr.)

Sun 14 10.30 Morning Service

Tues 16 19.30 The Guild, church centre: 'International Justice Mission, Cambodia'

Wed 17 19.30 Ash Wednesday service

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

Sun 21 10.30 Morning Service

Mon 22 19.30 An Evening of Word and Song with Paul Jones.
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Tues 23 20.00 Prayer meeting (1 hr)

Sun 28 10.30 Morning Service

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February Services

Sun 7 Epiphany 5, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

Sun 14 Sunday before Lent, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

Wed 17 Ash Wednesday, 10.30am, Holy Communion
 with imposition of ashes.

Sun 21 Lent 1, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

Thu 25 9.30am, Prayers for healing.

Sun 28 Lent 2, 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

Sunday School and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

Thursday Morning group Bible Study. Everyone welcome.
 For further information, please contact Sarah Oxnard,
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Kinross-shire Churches Together Lent Study Group meets
 7.30pm Tuesday 23rd (for five weeks) in Kinross Parish
 Church.

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

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

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.

An Evening of Word and Song with

Paul Jones

Manfred Mann
 The Blues Band

How faith in Christ
 brought them true
 happiness

Fiona Hendley

Actress and Singer

Kinross Parish Church

Admission by donation - Scottish Charity No. SC012555

Mon. 22nd Feb. – 7.30pm

Cleish Parish Church**Church of Scotland**

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

Sunday Services 11.15am
Crèche 11.15am
Junior Church 11.15am

February

Sun 7 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 14 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 21 10am - 10.30am Early Birds,
 All Age Worship service
 11.15am Preacher: Brian Ogilvie

Sun 28 11.15am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Guild, 22 February, 7.15pm.

Fossway 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

Junior Church, crèche, "Wrigglers Group" (0-3 year olds), Teens at 10am

Tots Music: Friday mornings in hall, 9am

Refresh Coffee Club: Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm

Housegroup/Bible Study group:

contact Margaret Hamblin (01577 850252)

February

Sun 7 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 14 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Sun 21 9.45am Preacher: Brian Ogilvie

Sun 28 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay

Saturday Night Worship

Last Saturday of each month, 7.30 - 10pm

Millbridge Hall, Kinross (parking available)

Heart felt praise and worship Prayer for healing

Opportunity for testimony Refreshments

Books and resources Open to all

For further details contact Sarah Corsar 07795313864

Heaven & Earth Café

Hot topics • Discussion
Quizzes • Life Stories
Films • Chat



The style and content of each evening will vary. We will explore an aspect of everyday life and hear real life stories.

1 February - Muirs Inn lounge - 8.00 pm.

After that we will get together on the first Monday of each month.

More info: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

Kinross Parish Church

Registered Charity No SC012555

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

Rev Dr Robert Pickles Telephone: (01577) 863461
 E-mail: robert.pickles1@btopenworld.com

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

Service at Ashley House: first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm

Services at Levensen: first Tuesday of the month at 4pm

Oasis Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15 - 11.45am last Friday of the month.

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

February

Sun 7th Formal Communion, Portmoak.

Come and visit our new shop at 29 South Street, Milnathort.
 Open Mon - Sat. 10am till 4pm.

We have a selection of books and gifts for sale.

Printing & copying facilities available, Meeting room to let.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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



The aim of The Marriage Course* is to help couples grow closer to one another.

The course is based on Christian principles and is suitable for all couples however long or short / strong or weak their relationship, and whether or not they have a Christian faith. It is a personal and private journey through some of the ordinary matters which impinge on all human relationships....such as good communication, resolving conflict, the impact of family etc. All topics are discussed one to one with your partner, there are no group discussions. The course provides a fresh insight into personal relationships, provides an opportunity to freshen up your inter-personal skills and offers some useful relationship strengthening tools you might not have thought about. Not only that - it is also good fun!

The course will run for seven evenings once a fortnight on Monday evenings from **22 February** till **24 May**. The evenings are special, like a date. Each evening will start with a candlelit romantic meal** - just for two!

Try before you buy.....!

To help you decide whether or not this is for you, a 'taster' evening is being offered at **The Kirklands Hotel Restaurant** on **Monday 8 February at 8pm**. This will let couples see what the course is like prior to making any commitment. Places at the sampler will be limited to approx 20 couples. If interested, please call Ewan & Myra Cathcart on 01577 862039, or send an e-mail to eandm@cathcartkinross.co.uk

* Also suitable for unmarried couples

** Typical cost (payable to the hotel) will be £23 per couple for a two course meal (drinks extra). There will be no charge for the course or for the materials provided.

Kinross Parish Church

Registered Charity No SC012555

Obituaries

WHITE – Lucy White, who lived at High Street, Kinross and later for 13 years in the Yetts O' Muckhart, died peacefully, at Falkirk Royal Infirmary, on Sunday 22 November 2009, aged 84.

FREW – Peacefully, at Queen Margaret Hospital Dunfermline, on 21 December 2009, after a short illness, bravely borne, **ARTHUR WISEMAN FREW** of Gallowhill Gardens, Kinross. Arthur is survived by his wife, Jean, daughters Jillian and Lynsey, son Gregor and grandchildren Olivia, Angus, Matthew and Euan.

ROBERTSON, Robert.

Rob was born in the High Street, Kinross on 20 November 1942. From there the family moved to 85 Montgomery Street, which was the family home till the death of his mum, Nettie, in October 2003. His dad having died as a result of a war wound, the family of six was brought up by his mum, much to her credit. Rob attended Kinross Junior Secondary School till the age of 15 during which time he was a keen member of the Boys' Brigade and did a milk round for Lawrie, Burleigh.

On leaving school he served his apprenticeship as a grocer with Sands. From there he joined the Royal Navy serving on HMS Hermes and thereafter on nuclear submarines. During this time he met and married his late wife Pat and their daughter Fiona was born in Helensburgh. On leaving the navy the family moved to Cheshire where Iain and Neil were born. Following a change of job the family moved again to Redditch and it was there that Rob died on 19 November 2009.

Rob was a devoted husband and father and liked nothing better than being with his family, especially his granddaughters. He retained a keen interest in Kinross and visited often. He is survived and much missed by his daughter and sons. He is also sadly missed by his brother Jim and his sisters Catherine, Jennifer and Morag, his other sister Ray having died in 2004.



AQUARIUS HEALING

Usui Reiki – Jikiden Reiki – Karuna Reiki
Traditional Indian Head Massage

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Try a course of Natural Therapies to reduce your stress levels and bring balance back into your life.

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Acknowledgements

Scott **WATSON** (Milnathort) – Cath and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their many cards and expressions of sympathy on Scott's sad death and all those who attended the funeral at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh on 22 December in dreadful weather conditions. Everyone's kindness is very much appreciated.

FREW – Mrs Jean Frew and family would like to thank everyone for expressions of sympathy received - cards, letters, flowers, etc. - on their recent sad bereavement; also Stewart Funeral Directors for their professionalism and guidance and Rev. Alan Reid for the comforting funeral service and all his support. We would also like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service. The retiring collection raised the sum of £375 for The Sarcoma Trust.

SMITH – The family of the late Patricia Smith of Burleigh Road, Milnathort would like to thank friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers and kind words of sympathy they received. Sincere thanks also to Kinross Homecare and District Nursing staff for their wonderful care and attention given to our mother and to the Doctors of Lochleven Health Centre and G&A Stewart, Funeral Directors.

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

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If no transport, visiting homes would be considered

Tel: (Muckhart) 01259 781446

Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit www.kinross.cc

Playgroups & Nurseries

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell

(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

Babies and Toddlers (birth – 3yrs)

Tues 10:00am - 11:30am

Playgroup (2yrs onwards)

Mon & Fri 10:00am – 12noon

Contact Carolyn Robertson 01383 831129

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact - Tracey 01577 863468

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

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 9.30 to 11.15 (term time only)

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

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



SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association

aka Swansacre Playgroup

Registered Scottish Charity Number SCO17748



TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacreplaygroup.org.uk

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

Playgroup sessions – Mon to Fri 9.15-11.45am

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

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

This is complementary to Nursery.

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

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1pm-3pm

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

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



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall

Thursday & Friday, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Contact: Susan Britton 01577 863385 or 07737 461 293

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

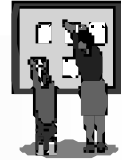
Village Hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg

9.30am to 11.30am during term time

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

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

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



Notices

Music in Kinross Parish Church

The first recital of the year is on **Saturday 6 February** at 7.30pm by **Paul Livingston, Barbara Misiewicz and Scott Mitchell** (violin, 'cello and piano). All three are graduates of the RSAM, and Scott Mitchell himself is from Perth; he is well known as an accompanist and recitalist all over Scotland. Music by Bach, Brahms and Shostakovich amongst others. Tickets £5 with free entry for school children from NEWS PLUS, High Street, or at the door. The next concert is on **Monday 22 February** at 7.30pm by **Paul Jones** (previously a singer with Manfred Mann) and **Fiona Hendley**. This will be an evening of Christian songs and entry is free with a retiring offering. On **Sunday 21 March**, at 3pm, Kinross Parish Church Guild invites you to their annual fund-raising concert. This is given by **Quern**, a concert party from Linlithgow who give a multi stranded concert of Scottish music, including pipes, fiddles, accordionists, dancers, singers and reciters. Tickets available from Guild members or at the door. If you would like more details about these concerts please email alexcant44@aol.com and they will be sent to you by return. Any queries, please phone Alex Cant (862923). Details of a return visit in March by Alexander Kudajczyk, the Polish pianist, will be published in the next newsletter (sign up for the e-mail for early warning!)

Orwell Bowling Club BURNS NIGHT

Saturday 6 February at 7.30pm
Entry £6, includes Haggis, Neeps and Tatties
Tickets behind the bar at club.

Orwell Bowling Club BINGO TEA

Wednesday 17 February at 7.30pm
Entry £1, includes refreshments
Bring your own cup please

Kinross-shire Residents Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 4 March
7pm Church Centre, Kinross
Anyone who requires travel or baby-sitting payment, phone
pktr Federation Office on 01738 442302.



Kinross-shire Residents Association

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.

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

Monday 22 February	3.30pm to 8.00pm
Tuesday 23 February	5.00pm to 8.00pm

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

Kinross-shire Historical Society



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

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

Programme for 2010

15 Feb Exploring along the Fife Coastal Path from the Forth Bridges to Largo Bay: Dr Hamish Brown MBE

15 Mar The Black Watch 1725 -2006: A thumbnail sketch of the history of the regiment. Thomas B Smyth MA.

Annual General Meeting

Kinross Floral Art Club

will meet in
The Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

on
Thursday 28 January
at 7.15pm prompt

“Members Night”
Every member to bring a container, greenery
and a supermarket bunch of flowers.

All welcome to come and join us for a fun evening.

Dates for your diary!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

22 February - 7 March

Special events are being planned for the Fairtrade Fortnight in and around Kinross-shire

*Please see March Newsletter for further details
or telephone Pat Payne 01577 862715 for more info.*

Kinross Floral Art Club

Windlestrae Hotel

Thursday 25 February
at 7.15pm prompt

Title: “Who Are the Artists?”

Demonstrator: Anne Buchan

All welcome to come and join us for a fun evening

Cleish School

Would anyone like to help with the Chess Club?
If you are interested please contact the school
telephone 850220

Dollar Music Society 2010

- 6 Feb Daniel Grimwood: a talented young pianist will play works by Chopin, Greig and Liszt.
6 Mar Katharine Durran (piano) with Rafał Zambrzycki-Payne (violin): an exceptional concert comprising sonatas by Beethoven, Janacek, Mozart and Brahms.

All concerts are held in The Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy and start at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7 per adult single (children free) or membership of the Society costs £19 (single), £36 (family). Dollar Music Society is a member of Making Music and is subsidised by Enterprise Music Scotland. We would be very pleased to see you at any or all of our concerts. For further information please contact Andrea Ross, tel: 01259 742014 or Jan Bradley: 01259 742652.

Kinross Tennis Club Quiz Night

Tuesday 23 February at 7.30pm
KGV Rugby Club
Tickets: £6 per adult, £3 per child
Ticket price includes chilli con carne
Tickets available on the door or telephone
01577 865449 or 07881 594 093

COMEDY NIGHT

Milnathort Town Hall

Saturday 20 February at 7.30pm

Featuring acts from the Glasgow and Edinburgh comedy circuit. The extremely popular and hilarious Billy Kirkwood is returning to compère the event, hosted by Kinross Ladies Circle. Proceeds to local charity, the Salix Dementia Trust. Doors open at 7.30pm, but get there early as seating is limited.

Fancy a curry with your comedy? A local caterer is providing one to buy on the night and you can wash it down with something from our licensed bar. There will also be a raffle.

Last year sold out fast, so get your tickets quickly! Contact Julie on 01577 861513 for tickets (£10 per person).

Crossword Answers

ACROSS

1. Egypt
4. Tithe
7. Reading
8. Bee
9. Hues
11. Pisces
13. Verbal
14. Cook
17. Nut
18. Exalted
20. Socks
21. Sends

DOWN

1. Earth
2. Yea
3. Twig
4. Tigris
5. Tobacco
6. Evens
10. Erratic
12. Caress
13. Venus
15. Kudos
16. Mars
19. Ton

WHIST DRIVE

Carnbo Bowling Club are holding their annual
Open Whist Drive in

Carnbo Hall

Saturday 20 February
at 7.15pm

All welcome

Raffle

Tea/coffee



Kinross-shire Fund
Grants available for local
community projects



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

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

or email Annabel@scottishcfc.org

Free Energy Saving Advice Freephone 0800 512 012

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

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 and unwanted
electrical goods in any condition. All goods can be
collected.

Telephone Amu-Logotse on 07985 623870 or Barbara
Willey on 01577 863063.

Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Area Office

Tel: 01577 862351

21 High St, Kinross

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental
health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency
road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby,
e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesday 16 February
between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

FEBRUARY FLING

in aid of Kinross Curling Trust
Glenfarg Ladies Curling Club
 are hosting two fundraising events:

CEILIDH DANCE

to Glenfarg Ceilidh Band on
Friday 26 February
 at Glenfarg Village Hall, 8pm to 12 midnight
 Ticket £12.50, includes light supper. BYOB.

and

BEAUTY SWAPSHOP BAZAAR

Sunday 28 February, 1pm to 4pm
 at the Windlestrae Hotel
 by kind permission of Mr Jamie Montgomery
 Ticket £5, wine on entry
 Bring up to three items of clothes or household items,
 receive three tokens to swap for items new to you.
 Relax with a stroll through the craft bazaar and
 pamper yourself at the beauty treatment stalls.

Tickets for both events from:
 Annette Bennie, tel 01577 865060 or
 Christine Melville, tel 01738 850860

Perth Symphony Orchestra SPRING CONCERT

Saturday 27 February, 7.30pm at Perth Concert Hall
 Robert Smith Two Pieces from The Divine Comedy
 Tolga Kashif The Queen Symphony

The Queen Symphony is a six-movement masterpiece based
 on motifs and rhythmic patterns from well know Queen
 songs – a musical treat for classical music lovers and Queen
 fans alike.

Tickets are £10, concessions £5 and kids go free.

ROSS 2000

Extraordinary General Meeting

All welcome

Thursday 4 March at 7.30pm

Loch Leven Community Campus



The aim of Ross 2000 was to ensure that there are adequate
 sports facilities in Kinross-shire and at one time the group
 hoped to see dry sports facilities added to the Loch Leven
 Leisure Centre. After the announcement that a community
 campus would be built, Ross 2000's plans were put on hold.
 Now that the campus has been built, the Ross 2000
 committee proposes to wind up the organisation.

There are funds of approx £16,000 to disperse. The Ross
 2000 committee would be grateful for suggestions on how
 to disperse these funds, bearing in mind the original aim of
 the organisation.

Suggestions may be made to the Secretary, Pauline Watson
 at The Grey House, 70 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY or email
 Pauline @thegreyhouse.co.uk or tel 01577 862685.

Contributors

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Leave a margin

Use one side of the paper only

Orwell Bowling Club

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 6 March at 7.45pm

Entry £4 per 4 x person team

Refreshments will be on sale

Bus Outing to SECC Glasgow

Creative Stitches and Hobby Crafts

Sunday 7 March

For details of Entrance/Bus and departure times

telephone Mrs C Rodger, 01577 863785

before Monday 15 February

Looking for a band for your Procession or Gala Day?

The Forth Bridges Accordion Band (Bo'ness) is the only
 community marching accordion band in Scotland.

For more details please visit

www.forthbridgesaccordionband.webs.com

Wanted – Volunteer minibus drivers

Kinross High School is looking for people to drive the
 school minibus for planned school excursions during the
 school session. Volunteers must have passed their driving
 licence before 1 Jan 1997 to enable them to go through
 MIDAS training provided by the Council. References and
 enhanced disclosure are also required. The school will pay
 for associated costs.

Please contact Helen Powers, Senior School Technician for
 more information 01577 867100.



Children's Hospice Association Scotland
 Sharing the Caring

Out with the old in the New Year



Children's Hospice Association Scotland
 Sharing the Caring

New Year is the perfect opportunity to clear out your wardrobe for
 2010 and donate unwanted Christmas gifts to charity. The
 Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) is keen to
 restock the shelves at their charity shops at 76 and 88 High Street
 Kinross and temporary shops at the Kingsgate Centre in
 Dunfermline and The Centre, Livingston.

CHAS are looking for clothing, textiles, accessories, DVDs, bric-
 a-brac, toys, games, jewellery, household items and books. All
 profits from CHAS shops help to enrich the lives of the children,
 young people and their families across Scotland who rely on the
 vital hospice services provided by CHAS.

Kinross shops are open Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5pm. The
 Dunfermline and Livingston shops are only open on Fridays from
 11am to 3pm. For more information contact Liz Aitken on 01577
 867810.

If you are interested in volunteering for CHAS in the shops, mail
 order or in the Kinross Fundraising Office, please call Frances
 Todd at the Gift Shop on 01577 865 557 or Alison Rennie at the
 Kinross fundraising office on 01577 865 222.

If you would like to support CHAS please contact 01577 865 222
 or go to www.chas.org.uk

Kinross Garden Group

We are planning a trip to the **Gardens of Ireland**

Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 September 2010

This is open to any residents of Kinross-shire and friends

Any one wanting to join this trip, telephone

Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785 for more details.

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KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
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FossowayCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
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Email: wrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Recycling Centre, Bridgend

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

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

Mobile Library – Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: 27 January

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 Young Children

At Loch Leven Community Library.

No need to book, just come along.

Story Telling

every Monday morning	10.15 – 10.45 am
and every Thursday afternoon	2.15 – 2.45 pm

Bookstart Rhymetime

every Saturday	10.30 – 11 am
and every second Wednesday	2.00 – 2.30 pm

(next Wed session: 27 January)

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

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**.

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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

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Telephone: 01577 867205

Email: kinrosslibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

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

Kinross District Counselling Services

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

It is open to all-comers.

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

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

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

Weekly Programme

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



School Holidays 2009-2010

	<i>start date</i>	<i>end date</i>
Spring Holiday	Fri 2 April 2010	Fri 16 April 2010
Academic year ends		Fri 2 July 2010

In Service Days

2010: Tuesday 16 February, Monday 19 April.

Other Holidays

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

Giraffe Cafe and Gallery

Giraffe Trading CIC

Employment ... It's for Everyone

Giraffe is Perth and Kinross's first community interest company dedicated to offering employment activities to local people with mental ill-health, disabilities and other disadvantages in the workplace.

As a not for profit social enterprise, Giraffe depends on an enthusiastic team of volunteers who are bringing their skills and expertise to this new business. This innovative company is characterised by the use of trained volunteer Buddies who support adults as they make the challenging transition into mainstream employment settings. We already have three volunteers from Kinross who are key members of the Giraffe Team but would welcome more volunteers..... we particularly need volunteers to man the cafe and gallery on Saturdays so if you have a couple of hours to spare one Saturday a month, please come forward.

Registered in Scotland, SC354022
51-53 South Street, Perth, PH2 8PD

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

Registered Charity No. SC015642

Charges to service users (as at 1/10/08)

Perth, Dunfermline	£8
Stirling, Kirkcaldy	£8
Stracathro	£25
Dundee	£15
Edinburgh	£15
Loch Leven Health Centre, local area	£3
Loch Leven Health Centre, outreach area	£4
Co-ordinator: Ann Munro 01577 840196.	



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

Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed. Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

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