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Letters

Editorial

This is one of those issues of the Newsletter that makes you proud to live in Kinross-shire – not for the scenery, wonderful though it is, but for the people. There's Amanda, whose work as convener of the Potager Garden and a Guide leader is touching on the lives of three groups of young people – primary pupils, Guides and now nursery children, showing them the joys of growing food and flowers and improving biodiversity in three parts of the town. Then we have the winners of the High School citizenship quail, working selflessly for others in the community and achieving incredible physical feats to raise money for charity, which leads me to the madness of local curlers, who carried a curling stone (weighing around 44lbs!) to the top of Ben Nevis in a sponsored effort to raise funds for the curling academy! And finally the staff and customers of Lochend Farm Shop deserve a special mention for raising an incredible £10,000 for CHAS from the sale of second-hand books and tablet.

If you feel inspired to get involved with the community, take a look at our Register of Local Organisations, at the back of this month's Newsletter. Immense thanks to Pauline Watson, administrator of the kinross.cc website for chasing dozens of contacts so that the Register is as up to date as possible. Clubs, please keep Pauline informed when you have a change of contact person. Thank you.

In response to Open Letter in regard to Spring Bedding

5 June 2010

I write in regard to the above letter, and indeed, the several letters that have been printed over the past few months in the Newsletter. I can well understand the frustration of the author of these letters and sympathise with their content; at least the first time the point was made. However, in regard to some of the derogatory comments made about P&KC, it is worth reiterating that the initial issue that started this to-ing and fro-ing of letters was the removal of the beech hedge at the primary school, which, as reported elsewhere in June's Newsletter, has been apologised for and is being re-planted.

I am sure that I need not remind the author that P&KC, like public bodies across Scotland and the UK, is facing significant financial pressures. These pressures are of a scale that will result not only in a reduction in the amount of activities the Council can undertake, but will also result in job losses; losses that affect communities and individuals. Continuous complaints will not help in a time when services are being closely examined; instead, we as a community should be supporting our public officers and making it known how much we value their efforts, not continuously berate their efforts. Like all humans, council officers are fallible; I am by no means justifying poor service, nor am I seeking to make excuses where mistakes may or have been made. Nor am I suggesting that everyone should agree with every decision the Council makes. But at the same time, the Council delivers excellent services to the residents of

Kinross-shire; efforts which have been applauded (dealing with snow-bound roads in winter, the repairs to bus shelters in Gairneybridge etc) in recent issues of the Newsletter. Whilst I accept that the bed outside e-Bikes is a central feature in Kinross and it not being planted is a shame, I am not sure that the continual 'open letters' are helpful in a) resolving this, or b) supporting the services that we do all value on a daily basis that the Council provides.

Do these letters of complaint really reflect the feeling of the majority of readers?

Over coming months, the potential cuts that the Council will be likely to make will be far greater than the loss of bedding plants in a small area of Kinross and will have far more wide ranging and significant impacts; I would rather that we reflect the positive and significant good work that the Council does and fight to ensure that this work is continued to a high standard by supporting council officers in their work and ensuring that we use the voice that we all have to protect services and jobs in the local community.

Niall Lobley
19 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood

Dear Kinross-shire Residents

Formal Complaints to PKC

21 June 2010

We, the undersigned, believe that local residents should have been engaged with PRIOR to the disposal of the old Kinross High School site for maximum consideration.

If you have a similar point of view may we suggest that you make a Formal Complaint to Perth & Kinross Council.

You may do this in a number of ways:

- Telephone the Customer Service Centre on 01738 475583
- Email PKC on customercomplaints@pkc.gov.uk
- Write to the Complaints & Governance Officer, Perth & Kinross Council, 2 High Street, PERTH PH1 5PH

Further details are available on the Perth & Kinross Council website www.pkc.gov.uk

Details on the background to this issue can be found on www.kinrossfocus.co.uk

You may still complain even if you live outwith Kinross.

Best regards

Susan Bathgate, 42 High Street, Kinross, &
Dave Cuthbert, 8 Highfield Circle, Kinross

Copy of a Letter to B Malone, Chief Executive of P&KC

Dear Ms Malone

16 June 2010

Decision not to Engage the Community of Kinross over the future use of the former Kinross High School site

Please could you explain to me how the decision was reached within Perth and Kinross Council that there would be no engagement with the Kinross Community over the future use of the Former Kinross High School site whereas there would be engagement with the Perth Community over the future use of the City Hall site in Perth?

Yours sincerely

Dave Cuthbert, Kinross Resident
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross

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Abbreviations: P&KC: Perth & Kinross Council, CC: Community Council, Cllr: Councillor, CCllr: Community Councillor.



News & Articles

Summer of fun at Loch Leven Community Campus

Residents of Kinross and Kinross-shire are being reminded about the great range of facilities and opportunities for leisure, recreation, lifelong learning and community activities available at Loch Leven Community Campus over the summer.

Loch Leven Community Library is open every day Monday to Saturday (Mondays and Fridays, 10am to 6pm, Tuesdays to Thursday 10am to 8pm, and 10am to 3pm on Saturdays) providing a fantastic range of fiction and non-fiction reads, a wonderful children's area, local information and resources and enhanced computing facilities including wi-fi access.

Throughout the summer holidays the community library will be holding its pre-school storytelling and Rhymetime sessions as normal. The storytelling sessions will be held every Monday at 10.15am and every Thursday at 2.15pm. Rhymetime fun will be running every Saturday at 10.30am and also on Wednesday 14 July, 28 July and 11 August at 2pm. In addition, the 'Space Hop' Reading Challenge for youngsters will be running at the community library from Friday 25 June until Friday 20 August, with storytelling and games sessions every Monday from 3pm to 3.45pm between 5 July and 9 August, and craft sessions from 10.30am to 11.30am on Friday 16th and 30 July and Friday 13 August.



A huge range of facilities and opportunities is on offer at Loch Leven Community Campus

The campus is also home to **Kinross Museum** and its displays covering local history. The Museum's exhibitions are open at the same time as the library, and its research room is open on Thursdays from 10am to 8pm and Saturdays from 10am to 3pm.

Excellent sports and leisure facilities are available on campus. These comprise games halls, gym, fitness suite, dance studio, climbing wall, full size all-weather pitch, rugby and hockey pitches, boules court, cricket wicket, indoor sports hall, multi-use games area and changing rooms with showers.

Perth & Kinross Leisure will be running a **summer activity programme** on campus from 5 July to 13 August, offering fun for children of all ages, including Wee Springers gymnastics classes, bouncy castle fun, gymnastics, dance, football, climbing and cricket. For further information about the programme and booking places, phone the campus reception on 01577 867200 or visit www.liveactive.co.uk

The Council's Sports Development Team will also be running a three-day trampolining camp for children from P4 to S3 from 28 to 30 July between 10am and 12noon each day at Loch Leven Community Campus, with places costing £20. For further information or to book contact the Sports Development Team on 01738 472236.

Community Learning and Development staff will also be running **transition activities** during July with local P7 pupils preparing to go up to S1 at Kinross High School in August. Cultural and Community Services staff from the Youth Work, Adult Learning and Community Capacity Building teams will be available throughout the summer holidays.

Other community facilities on site are art and design rooms, drama and recording studio, music rooms, ICT suites, kitchen/lifeskills room, meeting rooms, conference suites, interview rooms, lecture theatre, contemplation room and a hall with cinema-style projection.

Loch Leven Community Campus is open from 7am to 10pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. For further information about these and other events happening on campus over the summer, please call 01577 867200, email lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk or visit the Council website at

www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycampuses

Loch Leven Community Campus Partnership

Although this group is in its early stages of formation, it felt that its progress should be known to the wider community.

Firstly the role of this group is to promote the campus, influence change and improvements to the quality of services delivered and give the community a link to the facilities available. It was highlighted at the first meeting that the Partnership is an advisory body and will be supported by the Senior Community Capacity Building Worker based in LLCC. Membership has been taken from campus users and local community organisations. At present it has representation from Parish Church and Concert Promotion, KHS Parent Council, Fossoway CC, Kinross and District Art Club, Kinross Rugby Club and Musical Theatre for Kinross-shire Youth with support from Tracey Ramsay, Senior Community Capacity Building Worker.

So what can you do?

As a member of the community you can let the group know how the campus can help you. You will be key in the development of this facility; your comments, views and concerns will be reported through the Partnership.

Next Meeting **Thursday 9 September**.

If you wish any further details or have any comments, please contact the Partnership on

campuspartnership@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

T in the Park weekend - changes to local bus services

Service 204 diversion during T in the Park

Due to road closures and the one way traffic system in place for T in the Park, it will be necessary to divert Stagecoach Fife Service 204 from its normal route on Saturday, 10 July 2010.

On journeys to Kinross from Dollar the diversion will be A91, via Mawhill Road, B918, Tillyochie Road and A977 to Kinross.

Journeys may operate a few minutes later than timetabled.

Journeys from Kinross to Dollar will operate their normal route.

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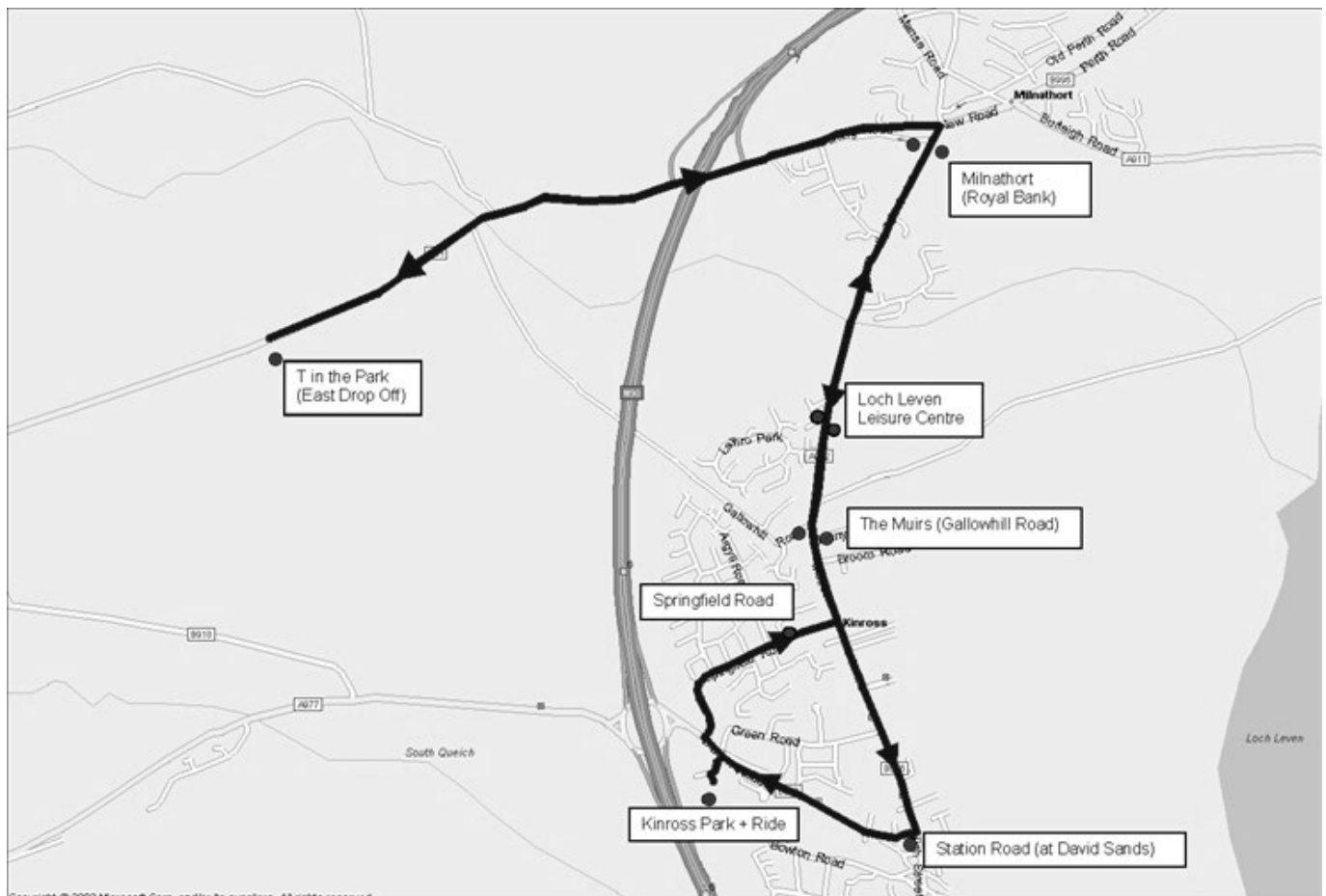
During the weekend of T in the Park a **free** Local Link Bus Service (604) will operate a new, improved timetable between Kinross (David Sands, Station Road) and the T in the Park Site (East Drop Off), with all journeys serving Milnathort. In addition, Service 604 will serve Kinross Park+Ride site and Springfield Road, as well as picking up passengers at other bus stops along the route.

On Thursday Service 604 will start at midday from Kinross (David Sands) and operate at 30 minute intervals finishing at 7.00pm.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the service will start at 10.30am and operate at 15 minute intervals until 1.00am the following morning.

Then on Monday, Service 604 will depart the T in the Park site (East Drop Off) at 7.00am and operate at 30 minute intervals until 2.30pm.

NOTE: The full timetable for Service 604 is printed in the T in the Park Guide for Local Residents leaflet, which you should have with this Newsletter. Copies of the leaflet can be downloaded from www.kinross.cc



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Successful exhibition for Milnathort Placecheck improvements

P&KC has confirmed the next steps for proposed public space improvements in Milnathort after a successful two-week exhibition.

Held between 4 and 14 May at four venues, the exhibition was organised to continue the community engagement which began last year. Local residents set priorities for improvement at Placecheck events in August and November 2009, and the exhibitions in May detailed the plans developed from these priorities.

The displays were well-attended over the two-week period and a large number of comments were left by members of the public.

The Council's Placecheck team is now collating the comments made and will revise designs as appropriate. It is intended that a Placecheck newsletter will be sent to every household in Milnathort during the summer to let people know what work will be done and when.

The Placecheck team would like to thank Milnathort CC for helping to publicise the exhibition, the venues concerned for hosting the displays and everyone who took the time to come and see the designs and give their views.

Foster carer appeal

P&KC is appealing for foster carers for young people who would otherwise spend their teenage years in residential care.

Full time foster carers for teenagers in need can earn over £30,000 per annum and will receive on-going support from the Council's Fostering and Adoption Team.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a foster carer, call 01738 783 450 or e-mail: ecs.fosteringandadoption@pkc.gov.uk.

New Perth office for CAB

The Citizens Advice Bureau in Perth has moved to 7 Atholl Crescent, Perth, PH1 5NG. The new telephone numbers are:

Advice Line: 01738 450580

Appointments Line: 01738 450581

The Perth CAB service provides a drop-in outreach surgery to Kinross on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall in the Muirs.

Improvements to crocus bulb maintenance

by Perth & Kinross Council

Perth & Kinross Council appreciates the hard work undertaken by voluntary groups throughout the Kinross area and is keen to work with the community wherever possible and in whatever capacity to try and improve the area.

In response to feedback from the community about crocus bulbs being cut down early in Kinross, this year the Council has taken steps to improve processes around crocus bulb maintenance in future years. At present, maintenance specifications require spring bulb areas to be cut six weeks after flowering. This year, the areas where bulb growth was healthy were left uncut.

However, some bulb areas were cut early because the bulbs were considered to be sparse. These sites included Gacé Gardens (where unfortunately the majority of bulbs were ripped up by birds soon after planting some years ago) and Lathro Park (where the bulbs suffered from an unintentional early cut, again some years ago, and haven't flourished since then).

In order to ensure bulb areas planted for this purpose in Kinross are restored and protected for next year, the Council is seeking to meet with Kinross in Bloom this summer to identify the bulb areas and any remedial work required.

This may include some replanting and an application of fertiliser. In addition the maintenance squads will be fully briefed before next season as to which areas are to be left.

With the agreement of Kinross in Bloom the Council may also explore the use of some temporary re-usable signs to highlight bulb areas where flowering has finished and help clearly identify these areas. None of these bulb areas will be cut early unless agreed between the Council and Kinross in Bloom in advance.

The Council would take this opportunity to apologise if it had appeared that we had deliberately cut down healthy crocus bulbs. We hope the improvements we have put in place following feedback from the community will help to make arrangements clearer in future years.

To ensure the Council and Kinross in Bloom have a shared understanding of their respective roles and expectations, the two organisations are currently finalising an agreement to set this out more clearly. This should help to ensure future discussions about open space maintenance issues, bedding plants or shrub planting reviews are better coordinated and communicated and misunderstandings are avoided. It is hoped that the agreement will be in place within the next couple of months.

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Update on Kerbside Recycling Service

by Perth & Kinross Council

The majority (88%) of households in Perth and Kinross now receive the new Kerbside Recycling Service, allowing householders to recycle around 50% of their waste at the kerbside. The Council also has plans to roll the service out further in Perth and Kinross over the next 12 months, to include rural areas and blocks of flats.

Below is a quick reminder of what should go in your kerbside recycling bins.

Blue Lidded Bin:

- Paper e.g. newspapers, magazines, brochures and soft backed catalogues.
- Cardboard e.g. food, toy and electrical equipment packaging, toilet roll tubes.
- Cans e.g. fizzy drinks cans, beer/cider cans, food tins and pet food tins.
- Plastic bottles: all plastic bottles, including milk cartons, fruit juice bottles, fizzy drinks bottles, cosmetics, cleaning products and detergent bottles.

Please note that only plastic bottles can be accepted. Bottle tops, yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, fruit punnets or any other plastic packaging should not be put in your blue-lidded bin.

Brown Lidded Bin:

- Food: all cooked and uncooked food, including meat, fish, pasta, dairy and bones.
- Garden waste, including grass and hedge trimmings, leaves, twigs, wood shavings, plants and flowers.

Please note no plastic bags, soil, stones, plant pots, large branches or logs should go in the brown lidded bin.

Other items, including glass bottles and jars, can be recycled at your nearest Recycling Centre or Point.

Thanks to the residents of Perth and Kinross, the area has now achieved a recycling rate of 43%, well above the national average, and an increase of 5% from last year.

For further information about your Kerbside Recycling Scheme or to find out where your nearest Recycling Centres and Points are, please visit www.pkc.gov.uk/recycle, contact the Customer Service Centre on 01738 476476 or email recycle@pkc.gov.uk.

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Photographic exhibition challenges stigma associated with mental illness

"Not equal to but better than" is a phrase often used by photographer Graham Miller over the last year. In this personal project, Graham has been photographing workers who are recovering from mental illnesses in the Walled Garden in the grounds of Perth's Murray Royal Hospital.

The project '**The Most important people in the World: Honesty**' seeks to address the stigma attached to mental illness while reminding those affected of their importance to society. The work, which consists of striking large-scale portraits printed, unusually, on an aluminium composite material, will be first exhibited at the Birmam Arts and Conference Centre in Perthshire. The free exhibition will open 2 July from 7pm until 9pm, and will run daily from 9am to 5pm, seven days a week, until 3 August.

A sample of the images can be seen at:

www.gilmar.turnpiece.net

The Walled Garden is part of the local charity PKAVS and provides support and practical work and training opportunities to 40 adults with mental ill health. For further information on PKAVS, visit www.pkavs.org.uk

Family Week

2 - 6 August

Stuck for something to do during the holidays? Come and join us for a week of fun, 2 - 6 August, at this year's

Family Week. We meet at Loch Leven Community Campus from 10am to 12 noon to explore God's plan for the world, through theatre-themed activities, with quizzes, music, games, artwork etc.

Family Week is run by volunteers from various churches in Kinross, so there is no charge, but donations are very welcome to cover the cost of hiring facilities, materials etc. All ages from 3-16 are welcome. There are other associated activities some afternoons and evenings (see programme in Churches section). Look forward to seeing you there! For more information contact Moira Hookham, 01577 861033.



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Flower Show Convenor: Mrs Claire Paton, Lethangie, Kinross

Committee

Cath Mearns, Ann Munro, Margaret Kilpatrick, Alice Getley, Bobby Campbell, Ian McDonald & George Paterson

Flower Section Judge - Mr Keith Brand, Kinghorn

Floral Art Judge – Mrs Isobel Cooper, Carnock

Children's Section – Ms Allison Bristow, Kinghorn

JUDGING COMMENCES 10.00 a.m. - ENTRIES: 50p per Adult Exhibit and 20p per Child Exhibit

One exhibit entry per person in each class. Entries accepted on Show Field until 9.00 p.m. on Friday 13th August, Alternatively, from 8a.m. until 9.30 a.m. on **Saturday 14 August** - entries can be uplifted at 4.30 p.m.

1. Pot Plant - Flowering	9. Best Single Rose
2. Pot Plant - Begonia	10. Vase of Five Sweet Peas One Colour
3. Pot Plant - Fushia	11. One Gladioli any variety
4. One vase mixed Herbaceous	12. Patio Planter any type
5a. Vase of Three Dahlias – Decorated	13. A miniature arrangement in a Sherry Glass
5b. Vase of Three Dahlias – Cacti	14. Arrangement using 3 Blooms – Greenery allowed
5c. Vase of Three Dahlias – Ball/Pom	15. A Floral Arrangement celebrating "Golden Wedding"
6. Four Mangolds any variety to be shown on a board*	16. A Floral Arrangement the theme – "Kinross Show 180th year"
7. Four Pansies to be shown on a board*	17. Bowl Flowers from an Open Garden
8. Vase of Three Roses Same Variety	18. An exhibit the theme – 'Harvest Thanksgiving using Fruit & Vegetables.'

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

1. A picture on A4 paper depicting "MY HOUSE" exhibited by a Boy or Girl age 5 years and under
2. A picture on A4 paper depicting "BON FIRE NIGHT" exhibited by a Boy or Girl age 6 to 8 years
3. Childrens TV character using recyclable materials exhibited by Boy or Girl, age 5 years and under
4. A model of AN ANIMAL using Fruit & Vegetables exhibited by Boy or Girl, age 6 to 8 years
5. An arrangement of "Garden Flowers" in a "JAM JAR" shown by a boy or girl aged 8 and under
6. Bonfire Guy using recyclable materials no more than 50cms high exhibited by a boy or girl age 9 to 14 years
7. A "GARDEN IN A SEED TRAY" shown by a Boy or Girl age 8 and under not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural material only
8. A "GARDEN IN A SEED TRAY" shown by a Boy or Girl age 9 to 14 years not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural material only
9. Model Farm in a Seed Tray – 'Models Allowed' open to all ages

VEGETABLE SECTION

EGG SECTION

1. 4 Tomatoes	1. Childrens Class 12 years and Under – 3 Hens Eggs Any Variety
2. 4 Onions	2. Adult Section – 3 Hens Eggs Any Variety
3. 4 Potatoes Round (White)	3. One Decorated Egg open to all children 12 years and under
4. 4 Potatoes Round (Coloured)	
5. 4 Courgettes	

Paper Plates will be provided for Egg and Vegetable Sections

PRIZE MONEY - In All Classes 1st - £2, 2nd - £1, 3rd - 50p

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

Trophies

The Trophies for the most points, Classes 1 to 12 and 13 to 18 inclusive, will be assessed 3, 2, 1 for the first three prizes.

CAIRNS CUP for the most points overall, + Rosette; BALADO SALVER for the most outstanding entry in Classes 1 to 12 + Rosette;

FISHER BOWL for most points in Dahlias; CAESAR TROPHY – Sweet Peas;

THE KIRKNESS TROPHY for the most points in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 13 to 18 inclusive);

THE RENTON TROPHY for the most outstanding exhibit in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 13 to 18 inclusive);

THE GAVINE LINDORES TROPHY for the best Single Rose (Class 9);

THE SCOTT-DAVIDSON CUP presented by the late W. Scott-Davidson, Cleish, for the winner of Children's Class 9;

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (small) winner of Children's class 7; LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (large) winner of Children's class 8;

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

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

PATON PRODUCE TROPHY – For best exhibit in the produce classes; MAWCARSE SALVER – Best Exhibit Overall in the Show.

Special Prizes

Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places will be presented in Children's Classes 1 to 9

Carrs Billington, Milnathort have sponsored the new Egg Section with vouchers to the value of £10 for each egg section winner.

Kinross Conservation Area revised

P&KC has approved the Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal following a report to the Council's Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 26 May 2010.

The Council has a duty under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 "to formulate and publish, from time to time, proposals for the preservation and enhancement of any parts of their district which are conservation areas." This means in effect that all existing conservation areas should be reviewed and re-appraised.

A Conservation Area was first designated in Kinross in 1979, and extended in 1989, but had not been reviewed since then. Last year the Council decided to review the Conservation Areas in its local authority area and Kinross was selected as one of the initial priorities.

A public exhibition of the draft Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal took place between 27 August and 1 September 2009 at the Church Centre, Kinross. A total of 84 people viewed the information, which was higher than other conservation area appraisals. This was thought to be due to the tie-in with the community engagement exercise and to a higher than normal level of publicity, including an article in the Kinross Newsletter. Eight individuals, one national body and one local amenity group made written comments. Most visitors to the exhibition were supportive of the findings of the appraisal. The review of the Conservation Area reflects some of the suggestions put forward during the community engagement process.

The Conservation Area will be enlarged. The boundary will be extended to include the western end of Swanscare. The boundary is also being extended at its northern end to include the Market Park, the Green Hotel and some of the villas to the north of the Green Hotel.

The appraisal indicates opportunities for enhancement of key areas or buildings and it is hoped that the streetscape of the town centre can be significantly improved once the relief road to the south west is built.

The Conservation Area will be formally redesignated by public notice and notification to Scottish Ministers.

Council staff also drafted an Article 4 Direction for the Conservation Area to restrict 'permitted development' rights. This is to prevent the character of the area being spoilt by a lot of small changes. An Article 4 Direction requires the approval of Scottish Ministers.

The Committee report, the Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal and other associated documentation can be found on the Council website. Go to www.pkc.gov.uk, click on Council and Government, then Minutes, agendas and reports then Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee and agenda and reports for 26/05/10.

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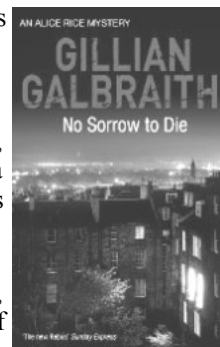
Crossword Competition Winners

Thanks to all who entered last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to our winners:

Alison Lockhart of Sandport Gait, Kinross, wins the first prize of a hardback copy of Gillian Galbraith's new crime novel *No Sorrow to Die*

Robert Hardie of Thimblehall Drive, Dunfermline, wins a paperback copy of *Dying of the Light*.



Crossword Answers

Across

1. Doge, 3. Sorrow, 8. Immense, 9. Sue, 10. Gong,
13. Escort, 15. We, 17. No, 18. Letter, 19. Idea, 22. Goo
23. Assegai, 25. Taking, 26. Rice

Down

1. Dying, 2. Gem, 4. Odessa, 5. Respond, 6. Wrest,
7. Ant, 11. Owe, 12. Network, 14. Roe, 16. Remain,
18. Light, 20. Alice, 21. Asp, 24. Ghi



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Vane Farm Nature Reserve is about to become bigger and better



Main wetlands at Vane Farm

about as many sheep 'work' round the clock and throughout the year to keep the vegetation low and to prevent scrub from encroaching on the valuable wet grassland.

If we had no grazing at Vane Farm our reserve would disappear under willow and birch scrub within a matter of years. Of course willow and birch are also good habitat for wildlife but, along the shore of Loch Leven, wet grassland is much more valuable.

Plans to improve our existing wet grassland

We have recently been given permission to manage an additional 25 ha of land along the loch shore between Vane Bay and the Gairney Burn. This area used to be wet grassland, grazed by cattle and horses. Since grazing stopped, willow and birch have encroached.



A Lapwing and her chicks

Our plan, in partnership with Kinross Estate and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), is to restore the wetland by

If you are a regular visitor to Vane Farm you should soon see some changes out on the reserve. Changes that will make Vane Farm an even better place for birds and an even more amazing place to visit. Because Vane Farm is part of Loch Leven National Nature Reserve, these changes will also benefit the whole of Loch Leven.

The work we are about to start is made possible through funding from 'Biffa', SNH, the Scottish Government and Europe. We have also just signed a lease with Kinross Estate which increases our reserve area by 25 hectares – that's equivalent to 30 football pitches!

We want to take this opportunity to tell everybody a bit more about the conservation work we do at Vane Farm and about our plans for the future.

Managing wet grassland at RSPB Vane Farm nature reserve is a year round job!

When you look from the Vane Farm café over our existing wet grassland area, you may well get the impression that the reserve is a place where nature is left to its own devices. However, in reality what you see is the product of careful management, which needs considerable effort and resources year on year. Thankfully, over the last three years we received some generous funding from the Perth & Kinross Quality of Life Trust, which allowed us to do some extra bits of work.

So, how do we manage our wet grassland at Vane Farm?

To create perfect conditions for birds and other wildlife, we first need to collect rain water by building dams and small 'reservoirs'. Then we need to distribute the water over the grassland to soak as big an area as possible. For this we use sluices, drains, pipes and ditches. We have no pumps at Vane Farm. The whole system is driven by gravity, so we need to be careful that we don't lose too much water too quickly. Because once the water is at the bottom of the system, we can't get it back up! Just as important as water is grazing. At Vane Farm 100-150 highland cows and



Scrub encroaches if there is no grazing

removing the willow and birch and then reintroduce grazing to restore the original habitat. The cows will be kept ten metres from the shore to protect the loch. Along the immediate shore we will make sure that low scrub and fallen trees provide brood cover for ducks, as well as benefiting Loch Leven's fish population.

This work will start in late July this year and once the area is restored it will increase the total area of wet grassland within Loch Leven National Nature Reserve by 20%!

Plans to improve our ability to manage water

Next year we are planning to reshape, re-profile and generally improve the wet grassland areas near the visitor centre and around the hides.

The aim of that work will be to give us the ability to collect more water, spread the water more widely over the reserve and have better control over its flow. This will create a more level grassland with smaller hillocks and shallower



Vane Farm wet grassland

pools with plenty of muddy edges full of insects and grubs for birds to feed on. To prepare for this work, we have carried out some very detailed studies over the last three years. We have, for example, sampled soil at various

depths, measured the ground water table and calculated the volume and flow of water through our site.

We are now close to drawing up the final designs for the work which we hope to carry out in August next year. Our designs also include further improvements for our visitors, giving them even better views of our bird spectacle close-up.

If you want to know more about our work and our plans for improvements and developments at Vane Farm, just come and see us at Vane or contact Uwe Stoneman, our Site Manager on 01577 862355. You can also email Uwe at uwe.stoneman@rspb.org.uk.



Highland cattle help manage the wet grassland

Vane Farm

Part of the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve, Vane Farm is an ideal day out for all the family. If you're new to birdwatching, visit our viewing hides for close-up views of wildlife. If you prefer something more energetic, follow the steep trail to the top of Vane Hill and enjoy the spectacular vista – you may even see great spotted woodpeckers.

In the summer, you could see ospreys on the loch, and in the winter, thousands of pink-footed geese, swans and ducks make the reserve their home. Our café serves delicious hot and cold food all year round.

Opening times

Vane Farm Loch Leven visitor centre is open 10 am-5 pm daily, and the trails and hides are open 24 hours a day throughout the year (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and 2 January).



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Council approves A977 measures

P&KC has approved a list of works to take place along the A977 to mitigate the effects of increased traffic following the opening of the second Forth crossing at Kincardine.

The Scottish Government provided £250,000 to fund mitigation measures. This was insufficient to fund all the measures regarded as necessary but after consultation with local elected members, Fossoway & District CC and Friends of Rural Kinross-shire, a list of priorities was drawn up and the following works will take place:

Blairingone

- Upgrade footway between Windy Edge and village.
- Install rumble strips on approaches to village.
- One new vehicle activated sign site (east end of village).
- Upgrade, removal and relocation of signs; provision of central island; cut back vegetation.

Powmill

- Footway link on east verge between A823 and Milk Bar.
- Two new vehicle activated sign sites (west of Devonshaw and Aldie Road).
- Upgrade, removal and relocation of signs in vicinity of A823 junction; cut back vegetation.
- Install two junction vehicle activated signs (solar powered).
- Install bus shelter at Gartwhinzean Loan.
- Install junction warning and repeater signs on western approach to village.
- Remove and alter signs on eastern approach to village.

Crook of Devon

- Removal of signs on western approach; cut back vegetation.
- Provision of bus build-out outside shop to facilitate safe parking and assist public transport users.
- Removal of speed limit countdown and repeater signs;

extend hatching; improve Drum/Crook of Devon gateway signs.

- Provision of Puffin crossing in vicinity of Institute; remove part-time 20mph speed limit.
- Three new vehicle activated sign sites at east end of village.
- Provision of Puffin crossing in vicinity of Drum crossroads.

A977 between Crook of Devon and M90 Interchange

- Dropped kerbs at cyclist crossing point at Balado.
- Install two junction vehicle activated signs in vicinity of Balado (solar powered).
- Provision of new bus shelter at Balado crossroads.
- Widen footway on north side of road between Services and Balado.
- Introduction of a 40mph speed limit between Turfhill Farm and existing 30mph speed limit; improve signing at Services junction; provide reflective bollards at Services and Dobbies junctions.

Two mitigation measures were constructed in June 2009, i.e. Puffin Crossings at Powmill and Blairingone.

At the May meeting P&KC resolved to prepare business cases for three roundabouts on the A977. Should capital funding be achieved, the proposed roundabouts would be at the following locations:

- the A977/B913 junction at Blairingone,
- the A977/B9097 junction at Crook of Devon /Drum and
- the A977/Service Station junction.

The cost of one roundabout is approximately £250,000.

The full committee report can be read on, or downloaded from, the Council website. Go to www.pk.gov.uk, click on 'Council and government' (under the heading 'Browse' on left of home page), then click on 'Minutes, agendas and reports' under the heading 'Features.' Click on Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, then the Agenda and reports for 26/05/10.

DISIP launches new support service

Disability Information Service in Perthshire launched a new support service at a Civic Reception on 25 June, hosted by the Provost and Lady Provost in Perth.

DISIP was formed in 1999 to provide free access to relevant, up-to-date and appropriate disability and impairment-related information.

On 25 June DISIP announced the launch of a new support service, funded by Long Term Conditions Alliance, for people newly diagnosed with a long-term health condition.

The new service will provide support for individuals to help self-manage their condition, by providing weekly classes which, over an eight-week period, will address pain management, positive thinking, relaxation, diet and exercise and setting of achievable goals.

Ron Kitchin, Chair of DISIP, said 'It has been an enormous pleasure being involved with such a wonderfully dedicated, professional and happy group of people. I am delighted with what has been achieved and look forward to an increased service with the launch of the support service for people newly diagnosed with a long term health condition.'

Further information from:

Peter Hurley, Project Manager, DISIP 07767 246708, 01738 440099.

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Flying Farmers Association visit Balado Park

On a glorious late May evening forty-one farmers, members of the 400 strong Flying Farmers Association, descended in 12 light aircraft onto Balado Park. The group had decided to visit Balado to hear about one of the ultimate farm diversification ventures, T in the Park, from Douglas Alexander and his son and business partner, Jamie.

As pilots, the group were also interested to learn of the popularity and development of Balado Park, catering for many aspects of the world of flight aviation.

The members had arranged transport with a local coach company and opted to stay in Kinross for the night, enjoying superb hospitality.

The farmers had arrived from the borders where they had been looking at beef production and pea cultivation. After leaving Balado Park they flew to Aberdeenshire to look at wind turbines and dairy production for ice cream. Then on to Tain to visit Dunrobin Castle to hear something about managing a large Highland Estate.

The group dispersed for homes all over the UK from one of its members' airstrips near Peterhead. The pilots voted Balado Park airstrip as the best of the tour and after listening to Douglas and Jamie (who is the fourth generation of the Alexander family to farm the land), there are now 41 more farmers considering how they might get into the pop music festival business.



Flying Farmers Association aircraft at Balado Park

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New trail follows in the footsteps of a great Queen of Scotland



Mary of Guise – widowed single mum who rose to rule Scotland

Beautiful, witty, clever and a superb political operator – Mary of Guise was among Renaissance Scotland's most remarkable figures.

In December 1542 she was left widowed with a week-old baby girl following the unexpected death of her 30-year-old husband, James V.

Yet this charismatic Frenchwoman outwitted her opponents to become ruler of the war-torn Scottish kingdom.

However her memory is often eclipsed by that of her ill-starred daughter Mary, Queen of Scots.

Historic Scotland has produced a free downloadable Family Trail, plus dedicated website pages, highlighting Mary of Guise's links to three of its most popular attractions: Stirling Castle, Linlithgow Palace and Edinburgh Castle.

The trail coincides with the 450th anniversary of her death at Edinburgh Castle in June 1560, during her final struggle against Scots Protestants and their English allies.

Historic Scotland's special offer, which lasts until 11 July, means families following the trail can save money on tickets by becoming members and get three months extra free.

Peter Yeoman, Historic Scotland head of cultural resources, said: "Mary of Guise was a towering figure of Renaissance Scotland who was of central importance to events which shaped the history of Scotland.

"Despite being a young widow in a foreign land, with a newborn daughter, she refused to be elbowed aside by the Scottish noblemen jostling to fill the power vacuum created by James V's death.

"Instead she made a stand; outwitted her rivals, used French money and troops to fight the English, rose to become ruler of Scotland in her own right, upheld the Auld Alliance and successfully defended the rights of her daughter.

"All this was despite having a life dogged by tragedy, twice widowed with all four of her sons dying before adulthood, and having two narrow escapes from death herself.

"Our family trail shows Mary of Guise's connections with three great royal residences – Linlithgow Palace where she gave birth to Mary, Queen of Scots, Stirling Castle which was her powerbase, and Edinburgh Castle where she spent her last weeks."



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Vandalism

Everyone has the right to live and work in a safe, secure and clean environment and anything that adversely affects people's safety and security can have a significant impact on their quality of life.

To help us deal effectively with the problem of vandalism we need your assistance to identify those persons responsible. By sharing any details you may have about crimes such as this you can play an active part in tackling it and other associated anti-social behaviour linked to it. Any information that can be provided is important – think of it like a jigsaw where every piece helps to create the bigger picture.

Below is a list of guidance in relation to the type of information that would be helpful to us.

- What type of vandalism do you have information about?
- Where and when did it take place?
- Who was responsible?
- A description of who was responsible?
- Was there a group involved?
- Was there alcohol involved?

Keep in mind that your information could be the vital missing piece that enables us to take action. Please contact Kinross Police Office (0300 111 2222) or Crime Stoppers (0800 555 111) to report anything you know.

School Holidays

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

We would also like to remind motorists in the area that owing to the holidays many more youngsters will be out and

about, engaged in various pursuits such as cycling, and for these motorists to exercise more care and attention, and to moderate their speeds to avoid any accidents.

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

House Alarms

Before you head off on your holidays it would be appreciated if those of you with house alarms could find them time to update us with your keyholder details. This way we can deal with any alarm activations quickly and efficiently, giving you added piece of mind. If you wish to do so, or if you need any advice on preventing crime while you are away, then please contact Kinross Police Office.

Also, regardless of whether or not your house is alarmed, it is advisable to make arrangements for relatives, friends or neighbours to regularly check your property whilst you are away.

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 Officers (details shown below) can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on **0300 111 2222**.

Constable Ishbel Wallace Kinross

Constable Brian Easton Milnathort & Portmoak areas

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The Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (KCCNL) was incorporated by the Kinross Community Council last year. This Company has charitable status and the intention is to use surplus funds from the Kinross Newsletter to make Grants to local organisations or projects within the County of Kinross that comply with the KCCNL charitable purposes.

The Meeting of the Kinross Community Council on 1st September 2010 will consider all applications received beforehand for funding or assistance.

Charitable Purposes

The charitable purposes of KCCNL are:

- the advancement of citizenship and community development within the County of Kinross-shire including support for community events, support for community information, community transport and community welfare (including health care support), support for physical amenities, recreational facilities, voluntary organisations and financial support for care of the elderly;
- the prevention and relief of poverty within the County of Kinross-shire and
- the advancement of education within the County of Kinross-shire.

Grant Making Policy and Conditions

Applications will only be considered for those projects or causes which relate to the County of Kinross-shire and which fall into the charitable purposes outlined above.

The decision as to whether or not to grant assistance lies at the sole discretion of the Kinross Community Council. No explanation will be given for any decision of the Community Council and there is no appeal against any decision of the Community Council.

Preference will be given to applications for specific projects with a clearly defined outcome. General or open

applications for funding are unlikely to be successful, and requests to fund general running costs are unlikely to be approved.

Applications will not be considered where funding could otherwise be met from central or local government resources.

Applications

Applications should take the form of a general submission.

This should be limited to **not more than two sides of A4 paper**. It is important that the general submission covers the following points and requirements:

- if you are a Registered Charity, your official charitable purpose should be stated;
- a brief outline of the project, its aims and how you intend to meet them;
- how your project complies with the charitable purposes of KCCNL outlined above;
- what benefit your project will bring and to which sector of the community;
- the anticipated start date of the project and its duration;
- how you would apply the Grant requested and what criteria are to be used to assess the success or failure of the project;
- the amount requested from KCCNL

Depending upon the scale of the project and the amount of Grant assistance requested, the CC may seek further details regarding the project.

Deadline

Applications, once complete, should be submitted to the Secretary of the CC, Margaret Scott prior to

Friday 27 August 2010.

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Kinross Community Council

News from June Meeting

The meeting held on 2 June was attended by CCllrs B Davies, I Jack, D Colliar, D Cuthbert, J Richardson, W Freeman, M Blyth, D Mackay and M Scott. Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs K Baird and W Robertson; Eileen Thomas and Ross McConnell from the Newsletter and four members of the public, including Simon Wilson and his agent Malcolm Smith. Vice-Chairman B Davies was in the Chair. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs L MacKay and C Watson.

Minutes of previous meeting: Under correction of (one) reference to Ivy Cottage to include that the CC expressed a preference for Simon Wilson's alternative which involved the removal of Ivy Cottage, (two) reference to the Partnership/Heritage meeting attended by the Chair to read that this was in relation to the Town Hall and (three) amendment to read that the St Andrews Bus is a number 23 and not a 56, the minutes were proposed by CCllr Colliar and seconded by CCllr Freeman.

Police Report: An email was received from Sgt Williams apologising for there being no police representative. She advised that they have identified a number of young people responsible for lighting fires and engaging in anti-social behaviour at the Golf Club. The CC was also notified of the

restructuring of Western Division. From 11 May, the Division is now made up of four sections instead of six and Kinross is under the South Section, which also includes Bridge of Earn, Auchterarder and Crieff. This Section is led by Inspector David Adamson and supported by Sgt Williams for Kinross and Bridge of Earn. Sgt Williams has also been appointed as the Community Liaison Officer for T in the Park. Constable Ishbel Wallace is the Community Officer for Kinross. Inspector Patience has been transferred to another area. It was agreed that we write to the Inspector thanking him for his support over the years.

Newsletter Report: The Editor, Eileen Thomas, presented a report on the last year. She said there had not been any major changes to the appearance, size or content of the Newsletter in the past year. There had been two slight changes to the handling of display adverts: (i) Display ad pages used to be laid out by the printers, but now Tony Dyson (responsible for Layout and Design) does it. This means the Newsletter can have a proper sequence of page numbers. (ii) There used to be a limit of 40 pages of display adverts as there was a concern the Newsletter would be "swamped" by adverts. This restriction, and the waiting list, has been removed. There are now some 'floating' display ads, which have only added an extra 1¼ pages or so.

Classified ads and situations vacant from the kinross.cc website are now published in the Newsletter.

Regarding personnel, she said: "There has been one change – Glenn Neve, assisted by his wife Kirsty, has been dealing with the distribution of the Newsletter. They have done this enthusiastically and give us useful feedback."

After thanking her co-workers, she said: "Special thanks to those people who make regular voluntary contributions to the Newsletter: **Isabel Gillon** who acts as a hand-in point for us in Milnathort, **Malcolm Smith** for the weather reports, **Fiona Turnbull** and **John Buchanan** for the farming columns, **Gareth Thomas** for the crosswords and the **Historical Society** for the loan of photographs. Thanks also to all the clubs, organisations and individuals who send us reports, letters and so on. Finally, thanks to the businesses throughout the county who stock the Newsletter and to all those who buy it."

Circulation of the Newsletter is between 2,100 and 2,200 per month.

The Treasurer, Ross McConnell, produced copies of the audited accounts. Income has increased slightly. Printing costs have reduced. Some legal fees have been incurred in setting up the new companies. In the past year the CC made donations from surplus Newsletter funds to the following organisations: Kinross-shire Partnership, Kinross Colts, Light Up Kinross, KLEO and the Kinross-shire Day Centre.

This would be the last set of accounts for the Newsletter in its old form. There are now two Newsletter companies: a trading company and a charitable company. Ross suggested that £12,859.00 surplus funds could be transferred to the charitable company. He also proposed that the annual sum donated to the Kinross-shire Partnership for maintenance of the website be increased from £500 to £1000. This was agreed by the CC.

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The Directors of Kinross Newsletter Limited are David Cuthbert, Campbell Watson, Ross McConnell and Eileen Thomas and the Directors for the Charitable Company are the Officers for the time being of the CC (currently Campbell Watson, Barry Davies and Margaret Scott). It was commented that Barry was to replace David Cuthbert as a Director of Kinross Newsletter Limited.

A Notice is to be published in the July and August issues of the Newsletter inviting applications for funding which will be considered by the CC at their meeting on 1st September. Along with the two applications on file, a further request has been received. It was commented that the CC should approve the terms of the Notice prior to publication.

The Chair thanked both Eileen and Ross and the Newsletter Team for their excellent publication.

TAYplan Report: CCllrs Jack and Cuthbert attended the presentation. CCllr Jack reported on the information provided. One of the main points from the presentation was that the population growth in our area is expected to be around 16%.

The CC received a copy of a letter from Mr M Moran forwarded to the Council. Mr Moran points out "that there is far more land being offered for development than could ever be justified by any realistic assessment of 'need'."

Submissions will be considered by the Council and thereafter a Main Issues Report will be published around September.

Planning Matters: CCllr Colliar explained that the CC has 21 days from the date the application is lodged to submit comments. In certain cases, this is outwith the timescale of our monthly meetings. On occasion, in the past, we asked for an extension to the deadline and our requests received approval from the Council. However, a recent request was declined and in the case of Ivy Cottage (below) we had to submit our submission by 31 May. Accordingly, the CC met on 20 May to discuss certain planning matters. The sub-committee will decide if any application should be considered by the full CC and, where necessary, this will be discussed prior to our monthly meetings. It was also noted that we have 7 days from the date of receipt of the Weekly List to request a consultation.

Planning Applications

10/00856/FLL Baltree Farm, Hatchbank: Change of use of land, erection of a dog breeding facility and formation of kennel runs (in retrospect).

10/00752/FLL 1 Smith Street: Extension to dwelling house.

10/00761/FLL Land at Burnbrae: Erection of dwelling house and access.

10/00878/FLL 39 Lathro Park: Extension to house.

10/00843/FLL New Mains House, Balado: Erection of a dwelling house.

There were no objections to any of the above.

10/00693/FLL 77 Muirs: **Erection of six retirement apartments**, garaging and associated landscaping. The CC agreed (6 votes against, 3 in favour, 2 absentees) to object to this application on the grounds that the proposed building was too large and overbearing for the surrounding properties. Mr Smith produced an email from the Case Officer advising that there would be no problem with the CC commenting on this application after the deadline date of 31 May. This is contrary to the information which the CC received from the Council. We are to write to the Council asking for an explanation as to why these two emails contradict each other. CCllr Blyth further added that a nearby resident had not received Neighbourhood Notification. This is the

responsibility of the Planning Department.

09/0195/FLL **Green Hotel, Retirement Flats:** Copy of letter of objection received from Mrs Allan in relation to the amendment to this application. The CC requested an extension to allow us to discuss this at tonight's meeting. Notification was received from the Council that any additional comments received regarding the retirement flats will be classed as "Late" and the letter will not be referred to the Council's Development Control Committee, will not be placed on the Council's Website or referred to in the "Report of Handling" for this application. However, any late comments will be passed to the Case Officer, providing that the Officer has not already prepared the Report on this application. The Officer will assess whether our comments raise any new issues not previously considered and whether these require further investigation.

Applications Approved by P&KC:

90 Muirs: Partial demolition of extension and erection of a double storey extension.

15 Swansacre: Display of a sign for Learning Centre.

Former Balado Mushroom Farm: Single dwelling house/storage.

Bank of Scotland: Change of signage.

23 Sutherland Drive: Conservatory.

It was commented that there is a Summary of the Planners Meeting on the Website.

Report from Councillors

CCllr Baird had nothing to report this month.

Conservation Area: CCllr Robertson advised that all proposals in the report have been accepted by Committee. (*See Article, p 13*).

A977 mitigation measures have been agreed by P&KC. (*See Article, p 16*)

The Beech Hedge at the Primary School is to be replaced and, once established, the outer fence will be removed.

High School site: A large number of offers have been received and the Council Property Sub-Committee is to meet on 9 June.

TRACKS: Difficulties have arisen in obtaining access over land in order to complete the route around the Loch. It is hoped to have the path between the Pier and the bottom of Kinross in place shortly and this will include a Hide at the Mill. The cycleway is to be linked into this route.

Campus waste: It was commented that the materials in the recycle bins are tipped into one skip and removed to the waste plant. This is the responsibility of Mitie. CCllr Robertson will check this. The CC will also write to P&KC Recycling Department asking for their comments on this.

Signs at campus: CCllr Colliar questioned when the signs would be replaced. The fence has been removed now for some months. CCllr Baird will make enquiries into this.

Parks Department: CCllr Richardson said that the boys were moved to a pitch without changing facilities for their last home game. It appears P&KC had removed the football posts to the other fields at the end of the football season as programmed. Due to the poor weather over winter some games had not been played. In future the KGV committee should notify the Council of any impending delays to the football calendar.

Green Park: CCllr D Mackay stated that this area is as bad as ever. It was filled in with shale which is flowing out. A concern was raised that vehicles may be damaged. CCllr Robertson will follow this up.

Flags at County Buildings: A complaint was received about this. It was suggested that there were flags at Perth which could be used. Cllr Robertson has written to the Council in relation to this matter. Mr Alexander offered a Scottish flag should this be required.

Correspondence

Community Transport Group: notification of meeting.

Kinross-shire Partnership: The Chairman received an invitation to a meeting on 15 June to discuss tourism and the redevelopment of the Town Hall.

Perthshire Positive Action Awards 2010: Nomination form received.

TAYplan Main Issues Report: Copy Presentation received in relation to meetings held in April.

Funding request from Kinross Camera Club.

Gairneybank bus shelter provision: A summary of responses was received from P&KC in relation to the questionnaire. The shelter is to remain. Consideration is also to be given to the provision of a bus stop and hard standing at a suitable location on the southbound verge.

Bagpiping event: E-mail enquiry received from a Mr McFarland requesting confirmation on the location of an event he attended some twenty years ago. It was suggested that this query be passed on to the Pipe Band.

Primary School parking: Upon receipt of our letter Parking Attendants assessed the situation. No vehicles were parked on the "School Keep Clear" zigzag markings. The congestion is due to parents parking in and around the private access roads adjacent to the school. There are no parking restrictions on these roads, thus the Council is unable to act upon our concerns. There is a rota in place to try to visit each school approximately twice a year. They also suggest that we ask the school to circulate a letter to parents regarding pick up/drop off of children.

Tactran Connect: Notification of new website, which has comprehensive regional transport information in one place: www.tactranconnect.com

Local Development Plan: Copy of letter to Council from Michael J Moran. Report from Council Director: he predicted a "housing land development" in the whole Kinross Planning Area of 641 units in the period 2008 to 2017 and, after taking into account current and anticipated supply, he stated that an "additional allocation" of only 242 units is required to maintain a five year supply to the year 2012. Also raising objections to both Hutt (Baltree) and Russell (Balado) proposals.

CLD: Minutes received. Next meeting 7 June. CCllrs Richardson and L MacKay will attend if available. Dates of future meetings provided. Also notification of Networking Evening on Thursday 24 June.

PKAVS: Voluntary Sector Rural Community Contact Project - Carrying out a Survey on the diversity of work done by the voluntary sector. Email:

norrie.mcperson@pkavs.org.uk

Convention: Notification of online discussion board.

Convention: Report on the Planning Users Forum. The Convention has asked for a return to the system which operated between 2005 and 2007 whereby an objection from a CC was enough to send a decision to Committee. This will be discussed at a review of the Scheme of Delegation at the end of the year.

Development Trusts: Invitation to Networking Session for existing Development Trusts or Communities.

Other Business

Fencing at Gallowhill: We are to follow up our previous communication to BEAR and ask that the repair be put in place prior to T in the Park.

Balado Activity Centre: Answering a query from the CC Mr Alexander replied that his application was to be placed before Committee in August.

Town centre regeneration: CCllr Watson has been included in discussions with the Partnership on this matter. The CC agreed a sub-committee at a meeting on 20 May to pursue this further. Cllr Hayton commented that the Town Hall site had to be re-advertised.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 7 July 2010 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross. Apologies received in advance from CCllr Freeman.

Agenda for July Meeting of Kinross CC

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of June meeting.
3. Police Report.
4. Matters arising from minutes of June meeting.
5. High School site.
6. Planning Matters.
7. Reports from P&K Councillors.
8. Miscellaneous correspondence.
9. Other Competent Business.
10. Date of next meeting.

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the June Meeting

CCllr Giacopazzi, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Thomson, Hamilton and Bennet to the meeting held on 10 June. Also in attendance were: Minute Secretary E Rougvie; P&K Cllrs Robertson and Baird; Sgt Williams of Tayside Police and four members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Smith.

T in the Park: Prior to the CC meeting, Sgt Williams gave an update on the arrangements for this year's T in the Park. She has replaced Sgt Rankine as liaison officer and can be contacted at 01577 867770. A voicemail facility is available and the police will endeavour to address every concern. Sgt Williams said she was liaising closely with DF Concerts and was not aware of any significant issues in Milnathort. There was a discussion about congestion in the village, particularly in Whyte Place, Bridgefauld Road, Stirling Road and New Road, where festival-goers often parked in order to avoid the official car park charges. Under new legislation the police can now only deal with vehicles that are causing an obstruction and cannot hand out fixed penalty notices as this is a local authority responsibility. However the police can provide 'no waiting' cones and residents are advised to put a notice on their windscreen to indicate that they live there. Sgt Williams will pursue the matter and will also address the issue of festival-goers parking in the grounds of the new Community Campus.

There have been changes to the arrangements for T in the Park this year in that the campsite will accommodate a further 5000 people, but it will open on the Thursday in the hope of reducing the numbers arriving on Friday and alleviating congestion. Buses to the festival have been re-routed and will now operate half-hourly, and every 15 minutes at peak times, which should cut down on the number of pedestrians. The former railway line between Sainsbury's and Gallowhill Road has been tarmacadamed and will be promoted as the main pedestrian access.

May minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were approved, subject to the following clarification: CCllr Bennet wished it minuted that she had given her apologies at the previous meeting.

Police matters: Sgt Williams said that PC Easton had visited Back Loan with a member of the Road Policing Unit with a view to having double yellow lines installed. He had also put letters through doorways of local residents urging them to park responsibly. The CC noted that there had been a marked improvement in the situation in Victoria Road and commended PC Easton on his pro-active approach.

Sgt Williams said there had been a couple of minor incidents of vandalism and a number of people had been apprehended following an incident outside the Thistle Hotel.

Matters arising

T in the Park meeting: CCllr Giacopazzi had been unable to attend a meeting about T in the Park as planned.

Zebra crossing in South Street: CCllr Bennet referred to the following extract from the May minutes: *'It was agreed that most of the (Placecheck) ideas were very good, but a proposal to install a zebra crossing from the Royal Hotel to the hairdresser's was met with unanimous disapproval.'* CCllr Bennet had not been at the May meeting and felt that the minutes were unclear. She felt they suggested that the CC was not in favour of a zebra crossing in South Street at all. The statement had also prompted concern among residents, three of whom were in attendance, and e-mail correspondence

had taken place on the matter. However, neither the CCllrs who had been in attendance at the May meeting nor the minute secretary accepted that the minutes were misleading, but considered that they were an accurate record of proceedings. The CC had unanimously agreed that they opposed this particular Placecheck proposal on the basis that the location was unsuitable for a zebra crossing. Alternative locations had not been discussed; therefore it would have been inappropriate to include anything in the minutes that had not actually been said. CCllr Giacopazzi said that the CC had considered the location unsuitable for a zebra crossing because of the proximity of the bus stop and because it would mean sacrificing parking spaces that were important to local businesses. It was not a question of putting business interests above road safety, as one member of the public suggested, but the issue was identifying the most suitable location, assuming that a case could be made for a zebra crossing in South Street. P&K Cllr Robertson advised that he had written to P&KC requesting that the existing zebra crossing in New Road be upgraded to a puffin crossing and that a zebra crossing be sited at the War Memorial in South Street. Following further discussion, the CC agreed that this would be the most satisfactory option and that they will invite the appropriate P&KC officer to the next meeting to discuss the proposal further.

Correspondence

- Ranger Service newsletter: copies passed to CCllrs Bennet and Cottingham.
- Tayside Fire & Rescue Board Performance Report: noted.
- TACtran information: noted, following brief input from P&K Cllr Robertson.

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E-mail correspondence

- CC elections: There have been nine nominations for eight places on the CC, therefore an election will take place. CCllr Lamont is not standing and CCllr Porter has retired. All the nomination forms have been submitted to the relevant P&KC official and arrangements made for an election on 24 June. As it would not be possible to publicise the election in the Newsletter beforehand it was agreed to put up notices throughout the village.
- Kinross-shire Fund: At the last meeting, four out of five applications for funding had been granted, including an award of £3075 to Milnathort in Bloom towards the cost of creating a community orchard in South Street. The project will cost £5838 in total and CCllr Bennet advised that other funding had been applied for.
- Perthshire Positive Action Awards: These are open to any community or voluntary organisations and nominations close in August. Noted.
- Re-organisation of Tayside Police: noted, as this had been discussed at the May meeting.
- Update on P&KC Waste Awareness initiative. Noted.
- CC grant: the P&KC grant for 2010-11 is £473.85, plus £130.57 because the population of the CC area is more than 2000. CCllr Bennet, treasurer, will action.

Planning matters: The following applications were noted: erection of a house and formation of vehicular access at Burnbrae Farm; change of use of pottery to ancillary residential accommodation at 22-24 Church Street.

CCllr Hamilton raised concerns about the untidy state of a site at Gwendoline Row, Druinzie. P&K Cllr Robertson

explained that the development had outline planning permission and was earmarked for housing in the Local Plan, but full planning permission had been refused because of the size of the proposed houses and the decision was unsuccessfully appealed. The site therefore still only has outline planning permission, but it means that the CC is powerless to ask the developers to tidy it up.

Kinross-shire Fund: CCllr Giacopazzi reported that the Fund was growing thanks to some judicious investments. The only contributor to the fund is T in the Park.

Time for CC meetings: After discussion it was agreed that from September 2010 CC meetings will start at 7 pm in order to take full advantage of the hourly rates for the hire of the school. The meetings will continue to take place on the second Thursday of each month.

TAYplan: CCllr Bennet reported on a meeting she had attended regarding TAYplan, which replaces the local development plan and which sets out a draft strategy for Perth & Kinross, Dundee, Angus and North East Fife over the next 20 years. More information about TAYplan can be found at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk

Agendas: CCllr Hamilton asked whether it would be possible to have an agenda circulated in advance of CC meetings, but after discussion it was agreed that it was preferable to have a loose agenda that would allow spontaneity of discussion.

The next meeting of Milnathort Community Council will be held on Thursday 8 July at 7.30 pm in Milnathort Town Hall.

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News from the June Meeting

A presentation was made to the Head teacher in recognition of her service to the CC and following the news that she will shortly be leaving the school.

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 June were: Z Goudie (Facilitator); CCllrs J Bird, S Garvie, R Cairncross, J Shepherd and C Weedon; P&K Cllrs Robertson, Barnacle and Miller and 51 residents. Apologies for absence were received from P&K Cllr Baird.

Police Report: The Community Officer had previously contacted the Secretary with his apologies. There was nothing to report.

Treasurers report: £557.61 in the bank account. £675.04 in MBW Account.

Matters arising from previous minutes

Police Restructuring: Received details from Sgt Sandra Williams, Tayside Police, on the Divisional restructuring. Portmoak is in the South Section led by Inspector David Adamson, supported by two community Sgts together with Community Officer Constable Brian Easton (Milnathort and Portmoak). There are further beat Sgts and Officers for the South Section. *First point of contact for residents is the Community Officer: 01577 867763.*

Balgedie Toll to Mawcarse road, slippery surface for the horses together with warning signs: Cllr Robertson explained that this was in hand with P&KC.

Kinnesswood bus shelter: Following last month's meeting it was agreed to find out who owned the site. P&KC claimed responsibility of the bus shelter but some concern was expressed over the piece of ground behind the shelter. Since the last meeting there have been various different suggestions regarding ownership.

Presentation by the Gliding Club and discussion on Policy 49: This was planned for the July meeting but that is now cancelled. Agreed to put on August meeting agenda.

The CC flyer was produced and delivered to 99.9% of households.

Build outs: Assurance from P&KC that the work will go ahead in this financial year. A plan of all work will be made up this week and we should then have a more definite date.

The insurance form for the Portmoak Gala has been completed and submitted to P&KC.

CC: There is still a requirement for Community Councillors. Following our flyer there have been two interested parties who have made an approach.

Stephen's Field: A request was made by P&KC for a copy of the FWAG report. The 'giving' of the field to the community is tied into the planning for the further Whitecraigs development so it seems there might be some progress being made.

The cutting/ burning of the **gorse and bracken** spraying is still to go ahead in August.

Kinross-shire Fund: It was reported in the March minutes that there was currently £112000 in the fund. Although this was factually correct the fund money is split into two accounts: capital and revenue. The capital account is invested which will enable Kinross-shire to respond to community needs in years to come and the revenue account (currently £30000) is used to fund present day community based initiatives.

Speeding has been an issue in Portmoak for many years. Cllr Barnacle copied the CC recently with a letter which he had sent to the Council's Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee

meeting on 26 May 2010. The report of the meeting can be found on the P&KC website.

Subcommittee reports

Paths Group: There will be a site walk on 19 June to look at walk issues.

Information boards for the MBW to be collected from Dundee. Proposed to have them in Portmoak Hall during Portmoak Festival.

There has been damage to the MBW above the golf course which will require some maintenance.

Work on the path along the A911 will not start until after September this year.

Planning Group: No new applications to report. Please see the Portmoak CC website for the rolling information on planning applications.

Management Group: Nothing to report.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Robertson reported that there had been a meeting at P&KC on ways of handling the financial cuts (around 30%) which were inevitable in the Council spending. Difficult decisions would have to be made and whilst essential services would be maintained, money to organisations such as Bloom committees were under threat.

Repairs to Scottish Water infrastructure. There was generally a long delay in having these completed. He has written to the Scottish Office Minister suggesting that these are carried out by the Council and the cost recouped from the Water Company.

Cllr Miller agreed with Cllr Robertson re the spending cuts and the issue faced by P&KC was to look for a fair method of reducing the spending and to engage with communities.



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Other Business

1. The Secretary had received a letter from a resident suggesting a name for the 'new' road at Scotlandwell. The names of new roads were decided by the Ward Cllrs. If anyone has a suggestion for the name of the new road it would be appropriate to contact the ward Cllrs direct. This should be done quickly since the decision will be made on 26 June.
2. The Secretary had been asked to highlight the Countryside Ranger Service Newsletter.
3. It was noted that the Convention of Perth and Kinross CCs could not hold their recent AGM due to a lack of a quorum. A further meeting would be held on 23 June and if a quorum is not achieved the Convention will be dissolved.
4. A resident reminded the meeting that the bird nests in the Kinnesswood bus shelter were protected by law whilst they were in use and should the bus shelter be dismantled a new place for the MBW poster would have to be found.
5. A resident raised the issue of the proposed Westfield Wind Farm development and the supposed lack of input shown by P&KC on this development which he considered would be an eyesore throughout the whole of Kinross-shire. There had been a lot of discussion on this subject when it was raised some two years previous and therefore considered not appropriate to continue the discussion further.

Communications

A list of all communications received by the Secretary is contained in the minutes.

The July meeting is cancelled.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be held in Portmoak Hall on Tuesday 10 August at 7pm.

Following the meeting Cllr Barnacle gave a presentation on the present and future planning options for Portmoak. He detailed the submissions which are currently with P&KC leading to the Main Issues Report which is due for publication around September 2010.

For further information see the P&KC website.

A copy of the presentation material will be available on the Portmoak CC website.

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the June Meeting

The meeting held on Tuesday 1 June was attended by CCllrs S Morrison, T Wigman-Duffy, A Lavery, S Anderson, M Anness, K Bothwick, A Cheape and R Cooper. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs W Robertson and M Barnacle and 32 members of the public.

T in the Park: Sgt Williams attended the first part of the meeting concerning the T in the Park arrangements. The main outcomes were:

- Last year's arrangements for traffic and policing would remain the same.
- There would be a quicker free bus service to the site, directly to and from Kinross, cutting down the time from hourly to 15 mins between buses.
- There would be a new pedestrian path from Sainsbury's, down the old railway line, into the campsite, avoiding the A977.
- Normal timetables would run on service buses unless a notice was put up stating otherwise. (See p. 4)

Community Policing: During the main CC meeting, the following items were raised:

Sgt Williams said she would attend to the matter of the car parked outside the hall in Crook of Devon.

A survey was launched in March by the police to raise awareness of speeding and they would continue monitoring the traffic.

Action plans were being prepared to deal with the problem of rubbish on an unofficial camp site in Dunning Glen. It was made more difficult as co-operation was required by the landowner. The police would be looking at it closely. The CC agreed to write to the landowner to agree about health and safety issues and management of the site.

Minutes of the last meeting: Angus Cheape asked that "Middleton Stables" be deleted from last month's minutes under Declarations of interest. The minutes were then agreed and signed.

Powmill questionnaire: Thanks were recorded to Kevin and Ramsey for the work carried out on the survey. There was a very good response and it would give everyone a clearer idea of what residents wanted regarding development in the area. The results of the survey were available for everyone to see. Cllr Barnacle would be putting together a letter to the planning department when all his strategy meetings were complete, and this survey would help to show community views were being represented.

A977 mitigation measures: The action plan had been accepted. Cllr Robertson said he would find out the time scale for the work to be carried out.

War Memorial, Blairingone: Nothing would be done until the residents had an opportunity to express their opinions before the next Blairingone meeting. A leaflet would be prepared and delivered by the Blairingone members.

The Millennium Bridge: The engineers are happy with the actual bridge. The problem surrounding disabled access to the bridge is still an issue. Cllr Barnacle had written a letter to complain about the disabled access issue, and Cllr Robertson would raise it at the next Countryside Trust meeting.

Convention: Sandy Morrison had attended a Convention of CCs but there was no quorum. The Council may pay more attention to active CCs so it was a shame that there was this lack of interest. The CC would send a representative to the next meeting.

Tayplan Consultation: Members of the community were urged to submit their views now. The CC would also submit its views.

Reports from P&K Councillors: Cllr Barnacle expressed concern about planning applications being passed under the old policy. A forum for rural development would discuss this. Cllr Robertson said he was concerned with the state of the roads and broken manholes, and requested members of the public report serious manholes to the Council.

Crook Moss: Concerns were raised over the possible approval of The Moss site in Crook of Devon being used for travellers. Although the site had been cleared, there was at present no planning application for this site. Members of the audience expressed their worries, and there was considerable debate on the subject. The CC said they would keep an eye on it, and write to the council. In the meantime, residents should be encouraged to show their feelings by writing to their MSP, local Councillors and the Leader of the Council.

Planning: Nick Brian had visited the area at Sandy's invitation. Sandy showed him the areas of concern, i.e. steading developments, inappropriate rural developments, Middleton Stables, Cambo, and the effect of these developments on single track roads with no passing places. Nick Brian was also shown the cleared site at the Crook Moss and stated that he and his department would monitor the situation closely. He agreed to discuss the issues raised within his department, and in particular with the roads department, in respect of the effect of development on single-track roads.

Planning Applications

10/00858/FLL, Tullibole Mill Farm, Crook of Devon: Change of use of section of field to form car parking area and erection of boundary fencing. No CC comment.

10/00759/FLL, Eamieside Farm, Dunning Glen: Erection of a dwelling house with detached garage and ancillary accommodation, A 5-bedroom house with outbuildings on a prominent site in the Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV). There is no business case for the relocation of the farmhouse or justification under the Houses in the Countryside policy. Recommendation: Refusal, as contrary to the Houses in the Countryside policy (Policy 64) and the AGLV (Policy 54).

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10/00773/AML, Craighead Bungalow, Drum: Erection of a dwelling house (approval of matters specified by condition). No CC comment.

10/00726/AML, Craighead Bungalow, Drum: Erection of a house (approval of matters specified in conditions to erect a replacement bothy). Related to 10/0073/AML.

10/00734/FLL, Tarmangie, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon: Extension to dwelling house and erection of a double garage. No CC comment.

10/00679/FLL, Braefoot, Crook of Devon: Extension to dwelling house. No CC comment.

General Correspondence: All outgoing and incoming correspondence was available for viewing.

Best Kept Village Competition: Marion Anness reported on Blairingone's willingness to take part in the Civic Trust's Best Kept Village competition. If anyone would be available to help, there would be information at the school.

Development: Ken Thomson showed the meeting further plans of the proposed development in Powmill of 300 houses, industrial units, a care home and a new school. Concerns were raised that as the total development for the whole area would include 300 houses, it would be too much for Powmill to bear this level of development. He was asked to take into account the results of the recent survey. There would be Community Consultation during the first weekend of September for residents to comment. More information would be available on the Fossoway website.

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 3 August at Carnbo Hall at 7.30pm. All Welcome!

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the May Meeting

The CC met in the Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam on Monday 17 May and was attended by all CCllrs, P&K Cllr M Barnacle, two representatives from the Police force, seven members of the public and the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter Editor. Also in attendance was Tracey Ramsay, the Senior Community Capacity Building Worker.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved - noted that on page 1 at the foot of the first para "Cleish and Keltybridge" should read "Cleish and Blairadam", this being the name of the whole parish.

Crime Prevention: Ewan Mitchell had now gone to Bridge of Earn. His place will be taken by Nicky.

The main matter of concern was the marking of some horses in Blairgowrie, possibly with a view to future thefts. A farm had been broken into and a lot of tack stolen. There had also been similar thefts in Fife. Once again there is need for constant vigilance at all times, and adequate security of sheds and stables.

It was reported that Neighbourhood Watch is no longer a matter for the Police and is now being organised by the Neighbourhood Watch Association. The Police then left the meeting.

Tracey Ramsay was then invited to explain her work as the Community Capacity Building Worker – this is basically "getting to know your community".

Tracks and Trails: The Chairman welcomed George Lawrie, a busy man if ever there was. He told the meeting that there had been three surveys of the Loch Leven Trail which revealed there was high usage. Negotiations were now taking place regarding the next stage from Vane Farm to Kinross which was a particularly sensitive area. This would probably not be undertaken until 2011. However there is a probable loop from the pier round the mill to the old railway bridge. He was glad to report a pathway from Hattonburn to Burleigh Castle and he had two new projects in hand – Hilton of Duncruevie to Glenfarg and at the old railway line at Crook of Devon.

The meeting arranged to discuss the forest plan for the Black Wood had unfortunately been cancelled.

The Heritage Trail has now set up a small business group.

Planning: Cllr Barnacle said he had given a presentation in April on the new Development Plan. There was a feeling that the Development plan was being driven by developers and this was the feeling not just in Tayside. There was a query regarding population projections – are they accurate? There is also the matter of creeping developments. He will be giving other presentations and when these are completed he hopes to compile a letter. Meanwhile if there are concerns about a particular area there is no harm in letting the planners know. In reply to a query from the floor it was emphasised that we must be focused on our area – is 22% projected growth accurate and what is a sustainable level of growth?

Planning Applications

Greenacres: yet again it appears that this is retrospective and there seems there is nothing we can do. The parameters should be established.

Agreed that a representative from the Planning Department should be invited to attend a CC meeting to hear the views of the Community, as they had refused to attend a site meeting.

The Squirrels: Again there is nothing we can do except object again. Permission had been granted for storage of light equipment but is now being used for heavy machinery.

Pending Applications

Boreland Farm: approved – revised plans submitted.

8 Middleton Park: approved.

Gairneybridge Caravan Site: nothing further.

Nivingston House: erection of wind turbine – pending.

Woodlands, Nivingston: erection of 3 houses – approved.

Lochran Moss: approved.

Sunnyside Farm, Blairadam: pending.

Boreland Farm, Cleish: approved.

Chance Inn Farm: likely to be approved.

Cleish Mill Farm: both approved.

Planning Users Forum: Suggestion to produce guidelines for pre-application process. There are CC concerns that their objections count as one and that there are only 21 days for responses, especially as our CC meets every two months, leaving little time for the community to express its views. However the Planning Department said that the 21 day time limit is there for keeps and if necessary the CC must call an extra meeting.

There was a general feeling that three applications have recently gone to Development Control with the result that our concerns are not being met and that the two recent applications were passed because in the view of DCC they were regarded as being "small".

David Leslie has written to the Director of Planning making the following points:

1. There had been lots of tree felling at Nivingston despite assurances to the contrary.
2. The applicant was known for altering plans after they had been approved.
3. There should be a moratorium on the Nivingston development.

A developer, Ken Thomson, said he felt that developers were hard done by as Planning Officers were very diligent and the due process was very robust.

Agreed that the Rural Forum should be re-formed as the Planning Committee is just not listening. Initially this should involve the rural CCs in Kinross.

Roads: Cllr Barnacle is concerned with speed limits and HGVs using inappropriate roads.

Election of new members: All the CC members are due for re-election. Margaret Traylor and Trish Kitchin are retiring and must be replaced. This is important and representation from Blairadam is vital.

Before the close of the Meeting the Chairman paid tribute to the retiring members, Margaret Traylor and Trish Kitchin. Margaret had dealt most conscientiously with a huge volume of work, including what must be tonnes of paper work, and Trish had approached meetings with passion and commitment. Both will be very much missed.

Trish then made an impassioned plea for dog walkers – please clear up after your dogs – there are shovels provided. In gratitude both were then given flowers.

The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC was due to take place on Monday 28 June in Cleish.

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Club & Community Group News

Common Grounds



As I put pen to paper summer has arrived and holiday time is upon us, do make the most of it and enjoy! Due to our difficulty in staffing the Coffee Shop with regret we have had to change our opening hours, we are now open from 10am to 1pm. We hope and pray that this is only for the holidays and then back to normal, still the same days, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Our Car Boot Sale on 5 June made over £150 for Common Grounds. Thank you to everyone involved.

Project: Our current project is "FARM AFRICA" which is a British Charity with the motto "the answer is not giving food – it's growing it". Their specialities are community forest management, agricultural development and helping with small holdings. They work with locals in and around East Africa with the aim of improving health in livestock by training Community Animal Health Workers and help with the distribution of vaccines and drugs. The Charity also provides improvement to water supplies, provides up to date training in agricultural techniques with the emphasis on local needs and conditions. Finally they work to empower female headed single households.



Olivia Giles speaking at the project lunch

Project lunch: Over the years we have had some wonderful speakers and projects; well, at our recent Project Lunch we were very privileged to welcome Olivia Giles whose Charity is called "500 miles". Set up two years ago, the name comes from a song by The Proclaimers. The objective is to get disabled people of all ages in Africa up and walking. They operate in Malawi and Zambia and deliver and develop prosthetic and orthotic services and also deliver surgical services which promote mobility. An example being the 500 miles Centre in Lilongwe, Malawi. Built for 500 miles through the Lord Provost of Glasgow's Malawi Fund and City Building (Glasgow) LLP, the 500 miles Centre is wholly managed, funded and operated by 500 miles. Since it opened in April 2009 it has prescribed, manufactured and fitted over 30 prostheses and orthoses a month. 500 miles is also providing full scholarships for the training of at least five new professionals. Olivia has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday

Honours and we congratulate her on this and believe it was well deserved.

Book Club: The book club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

Website: Our website is up and running and you can find us at <http://commongrounds.org.uk>

Yes, we are still looking for Volunteers and a Treasurer; please help if you can.

Our new opening hours are 10am – 1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

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

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(affiliated to The Ramblers' Association, Scotland)

The countryside is in its full summer beauty so take a break from gardening and come out with us! Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join – our group has no restrictions on numbers. 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 local weekend walks this month.

Sunday 18 July: Loch Leven Heritage Trail 12.5 km (8 miles). Great views of loch, hills and if we're lucky, birds and wildlife. Paths all the way.

Saturday 31 July: Cleish Hills 9.5 km (6 miles). Circular forest and lochside paths with gentle ascent giving stunning views over Kinross and Fife.

For all walks you do need appropriate clothing (not jeans) and equipment, including boots and waterproofs. Walks can be of up to 4½ 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 Camera Club

Although the light was less than ideal and the evening chilly, the Kinross Cycling Club Time Trial offered a good photographic opportunity to a number of our members. Our visit to the Scottish Parliament, on a beautiful evening, was also most successful and much enjoyed by those who participated. No other such activities are at present arranged, but Thursday evening outings will take place from time to time.

Further information from Alison Bradley on 01592 840251 or e-mail info@amb.abelgratis.co.uk

Copies of the book "25 Years of Kinross Camera Club" containing photographs taken by Club members and commemorating the first 25 years of the Club's existence are available from Blurb.com



Kinross Pipe Band at 'T' for fifth year running

Once again the Band will help open all three days at **T in the Park** this month, playing just inside the arena at the campsite entrance to entertain the revellers as they arrive in their various degrees of (ahem) "*emotional appreciation*" of the event in general, and the pipe band in particular! The opening Friday evening is always a particularly good laugh, with many of the festival-goers trying their hand at impromptu highland (or not) dancing within the Band circle! As always this will be a tiring, but hugely popular weekend for the Band as all players get their hospitality passes for the whole weekend.

On the evening of Wednesday 16 June, **Alex Murphy** from Milnathort turned 80. Alex has been a member of the Kinross Pipe Band since its inception in 1946 when he was just 16. He has therefore given an amazing continuous 64 years to the Band, serving as Piper, Pipe Sergeant, Pipe Major, and for many, many years in all those roles, as tutor to all the youngsters from the community who want to learn the pipes. Today he continues to both tutor and play in the band, enjoying constant banter with the current Pipe Major, his grandson, Leon Murphy.



Alex Murphy (centre) on his 80th birthday, surrounded by members of the Kinross Pipe Band, with Alex's wife, Betty in the foreground

So it was only fitting that the Band turned up on his doorstep in full uniform to play "Happy Birthday" and a few other tunes for Alex, his family and neighbours. As Alex is so integral to the Band it was no mean feat keeping it a secret from him – but we managed it, thus making it a complete surprise. Alex expressed himself to be "delighted," and commented that the large turn out on the evening, "just shows the kind of friendly band it is." Elsewhere, on the competition arena the Band has already notched up two successes this season, winning the **Lothian & Borders Indoors Mini-Bands** contest, and more recently taking third place last month in the Grade 4 competition at **Markinch**. A packed season of major and minor competitions, along with a sprinkling of engagements still lies ahead, full details available at the Band's website: www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk

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Every year the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy presents a selection of short plays, specially selected to demonstrate the talents, abilities and achievements of each individual age group, and a new play has been created this year for the Upper Primary classes which will stretch their pronunciation skills, their articulation and their memories! But for children familiar with the terms expressed in Harry Potter, Doctor Who and other fantasy dramas, this may not be too much of a problem.

It is a long, long time in the future for the inhabitants of Space Cruiser 5 when they are unaccountably attacked by the Targons - a situation demanding cool resolve, quick thinking and the application of Protocol 7, fractal generators and lots of remote robots - not all of them obedient to commands.



A Targon attempting to infiltrate the class!

As well as articulating new vocabulary the young students will be adding their own suggestions to this "new language" as they attempt to foil the evil plan of Neep and Zim to take over the Spaceship.

"Clear pronunciation and enthusiastic articulation are key elements of our classes," explains the Principal, Barbara Brett. "Children love creating expressive new words - and learning some real words that may be new to them. Getting our tongue round words that we thought impossible can be very rewarding and a good command of language is both liberating and empowering: by encouraging children in these skills, we are equipping them for life!"

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Kinross and District Art Club



Our weekly club sessions have finished for this session but that doesn't mean we have all stopped painting; quite the opposite! From now until September we will be concentrating on finishing work for the annual Exhibition from 16 to 18 of the month. More details of this will be given nearer the time and you can always find more information on our web site: www.kadac.co.uk

A highlight for us at this time of year is the opportunity to paint outside. Our Outdoors Painting Co-ordinator, John Tydeman has three excellent venues planned for us this year. First we will be visiting the home of one of our club members whose house has splendid views over to the Loch and Benarty.

The second venue is also local, at Kinross House, where we will have access to the grounds and gardens and of course the stunning views over Loch Leven.

Our third outing takes us a bit further from home, to the picturesque coastal town of Dysart, just beyond Kirkcaldy. Here we hope to find scenes for painting at the colourful harbour or amongst the quaint and historic buildings and the cobbled, winding lanes. The former Harbourmaster's House, now a café and museum, will provide welcome facilities for us and we are also to be greeted by fellow artists from the Kirkcaldy Art Club who are lucky enough to have a permanent base near the harbour.

If any members need transport for Dysart or if you are not yet a member but are interested in joining our club and would like to come along to one of these painting sessions, get in touch with me, Sybil, on 01577 830347 or the Chair, Glenys Andrews on 01577 861599.

Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade



Queensmen Sam Dick and Peter Eade attended a Mid-Scottish Official Presentation Ceremony at Dunfermline Abbey at the end of May and this was followed by a civic reception for the Queensmen and their families thanks to Fife Council's support of this special event.

Marquee hires take up most weekends over the summer, which is a worthwhile fund-raiser for the Company. Our 40 foot by 20 foot marquee is still available for a few weekends at £180 per event. Telephone Company Captain Dave Munro (tel. 862126) for availability.

A party of 50 Brigadiers and Scouts will take part in the annual summer camp based in Valkenburg, South Holland. The party will leave from the Green Hotel on 17 July and travel by coach to Hull before taking the ferry to Zeebrugge. The party should arrive back in Kinross at 4pm on 23 July having visited Brussels, Bruges, Valkenburg, Drielandenpunt and Phantasialand Theme Park.

Kinross in Bloom



The committee and volunteers have been busy hanging up the baskets throughout the town and planting up the tubs including new ones at the Health Centre. We have also planted up the border by the path to the front entrance at the Health Centre. We hope you enjoy the displays over the summer.

We are also in early discussions to possibly plant up the bank adjacent to the car park at the Health Centre and the verges around the entrance to the Community Campus.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the watering. We could still do with more volunteers or if you have a tub near your property could you water it to reduce the buggy run? If you can help, contact Aileen Sorbie on 01577 861477.

Update from the AGM

Sarah Cuthbert, Chair gave a resumé of the year's activities. This included the winter and summer planting and a lot of discussion with P&KC regarding issues such as the beech hedge at the Primary School, standard of grounds maintenance and damage to some of the beds of crocuses planted by the community.

The committee members were thanked for all their hard work over the last year. Sarah Cuthbert stood down as Chair and the committee expressed their thanks for all her hard work over the last two years.

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Girlguiding in Kinross

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Any woman between her 18th and 65th birthdays can become a Guider, as long as she is willing and able to make the Guide Promise and undertake the necessary training. If you are over 65 Guiding still welcomes you as an affiliate member of the Trefoil Guild.

Different ways of volunteering

Whether it's an hour or two every few months or a regular weekly commitment, there are lots of ways to volunteer and help Girlguiding UK put girls in the lead.

Unit Leaders and Assistant Leaders

Every Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Senior Section unit has at least one Leader, who has completed the Girlguiding UK Leadership Qualification. Leaders have overall responsibility for the unit, although sometimes this is shared between a team. Leaders plan activities; organise outings and camps; teach crafts; and ensure that finances and paperwork are kept up to date.

Unit Leaders are female, aged 18-65. If you decide to become a Leader, you will be assigned a Mentor to help you complete your qualification, and an experienced local support network is there to help.

Unit Helpers and occasional helpers

For those who don't wish to commit to becoming a Leader but do want to work in the unit with girls and young women, the role of a Unit Helper is perfect. Helpers are vital to guiding, not least because Girlguiding UK has a recommended adult-to-child ratio.

Unit Helpers can be either male or female, aged 18-65. Occasional helpers can be any age. They can wear section wear if they choose. How often helpers work with units varies and is up to individuals; you may be part of a helpers' rota.

Support roles

Thinking of joining guiding but not sure that you have the time to commit regularly? There are plenty of important jobs that can be done in your own time and from your own home. You could:

- help with unit accounts or administration
- be the driver for an away day
- help out at a guiding shop or depot
- lend a hand with fundraising
- help out with DIY
- take part in a one-off session with your local unit, teaching the girls skills such as pilates or gardening to help them acquire a badge.

What's in it for me?

Making a difference to girls' lives and helping them achieve their potential is hugely rewarding. But there are lots of benefits for you too.

- A role in Girlguiding UK can certainly give your CV a boost! As a volunteer, you could get involved with marketing, recruiting other volunteers, raising funds, handling budgets and managing large-scale events. In the

process, you will develop a whole range of skills such as communication and organisational skills, teamwork and leadership.

- If you become a Leader or Assistant Leader, you will take Girlguiding UK's Leadership Qualification, and will be offered lots of other training opportunities at local and national level. Perhaps you've always wanted to become qualified in First Aid or learn about event management. Volunteering with guiding can provide the opportunity.
- You'll have lots of fun! The guiding programme is packed with activities and challenges, and you'll have a chance to experience them along with the girls.

Have a look at what our volunteers say:

"It's incredibly rewarding to watch a shy and nervous girl grow more and more outgoing and confident at each unit meeting."

"I've made some wonderful friends and met people from all over the world through guiding. It's fantastic."

"Being a Leader gave me the confidence to get back out to work - I initially signed up to do it every other week. Now I'm thinking of working with children."

"It's so much fun trying out different exciting activities with the girls. I'd recommend guiding to anyone who's young at heart."

"I drive home feeling absolutely over the moon and confident I've achieved something great."

Girlguiding in the Kinross area desperately need more adult volunteers. If you can help in any way, or would like more information, please contact:

Tricia Mulrine on 01577 866 989 or e-mail

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Young Leaders

Young Leaders are aged 14 to 18 and work with a Rainbow, Brownie or Guide unit. They might be working towards their Young Leader Qualification or the adult Leadership scheme, as well as participating in other Senior Section opportunities. They are supported by a Young Leader Advisor and link with other members of the Senior Section when they choose.

What does the role involve?

The role involves enthusiasm, energy and excitement but also commitment and dedication. It's about helping those who are of a younger age and giving them fantastic opportunities and getting to know each other.

If you love working with and meeting new people, being part of a team, and most of all being active then this is for you!

You will learn so many things from so many different people and it's absolutely awesome! Everything is fun, from helping at Rainbow, Brownie or Guide meetings to international camps; you just have to put all your effort into it. Hard work pays off so lend a hand with something and you will get something back even if it's just knowing that you've helped somebody.

If you want to, you can participate in the Young Leader qualification or Adult Leader Qualification depending on your age. The qualifications will help to develop the skills you need when working with your unit and also look great on your CV!

Kinross Division is looking for girls aged 14 plus to help out in units in Milnathort, Kinross, Glenfarg and Portmouk.

If you're interested or would like more information contact: Tricia on 01577 866989, Alison on 01577 864262, or email Kinrossdivision@aol.com

Army Cadet Force

Royal Signals (Kinross) Detachment

Spring Camp: Lance Corporal Megan Beveridge (15) excelled at Spring Camp in Barry Buddon. Her hard work and enthusiasm paid off when she was awarded her 2-star training award.

Other cadets completed all the challenges required to receive their 1-star award.



l to r: Cadets Jordan Nelson, Ian Sullivan, Greg Barron and Josh Gray with their 1-star awards. Photo: Fiona Sekkat

Loch Leven Half Marathon: Cadets worked hard during the Half Marathon in May, providing support at the water points around the route for the 500 competitors.

Weekend Camp took place at Dunkeld in early June, when cadets prepared for summer camp in glorious weather. "The cadets really enjoy the fieldcraft element of the training. They don't just learn how to make temporary shelters but also about the environment around them and the responsibility we have to preserve and maintain it," said Sergeant Clark Christie.

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Kinross and District Inner Wheel



Our AGM was held in the Green Hotel on 10 May. Mary reported on the range of meetings and events that took place over her year in office. During the year we welcomed two new members, Barrie Robb and Anne Barlow. The Secretary, Fiona Mapp, reported that we now have 25 members.

Our Treasurer, Liz Wilson, reported that Association and District fees will remain the same this year which covers all our running expenses.

Betty Birrell, our Overseas Correspondent, reported on the Overseas activities throughout the year. As a club we sent £100 to support our Soldiers fund at Christmas, £76 went to Water Aid plus a further £27.30 from Mr Pig, where we put our loose change. 2lb of stamps have been sent to the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf Collected in the Smartie Tubes was £208.

Office Bearers for the coming year are: President Elaine Matthews; Vice President Linda Hegarty; Secretary Christian MacLure; Treasurer Liz Wilson; Overseas Correspondent Elizabeth Hurley; Club Correspondent Linda Hegarty; Past President Mary Morgan; committee members Doreen Thomson and Liz Pottie; District Delegates Elaine Matthew and Christine MacLure; Club Protection Officers and Health and Safety Officers Mary Morgan and Fiona Mapp.

Our Birthday Dinner celebrations were held on 7 June and we were delighted to welcome members from other Inner Wheel Clubs in the District. There was a buzz of chatter as everyone caught up with each other and meeting new friends. After our meal we had Jen and Catherine from Complete Look. It was very interesting and they did give some visitors and some members a new look. One lady had never had her eyebrows shaped but she had threading done and you certainly saw an improvement and one of our visitors from St Andrews had make-up on for the first time. They certainly named their salon well as we certainly got a complete look. A very happy evening was had by one and all.

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Kinross-shire Fifty Plus Club



At the June meeting, Neil Kilpatrick gave an illustrated talk on the background to, and the completion of, the Loch Leven Path. A very interesting talk and we should be thankful for the efforts of the people involved for this asset to the community. The enormous cost of £1.8 million is staggering. Neil advised that eventually it is hoped the path will be extended round the entire loch.

Events

Theatre Outing: Edith has advised that a number of people have not paid for their tickets to "Hairspray." Please pay Edith at the July meeting of the Club. The cost per ticket is £23.00 by cheque only please. The cost of the coach £8.35 will be payable on the coach. There are no seats left for this outing. **Contact Edith Oswald 01577 865731.**

"Half a Sixpence" 30 September 2010: more names required please, or we may have to cancel. The booking sheet will be available at the July meeting.

Summer Outing 2010: The cost of £18.50 will be collected at the July meeting; cheques only please. The coach will leave from the bus stop at the Green Hotel side at 9 am and from the bus stop opposite the Royal Bank in Milnathort at 9.10am. **Contact Pat Crawford 01577 862962.**

Holiday February 2011: Harrogate: Departing Monday 7 February. The deposit of £25 will be payable at the August meeting by cheque only please, made payable to the Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club. Pat will offer the facility to pay by instalments monthly at each Club meeting, with any final payment due at the December meeting. Please return the booking form with your cheque. **Contact Pat Crawford 01577 862962.**

Scottish Parliament Visit: The Club has been invited to attend the parliament courtesy of Elizabeth Smith, MSP. The visit will take place on Wednesday 15 September 2010. The booking sheet will be available at the July Meeting. Details will be given at a later date. **Contact Pat Crawford 01577 862962.**

If **Club members** wish to go on any of these events/outings please come along to the June meeting where the booking sheets will be available.

Friday Hill Walkers

2 July: We are having a change of scenery for this walk and instead of heading to the hills we are taking in the excellent coastal walk from Arbroath to the lovely old fishing village of Auchmithie. This is a walk of

some 7½ miles and whilst there are no great ascents, it traverses some great cliffs with opportunities to see some spectacular wildlife both on and off shore.

16 July: This week we will be back to our natural habitat when we tackle the 11-mile route over Cat Law and Glens Uig and Quharity to the West of Glen Prosser, with ascent of 2350 feet.

30 July: For our third walk of the month we are returning to a circular walk from near Kinnaird, north of Dunkeld when we will traverse the route to Loch Skiach; this is a walk of nine miles and 1300 feet of ascent.

Please note our membership list is currently fully subscribed.

Friday Walkers

9 July: A circular walk along Bishop Hill, starting at the Holl reservoir, going past Harperlees, Glenvale and back by East and West Feal farms, to come down the long slope at the finish. This will be a good six miles, will all the climbing at the beginning.

23 July: A return visit to Letham Glen, Blacketyside Fruit Farm, Silverburn Park and back along the shore to Leven. This is a leisurely 5-mile stroll with several attractive places to stop along the way.

Please note that the walkers' membership list is currently closed.

Activities

The Club's other activities, which include the following, are open to all members of the Club:

Craft Group: Meetings are now finished until the autumn.

Carpet Bowls: Bowling is now finished until the autumn.

The Line Dancers swing and sway every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall. Please note that Friday sessions will stop on 18 June and re-commence on 9 July.

L.U.S.T. The slimmers meet each Thursday, 9.30am to 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall.

Fly Tyers: The group is now finished for the summer.

Keep Fit 2008: Classes are now finished until the autumn.

The Smiddy Singers will re-commence activities in October.

Kinvest Investment Club meets once a month. New members, who need only a general knowledge of investments, will be made most welcome. The meetings are normally held the first Monday of each month at 1.30pm. Club members wishing to take part should contact John Dryburgh on 01577 862555.

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High School Band "Mamma Kin"

Gazebos

To attend the Gazebo Gathering you don’t have to bring a gazebo. If you do take one you can pitch it for £1. You can also hire a Premier Gazebo (an already pitched gazebo in first two front lines) for £30. However, tickets for these are limited. Other already pitched gazebos (Secondary Gazebos) can be hired for £20.

Tickets

Tickets are available from the Scottish eBike Centre (High Street 103) or online www.kleo.org

£17.50 for adults (16 and over on 4 September),

£10.00 for a child (15 and under, under 5’s are free)

£45 for a family ticket (two adults and two children).

Tickets going fast, please don’t delay if you want to come.

Volunteers

To make this event happen we are looking for a number of volunteers to help. This is a chance to enjoy the event for FREE. All volunteers will work in shifts, allowing time off to enjoy everything this music event offers. Food and tea and coffee will be provided during your shift.

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To win a family ticket simply enter the competition on our web-site at www.kleo.org.uk, where you can find further information on this and other events organised by KLEO.

Seamab School

This is always a busy time for Seamab School and, in some ways, a difficult time. At the end of the school session we always have a few children moving on to secondary school. For some of them, Seamab is the only place where they have ever felt safe, and felt loved, so moving on is not easy. We do stay in touch with them after they move and they are welcome to telephone us or to visit whenever they like. This year, two of our children have moved on before the end of the session and are successfully getting ready to start secondary school from their new homes. They have been replaced by two new children so we have been busy welcoming them and making sure that they feel safe and happy.

On 21 May we had a visit from Keith Brown our MSP and also Minister for Schools. He was most impressed with our work and the children enjoyed his visit. They had a list of questions ready for him including “Are you Gordon Brown’s brother?” (He’s not, by the way!).

The children wanted to do their bit for the local community so we joined in the National Spring Clean and targeted a number of local play parks. They collected four big bags of rubbish including an oil canister! The event was sponsored by Baynes the bakers so they were rewarded with some lovely cakes.

Four of our children have recently succeeded in gaining their cycle training certificates and two more are undertaking the course at present. We are planning to take them on regular cycle trips around the Loch Leven path and elsewhere.

We really enjoyed the good weather at the beginning of June with walks and lessons outdoors. We even improvised a soapy water slide by spreading a large polythene sheet on the grass slope at the side of the school. The children had great fun and managed to coax several members of staff to join in. It was very rewarding to see children, who simply didn’t know how to play when they came to us, having such a good time. There happened to be a meeting of our Board of Governors that day and we tried to persuade them that the water slide would be a good team-building exercise. Unfortunately they didn’t agree.

Mentioning the Governors reminds me: we have just recruited local Crook of Devon resident Linda Christie who has many years experience of primary education in a number of posts. She had already been very helpful and we look forward to drawing on her experience in the future.

The summer holiday is rapidly approaching now. We tend not to take the children away on holiday in the summer because there is so much to do here – we will go away on holiday in the autumn. We do have a summer programme of activities and we are helped to fund these by the Friends of Seamab organisation – a group of local people who raise funds for us, provide birthday and Christmas cards and presents for each child and help us in many other ways. The Friends of Seamab was established and has been organised by Denise Burgin of Solsgirth House. Unfortunately Denise and her family are leaving the area shortly – we will miss her a lot. She has been a tremendous help and support to Seamab for many years and we owe her, and her husband Bernie, a great deal.

Kinross & District Rotary Club



Rotarian Mike Thomson was our speaker on 17 May in his talk entitled 'Olympic Experiences'.

Mike gave us a quick resume of the history of the Modern Olympics which started with the games in Paris in 1895, before going on to tell us about curling in the Winter Games with particular detail of the recent games in Vancouver. In modern times, the main source of funding comes from the broadcasting rights and in the UK; most of this is channelled into grass roots level support rather than encouragement of the elite sportspeople.

24 May saw Rotarian Barry Davies returning to the fold after his trip to Arizona, leading the Group Study Exchange team from our District, Scotland North. Barry will be conducting a team presentation to our club in the not too distant future and we will report more fully on the trip after the presentation.

Coincidentally, on the same night that Barry returned to the club, our speaker, also on an international theme, was the Ambassadorial Scholar, Lungile Zakwe, from Johannesburg, South Africa. Lungile is studying for a year at St. Andrews to obtain an MSc in Economics and International Strategy, having been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rosebank, South Africa. She has previously studied in SA and Japan and is a mentor in a student sponsorship programme at home, helping disadvantaged students at High School as a friend and role model. Lungile's presentation was of very high quality and she is an excellent ambassador who will go far; her long term aim is to be involved in the development of her country.

Our next speaker was Alison Stedman, President of the Montrose club, who gave a very interesting presentation about the Nyumbani Hospice for HIV Positive orphans in Kenya. The orphanage was first opened in 1992 by Father Angelo D'Agostino, to cater for 3 children whose parents had succumbed to the HIV/AIDS virus and who had been

left destitute. Since then, the number has grown to over 100 and Nyumbani has developed into a small village. Latest estimates are that 300,000 Kenyan children are HIV+ and the village gives the most vulnerable children the best available nutritional, medical, psychosocial and spiritual care. Alison has been a frequent visitor to and great supporter of the Nyumbani initiative since her first visit in 2005 and set up the COGRI-Nyumbani (Scotland) Trust in 2008 to administer funds raised in Scotland for the project. To date, the funds she has raised have equipped 5 slum clinics, built 5 houses in the village and provided irrigation and solar pumping systems in the village. More information can be gained from their web site :

www.nyumbaniscotland.org.uk.

The meeting held on 14 June heard from Alastair Stewart about the Mission Aviation Fellowship. Most of those present were surprised to hear that for over fifty years the Fellowship has been flying light aircraft to more destinations than any airline and often being the first to arrive at the scene of natural disasters. With a fleet of over 130 aircraft at work in more than thirty countries one of their planes is taking off or landing every three minutes, often from very basic airstrips. Working in close partnership with national churches, governments, evangelistic missions and local and international aid agencies the 'planes bring physical and spiritual care to countless men, women and children cut off by difficult or dangerous terrain. Alistair concluded his talk by advising that the bulk of their funding came as gifts from people concerned to help ensure others have a better life and that those with the necessary skills and commitment would find the Fellowship a very fulfilling career.

If the above activities are of interest to you, or you would like to be involved, please visit our web site, www.kinrossrotary.org for further information about the Rotary movement and the Kinross Club in particular.

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



Our friends from Gacé are arriving in Kinross on Sunday the first of August and will be with us for eight days before departing on the morning of Monday 9 August. Host families are still required; please contact Twinning President Jeannie Paterson (tel: 862159). A programme of visits has been organised for our Normandy visitors starting on the Tuesday with a full day visit to Glasgow finishing off with a high tea at the Grange Manor Hotel on the way back to Kinross. The Thursday sees an afternoon car treasure hunt with a barbecue and performance by Kinross Pipe Band. Friday will see the party have a tour of highland Perthshire and Sunday evening will be spent at the Thistle Hotel in Milnathort for a Ceilidh Dinner.

A shop window competition will be held during the week of the visit with shops in Kinross, Milnathort, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell and Crook of Devon being encouraged to decorate their windows with a "French theme." Gacé Twinning President Michel Brodin will judge the window displays with the winning premises being presented with the Andrew Reid Memorial Shield. Andrew Reid was one of the early members of the Kinross Twinning Association in the 1970s.

Kinross Museum



Throughout the month of June the Museum Study Room continued to be manned on Thursdays and Saturdays by a willing band of volunteers who are beginning to find their way about the collections and undertake a number of helpful sorting and cataloguing tasks. We have been able to assist a growing number of researchers who have visited the Museum from as far afield as New Zealand in search of family connections with Kinross. If you would like to know more about volunteering or would like to undertake research of your own, come along to the Museum any Thursday or Saturday. Recent acquisitions include information on the Anot family, small items found around Loch Leven by metal detectorist Jim Crombie and medieval pottery and other finds from St Serf's Island gifted by Mrs Montgomery, Kinross House. The arrival of a large consignment of acid free boxes heralds a major effort to conserve in proper containers many of the artefacts, old books and archive manuscripts held in the Museum Store Room.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

May Draw

1st	No. 104	Donald Sherratt, Kinnesswood
2nd	No. 33	Margaret Stratton, Scotlandwell
3rd	No. 57	Vicki Stevenson, Scotlandwell

Kinross High School Parent Council

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The school summer holidays are already upon us and what an eventful year it has been for the High School. The year has of course been dominated by the move and settling in to the High School's new home at the Loch Leven Community Campus. It is a marvellous modern new facility that is a credit to Kinross and P&KC's Education and Children Services. As a community campus it has opened up the High School and its facilities to bring better integration and understanding between the High School and the wider local community to the benefit of all.

The end of this first academic year at the new campus is a chance to celebrate this fact but also to reflect on a few outstanding problems. Like any new building, especially one the size of the new campus, there are inevitably teething issues with facilities and services, and these undoubtedly will be resolved as the High School and community continue to grow into the new premises. A number of ongoing issues include:

Road Safety: Many of the initial road safety issues have been resolved largely with the help of the LLCC Travel Steering Group. However the positioning of the 20 mph warning signs and the absence of a pedestrian crossing at the Milnathort approach to the campus are still of concern.

Security: This is an important aspect of any school, especially one that interfaces so closely with the local community. The success of the purple uniform blazer initiative has helped ensure pupils are now more readily recognisable and distinguishable from visiting members of the community. Furthermore, new access controls and procedures at the campus are to be implemented ready for the new school year.

Catering Service: After a shaky start in October, Tayside Contracts together with the P&KC catering management team have made sterling efforts to steadily improve the service. Queuing times, quality and range of food have all improved significantly but steps must be taken to ensure that these improvements are sustained. The shortfall in refectory capacity is also an ongoing issue that still needs to be addressed.

Sports Facilities: These are excellent and second to none in Scotland. However, some shortcomings are apparent, including the lack of flood lighting over any of the grass pitches, which was promised at the public consultation meeting back in June 2006. Consequently, during the short daylight hours of the winter months, any contact sports, such as rugby, will have to train at the flood lit pitch at the Kinross King George V playing field.

Service Provision: The High School and wider campus are of course a new focus and increasingly integral part of the community. Excellent facilities management services are therefore paramount in ensuring a positive experience for all campus users. Improvements in buildings and grounds maintenance, litter and cleanliness and the quality of the interfaces between service provider and users are being sought.

The KHSPC is continuing to work with all relevant groups and bodies to ensure the highest standards of support are provided for Kinross High School and the community campus as a whole, and we are looking forward to a fruitful 2010/2011 academic year.

Kinross High School Citizenship Award

The annual KHSPC Citizenship Awards are presented in June of each year and are open to any pupil at KHS. The awards recognise outstanding commitment and achievement in the community by a young person or a group of young people.

The worthy recipients of the award this year are **Johanna Weir** for her work in the community and Junior Church, and in particular her work as a Young Befriender at Rachel House Children's Hospice; and **Callum McIntyre** for his mountaineering and charity fund raising exploits. Both pupils share the senior (5th and 6th years) award. Congratulations to both for their dedication and achievement. The middle (3rd and 4th years) and Junior (1st and 2nd years) Citizenship Awards were not presented this year.

School Uniform Purple Blazers

Sales of the new blazers continue to move apace with some 700 sold this year past and well over 100 sold to the new S1 intake. The blazers are manufactured from a washable polyester with the design of the girls' blazer differing from the traditional design of the boys' in that it has a more fashionable fitted style. The blazers are comfortable, light and easy to wear, and at £40 are very reasonably priced. For further information please contact during evening hours Dora Smith, the KHSPC School Shop Supervisor, on 01577 863565 or at dorajsmith@btinternet.com.

The KHSPC will continue taking orders for blazers throughout the school summer holidays. Delivery of the next batch of new blazers is expected in early August before the start of the school year. Once the new batch has arrived the KHSPC will contact those who have placed an order regarding collection.

Blazer Recycling

The KHSPC would like to invite pupils leaving the school this summer to donate their unwanted school blazers back to the school. The KHSPC will make sure the blazers are recycled and put to good use by a new owner. Anyone wishing to donate their old blazer should hand it in at the school office at the campus.

KHSPC Annual General Meeting

The KHSPC AGM took place on 8 June at the Community Campus. Brad Wood was elected Chair for 2010 - 2011 academic year, with Andy Williams stepping down to Vice Chair and Denis Sweeney remaining as Treasurer.

KHSPC Meeting Dates 2009 - 2010 Academic Year

KHSPC meetings take place on Tuesday evenings at the high school commencing at 7:15 pm. The programme of meetings for the 2010 - 2011 academic year is:

31 August 2010, 2 November 2010, 11 January 2011,
1 March 2011, 19 April 2011, 31 May 2011,
7 June 2011 (Annual General Meeting)

KHSPC Elected Officers

The elected officers of the KHSPC for the 2010/11 academic year are:

Chair	Brad Wood - 01577 850767 brad@madandbrandy.co.uk
Vice Chair	Andy Williams - 01577 861682 a.b.williams@btopenworld.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.



The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



Future Events

Annual Best Kept Village Awards

The Judging for the Annual Best Kept Village Awards will take place in late July. This is a great community event and a chance for you to show your pride in your village or hamlet. It can also be great fun for everyone in the village to get together and show your place off to its best advantage.

The Awards are divided into two categories: Villages and Small Hamlets. This is a very popular annual event and the Trust would encourage all villages and small hamlets to take part. Notification of entry can be given to Mrs Bridget Lindsay, Balgedie House, Easter Balgedie, tel: 01592 840252.

The Kinross Show

The Trust will have a stand at the Kinross Show this year. The theme of our stand will probably be the new Perth and Kinross Area Local Plan, which is under preparation, and

the Environment. We also want to show everyone what the Trust is about and what we can do to help the County and individuals as well, so do come and see what we have to show.

Autumn Talk

For our Autumn Talk the new Director of the Scottish Civic Trust, John Pelan will be coming to talk about his aims for the Scottish Civic Trust and the other Trusts throughout Scotland. The proposed date is 27 October at 7.30pm and the venue will be the new Loch Leven Community Campus. We would also like to make this a joint venture and we have invited Perth Civic Trust and Dollar Civic Trust to join us on that evening. Make a note in your diary now.

Annual Subscription

Members are reminded that the Annual Subscription of £10.00 per household is now due and should be sent to Ken Miles, Turfhill House, KINROSS KY13 0NQ

Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire

The Muckle Kirk

The origins of the Muckle Kirk at Viewfar on the Old Perth Road in Milnathort date back to 1737 when the Rev Thomas Mair, minister of the Parish of Orwell, seceded from the Established Church of Scotland along with most of his congregation. This secession movement had begun in 1733 just down the road at Gairneybridge where the Rev Ebenezer Erskine and three of his colleagues met in a small cottage where they decided to break away and form their own presbytery. Thomas Mair, who had been responsible for building the new parish church on the Ba' hill in Milnathort in 1729, continued to preach in that church until he was eventually ejected in 1742. Being a popular preacher, his congregation had been augmented by seceders from Kinross and Portmoak to such an extent that they needed a large or 'muckle' church building. Essentially a huge box with large round arched windows and little by way of ornamentation, the Muckle Kirk, as it came to be known, was built in 1742 to accommodate 2,000 people but in the rear it had large folding doors which, when opened, allowed many more people sitting on the brae to take part in the service.

The history of the Secession Church is a complex one, with schisms creating factions with names such as Old Light, New Light, Burgher and Anti-burgher. Following the 'Breach' in 1747, the majority in Milnathort adhered to the General Associate Anti-burgher Synod which in 1755 deposed Thomas Mair for heresy. He continued to hold services, but in 1761 a portion of the congregation left him to form an Anti-burgher Secession Church to the west of the village where in 1764 they built a church for themselves in what is now Church Street.

After Thomas Mair's death in 1768 the remaining congregation at the Muckle Kirk joined with the Associate Burgher Synod but in 1799 the majority, including the minister, decided to adhere to the Original Associate, Old Light Burgher Synod. The church would then have been known as the Orwell Milnathort First Associate Old Light Burgher Church, a good reason for simply calling it the Muckle Kirk.



The Muckle Kirk, Milnathort

In 1839 the 472 members of the Muckle Kirk rejoined the Established Church but when the famous 'Disruption' took place four years later in 1843 they broke away once again, adhering themselves to the new Free Church. The Muckle Kirk continued to operate as a Free Church for more than half a century until 1900 when the Free Church united with the United Presbyterian Church. Abandoned as a nonconformist place of worship, the solid Muckle Kirk has variously been used since then as a potato shed and store.

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Potager Garden

The growing season is now well underway, and the Primary 5 children have finished their sessions at the garden; they will return after the holidays for a harvesting visit. The garden is open every day, so do call in to see our vegetable beds, ripening fruits and flowers, and sign our new visitors' book on the table by the shed. We'd love to hear your comments, and any wildlife sightings – we have bees, butterflies, and several frogs!

Our plant sale at the end of May went very well, thanks to all who came, and to the helpers, especially Aaron, who is pictured with some of the veg plants which he and the other pupils had grown. Some proceeds of the sale have been used for special netting, to protect crops from carrot root fly, and butterflies laying eggs on cabbages, which seems to be working well.



Aaron at the plant sale in May, with produce grown at the garden

We only had a few enquiries about the proposed gardening course, so will wait until after the holidays, but do contact me if you would be interested in August by telephoning (01577) 840809.

I have also been helping the Primary 7 classes who are wanting to enhance the HAYFIELD WILDLIFE GARDEN beside the school, where they have made a log pile, and turf walls for insect shelters, and planted herbs and wildflowers. With the Guide garden at the playgroup (see separate report, right) we are hopefully making a good contribution to biodiversity in the centre of the town.

We have a small, friendly and dedicated team of volunteers at the garden, but could always do with more help with maintenance and watering etc. Whether you are retired, disabled, a young family, or a gardening novice, we'd love to hear from you, and could find an enjoyable activity to suit you. Please contact Amanda James on (01577) 840809, or e-mail amanda@tyafon.plus.com

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Kinross Guides create wildlife garden at Swansacre Playgroup

As part of a Guiding Centenary competition, 2nd Kinross Guides will be adding some new features to the garden at Swansacre Playgroup, aiming to encourage birds, bees, and other insects and wildlife, and to be fun and educational for the playgroup children.

A small raised bed will be planted with flowering plants to provide nectar for insects, as well as planting shrubs and a rowan tree with berries for the birds in the autumn; they will also make some homes for birds and bugs. The girls are also planning to grow runner beans, which the young children can eat, and cabbages, for caterpillars to eat!

On 21 June the Guides visited the playgroup, to plant sunflowers and nasturtium seeds with the pre-school children, and also to do some butterfly art work together. The girls have very much enjoyed planning the garden, and the main planting will take place at the end of June. They have been able to use facilities at the Potager Garden to prepare the plants, and borrow tools and gloves from there.

We are very grateful to be offered certificates for participants, and a small grant from the CSV Action Earth Project which is supported by Morrisons Supermarkets, as part of the UN International Year of Biodiversity, and to be able to do our part in encouraging biodiversity in the centre of Kinross.



2nd Kinross Guides planting the raised bed at Swansacre Playgroup

Ross 2000

At the Extraordinary Meeting held on 4 March at the Loch Leven Campus, the decision was taken to wind up Ross 2000.

The funds in the account have been distributed to the following local organisations with the request that the money be used for the development of junior sport.

Kinross Otters
Loch Leven Leisure Centre
Wee Springers
Kinross Tennis Club
Cleish Field Association
Kinross Curling Association
Kinross Junior Badminton Club
Kinross Vaulting Group
Orwell Bowling Club

Chairman David Colliar and the committee would like to thank everyone in the community who has supported the charity since inception.





Sports News

Kinross Curling Club

Summer Madness Ben Nevis Challenge, Curling on Ben Nevis

Kinross and Orwell and Fossoway Men and Ladies and guests were curling on Ben Nevis on 22 May in aid of the Kinross Curling Trust. 21 players took part after a curling stone, 4 brushes and a "dolly" were carried to the summit. With a good depth of snow on the top the stone ran well. The event was witnessed by many other climbers who could not believe what they were seeing, with some donating money to the cause there and then on the summit.



Local curlers with curling stone on the summit of Ben Nevis

The party and stone, which was donated by Kay's of Scotland, suppliers of stones to the Olympics, returned safely to the Ben Nevis Inn where light refreshments were taken in the summer sunshine. Whilst there were generally smiles all round there were some sore limbs and comments of "my first and last Munro". Congratulations to Gregor Hutcheson, past President on carrying the stone for the first stint and getting the whole event started and also achieving the summit.

Thanks to Willie Shand who was our photographer for the day. It is anticipated that the climb will have raised in the region of £5,000 for the Trust.

The season is never over for Kinross Curling Club. Well done everyone, a fantastic day, you have all made history.



Not ideal conditions for a match!

Kinross Golf Club

As we approach the half way point in the golfing calendar, June is by far the busiest month for Kinross members. The Men's Open gets the month rolling and ending with Club Championship Final. Squeezed in the middle is the Millennium Trophy where the men team up with either a lady or junior and play a Pinehurst format. This year 44 members entered, a record number, and the winners of the Trophy were Ronnie Mchale and junior member Jennifer Saxton with a net 64. Well done. We were delighted, too, that Jamie Montgomery joined us for the presentation and presented the cup to the winners.

Men: The Open on 6 June attracted an excellent entry as usual, with a number of Kinross members featuring in the prizes. Congratulations to Richard Campbell who returned the best scratch score of 70. Other prize winners from Kinross were: J Thomson, S Michie, D Murphy, A Merrilees, J Duncan, G Clunie, R Denholm, D Sharman, G Thomson, and W Clark.

Ladies: Rena Duncan and Alexis Crawford unfortunately lost their fourth round tie in the Daily Mail Foursomes against Muckhart. In the SLGA foursomes Rena Duncan and Audrey Thomson were beaten by King James. Catriona Marshall's net 70 secured our Away Day Trophy, at Glenbervie G.C. Ladies' Open.

Entries for the Ladies' Open Greensomes on Tuesday 20 July have increased from last year and we look forward to a record number playing this year. Entries will close shortly, so please make sure your name is added to the list in the locker room.

Seniors: The April Medal was won by A McKinlay with a net 66 and May's winner was Raymond Hall with a net 68. Medal play was over the Bruce course.

Kinross lost to Aberdour in their Inter club match.

Juniors: The number of juniors entering Tuesday evening medals is between 14 and 20 and 8 to 12 on a Thursday evening for the summer league.

Kinross juniors lost away to King James juniors 3 and 2 in the first leg of the Bell Trophy and will meet them at Kinross in the second.

Two Teams participated in the Coronation event at Pitlochry. Although they didn't feature, it was, nonetheless a great opportunity for these young players to gain experience in playing team events.

Scott McLeod has once again has been picked for the U14 county team playing against Lothianburn at Kinross. A great achievement, Scott, and we wish you every success.

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

Mixed Summer Hockey – Wednesday nights at KGV from 6.30pm to 8.00pm organised by David Goodenough and you are all most welcome to join in the fun no matter what your skills level. Great to see a lot of new young players turning up.

For further information why not contact Chris Benningwood on e-mail: captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk or Gordon Balfour at secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk or check our website at www.kinrosshockey.co.uk for further information.

Kinross Otters

**Friendly Gala, Kinross Leisure Centre
29 May**



On Saturday 29 May, Kinross Otters hosted their annual Friendly Gala at Loch Leven Leisure, Kinross. Teams from Kinross, Kirkcaldy Fins, Step Rock (St Andrews), Cupar and Blairgowrie all competed with swimmers who have generally never swum in a competitive gala.

The level of noise and excitement from nearly 100 swimmers was incredible and the atmosphere was electric. All the youngsters swam brilliantly, but eventually it was Kinross who won the trophy and clearly showed that they will continue to be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

The points were as follows: Kinross 128, Blairgowrie 92.5, Step Rock 80.5, Fins 60 and Cupar 57 points. All the swimmers were presented with a medal and a goody bag, and headed home tired, but very proud.

Our thanks go to our coach Lyn Hardie who worked tirelessly to make this event a success and fun for the kids.

Scottish Midland District Distance Championships

Olympia Pool, Dundee, 28 – 30 May

The annual Scottish Midland District Distance Championships took place at the Olympia Pool in Dundee over the weekend of Friday 28 May – Sunday 30 May. Kinross Otters sent a team of around 15 swimmers who managed a degree of success. There were some interesting results with some previously second line swimmers coming to the fore and some established stars having to take a back seat for a change.

Cameron Nelson managed a significant break through in the 12 yr old Boys 200m Individual Medley where he came second to claim the silver medal in 2.53.50 secs. He had an amazing first 50m of Butterfly where he stormed into the lead in 35.09 secs, knocking several seconds off his **50m Butterfly time**, but remember this was a 200m race.....this is not meant to happen!!! He rounded off his successful weekend with a bronze medal in the 12 yr old Boys 200m Breaststroke event.

Ewan Simpson had less competition in terms of numbers of competitors but nevertheless got on with the job to seal a gold medal in the 15-16 yr old Boys 800m Freestyle (9.37.31 secs) and two silver medals in the equivalent 400m event and the 200m Backstroke.

Aaron Gillon claimed an excellent bronze medal in a competitive 10-11 yr old Boys 200m Backstroke (2.58.89 secs) as did **Claire Moloney** in the 10-11 yr old Girls 800m Freestyle (12.18.64 secs) and **Rachel Brisbane** in the 12 yr old Girls 200m Breaststroke (3.10.86 secs).

Cameron McCloskey managed silver and bronze medals in the 12 yr old Boys 400m Individual Medley and 800m Freestyle events.

Stars of the Future, Olympia Pool Dundee, 6 June

Kinross Otters have once again been involved in another high quality meet. The "Stars of the Future" meet was held at Dundee's Olympia pool on Sunday 6 June. Swimmers from as far as the Shetland Islands competed and some of Scotland's best swimmers were on show. Kinross Otters entered 4 swimmers, all of whom achieved at least a top 6 finish. As expected, the competition was fierce.

Laura Manson, in the Girls 12 year old 100m Individual Medley, showed what an accomplished all round competitor

she is to win the silver medal in an excellent 1.19.84 secs despite problems with her Butterfly stroke this year. She also managed bronze medals in the Girls 12 year old 100m Backstroke (1.17.03 secs) and Breaststroke (1.32.14 secs) and narrowly missed out on another medal by 0.04 secs in the Girls 12 year old 100m Freestyle.

Rachel Brisbane once again performed well in her best event, the Girls 12 year old 100m Breaststroke, easily holding off Laura Manson to claim a silver medal in 1.30.66 secs.

Aaron Gillon had a satisfying day despite the fact that every way he turned he was up against the best swimmer in Scotland in his age group (Scott Goadby - DCA), who seemed to be setting Meet records at will. He achieved 4th, 5th and 6th places in the Boys 11 year old 50m Backstroke, Butterfly and Breaststroke respectively.

Euan Boyle rounded off the Otters' achievements with a bronze medal in his best event, the Boys 10 year old 50m Backstroke in 42.03 secs.

The Club is now looking forward to a well deserved break over the summer months with a resumption of more meets at the end of August.



Kinross Otters show off their medals from the "Stars of the Future" meet

Cumbernauld Open Age Group Meet

Tryst Sports Centre, Cumbernauld, 12, 13 June

Only two Kinross Otters made it across to Cumbernauld for the Open Age Group Meet over the weekend of 12 and 13 June. Nevertheless, Claire Moloney and Rachel Brisbane managed to bag yet more medals for the club in what turned out to be a very competitive meet.

Claire got a bronze medal in the 11 yr old Girls 200m Backstroke in 3.06.78 secs, knocking some 4 and a bit seconds off her personal best in the process. She also achieved 6th position in the equivalent Breaststroke event. Specialist Breastroker Rachel Brisbane won a bronze medal in the 12 yr old Girls 200m Breaststroke in 3.13.39 secs to maintain a very nice habit of continually winning medals in every Breaststroke event recently.

The girls, along with the Club, now look forward to a comparative rest over the summer and anticipate many more meets in the new swimming year beginning in the latter part of August.

For more information on this friendly and vibrant club visit kinrossotters.co.uk

Kinross Road Runners

Photo: David Bauchop, www.roadrunpics.com

Whatever your preferred distance there is no shortage of races to run over the summer months with Kinross Road Runners (KRR)

well represented at most of the local events. Here is a brief summary of some of the club's activities.

Edinburgh Marathon, 23 May

The Edinburgh marathon took place in temperatures of around 22°C. While everyone else was enjoying the summer weather and planning their lunchtime BBQ, KRR member Maureen Hill was running her first marathon in a fantastic personal best time of 3:35:26. Well done Maureen!

The Auld Toon 10K, 2 June

The Auld Toon 10k was a popular event with no fewer than 20 members participating. It was a warm evening and the course was surprisingly hilly for those who had not run it before. There was lots of friendly support on the evening, which was much appreciated as the runners toiled up the hills for the final time. The first KRR man to finish was Steve Crawford in a time of 38:37 and the first lady Maureen Hill in a time of 44:30. The ladies did particularly well, picking up three category prizes. Maureen Hill 3rd FV40, Judith Dobson 2nd FV50 (46:05) and Christine Myerscough 3rd FV50 (46:28). Our friendly coach Roger Stark also picked up 3rd MV60 category with a time of 49:38.



Kinross Road Runners at the Auld Toon race, 2 June

Black Rock 5, 11 June

The Black Rock 5 starts and finishes in Kinghorn, Fife. It involves the risk of getting wet and is always popular with our members. This could be something to do with the hospitality provided by the Ship Tavern at the end of the race! Nine club members took up the challenge on the 11th June. The first man home was Alan Kemp in a time of 29:44 and first lady Judith Dobson in a time of 35:20. Well done to all the others who took part, namely Ronnie Ritchie 31:43, John Myerscough 34:48, Geoff Bilton 39:12, Julie Rose 43:28, Keith Logan 44:44, Bill Nouillan 47:02, and Norman Smith 47:12.

Dunfermline Half Marathon, 13 June

The Dunfermline half marathon had a new route this year which was enjoyed by all who took part. It was a wet but calm (runners hate windy days) Sunday morning when eight members of KRR set off. The first club member to finish was our one time "Athlete of the Year" Peter Edgerton in an amazing time of 1:25:12. The first lady home was Christine Myerscough, who is unstoppable this season, in a personal best time of 1:40:55.

Christine also picked up the 3rd F50 prize to add to her

growing collection. Roger Stark finished in a time of 1:50:57 and picked up 1st place in the M70 category!

Training Schedule

On **Tuesday evenings** we meet at the east end of **Kirkgate park at 1900** for speed training with coach Roger Stark. However, on the **first Tuesday of every month** we meet at the **former health centre car park at 1900** for a two-mile time trial followed by hot chocolate at Roger's house afterwards.

During the summer months we try to do a variety of off-road runs on a **Wednesday evening**. We meet at the former **health centre car park at 18:45** before heading off for a hill or trail run. The weekly run schedule can be found on our website www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk.

As always we welcome new members of all abilities. Please feel free to come along and join us - we pride ourselves on being a very friendly club.

Orwell Bowling Club

Many Friendlies have already been played in weather vascillating from Arctic to Monsoon to Tropical heat. Dave Scott's Tote Competition was played as drawn pairs on 15 May with £60 prize money at stake. The worthy winners were Vic McKechnie and Michael Reay, followed by President Brian Cook and Isobel Cheney, with John Fullerton and Nicol Tomney in third spot. Our Seniors beat Headwell at home 52 shots to 43 and in Tropical heat on 22 May, Orwell beat Maitland 76 - 68, thus retaining the Quaich for the fifth consecutive year, equalling Maitland's similar past success. Sunday 23 May saw a most exciting mixed pairs game in the Tam & Jean Reekie Trophy with Vic McKechnie and Janette Tomney beating husband Nicol and partner Isobel Cheney, with the last bowl drawing the shot on the extra end played. On Wednesday 26 May Orwell hosted three County games with our own Christine Davidson winning her single hand game, going through to the semi-finals where she was narrowly beaten by Cambus. The Monsoon arrived on Sunday 30 May at Priory Lane, Dunfermline, where under leaden skies and non-stop rain, our Ladies Senior Rink bravely fought their way to a one-shot defeat on the last end. The Rink, meanwhile, wringing water from every available piece of sodden cloth, chamois etc, vainly trying to keep bowls and hands dry (two score cards had already turned to pulp and the Biro squirted water when the button was pressed!!), finally triumphed over Dalgety Bay 18 shots to 11, to go through to the last 36 at Ayr.

The Friendly against Tillicoultry ended in a resounding victory for Orwell 31 shots up, followed by a disappointing result against the rampaging Newburgh, contrasting with the tranquility at Carnbo on the balmy evening of 16 June, where in the most sporting spirit the home team were beaten by Orwell 56-29 shots. The warmth of the welcome in the village hall for the "après-bowls" as always rounded off a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

With many more major competitions to come, we anticipate a busy second-half season.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Lochleven Diamonds Baton Twirlers

Lochleven Diamonds Baton Twirlers recently took part in inter-school friendly competitions in Loch Leven Community Campus. It was agreed that this facility would be the venue for all the competitions during 2010 because of its excellent facilities and it is central for all the clubs who come from Perth, Kirkcaldy, Methilhill, Edinburgh, and Dundee.

Sunday 24 April, hosted by Letham Majorettes.

Lochleven results were:

Primary Grade. 0-5yrs: Indi Dennis 6th basic, 3rd Fancy, 5th solo. Ciaran Muir 7th basic.

Novice Grade. 12yrs: Shanagh Campbell 1st basic, 3rd Fancy, 3rd Solo 4th 2-batons.

13yrs Charlotte Grehan 2nd basic, 3rd Fancy, 4th Solo, 5th 2-batons.

Grade one. 12/14 yrs: Anna Masson 3rd Basic, 4th fancy, 4th solo.

15+yrs Megan Robertson 2nd basic, fancy, solo and 2-baton. Kylie Martin 4th basic, 3rd fancy, 5th solo. Julie Johnston 5th basic, fancy and 2-baton, 6th solo.

Grade two. 15+yrs Ciya Rutherford 4th basic, 1st fancy and solo. Jamie McGillivray 3rd basic, 2nd fancy and solo, 1st 2-batons. Lisa Masson 2nd basic, 4th fancy and solo, 3rd 2-batons.

The Overall trophy for Grade Two 15+yrs was won by Ciya Rutherford.

Sunday 23 May, hosted by Langtoun Twirlettes.

Primary Grade. 0-5yrs: Indi Dennis 5th basic, 4th fancy, 5th solo. Ciaran Muir 6th basic, fancy and solo. 7yrs: Chloe Wallace 5th basic and fancy. 11/12yrs: Jemma Lessels 2nd basic, fancy and solo. Jessica Hunter 3rd basic and fancy.

Novice Grade. 10/11yrs: Hannah Gibson 2nd fancy, 3rd solo, 5th P&P. 12/13: Charlotte Grehan 4th basic, 3rd fancy, 2nd solo and P&P.

Grade One. 12/14 yrs: Anna Masson 3rd basic, 2nd fancy, 3rd solo, 5th P&P. 15+yrs: Megan Robertson 2nd basic, 1st fancy, 2nd solo, 4th P&P.

Grade Two. Ciya Rutherford 3rd basic, 1st fancy and solo 2nd P&P. The Overall trophy for Grade two 15+yrs was won by Ciya Rutherford.

Lochleven Diamonds meet in Loch Leven Community Campus on a Wednesday night at 6pm. Classes are on holiday 7 and 14 July but will resume Wednesday 21 July at 6pm. Beginners are welcome although spaces are filling up. For further information call 07773608155 or email:

Perthshiretwirling@hotmail.co.uk

or come along at 6pm any Wednesday night.

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Gymnastics

Congratulations and well done to all the gymnasts who took part in the Foundation and Beginners floor and vault competition held at Bells Sports Centre on Sunday 13 June. All gymnasts take part in floor and vault to give an overall score. Great fun was had by all and medals won by: Rebecca Mitchell (Gold), Ben Cormack (Gold), Sally Montford (Silver) and Amy Salmon (Silver). Keep up the good work – your coaches are very proud of your achievements.

If anyone is interested in taking part in gymnastics, classes are run on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Loch Leven Community Campus. Contact 01577 867200 for further information.



Keen young gymnasts show off their certificates

Kinross Volleyball Club

Four teams from Kinross took part in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament at Perth over the last weekend of May. John Booth's Kinross BB side did well on the Saturday but lost out on the Sunday to stronger opposition. Dave McKay's team performed reasonably well on both days as did Craig Donaldson's Scotrange but weren't good enough to reach the final stages. Fiona Wilkie's Sporting Chancers fielded an under-strength team who enjoyed themselves but again missed out on the qualification stages of the competition.

Three youngsters from the club have been attending coaching sessions with the Scottish UK School Games' Squad with the final selections being made at the end of June. The youngsters involved are Connor Boyle, Matthew McDonald and Jackson Brown.

Monday evening games are continuing at King George V Park from 7pm till 9pm with old and new members welcome. These evenings are free of charge and are great fun, so feel free to come along and join in.

The club put on a demonstration game at Kelty Gala and ran a kids' fun coaching session.

Eight members of the club are preparing for the De Haan Tournament in Belgium during mid-August. They will take the Norfolk Line ferry from Rosyth to Zeebrugge and travel by tram from Zeebrugge to De Haan. This will be the fifth time that the Kinross Club has taken part in European Competitions.

Looking for Contact Details?

For listings of local clubs, businesses, public services and more, visit **www.kinross.cc**

Kinross AFC

The close season has brought little respite for the Committee of Kinross AFC. Paint brushes are the order of the day as the changing rooms receive a well earned face lift. If the long, hot summer is proving tedious, please come and join us!

Secretary, Alan Fraser and Andy Crawford are striving to improve the playing surface at the Myre. Sections of the pitch have been removed and fresh turf has been laid. Preparations will increase as the club plan to host a summer football festival on Saturday 24 July 2010. Coming to Kinross will be West Barns from Dunbar and Kelvinpark from Glasgow. Making up the four-team tournament is local side, Fossoway AFC. This is the first time the Club have hosted an event such as this and the players and committee are looking forward to this new venture. We are hoping that this will become an annual event. Please come along on the day and support your local sides. Games start at 11am and food and drink will be on sale.

After much searching, we are delighted to appoint Tom McKenna as our new team Manager. Tom lives in Dollar with his wife and three daughters. He has played professional football with Rochdale and other clubs during a period of living in England. Tom is a highly qualified coach and holds a level 4 youth qualification along with a UEFA 'A' licence. We are sure that Tom will offer a very organised and enjoyable training for the players which will in turn will see the Club rising to the challenge of the Kingdom Caledonian League.

As always, if you are interested in joining the Club, either as a player or Committee member, please contact either Sandy Fraser on 01577 865762 or Alan Fraser on 01577 862018.

Kinross Bowling Club

What a great year for bowling at the club – heatwaves and County Presidency which all make a great time and good atmosphere – great to see the Green full of “Greys & Whites” on Monday evenings and Thursday evenings. Monday nights are County ties while Thursday nights are Balfour Trophy nights, plus on 18 June we had the men’s Scottish District Trials on our green.

Thanks to all the members concerned in making this all possible, and putting so much hard work and time into making it successful. Also thanks to several members of Orwell B Club who have helped us out with marking boards etc.

We have played quite a few friendly games with mixed results: Bridge of Earn – beaten; Orwell – won; Menstrie – beaten; Glenfarg – won.

We had a club competition on Saturday 15 May – “The Cowie Shield” – which was won by Sheila Rennie with runner up Jim Cousar.

A Ladies competition – “The E. Ford”, was played on Saturday 19 June and won by Jean Cousar with runner-up Babs Park.

We are looking forward to the rest of the season as we have a Ladies Triple still playing in the East of Scotland – they are Jean Cousar, Chris Bennett and May Scott. Good Luck on Tuesday 22 June.

We had a family fun day on Sat 22 May, and had a good response and gained some new members, with a few more thinking about joining the club. Come on down!



Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

29 May saw a few of the hockey girls and a hockey boy (2XI coach Scott) head to Skye on tour. Weather wasn’t great, it rained the whole time, but we still managed a game of hockey against Lochalsh with the score finishing up 4-3 to them. They did have eight men on their team, so a slight advantage. Much fun was had in our pink tutus despite the weather!

After the First 1XI winning the league last season we were hoping to go up to the National League Div 3. There were a few concerns about entering National League as two umpires are needed and they won’t necessarily be with the club on match days or even if we would have a team that are available or committed for the games as there is quite a bit of travelling for some of them. Many of the First 1XI players confirmed their availability but a few couldn’t due to work or family commitments and we were still unsure if we had umpires who would be prepared to commit. Because of this it was decided to stay in Midlands for the forthcoming season and hopefully enter National League the following year. For this to happen were looking for any new members to strengthen both squads and also umpires who would be willing to take on the task.

Ladies training will be restarting again on 4 August. All new members welcome. In the meantime there is mixed hockey taking place on a Wednesday night 6.30pm-8pm at the KGV.

If you would like any further information on Kinross Ladies Hockey Club please visit our website at www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk



Enjoy-a-ball

HOLIDAY CAMPS SUMMER 2010

Following the success of Easter Camps this year in which 60 children attended over two days in April, Enjoy-a-Ball is to launch its first ever Summer Camps within Portmoak and Kinross.

The venues and dates are as follows:

Monday 19 July Kinross Church Centre (Upper Hall)
9am - 1pm (age 4 to 9)

Monday 9 August Portmoak Village Hall
9am - 1pm (age 4 to 9)

Booking forms and Information leaflets have been handed into Kinross, Portmoak and Milnathort Primary Schools for distribution to all children aged from 4 to 9 within the area (so check those schoolbags!) Attendees will be limited to 30 per day and spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so please avoid disappointment and book early. If you can’t find the booking form then e-mail me on gary.slater@enjoy-a-ball.com and I will be happy to send you one via e-mail.

The camps will include sports, games, arts and crafts, a healthy mid morning snack and lots of fun. The cost is £18.00 for the first child and £15.00 for every subsequent sibling.

See you there!

Gary Slater – Enjoy-a-Ball

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Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

Kinross Cycling Club



There's been a lot happening since I last wrote! You may have seen purple and gold banners down at Cleish on 9 June. Kinross Cycling Club officiated for a FiFe Cycling Association ten mile time trial. The fastest time was 22:04 although that is exceptional! Most people are in the 25-27 minute bracket, which is still pretty good! KCC members have been taking part in races and cycle sportives all over the country: Etape Caledonia, Cairngorm Sportive, Trossachs Ton, to name but a few. A lot of these are linked to charities. Want to get fit and do your bit? Why not give cycling a try?

KCC continues to meet on Sunday mornings departing at 9 o'clock from the Community Campus. Thursday evenings depart from the old health centre car park at 6.45pm. Membership for the year costs £10. The split into two groups seems to be working well. If you're not sure of your fitness, you can start in group 2 and "graduate" as you get fitter. As part of being a member, you are encouraged to purchase the official club kit. Purple and gold won't be missed on the road! If you see us out and about, give us a toot!

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Milnathort Golf Club

Centenary Year 1910 – 2010

June was a historic month for Milnathort Golf Club when, one hundred years after the first ball was struck on the course, a large field of Ladies, Gents and Juniors assembled on Saturday 19th to compete for the Centenary Trophy. The winner of the Gents Section was Jim Fraser with a net 68, the Junior winner was 14 year old Russell Malcolm (net 69). The overall winner was Elspeth Caldwell of the Ladies Section with a net 67 (adjusted for higher SSS), just pipping Kath McConnell on the better inward half. The Trophy, donated by Bob Wallace for annual competition, will be presented at the Centenary dinner on 2 October. A running buffet was provided after the golf so the day was a great social as well as sporting occasion and the day finished at closing time with a superb evening of dancing to the Orwell Ceilidh Band.

The championship finals were held the next day. Robert Malcolm, our new Club Champion, had a runaway 9 and 7 win over Scott Barbour. Robert had earlier beaten Ian Brown, the leading qualifier with an excellent 137 over 36 holes, in the first round and had hoped to meet son Russell in the final, but the 14 year old fell to Scott in the semi. The Ladies Champion is Julie Witt who beat Jackie Sneddon 3 and 1. The handicap champions are Keith Tolson who beat Gary Toddie by one hole and Kirsty Flockart, a 3 and 2 winner over Jan Gibson.

The Gents Open at the end of May was another success for Robert Malcolm. He won the Scratch Section with a 69 beating Thomas White (Milnathort) on the better inward half. The overall handicap section was won by G Swan, Lundin Links net 64 bih, with the class winners:

Handicap 1 – 12	M White, Elmwood, net 64
Handicap 13 – 18	Scott McGilp, Milnathort, net 65
Handicap 19 – 28	Keith Carver, Milnathort, net 64.

Senior Section

What a marvellous spell of golfing weather we've had. Who needs to go to the Algarve, Turkey or Spain when it's like this at home?

20 May saw the Seniors' Section host a visiting team from Dunning Golf Club at Milnathort and the glorious sunshine must have brought out the best in them because they gained a clean sweep of victories over the visitors. The match was enjoyed by all and the visitors were very keen that this inaugural venture be continued as an annual fixture.

The Second Round of the Charlie Macari Seniors' Trophy was held on Thursday 27 May, and was won by Bob Tolson, with Donald Brown and Roy Cogbill taking the second and third positions respectively.

On Wednesday 2 June, a team of Seniors were entertained by Anstruther G.C. in great golfing weather and after a very convivial match we ran out the victors with a 2½ – 1½ points win.

The Third Round of the Charlie Macari S.T. was played on a somewhat bracing, breezy day and the winner was Charlie Payne, with Phil Leiper a close second.

Thursday 17 June was a simply glorious day and saw the Seniors' Section taking part in a novelty 'three clubs and a putter' stroke play competition. The runaway winner was Ron Macdonald with a net 66 – which surprised all, including himself – 'cos he can't do that with a full set of clubs.

The Senior Player of the Month accolade for June has been awarded to Donald Brown.

Kinross Rugby Football Club

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Kinross, KY13 8AU, Telephone 01577 861773,
Web www.kinross-rugby.com



Kinross Rugby Football Club is a family club open to players, their family and friends alike. The senior club boasts a 1st XV playing in Caledonia Division 2 and a 2nd XV playing local friendlies. The junior "Kinross Cougars" club fields Midis Under 18s and U16s in the SRU Caledonia regional youth leagues and an U14s team playing local friendlies. The junior club also trains and fields mixed boys and girls Minis primary school children teams, P4 through P7, and trains children P1 through P3. On very occasional sunny days the club has also been known to field a respectable "Golden Oldies" Over 35s team. If you are a novice looking to start playing or a seasoned pro returning to the game after a break, you'll find a welcome at Kinross RFC; we can accommodate all ages and levels of player.

Kinross RFC is an amateur club that believes rugby should be played for the fun of the game as much as the challenge of the contest of skill, with the social and family aspect given a high priority. The club has a friendly atmosphere and has modern facilities, changing rooms, function rooms, kitchen and bar. Senior playing membership subscription is £50, student playing membership £20, and social membership £10 per year. The Club is located at the King George V Playing Fields in Kinross, opposite the junction of Springfield Road and the Muirs and behind the Church.

For more information about Kinross RFC and playing senior rugby in Kinross, please contact the Club President Ollie Cox on 0774111219 or at Ollie.Cox@virgin.net. For more information about playing Midi or Mini rugby in Kinross, please contact the KRFC Youth Convenor Andy Williams on 01577 861680 or at a.b.williams@btopenworld.com. Alternatively you can visit the senior club website at www.kinross-rugby.com, or the junior club website at www.kinrosscougars.com.



Kinross RFC Club President Ollie Cox presents 20 KRFC rugby balls to David McKay of the Physical Education Department at Kinross High School

Summer Fitness and Pre-season Training

Senior pre-season training takes place at the KGV playing fields 7.00 to 8.30 pm starting on Thursday July 1st and continues thereafter at the same time every Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Midis summer touch rugby and light fitness training takes place at the KGV playing fields 7.00 to 8.00 pm every Monday evening. Minis training will start up again in early August.

Combined High School and Club Rugby Squads

In line with the Tayside Sports Youth Development Strategy, starting this coming season the Club Midis squads will combine with the corresponding Kinross High School rugby squads. The teams will keep their separate club and school identities for their respective fixtures, but will for all intents and purposes train and be managed as a single squad. Combining together will be of benefit to both the Club and the High School and will provide a better infrastructure and a stronger, more rounded rugby education for the Midis boys.

To help cement the new alliance between the Club and High School, the Club recently presented the Kinross High School's Physical Education Department with twenty brand new rugby balls, all in the KRFC club colours.

Kinross Badminton Club



The Kinross Badminton Club annual golf competition was held at Muckhart golf course this year. Once again there was a good turnout and a positive atmosphere. Everybody played well and had a great time soaking up the sunshine.

Golf Results:

Winner (Birthday Boy): Charles MacKinnon

2 Kathleen Norris	3 Mark Moran
4 Tony Moran	5 Gordon Smith
6 Thomas Wood Goulbourn	7 Maureen Macpherson
8 Lewis Hunter	9 Stephen Ross
9 John Angus MacKinnon	10 Alan Johnson

Well done to everyone who took part. It was a good way to spend the afternoon. The winning team consisted of Charles MacKinnon, Gordon Smith and Mark Moran and the player who got the most birdies was Gordon Smith – well done again!

Following the golf, our president Bill Macdonald hosted the annual badminton BBQ. Once again the weather was on our side and the committee was pleased to see so many numbers having a good time and enjoying the feast prepared by Stephen Ross. The committee was also glad to see that Gwen Tate is on the road to recovery after the injury to her leg earlier this year. We wish you all the best and you will be back on the court in no time!

Once again the committee would like to thank everyone for turning up and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We hope to see you all back on the first night of the new season – Tuesday 17 August 2010.

For more information log onto:

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Kinross Cricket Club

Senior Teams

The 1st XI continue to impress as they stay top of division one. Our run in the Scottish Small Clubs Cup saw us through to the quarter-finals

only to lose to an unusually strong St Andrews University Staff. However we have progressed to the semi-final of the 2 Counties Cup 20/20 competition which is played against league rivals Kinloch at St Andrews on 28 June. The result will be in the August edition of the Newsletter. The team has missed a regular batting contribution from U17 all rounder Peter Ross who has been unavailable due to school and Scotland duties but we are delighted to congratulate him on being named as part of the Scotland U19 World Cup Squad for 2010/11. Peter has also been awarded a Cricket Scotland scholarship for 2010. Starting at the end of September he will spend three months at the national cricket academy in Edinburgh before jetting off to the Darren Lehmann cricket academy in Adelaide, Australia until April as part of the National teams winter training programme. On his return we will be playing several Scotland Lions matches with the hope of making his full team International debut during the 2011 season.

The 2nd XI have had a mixed season so far with injuries, poor weather on Sundays and some very strong division 3 teams leaving us with the single win out of five matches. Things are looking up, however, with a couple of new players adding to the batting strength.

Ladies Cricket

The ladies teams have continued to go from strength to strength. The highlight of the month was the match against Corstorphine ladies team which including the current full Scotland team wicket-keeper Charlotte Boscombe.

Kinross, captained by Anita Collins, won the toss and put Corstorphine Ladies in to bat. The opening bowlers, Claire Jackson and Laura Walker bowled four tight overs with Laura getting a breakthrough in the fourth clean bowling their number two, for one run. More wickets followed with Zoe Conway taking 2 for 17 and at one stage being on a hat-trick. Anita Collins took 2 for 12 and Stephanie Crolla with an outstanding caught and bowled finishing on 1 for 14.

After a quick breather Kinross came in to chase down the runs. Things started shakily with great line and length from the Corstorphine opening bowlers which saw Anita Collins clean bowled for 3 runs with Zoe Conway quickly following for 0. Kirsteen Ross and Laura Walker saved the day with stubborn determination, with Kirsteen scoring 17 runs (retired) with her quick eye, good calling, and smart tactics. Laura after a slow start, received a glancing blow to the cheek from the cricket ball, which seemed to fire her up



as she went on to top score, retiring on 27 runs smashing three 4's and a 6. Stephanie Crolla came in to capitalise on her team mates' success hitting three 4's and, with Kirsteen's continued dogged support, scored 20 runs and took Kinross to 3 for 79 for another fantastic victory after only 12 overs. Kirsteen Ross was voted woman of the match for her intelligent batting innings and outstanding fielding; she stood out as the all rounder of the day.

Juniors cricket

The full summer schedule is under way with the main focus on our U13 Scottish Cup challenge. The team had a great win over Largo to see them enter the quarter-final stage of the competition. This was to be a game against the winner of the Falkland v Broomhall match, however neither of the teams showed any enthusiasm to play Kinross and advised Cricket Scotland that they would scratch their fixture and therefore put Kinross through to the semi-finals. Whilst the squad are disappointed not to get the match played we are still delighted to have reached the finals day event for the third time in four years. The semi-final is played at Doo'cot Park, Perth on the morning of 27 June with the winners playing the final that afternoon. We will keep readers informed of our progress in the next newsletter.

Summer Cricket Camps

Perth & Kinross Cricket Development Officer (and KCC club coach), Kirsteen Ross has organised a full summer programme of cricket camps for children and young people aged 7 to 14 years. All camps are suitable for both beginners and experienced players. Skills will be tailored to suit all levels of ability and players will be coached according to age, current ability level and experience. All camps are suitable for both boys and girls. The camps combine cricket technique and skills with games and fun competitions. The aims of the camps are to deliver cricket coaching in a safe, happy, well structured player-centred environment with great coach/participant ratios and an emphasis on fun and enjoyment for all.

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Loch Leven Community Campus Cricket Pitch, Kinross

5 – 9 July	7-10 years from 10am to 3pm
12 – 16 July	11-14 years from 10am to 3pm
19 – 23 July	7-10 years from 10am to 3pm
26 – 30 July	11-14 years from 10am to 3pm

North Inch Cricket Pitch, Perth

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Kinross-shire Primary Schools Kwik Cricket tournament

Cleish Primary School made it three-in-a-row as they were crowned winners of the Kinross-shire Primary Schools Kwik Cricket Competition for the third consecutive year. The tournament is organised and managed by Kinross Cricket Club and was held at the Loch Leven Community Campus cricket pitch on 2 June.

This followed a three-month programme of schools coaching carried out by volunteer club coaches in all six of the local Kinross-shire Primary Schools. Many of the youngsters involved have joined Kinross Cricket Club's junior section which has well over 100 junior members.

Teams were entered from Kinross, Fossoway, Portmoak, Cleish and Milnathort Primary Schools. Children were from P6 and younger. The tournament rules were slightly changed this year to reflect the increase in the popularity of girls' cricket and each team had a minimum of three girls playing in matches. It was a very hotly contested tournament this year with all teams contributing great performances in the group matches. The tension mounted as it became clear that the result of the last match would decide the tournament winner.



The Cleish Primary School team, winners of the Kinross-shire Primary Schools Kwik Cricket tournament

Tournament Organiser, Kirsteen Ross said "The club is very pleased to have established strong relationships with the local primary schools and we would like to thank all the schools for the warm welcome they extend to our club coaches. Given the amount of sporting talent on display, the future of Kinross-shire cricket is safe for many years to come."

Cleish went on to represent Perth & Kinross in the national finals held at Doo'cot Park, Perth on 16 June. That event was won by George Watson's from Edinburgh.

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Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



As the summer holidays fast approach, we come to the end of another busy term at Kinross Cavaliers. Our last session will be on **29 June** where we will bid farewell to all the years. We wish you well and hope you continue with your basketball.

Remember Perth Phoenix train weekly, and would warmly welcome you any Friday evening from 6pm - 8pm at Perth Academy. Perth Phoenix also has Under 16 teams playing at national league level. If you are interested, contact Russel Kesson, Head Coach on 0794 387 5824. Basketball Scotland's website provides a wealth of information on all national league teams, events and much, much more. The website is www.basketballscotland.co.uk.

We have some new recruits from current Primary 6 classes in and around Kinross, and if you are interested and would like to give basketball a try, just come along any Tuesday from 6pm - 8pm at the Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross. Our first session after the summer holidays will be **Tuesday 24 August**.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our coaching staff for their help and support over the past year. In particular, we would like to thank Findlay Rush, our Head Coach and to Nick Morrice, not forgetting Aaron Lockhart who has been helping out as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Our training sessions simply wouldn't take place without their dedication and support.

We wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break. If you would like to get involved in any capacity, be it as a Committee member, player or Coach, or would like any further information, please call Karen Nicholson on 01577 862623 or email kinrosscavaliers@btinternet.com

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Many people benefit from having their own personal trainer to help them stay motivated, workout safely and see real progress towards their fitness goals and a healthier lifestyle. People rarely think twice about getting golf lessons from a pro or swimming lessons from the poolside coach: the personal fitness trainer is no different. He or she is an expert in their field and they can be an invaluable source of information and guidance.

I would advise that you look for registration with REPS (the National Body for the Register of Exercise Professionals) to ensure that the trainer is well trained and qualified.

A Personal Trainer has a number of important roles:

1. They can design and instruct you on an appropriate workout programme which meets your training needs.
2. They can help motivate you when the going gets tough, which it will!
3. They can provide non-judgmental, objective feedback on both performance and progress.
4. They can introduce variety, novelty and fun into any exercise routine.
5. They want you to achieve results as much as you do!

Even a few sessions with a PT can pay fitness benefits.

Working together, a PT can provide the additional support that may be required for you to benefit physically and physiologically by:

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- Increasing lean muscle tissue
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- Cardiovascular fitness
- Increasing energy, stamina and endurance
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Most people have only limited time for their exercise and want to get the best out of this time. Employing a PT can ensure that this happens.

Good trainers provide personalised, focused attention in both the 121 sessions and also through on-line and telephone support.

Fitness testing, progress monitoring and regular feedback are all part of the service to ensure that you meet your exercise goals, whatever they may be.

Personal trainers do vary in their approach, style and philosophy towards achieving a healthy and balanced lifestyle. It's important that you find a personal trainer that's right for you and with whom you feel comfortable.

They will usually be able to train you in the gym, at home or even outdoors, the choice is yours.

My personal style is one of encouragement rather than intimidation; of ensuring that you enjoy the exercise and do not see it as a chore; and above all you have some fun along the way to achieving those results.

In summary, a qualified Personal fitness trainer will strive to optimise:

- each exercise of your fitness programme.
- your time in every fitness workout.
- your energy with each exercise fitness programme.

A personal trainer can help you achieve your exercise goals, and having often invested significant amounts time and money in the equipment, gym fees etc, the next obvious step is to get some real help to make it all work and come together. It's a true partnership.

Personal trainers are not expensive luxuries affordable by only the rich and famous but really are a great way to ensure you get the most from your commitment to a healthier lifestyle. Call one today and try them out. I am sure you will not be disappointed.

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: Training Outdoors.

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News from the Rurals

MILNATHORT – President Jessica Munro welcomed Ann and Susan from Cleish WRI to act as tellers at our AGM. We then had Heather Hatten from Leven who gave an excellent slide show and talk about her trek to Nepal with Who Cares Scotland. Vote of thanks Fiona Hynds.

Competitions:

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| Recipe from Nepal | - Nan Douglas |
| Glass Painting | - Lorna Douglas |
| Flower of the Month | - Nan Paterson |

At the June meeting members and visitors enjoyed an Italian Themed Evening with a superb buffet. Winner of the Fancy Dress was Nan Paterson, as a Gondolier, judged by Margaret Douglas. Fiona Hynds gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

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| Floral Arrangement in a wine glass | - Ena Thomson |
| Individual Pizza | - Cathie Cochrane |
| Flower of the Month | - Ena Thomson |

BLAIRINGONE – Fiona Clark, President, welcomed everyone to Moubray Hall, Powmill for our April meeting on Wednesday 14 April. Mr Jim Patterson was our speaker for the night and gave us a very informative talk on farming life in the forties around Kinross area.

Competitions:

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| Scenic photo | - Grace Downie |
| Lemon Curd | - Martha Warnock |
| Flower of the Month | - Fiona Clark |

President, Fiona Clark welcomed us all to the AGM on Wednesday 12 May at the Mowbray Hall, Powmill. After the usual business we all enjoyed a game of bingo and welcome cup of tea.

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| Points Trophy | - Martha Warnock |
| Flower of the Month Trophy | - Jean Broome |

CARNBO – President Eileen Thomson welcomed everyone to the last meeting until Autumn. Our speaker for the night was Miss Valerie Spence, who brought a variety of historical costume dolls which she made, from the very basics, even sculpturing the dolls before she made the dresses, shoes and bonnets and accessories. They were absolutely amazing, and the detail on each doll was so exact. Lily Hall gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

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| Three Pieces of Tablet | - Mary Lapsley |
| Flower of the Month | - Rosemary Hudson |
- Eileen wished everyone a safe journey home and an enjoyable summer.

POWMILL – President Mrs Janie Buchanan welcomed members to the AGM on Wednesday 19 May in Moubray Hall, Powmill. The minutes of the previous AGM were read and the President, Secretary and Treasurer and Hall Representative, Mrs E Johnston gave reports. Mrs Buchanan thanked the committee and all members for their help and support over the last year. Mrs J Mitchell, Mrs M Wilson, Miss G Carver and Mrs G Taylor were elected to the committee.

Mrs L Heggie and Mrs M Wilson provided a very nice supper. The President then presented the following trophies and prizes:

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| Points Trophy | - Mrs J Mitchell |
| Miss Jessie Gibson Clock | - Mrs E Johnston |
| Eileen White Trophy | - Mrs M Thom |
| Pat Reay Quaich | - Mrs E Johnston |
| President's Prize | - Mrs C Stewart |

Competitions:

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| Flask of Creamed | |
| Potato & Leek Soup | - Mrs J Buchanan |
| Garden Gem | - Mrs J Buchanan |

BISHOPSHIRE – Morag Hogg showed how to make the most of a bunch of flowers, whether from the garden or supermarket. She then guided the members through making their own arrangement to take home.

Competition Cup Winners were:

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| Miniature flower arrangement | - Norma Smith |
| 3 Jam tarts | - Ann Hughes |

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Out & About



Vane Farm



Wahey! The summer is decidedly here – sunshine fur the last week, roasty temperatures, awfa guid, we'll awe be broon as wee berries in nae time.

The birds oan the reserve ur daen awa fine, some o' them jist barely startit wi breedin, like the swallows who are still at the egg layin stage in the toilet lobby wi the yins in the tunnel wi a brood a'ready fledged. Lapwings hiv also raised chicks tae fledgin wi a weeng o' broods gan aboot the reserve. Chris, that strange warden type that a telt ye aboot last month is a happy chiel, like a new dad gan aboot watchin ower hiz weans, "wha doar meddle wi them" will incur the wrath o the Rodger!

Duck broods are startin tae appear as weel fae the wee hidey-holes around the place.

A Marsh Harrier pit in appearance oan the wetland on 6 June, givin the visitors some grand views as it wiz near the far hide.

At the end o' this month we will be startin a major new project tae remove trees ower the dyke from the fields at the back o' oor flood next tae the loch. This will be the first phase o' an exciting new wetland development takin place in the next few years tae make the existin wetland even better fur waders; ye kin read mair in Uwe's article elsewhere in this excellently edited publication (nowt like a bit o' crawlin tae the editor, no likely get me ony brownie points tho? Think am oan minus figers onywey).

Next **events** comin up **this month** startin oan **Monday 5 July** durin the skail holidays we ar runnin "**Minibeast Monday**" fae **11am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 3pm** oan a **Wednesday** startin **7 July** it's "**Monsters o' the deep**" which is pond dippin. That runs at the same times, 11am – 12.30pm and 1pm – 3pm. Oan **Fridays** it's "**Friday Fun**" stertin the **9 July** – we are hoddin a range o activities fae buildin a minibeast hotel, gairden in a tin, puppet makin, hames under the hammer concluding wi a treasure hunt oan **Friday 13 August**. The ither twa events run **every week** til Monday 9 n Wednesday 11 August, richt thru the kids summer hoalidays. Heeps o' fun tae keep the bairns entertained three days a week while u chill oot wi a tea or coaffee n a wee scoane or sumthin in wur Café. Costs £2 per session per baim if yer a WEX member or £3 per session if yer no. Mair details oan the usual phone number 01577 862355 or pick up a leaflet the next time yer in at Vane. **Advance booking is essential so we dinnae get overloaded in each session.**

The retail emporium his a 50% aff sale oan at the moment and also hiz a selection o' special offers oan RSPB brand telescope kits savin sum serious bawbees. Why no come alang 'n' hiv a look if yer thinkin o' buyin some optics; wur expert staff will gie ye awe the help 'n' advice ye need tae pick the richt yin fur yer needs.

Richt then, think that's it again. Am awa tae get the sun tan lotion oot, pit ma trunks oan..... hmm!!..... mibee no, a scary sicht at ma advancin years! Onywey, ta ta till the next time. Enjoy the sunshine.

Colin

See Uwe Stoneman's article on the wetlands expansion on p. 14.

Loch Leven NNR



With the weather warming up, it's a busy time for both people and wildlife on Loch Leven National Nature Reserve. The rain stopped just in time and we had a fantastic turn out for Discovery Day on 23 May. The marquees in Kirkgate Park were host to lots of displays and activities, giving about 500 visitors the opportunity to discover more about the wildlife of the loch. Lots of children made their own bats, uncovered all sorts of creatures pond dipping, made badges, tested their ID skills fishing ducks from the paddling pool and enjoyed a story or two. Hopefully the photography workshops, with international wildlife photographer David Boag, will have inspired some more entries for the 2010 Loch Leven Photography Competition (closing date **Tuesday 19 October**).

Just recently as part of our ongoing management on the Heritage Trail we have been reviewing the necessity for the green screening which is located around the winter goose roosts at Kirkgate Point and Carsehall. If you were not aware, this screening was put in place to avoid disturbance to the large congregations of feeding and roosting geese in these particularly sensitive parts of the nature reserve. The green netting is a short term measure until the planted hedges, reed beds and trees become established. We are pleased with the way the hedge at Kirkgate in particular is coming on, however both areas are not quite well enough established to allow us to take the green mesh down yet. We'll be reviewing this annually and will take it down as soon as it has served its purpose. Measures like this are all part of what have made the Loch Leven Heritage Trail such a success in the unique way it is able to bring people and wildlife together.

The summer months mean reserve staff and volunteers are working hard monitoring the birds, flowers and insects that make Loch Leven their home. With the help of local volunteers we've also been out to St Serf's to do the annual gull nest counts, finding about 1,320 lesser black-backed and Herring gull nests, just a little up on last year. Neil & Jeremy have also used the calm days to carry out duck brood counts (ducks with young) on the loch. As yet they've only recorded mallards and greylag geese so we are still waiting for the tufted duck and other water bird broods to take to the water but keep your eyes as they'll be about soon.

This month we've got a new event '**International Travellers**' - your opportunity to discover more about some of our long distant migrants, including swallows, swifts and sand martins. Join our free guided walk around Levenmouth, **2 – 5pm on Sunday 25 July**, meeting at the Findatie car park. Please phone the office on 01577 864439 to book your place!

We are also looking forward to welcoming local expert **David Munro** to give an evening talk on the history of Loch Leven and the Kinross area at **Millbridge Hall, 7.30pm Tuesday 27 July**. If you want to come along, please phone the office on 01577 86 44 39.

As you get out and enjoy the good weather, keep an eye out for ducklings on the loch and dragonflies over the ponds around the heritage trail but please remember to keep your dog on a lead or close at heel to reduce disturbance to our breeding birds, thank you!

Alison Couch, Reserve Officer

Farming



Shearing Season

Woolly Jumpers are probably tucked away at the back of your wardrobe for the summer. Whether it's a lambswool, cashmere or easy care woollen mix, it's likely that they are just too hot for the current weather and have probably been replaced with a cotton tee-shirt and a lightweight synthetic fleece for the cooler evenings. Scottish sheep encounter the same problem and rely on the farmer or shepherd to make the necessary arrangements to cool them down. Removing the fleece takes place once a year and is called shearing or clipping. Many Kinross-shire farmers are experienced shearers and spend a few days each week shearing their flock during June and July until every sheep is fleece free. I rely on a contractor who is also a local farmer with two enthusiastic young sons, keen to make some extra income and help out with the shearing. They bring a shearing trailer and the facility relies on the natural instinct that sheep have to follow each other so that they end up in an easy position to be caught, sat on their behind and shorn. It only takes 2-3 minutes for a competent shearer to completely remove a fleece. The shearer uses a mechanical clipping machine rather like an industrial version of the hair clippers that are used for my husband and sons number two haircuts. He or she starts by removing the wool on the belly and then follows an efficient set of moves that sees the fleece come off in one entire piece. An experienced shearer will hold the sheep in a position that is comfortable so that there is no struggle or kicking and they will not leave any wool on the sheep or cut the skin. The sheep are then free to rejoin the flock and return to the fields to enjoy the rest of the summer. The fleece immediately starts to regrow and by winter will be adequate to retain some heat and more importantly repel water. Even on the wettest of wet Kinross-shire days, the rain will not seep through the fleece because of the natural wax-like lanolin present in the wool with its water proofing qualities.

And what becomes of the fleece? Well it is immediately rolled up and packed tightly into a large wool bag that holds up to 40 fleeces before it is then sold to a wool merchant or the Wool Marketing Board. Scottish wool is used primarily to produce good quality wool carpets and although this year promises better returns, it is the norm for the value of the wool to equal the cost of the shearing. Scottish sheep farming businesses are not reliant on the income from the wool but the value of the lambs sold from the flock each year, so shearing is more of a necessary welfare issue than a money-making part of the enterprise. Sheep that miss shearing are vulnerable to infestation by flies during the hot weather so until breeders come up with a breed that produces a good quality lamb and can also shed its wool by naturally breaking the growth in the wool during late spring, then shearing looks likely to remain a key stage in the sheep farming calendar.

Fiona

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Weather



May Weather Report From Carnbo

May was a very dry month this year. Rainfall was only 47% of the long term norm. Temperatures were mainly on the low side, especially early and again late in the month. Night time temperatures were very low during these two periods, leading to many nights with ground frost and even air frost.

Rainfall for month 31.5 mm (47% of normal)

Heaviest fall 9.3 mm (13th)

Highest temperature 23°C (22nd)

Lowest temperature -3°C (11th)

Average temperature 9.2°C

Lowest maximum 9°C (11th)

Highest minimum 10°C (22nd)

One snow day (11th)

Air Frost 3 nights

Ground Frost 14 nights (very high)

Cloud cover 50%

Thunder not recorded

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Kinross

Lochleven Castle, famously where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567, is in the heart of the beautiful Loch Leven National Nature Reserve. Historic Scotland runs a regular boat service, which departs from the fishery pier. Opening times for 2010 are:

1 April to 30 September: Daily, 9.30am to last outward sailing at 4.30pm.

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

Admission prices (includes boat trip): Adult £4.70, Child £2.80, Concessions £3.80, HS members free.

There are car parking facilities, toilets and a café close to the ferry departure point. The boat is not equipped to carry passengers in wheelchairs. There are benches, lawns, a gift shop and toilets on the island. Larger groups should contact the site manager on the island (phone 01577 862670) beforehand.

Hill of Tarvit mansion house

Hill of Tarvit, a fine Edwardian mansion house near Cupar, was designed by Sir Robert Lorimer to house the superb collection of furniture and artwork of a Dundee industrialist. Lorimer also designed the garden, with formal lawns, colourful borders and sunken rose garden. The grounds contain a recently reinstated nine-hole hickory golf course. If you have not been before, Hill of Tarvit is well worth a visit.

The summer-autumn opening dates are as follows:

17-22 June 15-20 July 29 July-2 August

26-31 August 16-21 September 14-19 October

The house, tearoom and shop are open 1pm to 5pm on these dates. The garden and grounds are open all year, daily, closing at dusk. Admission to house and gardens is £8.50 adult, £5.50 child, free to members of the National Trust for Scotland. Hill of Tarvit is off the A916, 2 miles south of Cupar. KY15 5PB. Tel: 0844 4932185.

Special Event - Open Air Theatre Production

Bring your own picnic and low-backed seating and wrap up warmly to enjoy the following performances:

The Tempest by William Shakespeare, performed by The Festival Players. **Saturday 7 August**, 7.15pm. (Gates open at 6pm. Approx finish time 9pm.) Adult: £14, Child: £8. Box office: 0844 4932185.

Gardens Open

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Gardens, and some properties, open regularly not too far from Kinross				Admission		Disabled	Contact
	Opening	Arrangements		Adult	Child	Access	Number
Kinross House gardens (not house)	1 Apr - 30 Sept	daily	1000-1900	£3.00	free	yes	01577 862900
Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	to 31 Oct	Mon-Sat	1100-1700	£10.50	£7.50	gdn only	0844 4932186
		Sun	1300-1700				0844 4932186
Hill of Tarvit mansionhouse & gdns (NTS)	15 Jul - 20 Jul	Thu-Tue	1300-1700	£8.50	£5.50	gdn	0844 4932185
Grounds only at Hill of Tarvit (NTS)	all year	daily	to dusk	£2.00		yes	0844 4932185
Kellie Castle & garden, Pittenweem (NTS)	to 27 Sep	Thu-Mon	1300-1700	£8.50	£5.50	partial	0844 4932184
Garden & Estate only at Kellie Castle (NTS)	to 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	£2.00	yes	0844 4932184
Culross Palace, study, town hse and gdns (NTS)	1 Jun - 30 Aug	daily	1200-1700	£8.50	£5.50	no	0844 4932189
Gardens only at Culross Palace	1 Jun - 30 Aug	daily	1000-1800			difficult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gardens, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	to 31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£5.50	£4.50	partial	0844 4932193
Scone Palace grounds only	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£5.10	£3.50	limited	01738 552300
Braco Castle gardens, Braco, FK15 9LA (SGS)	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.00	free	partial	01786 880437
Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff	1 May-31 Oct	daily	1300-1800	£4.00	£2.00	restr	01764 681433
Botanic Garden, Canongate, St Andrews, KY16 8RT	Apr-Sept	daily	1000-1900	£2.00	£1.00	yes	01334 477178
Pittencreeff Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 720285

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

Scotland's Gardens Scheme

Around 475 gardens (mostly private) in Scotland are opened to the public for a day or more each year under the auspices of SGS to raise funds for charity. 60% of entry fees benefit SGS's chosen charities* and 40% of entry fees go to a charitable cause chosen by the garden owner.

Full details of all gardens are available in the handbook *Gardens of Scotland 2010* or on the website www.gardensofscotland.org

*Principally: The Queen's Nursing Institute, Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland and Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres. The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society and The Royal Fund for Gardeners' Children also receive support.

Special Days Open in July

The garden at **Craigfoodie, Dairsie** is open on **Sunday 4 July** from 2pm to 5pm. There is a restored formal walled garden, a parterre, clock lawn, terraces with exotic plantings and fruit and vegetable gardens. Route: On A91 from Cupar to St Andrews, turn left at Dairsie School then follow signs. Admission: £4.50, children free. 40% to AICR. Partial disabled access, refreshments.

Another formal walled garden is open on **Sunday 11 July**, this time at **Wormistoun House, Crail**. Other attractions include an orchard, scent garden, parterre, potager and a woodland walk around a natural lochan. This garden has the largest listed Grisselinia in Scotland. Opening times: 12 noon to 5pm. Route: on the A917, Crail – St Andrews. Admission: £4, children free. 40% to Crail Development Trust. Plant sales, dogs on lead welcome except in walled garden, cream teas.

The Scotlandwell community allotments at Young's Moss, The Causeway, Scotlandwell are open under SGS on **Sunday 18 July**, 10am-4pm. Admission £3.50 (40% to Rachel House). Plant sales, disabled access, dogs on leads welcome, carriage driving, refreshments.

Back to **Crail** again on **Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 July**, when **The Gardeners of Crail** open a number of small gardens in varied styles: cottage, historic, plansman's, bedding. Opening times: 1pm – 5.30pm. Route: approach Crail from either St Andrews or Anstruther by A917. Park in the Marketgate. Admission: £4.50 (20% to Crail British Legion Hall, 20% to RNLI). Tickets and maps available from Mrs Auchinleck, 2 Castle St and Mr Robertson, The Old House, 9 Marketgate. Plant sales, teas in British Legion Hall.

New to SGS, the garden at **Gean House** in Tullibody Road, **Alloa**, FK10 2EL is open on **Tuesday 27 July** from 2pm to 5pm. The house is an early 20th century Arts & Crafts style mansion. The sweeping driveway takes you through beautiful parkland lined with trees. Seven acre garden. Admission: £4 (40% to Scottish Society for Autism). Cream teas available in Gean House.

• Gardens info on our website •



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

Congratulations



JILL FRASER, formerly of Kinross, and **JONATHAN HULL**, Brighton announced their engagement on 2 June 2010. Both families are delighted.

Jane **MUNRO** and Gareth **BROWN** are pleased to announce the safe arrival at Borders General Hospital of their daughter **JAMIE MAY** on Sunday 6 June 2010. Jamie May is the first grandchild of Ann Munro and the late Hugh Munro, Cambo and of Arthur (Hovis) and Evelyn Brown, Galashiels.

CHLOE WEBSTER recently graduated from the American Musical Dramatic Academy in New York. A former Kinross High School student, Chloe plans to remain in New York for the time being and is currently auditioning for parts on Broadway and in the film industry.

Fossoway Primary School received a certificate of merit and a gift token for £5 in the 2010 Harris Moore Environmental awards. **Arngask Primary School** (Glenfarg) and **Blairingone Primary School** received certificates of participation. The awards scheme is organised by P&KC and encourages the development of eco-friendly projects and active and responsible citizenship skills.

Pupils from **Kinross Primary School** won a runners-up prize in a national competition jointly organised by the Royal Horticultural Society and Puffin books. Pupils had to draw and describe in words their dream garden.

Son or daughter graduating this summer?

The Newsletter welcomes notification of Kinross-shire graduates' degree results. See page 1 for ways to contact us. There is no charge for items like this. The next deadline is Monday 19 July.

Thanks



Twins, Mrs **JEAN WEBSTER** and Mrs **MARGARET (PEGGY) WILSON** would like to thank all their neighbours, friends and family for all the lovely cards, flowers, presents and good wishes received on their 70th birthday. Very much appreciated. (Jean insists she is only 60 though!)

MATILDA WOOD wishes to thank her family, friends and neighbours who sent cards, flowers and best wishes during her recent illness.

NITA and **RON MACDONALD**, Kinross, would like to send a big 'thank you' to all friends and well-wishers for the cards, flowers and expressions of support for Nita sent during her recent operation and recuperation. It has been quite overwhelming and has given us much comfort, and plays a big part in her continuing recovery. Our thanks also are extended to Dr Richmond and all Medical Staff for their back-up support.

BOB WALLACE, Milnathort, would like to thank the many friends who sent cards and good wishes during his stay in hospital. It was greatly appreciated.

JANE and **EVELYN** of the RBS Milnathort Branch would like to thank customers, staff and friends for all the cards, gifts and good wishes on their retirement.

LYN HAWORTH would like to thank everyone (you know who you are!) who participated in Reiki Awareness Week and contributed to raising funds for the **Wormit Hedgehog Care Centre**. The amazing sum of £405.00 was raised – happy hogs all round!

SHEILA WARDELL, Milnathort, would like to thank all friends and friends of friends who helped in any way with the Coffee Morning in aid of **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**. We raised £138.76!

1st PORTMOAK BROWNIES raised a fantastic £383.63 hosting a coffee evening with Beetle Drive and raffle. The money raised is to support their Brownie Leader, Chris Cowe, and Brownie mums, Gillian Robertson and Fiona Mitchell, who are taking part in The MoonWalk Edinburgh. All money raised goes towards vital breast cancer causes in Scotland. A very big thank you to all the support from those who attended, provided home baking and/or raffle prizes for such a successful night. An extra special thank you goes to Gary Slater of 'Enjoy-a-Ball'. He provided a voucher for an Enjoy-a-Ball party which was auctioned on the night.

LOCHEND FARM SHOP, Scotlandwell thanks everyone who has helped raise over **£10,000** for **CHAS** from the donations of books etc. Also to Florence Thompson for the pounds of tablet that made many £s for CHAS.

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Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

Station Road, Kinross (Charity number SC012555)

Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952
 Reader: Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602
 Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780
 Church E-mail: kinpc@tiscali.co.uk
 Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

All Sunday morning services include a crèche. All events are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

Regular Services

Sundays 10.30 Morning Service
Sundays 19.30 Church Centre : Crossfire, for S1 age upwards
Tuesdays 10.00 Pram Service
 2.30pm Whyte Court - Service
 (First Tuesday of month)
 2.30pm Causeway Court - Service
 (last Tuesday of month)
Wednesdays 10.45 Midweek Worship: Reading Room, Church Centre, 30mins.
 12 noon Mid-week and Mid-day: Time to Pray:
 30 mins

Other Services

July

Sun 4 10.30am Morning Service: 'Give and Take'.
 Informal communion at close of service
 6.30pm Michel Bruce memorial service at
 Portmoak Church. Preacher Rev. Alan Reid
Mon 5 8am Meditation (30min.)
Thu 15 9pm 'Compline': a short service with readings
 and prayer
Sun 18 10.30 Morning Service : 'Christian fellowship'
Sun 25 10.30am Morning Service: 'Gospel on the ground'
 6.30pm Informal Evening Service
Tue 27 8pm Prayer Meeting (1 hr.)
Thu 29 7.30pm Prayer and Praise for Family Week
August 2-6 Family Week: Community Campus 10am –
 noon and other events. See next page for details.

All are welcome to any of these services or prayer times

Saturday break Most Saturdays mornings at the Church Centre, there is a second hand book stall and café serving tea, coffee and fresh baking 10a.m.-12 noon.

Housegroups meet on Wednesday and Monday evenings (contact Margaret Michie 01592 830602).

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

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.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rev Dr Marion Keston Telephone: (01577) 866834
 Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

July Services

Sun 4 6th After Pentecost, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 11 7th After Pentecost, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11.00am, Sung Eucharist
Sun 18 8th After Pentecost, 8.30am, Holy Communion.
 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Thu 29 9.15am, Service of Prayers for Healing.
Sun 25 9th After Pentecost, 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,
 telephone (01577) 864213.

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

United Service 6.30pm in Orwell Hall

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

Services at Leven Glen: first Tuesday of the month at 4pm

Youth Drop In Tuesdays 7pm till 8.30pm.

27 June - 4 July Portmoak Festival

Sunday 4 July Service in Portmoak Festival Marquee
 in Kinnesswood at 10.30am

Sunday 4 July Michael Bruce Memorial Service
 Portmoak Church at 6.30pm

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.
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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**July****Sun 4** 11.15am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie**Sun 11** 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay**Sun 18** 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay**Sun 25** 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay**Fossoway Parish Church****Church of Scotland**

Rev Joanne Finlay Telephone: (01577) 850231

E-mail joanne.finlay196@btinternet.com

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Sunday Services at 9.45am**Junior Church, crèche,****“Wrigglers Group” (0-3 year olds)** at 9.45am,**Teens:** first Sunday of the month at 10am**Tots Music:** Friday mornings in hall, 9.30am**Café Refresh:** Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm**Yoga classes:** Wednesdays 9.30am and Mondays**July****Sun 4** 9.45am Preacher, Reader Brian Ogilvie**Sun 11** 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay**Sun 18** 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay**Sun 25** 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay**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)

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.

Kinross Christian Fellowship Evening Service

On the second Sunday of every month, beginning in August 2010, the Fellowship will be holding an evening service beginning at 6.30pm. There is no formal format envisaged; however, it may be expected that it will include lots of praise, worship, and joy in the LORD. Everyone is welcome, irrespective of faith or denomination, and we look forward to seeing - and hearing - you. For more information please contact Peter on 01577 863509.

On behalf of KCF, God bless.

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

Milnathort Town Hall

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

Healing Rooms Kinross

The Healing Rooms (part of an international organisation) takes place every Thursday from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Millbridge Hall. Healing Rooms is manned by a team of Christian volunteers from every denomination freely offering their time and prayers. Everyone is welcome and no appointment is necessary.

For further information please call 07766515950 or 07732485305 or visit www.healingrooms-scotland.com

Recently bereaved? Needing some support?**AMONGST FRIENDS**

(Bereavement Group)

meets at the Health Centre, Lathro, Kinross

on the last Friday of the month, 2.30pm to 4pm

A warm welcome awaits all

For details phone

Hazel 01577 863461 or Marg 01577 863557

Family Week Events**2 – 6 August**

Every morning, 10am – 12 noon, at Loch Leven Community Campus, a theatre themed programme, to get to know Jesus in a fun packed way.



Monday	Family Rounders	19.30	Meet at the Kirkgate (Church centre in poor weather)
Tuesday	Helen's Flag Workshop	14.30 - 16.00	Kinross Parish Church
Wednesday	Family Hunt Game	14.00 - 16.00	Meet at Gacé Gardens
Thursday	Family Film	14.00 - 16.00	Kinross Parish Church
Friday	Celebration and Barbecue	19.00	Kinross Parish Church
All week	'Odd Man Out' Competition in shop windows		

Obituaries

REV NORMAN MACLEOD

Born: 4 October 1928 in Prestonpans, East Lothian

Died: 2 May 2010 in Glenrothes, Fife

Norman was the first minister of the linked charge of Orwell and Portmoak, two local Church of Scotland congregations previously served by a minister for each. He was inducted at Orwell in 1978 and for ten years led two Kirk Sessions on a journey that was to lead to union (in this case a single congregation with two worship centres) in 2006. As well as his extensive parish duties he served Perth Presbytery as their Moderator and for a number of years was Presbytery Clerk. He also served the central church as Convener of the Diaconate Board, seeing male Deacons being admitted into a previously all female domain.

Norman was educated at Musselburgh Grammar School and the Royal High School of Edinburgh. His career began as an apprentice with a medical x-ray company and then followed National Service in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps where he reached the dizzy heights of Corporal. On returning to civilian life Norman first worked in the Inland Revenue, followed by employment with the Legal and General Insurance Company and then the County Fire Office, both in Edinburgh.



Rev Norman Macleod

His call to the Ministry at age 25 required night class studies to gain entry to Edinburgh University Faculty of Arts and New College to study Divinity, and after five years' study and apprenticeship as Assistant Minister at St Nicholas' Church, Sighthill was ordained and inducted to his first charge at Armadale East in 1960. In October 1965 Norman was appointed to the newly established Church Extension Charge of Glenrothes: St Ninian's, where he served for 13 years (and increased the congregation which began with four members to 900).

His ten years at Orwell and Portmoak came to an end in 1988 a week before his sixtieth birthday following two serious heart attacks and he moved to Glenrothes with Margaret for a further twenty two fulfilling years, though continually dogged by ill health.

Many will recall his distinctive voice and thought provoking sermons but there was much more to Norman. He was a talented cello player and during his time at New College was President of the Music Society and in his final year won the prize for Elocution. He had an ability to absorb information, including trivia, but this facility was put to

good use in two TV quiz shows in which he appeared. He had an eclectic love of music (particularly military bands and jazz), cooking and the countryside. He served as an Attending Member in the Clydesdale Horse Section of the annual Kinross Show (of which wife Margaret was a long serving secretary).

Norman married Margaret in 1960, and son Kenneth and daughter Gillian followed in 1961 and 1962. Norman officiated at the wedding of both children and was a loving and doting grandfather to five grandchildren (all of whom he baptised) and three great grandchildren. Although his health deteriorated constantly during retirement, his interests continued and he learned embroidery and enjoyed eating out. Margaret was with him when he passed away peacefully after his last glass of wine and only five weeks before their planned golden wedding celebration.

BUNT SELLEY (née Telfer) – formerly of Mayfield, Milnathort passed away in Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline on 10 June 2010, aged 81.

The Telfer family came to Milnathort from Drumlanrig in 1941 and Bunt (given name Jessie) was the third of four children. Bunt served her apprenticeship as a florist with R C Ferguson of Dunfermline. She later worked as a florist in Reading before returning to Milnathort to assist in the family business.

Bunt married Michael Selley in 1976 and they moved to Montgomery Street in Kinross until Michael passed away in 1996, at which time she moved to her present home at Springfield Road, Kinross. Bunt was a member of Orwell Parish Church and a keen member of the flower committee for many years. After Mike passed away she busied herself with the local Community Centre where she ran the sales table and loved to help on outings with the bus. She was also a member of the WRVS and until recently could be found on the Meals on Wheels run.

Bunt lived life to the full, enjoying the company of her extended family and friends. The real love of her life was her garden and her little dog Holly who will miss her greatly, as will everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

The family would like to thank Kinross Surgery for their kind attention, also Ward 7 at Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline. Thanks to Orwell Church and all those who attended the interment and donated so generously to The British Heart Foundation.

Acknowledgement

BATHGATE – Dave, Alice, David, Emma, Lewis, Roy and Rhona wish to thank all relatives, friends, colleagues and neighbours for their kind thoughts, flowers and cards after the sad loss of Lynn. Thanks also to the staff at the health centre for their care of Lynn over the last few years.

The collection at the service raised £1850.24 for the Cornhill Macmillan Centre, who took such wonderful care of us all.

Thanks to Rev. Alan Reid for his comforting and uplifting service and to Stewart Funeral Directors for all their help and advice.



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 - Caroline 07507 204731

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

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TEL: 01577 862071

www.swansacreplaygroup.org.uk

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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

Julia Slater 07810 742046 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, Milnathort

Milnathort Babies and Toddlers offer a relaxed, friendly environment.

Tea/coffee for mums, dads and carers, healthy snack and fun for the children.

Children aged birth to 3 years (5 years if attending with younger sibling) are welcome.

Thursday & Friday, 10am – 11.30am.

For more information please contact Susan Britton on

01577 863385, 07737 461 293

or e-mail susanjbritton@yahoo.co.uk.

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

Perthshire Brass Entertains

FRIDAY 2 JULY at 7.30pm

Kinross Parish Church

Tickets £5 at NEWS PLUS or at door

Schoolchildren accompanied by adult have free entry
Entertaining programme

Michael Bruce Trust

Michael Bruce Service of Commemoration

Sunday 4 July

Each summer, the Michael Bruce Trust invites people from Kinross-shire and beyond to celebrate the life and work of the "Gentle Poet of Loch Leven", Michael Bruce (1747-1767), in a service of commemoration. This year's service, which rounds off the annual Portmoak Festival, will be held at 6.30pm on **Sunday 4 July** in Portmoak Parish Church, a mile from the poet's birth place in the village of Kinnesswood. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Robert Pickles and the guest speaker will be the Rev. Alan D Reid, Minister of Kinross Parish Church. Tea will be served in Portmoak Hall after the laying of the wreath on the poet's grave by Professor David Munro, Chairman of the Michael Bruce Trust. All are welcome.

Bishopshire Horticultural Society



Best Kept Garden Competition July 1-7 Annual Flower Show - Saturday August 21

Following a review of arrangements for promoting the above events the committee has decided to cease 'door to door' visits. Regular patrons and intending competitors can pay the annual membership fee by contacting any of these committee members:

Lorna Ainsworth 840571	Sylvia Herrington	840519
Janette Gardiner 840352	Shelagh Goudie	840200
David Martin 840216	Eleanor White	840681

We will be delighted to welcome new members to the society and look forward to seeing our regular exhibitors again this year. We hope that you will be able to give us your continued support

Funding Opportunity –

Healthy Eating Activities

Funding from £500 to £4,000 available

Be Quick! Closing date: **FRIDAY 9 JULY**

Community Food and Health (Scotland) has an annual small grants scheme available for groups and agencies in Scotland who wish to improve access to, and take-up of, a healthy, varied and balanced diet. For more information, go to: www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk

Orwell Bowling Club

presents

AN EVENING WITH GORDON MENZIES

Saturday 17 July at 8.00pm

Entry £6 per head Ticket Only

Tickets behind bar at the club

T-in-the-Park Drop-in Centre

Last year exceeded all expectations and we were privileged to serve over 600 T-in-the Parkers with good food which included: 500 full breakfasts plus 350 other items such as the ever-favourite bacon butties.

We expect the at least the same this year which means **we need volunteers - YOU!** 2009 couldn't have happened without the commitment, good humour and hard work of the volunteers, many of whom turn up year after, each eager to be part of the enterprise. And 2010 won't either.

If you would like more information before commitment give Peter Flounders a call on 863509 However, if you decide you're in, just confirm with Fiona Eastop on 864194. You will made very welcome, worked very hard, and guaranteed a fantastic time.

*Thanks in advance, Peter
(on behalf of the Core Team)*

Milnathort Filmhouse (Town Hall)

The 'Big Screen' has returned to Milnathort!

'The Filmhouse for the whole family'

Come and enjoy our Saturday Night Cinema and Family Sunday Matinee.

Screenings for 2010:

Sep

Sat 4th 8pm Cinema Paradiso (PG)
Sun 5th 3pm Alvin and the Chipmunks 2:
The Squeakquel (U)

Oct (Halloween Weekend Special)

Sat 30th 8pm Beetlejuice (15)
Sun 31st 3pm Casper (PG)

Dec

Sat 4th 8pm The Shawshank Redemption (15)
Sun 5th 3pm The Polar Express (U)
Doors open 45 mins before screening. Tuck Shop. Licensed Bar (tbc). Tickets available from Heaven Scent and Milnathort Post Office (2 weeks before the film).

Ticket prices: Adult £5 (*£6); Child (2-15yrs) £3 (*£3.50); Family (2a+3c) £12.50 (*£15); Adultsaver (4 Adults) £18 (*n/a) (*on the door Price)

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Kinross Garden Group

Kinross Garden Group are taking a bus to

Ayr Flower Show

Friday 6 August

Adults £20 Snrs. £18.35
if paid before Sat 10 July

For more details and departure times telephone
Mrs Rodger 01577 863785

Orwell Bowling Club FUN NIGHT

Saturday 14 August

6.30pm

Target Bowls, Stocks, Tombola
and, weather permitting, Try-Your-Hand at Bowls
BBQ Burgers and Sausages
FREE ENTRY - EVERYONE WELCOME

Dunfermline Strathspey and Reel Society 20th FIDDLERS' RALLY

Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline

Saturday 28 August, commencing 7 pm

Conductor RON SMITH

Guest Artiste BRUCE DAVIES, Singer Songwriter

Orwell Bowling Club

is privileged to present

IAIN HUNTER SINGS

Saturday 28 August, 7.30 for 8pm

*** NOT TO BE MISSED ***

Entry by Ticket only - £5 per head
Tickets behind the bar at the club

Guides are coming back to Milnathort

Starting August 2010

Guides is our section for girls aged 10 to 14.
Guides work together in small groups or 'Patrols' and, with
the support of an adult Leader, choose and run some of the
activities themselves using **Go for It!** activity packs. Girls
can extend their knowledge and skills by working towards
Guide interest badges covering many different hobbies and
activities, from Film lover to Independent living.

Phone Tracy on 01577 864415

www.girlguiding.org.uk

Want a career in Nursing but don't have the qualifications?

The SWAP Access to Nursing/Midwifery Programme
prepares adults for entry to University.

Starts September 2010

at Perth College

Call Freephone 0800 7310949
or email: swapeast@ed.ac.uk

Girl Guiding Movement in Milnathort

Do you have an hour to spare each week?

We are looking for someone to help with a new
Brownie Unit in Milnathort.

The current waiting list for a place in Brownies
is now so big that we need to open a new unit.

If you are interested in helping us out,
contact Alison on: **01577 864262**

Brownies is our section for girls aged seven to ten

Brownies follow a programme called the Brownie
Adventure. Girls can participate in a wide range of activities
at their regular meetings, and at special events, day trips,
sleepovers, camps and holidays. They can find themselves
trying out arts and crafts or recipes, playing energetic
games, taking part in community action projects, or
zooming down zip wires at one of our activity centres.
Girls can also extend their knowledge and abilities by
working towards Brownie interest badges covering many
different hobbies and activities from Science investigator to
Circus skills.

The Brownie Adventure is divided into three areas:

You Community World



Beatles and Diva tributes at GAZEBO GATHERING

At Kinross House

Saturday 4 September

From 12 noon – 7.30pm

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

For more information, see main article on page 49, visit
www.kleo.org.uk or e-mail info@kleo.org.uk



Funding Alert!

P&KC produces a huge list summarising funding
opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of
Trusts and Foundations giving away grants.

The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or go to
www.pk.gov.uk and look for the voluntary sector page.

Contacts:

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000

Steve MacDonald, P&KC External

Funding Officer 01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to
P&KC's regular e-funding bulletin.)

Pre-school activities at Loch Leven Leisure Centre

Wee Springers is a fun gymnastics based activity run on the
following days and times:

Monday	10.45 - 11.15am	18 months – 3 years
Monday	11.30 – 12 noon	18 months – 3 years
Monday	1.00 – 1.45pm	3 – 5 years
Monday	2.00 – 2.45pm	3 – 5 years
Wednesday	10.00 – 10.45am	3 – 5 years
Wednesday	11.00 – 11.30am	18 months – 3 years

Kiddie Kickers is a football based class:

Friday	12.30 – 1.15pm	3 – 5 years
Friday	1.30 – 2.15pm	3 – 5 years
Friday	2.15 – 2.45pm	18 months – 3 years

Please contact 01577 863368 for further details and to book

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Mrs M Traylor (01383) 830059,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Mr J Giacomazzi (01577) 864025
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Fossoway & District: Secy: Trudy Duffy-Wigman (01577) 840669,
FossowayCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Portmoak: Secy: Mr J Bird (01592) 840368,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	864037
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Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Laura Mackay	Brunthill Farm	07872 499145
Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
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Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson (Chair)	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045

Perth and Kinross Councillors

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KY13 9XA. Tel (home): 01577 865178.
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.

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: fcoffice@btinternet.com

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: 14 July)

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**.

Keith can also be contacted by email at

keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

Members of the Scottish Parliament

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

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Mobile Library – Blairingone and Milnathort

Every Second Wednesday

Next visits: **14 and 28 July**

Blairingone	9.30am - 9.45am
Westerloan, Milnathort	2.10pm - 3pm
Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort	3.05pm - 4pm

Any queries telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949

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 • 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
	Dominoes	1.30 pm	Scrabble 1.30 pm
Thursday	Art Class	1.30 pm,	Film Afternoon 1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30pm	
Friday	Scrabble	1.30 pm	

Additional Events for July

Summer Tea Dance Wednesday 7th at 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



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 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.

Perth Association for Mental Health

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

Kinross-shire 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.	



Kinross Garden Group

Gardens of Ireland

We are going to Gardens of Ireland

Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 September 2010
 and still have twin/double rooms available.

Coach from Kinross. All welcome to join us.

Contact Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785 for more details.

T in the Park

LOCAL RESIDENT ENQUIRY LINE

If you experience any problems with T in the Park between

Thursday 8 July and Monday 12 July, phone
0141 890 1247

This is located at the event, manned by event control personnel. See also Guide for Local Residents Leaflet.

School Summer Holiday 2010

Saturday 3 July – Tuesday 17 August

New term begins: Wednesday 18 August 2010

Situations Vacant

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

Supply play worker (part time), Fossoway Fun Factory

Not looking for set hours, then why not join our supply team? Exciting opportunity to provide high quality play experiences within an after school setting and to offer support and care to children and their families. Applicant must be eligible for registration with Scottish Social Services Council. For further information and an application pack contact Ann Marie Machan on 07743 694462.

Hunter's of Kinross, Traditional Butchers

Saturday full day and some part time holiday cover. We are looking for someone who can offer excellent customer service, handling raw and cooked meat products, aiding butchers with orders, and keeping front shop clean and tidy. Food handling safety certificate would be advantageous.

Please apply in person to shop for an application form.

Front of house servers (part time), The Green Hotel

Required for the Loch Leven Bistro. Part time, weekend and summer jobs available.

Contact: Bruce Robbie, General Manager tel: 01577 863217 or email: brucerobbie@montgomeryhotelgroup.com

Front of house supervisors (part time), The Green Hotel

Required for the Loch Leven Bistro. Hours from 18 to 24 per week, salary negotiable.

Contact: Bruce Robbie, General Manager tel: 01577 863217 or email: brucerobbie@montgomeryhotelgroup.com

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

Tel: 0800 232323

road and lighting defects)

Enquire

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

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

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

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

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

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.

Classified Adverts

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

Item for Sale

DeLonghi Dehumidifier

£75.00

Larger than average 6 litre tank; tank full indicator, very good condition.

Seller Details: Pat Hughes

01577 840385

Item wanted

Sofa bed

£Free if poss

Sofa bed wanted for spare room.

Details: Louise Dick

01577 864515

louised40@btinternet.com

Recycle your waste and help the Friends of Wumenu Community Farm

(Charity No SC037724)

www.friendsofwumenfarm.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.



Recycling for Breast Cancer Care



Clare Abbot and Sue Smith are collecting **old clothes, bedlinen, curtains** etc for recycling as part of their Trek Peru 2010 fund-raising efforts.

They will do a five-day sponsored trek in Peru to raise funds for Breast Cancer Care.

Telephone 01592 840318 for further details.

Mindspace



Mindspace is the counselling service for Perth Association for Mental Health (www.pamh.co.uk). We have Young People's Counsellors working in Kinross one day a week. Clients can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639, or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com and filling in a referral form. Clients can also be referred by their GP. Mindspace also offers counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth.

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

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

**Tuesday 20 July
between 10.30 am and 11 am**

Further details from 862258

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