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Letters

Editorial

Planning matters continue to dominate this month.

A unique opportunity has arisen for the community to take ownership of the County Buildings in Kinross. PKC has given the community six months to come up with a viable plan for the building. There will be an Open Day on Saturday 20 October, when interested parties can have a look around. Whatever use the building is put to, a substantial income stream will need to be generated to maintain it. This is the last chance to preserve part of our municipal heritage for the community.

Elsewhere, the wind farm debate continues on our Letters pages, the H46 action group has organised a public meeting with MSPs on the topic of planning and the topic at this month's Business Breakfast will be the proposed regeneration of Kinross High Street.

As we head in to autumn, the summer clubs and activities give way to the winter ones. If your club is having an AGM in the autumn, remember to contact the administrator of the kinross.cc website (admin@kinross.cc) to let her know if your secretary/contact person changes.

Note to Contributors

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Copy of an Email to Councillor D Cuthbert

Newsletter report – traffic issues

I saw your report in the Newsletter and wanted to comment on a couple of points:

First of all, the crossing at the Church Centre: I wrote to a councillor (cannot remember who!) about 10 years ago as it is true that the green man takes far too long to come on and 99% of the time there is a gap in the traffic before the green man comes on, leaving drivers then stopping at an empty crossing.

In response to my letter, the crossing lights were checked and “found to be in perfect working order”. Nothing was done to alter the timings. I really hope you can get action on this as it is very annoying.

The other thing that interested me was the idea of a crossing point near St Paul's Episcopal Church – excellent. Sometimes I have a double buggy and a small child with me – it is so dangerous to cross the road that I end up taking the car to toddlers simply to avoid crossing the road. As you say, it will also make it easier for motorists to turn right out of Springfield Road.

I cannot say I have had any problems with the mini roundabout at the end of Sutherland Road - and I use it most days (as a motorist).

Anyway, hopefully you will get action with the lights at the centre and the crossing at the church!

L Logan

Cameron Avenue, Kinross

Cllr Cuthbert's report on Springfield Road junctions

I fully agree with Cllr Cuthbert's point regarding the difficulty crossing on foot at busy times at the Muirs and Springfield Road junction. Even as an adult it is tricky but for primary school children or anyone unable to move quickly it is dangerous. I have myself twice seen people coming close to being struck by vehicles. It seems logical to think that the junction will become busier when the link road is opened which will only worsen the problem. In my opinion, a pedestrian crossing on the Muirs, preferably just south of the junction so that the danger of crossing Springfield Road is also avoided, would improve safety a great deal for children heading to Kinross Primary and also teenagers heading to Kinross High, as well as for those heading to the Church and the KGV playing fields. There will be consequences of the change in traffic flow resulting from the opening of the link road and hopefully these will be monitored closely so that concerns about this and the other junctions involved can be addressed where feasible.

Jennifer Sneddon

Burnbank Meadows, Kinross

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Kinross-shire's countryside – worth saving?

Recent letters and notices in the Kinross Newsletter (July, August, and September 2012) and discussions at Community Councils have concerned the proposed wind turbines at Tillyrie and the Milnathort Future Trust. The issues surrounding wind farms are complex and information is not easily available.

A small group of local residents have decided to change this and have published a new website, www.kinrosswindfarms.co.uk, to try to pull together in one place all the relevant information on wind farms in Kinross-shire.

By publishing this information in one place, the aim is to enable local Kinross-shire residents (and visitors) to keep up to date on the issues, and to encourage participation in local decision-making. Wherever you live in Kinross-shire, you are represented by a community council and county councillors – make sure they know your views.

The authors of the website are not against all wind farms, only those that will dominate the surrounding landscape and, in the case of several, the Loch Leven basin itself including parts of our landscape designated as Areas of Great Landscape Value (AGLV).

The proposed Milnathort Wind Cluster at Tillyrie is seen by many as the thin end of the wedge – the first step in 'in-fill' along the Ochils' skyline between the existing wind farms of Green Knowes, Lochelbank and Burnfoot Hill – potentially followed by Temple Hill (Glenfarg reservoir), Montalt (between Dunning and Glenfarg reservoir), Frandy Hill/Burnfoot extension and Ledlation.

Previous applications for turbines at Tillyrie have been unsuccessful, the last following a week-long Public Inquiry in 2008 which confirmed the important planning principles that protect the Kinross-shire countryside.

The website also puts together the information currently available on Milnathort Future Trust, Milnathort CC and Milnathort Community Wind Cluster Ltd. Relevant links are given to the Kinross Area Local Plan, PKC Planning, PKC Wind Energy Guidelines, Scottish Government, SNH, Lomond Energy, etc.

'Kinross-shire's Countryside – worth saving?' is the question posed by the website.

We think it is.

To find out more go to www.kinrosswindfarms.co.uk

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Firewalk for Huntington's Disease

On Friday 5 October, I will be walking over red-hot embers with an average temperature greater than the melting point of aluminium. Obviously this isn't just for fun, I'm hoping to raise some money for the Scottish Huntington's Association, a charity that provides invaluable support for people with Huntington's Disease and their families.

Huntington's Disease is an inherited neurodegenerative disorder, and one of the cruellest diseases I know. It causes problems with thinking, mood, movement, behaviour, and is passed on to half of the children of those affected, devastating families through generations.

If you would like to sponsor me, you can do so online at: www.justgiving.com/IGareth-Thomas. Any amount will be gratefully received by the charity.

To find out more about this condition, please see the website www.hdscotland.org

Dr I G Thomas
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Local Services Require Praise

Recently we had our kitchen updated and, like other people, we wished to get cost effective and professional service at a convenient time. This, to our delight and finalisation of work, was provided through a scan of your Newsletter where we found Mark Bremner of Kinross whom we found excellent in all respects and therefore felt that through your pages we wish to recommend his services to others who may considering similar projects.

Mr T Frew
Hatchbank Road, Gairneybank, Kinross

Public Meeting with MSPs

on

PLANNING

in Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, at 7.30pm on

Tuesday 16 October

The H46 Action Group has organised a public meeting with MSPs to discuss Planning.

The H46 Action Group feels that the planning system is flawed. Group members have been informed by PKC that they are too late with their opposition to the Local Development Plan (LDP) and that they should have made their views known at the strategic planning stage. What, then, was the purpose of the LDP public consultation exercise?

The public meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 October at 7.30pm in Kinross Parish Church.

(The H46 Action Group is opposed to an area of land between the Springfield estate and the M90 being zoned for housing in the proposed LDP. The area concerned is referred to as H46 in the LDP.)

Images of Kinross-shire

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of charge from the www.kinross.cc

Photo Library

Subjects include Historic Kinross-shire,
Loch Leven, Fauna and Flora, Countryside,
Villages, Local Projects and Events.

Renewable Energy

Britain is an industrial nation and has been for over a couple of centuries. We are fighting our way out of one of the deepest recessions we have ever known and to do that it is imperative that we have a reliable and competitive energy source, renewable or whatever. Wind energy is very far from being that reliable source.

The pro-wind lobby cites the Government's need to achieve the EU targets for renewable energy for 2020 and the need to encourage the investors to support the construction of wind farms, both on and off-shore. Neither of these are sustainable targets for achieving a reliable and competitive energy system which will enable the United Kingdom to move forward and compete industrially with the rest of the world, particularly the emerging BIC countries, Brazil, India and China.

There is a major misconception that we have an abundance of wind and that it is FREE. People are wrong on both counts. Wind can fluctuate from zero to over 100mph, but wind turbines only work between 15mph and 55mph, which at best gives us 25% efficiency. Wind is far from being a free energy source, when one adds in the subsidies, the sale of Renewables Obligation Certificates to energy providers and all the other add-on costs such as connection to the National Grid.

The major problem with wind is that it is entirely unpredictable, which creates a severe problem for the energy providers as it makes it almost impossible for them to organise the daily energy requirements for a highly industrialised and demanding country such as ours. There is no way of storing electrical energy now, there are no giant batteries, so wind energy has to be taken when it is available and if that is too much for the system, then the energy providers are paying the Wind Farms millions of pounds to switch off the wind energy.

Weatherwise, we have been going through a series of high pressure zones recently, which develop very little wind, so we have seen the wind turbines around the country standing still or having very little movement, contributing hardly anything to the National Grid heavy daily requirements.

The winter of 2010-11 was the longest and coldest winter we have had for very many years, caused by a High Pressure Zone centred over UK for several weeks, a not uncommon occurrence. So at a time when the energy demand for heating for homes, shops, offices, hotels, factories etc, was at its highest, we had to depend almost entirely on other energy sources. Fortunately we already have more than enough of that already.

And that will always be the case when there is no wind. We will always have to have two systems running in parallel in order that we can have the energy supply 100% of the time and bear the costs of running and maintaining these two separate systems.

There are far more effective ways of generating renewable energy such as tidal energy, wave energy, solar energy, not forgetting hydro-electric energy, which has served us so well for many years and of course nuclear energy. Nuclear technology has advanced far beyond the technologies of the last nuclear power stations that we built.

Instead of pumping profits into the pockets of a few, we need to be placing that money into research and development for all these other alternative energy sources and accelerating their progress, which we could have been doing years ago. We have to create an energy system that is

tough, reliable and competitive that will enable us to compete on the new emerging world markets, which we must do if we are to survive as a nation.

Yes, we can place a foot in the renewable energy camp, but we must be pragmatic if we are to survive and keep another foot firmly in reliable energy sources as well as developing the better renewable energy sources.

Denmark and Germany have woken up to the huge cost that wind energy is costing them. That is why all the European manufacturers and developers are targeting Britain so urgently before Britain wakes up to the fact also that it is a very expensive and inefficient way of obtaining energy.

In Scotland there are instances where the local authority has rejected a planning application for a wind farm, only to have it overturned by the Scottish Government, who are determined to achieve their target of 100% renewables by 2020, a target which will never realistically be achieved because it will always be a numerical paper exercise.

We must waken up to that reality before we pour more wasted money into these wasteful and expensive wind sources. They are wholly unrealistic in achieving the energy levels we must have.

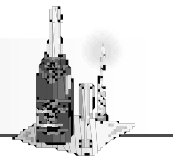
Finally, we must not forget the gross visual intrusion these wind farms and individual turbines have on our beautiful countryside. Scotland depends enormously on its tourist industry and attracting visitors to our striking landscapes. We will seriously downgrade that attraction by permitting these intrusions and let us not forget the intrusions on ourselves.

Alistair Smith

Chair, Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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Congratulations



Three Sainsbury's Kinross colleagues, **PATSY CAMPBELL**, **GILL COLMY** and **KATHY ROBERTSON**, were treated to a trip to the Paralympic Games in early September. Sainsbury's was one of the main sponsors of the games and arranged for 5,000 of their colleagues from across the country to attend the games.

JULIA SLATER was chosen recently to feature in a Weight Watchers magazine on a feature entitled "succeed with a happy family". Julia was chosen from hopefuls nationwide after losing two stones and dropping three dress sizes by making changes to her lifestyle. The magazine is used to motivate and inspire members.

Thanks



KINROSS CYCLING CLUB would like to thank all the households and particularly the farmers around the cycle race circuit to the north of Milnathort (Netherton, Drunzie, Duncricvie, Glendy Burn Stables, Middleton and Bankhead Road) for their patience and support on Sunday 9 September as the riders and race convoy rode past their homes and farms.



News & Articles

County Buildings A chance for community ownership?

The County Buildings have been empty since June 2011 when all Perth & Kinross Council services moved to the Community Campus. For a while the Royal Caledonian Curling Club was interested in acquiring the buildings to use as its offices and a curling museum, but the RCCC is now looking for premises elsewhere.



The County Buildings

With the RCCC losing interest, PKC planned to put the County Buildings on the market. However, Cllr Dave Cuthbert has secured a six-month deferral to give the community a chance to consider whether it could find a viable use for the buildings.

Kinross CC is considering acquiring the County Buildings and making them available for business or community use or a mixture of the two.

The accommodation in the buildings is very adaptable and could easily be split into separate sections.

This former seat of county administration, a B Listed building, has at least ten rooms of various sizes that could be used as offices, the magnificent former courtroom and a former mortuary in the garden at the back.



The former mortuary in the grounds to the rear

There will be an **OPEN DAY** on **Saturday 20 October** when anyone who is interested in the building is welcome to have a look around; in particular the CC would like business people or community groups who think they might be interested in leasing rooms in the building to come and have a look. There will be plans of the building on display. There will be no heating or toilet facilities in the building on the Open Day.

Here are some ideas for uses for the building:

Small business offices	Garden Café
Bunk-house	Museum
	Drop-in Centre
Tourist Information Centre	
Meeting rooms	Exhibition Space

If you have more ideas, the CC would love to hear from you. Contact the CC Chair, David West on 07824 313974 or come along to the Open Day. Or share your ideas by writing to the Newsletter.

Open Day at the County Buildings

Saturday 20 October

2pm – 6pm

All welcome



*Kinross County Buildings - front elevation
Image courtesy of Peter Porteous, The Architecture Workshop Ltd*

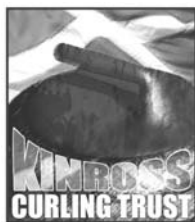
Town centre improvements

Perth and Kinross Council has submitted an application to Historic Scotland for Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) funding. If granted, this will complement the investment by PKC in public realm improvements to Kinross Town Centre. PKC also intends to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund for Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) funding.

A public exhibition of proposed improvements, with opportunities to make comments, took place between 17 and 20 September at the community campus. Updates to the project can be found at the webpage:

www.pkc.gov.uk/kinrosshighstreet

Kinross Curling Trust reveals draft proposals



Kinross Curling Trust held a meeting of members on Sunday 9 September to update them on progress with a feasibility study of options for refurbishing the Green Hotel curling rink. As the Trust reported in the July newsletter, the rink will close in two years without a solution to replacing the refrigerant plant which uses coolant which becomes illegal in 2015. But the building is also in poor condition and requires significant upgrading of the fabric and the ice floor.

The Trust has received much free advice and assistance from the Purvis Group, Peter Porteous of the Architecture Workshop in Milnathort, and IceTech UK Ltd, for which it is extremely grateful. Four options have emerged from the work:

1. Repair the existing building cladding, insulate internally, new ice floor and plant, refurbish bar and changing area, upgrade utilities services, repair car park surface
2. As 1, but completely remove and replace the cladding with modern insulated cladding
3. As 2, but extend the ancilliary spaces over two floors with a new layout to improve changing, bar and catering facilities
4. A second phase of 3, extending the curling hall northwards to allow five or six sheets of ice; extend car park into walled garden

In addition, the Trust is continuing to look for alternative sites which would allow curlers to own their own facility.

The Trust believes that option 1 for the Green is not realistic – simply patching up an inadequate building would not guarantee the long-term quality of curling. Option 2 may be the most realistic in the current economic climate, although the chance to offer a larger and better facility to encourage more participation in sport is extremely desirable.

Option 2 will require the Trust to raise around £1.1m in funding. The funding requirement rises to c. £1.8m for the full extension of option 4. The next step is to decide on an option and begin to pursue funding from SportScotland and other sources.

Whether you are a curler or not, you probably know someone who is. Perhaps your children have had a taster session at school, and you would like them to continue to enjoy one of Scotland's truly native sports. Or perhaps you just believe that Kinross needs to retain its diversity of community facilities. You can do your bit to support this by watching out for fundraising events, encouraging your community councillors and local PKC Councillors to support the Trust, or drop the Trust a line with your ideas through its website www.kinrosscurlingtrust.org. Or, now that the season has started, come along and have a try yourself!

Link Road to open in October

The Kinross Link Road is expected to be completed in early October and Elizabeth Grant, Provost of Perth and Kinross, will be holding a civic reception in Kinross to mark the occasion.

The Witches' Maze Viewing

Open Days At Tullibole Castle

Sunday 7 and Monday 8 October 12 noon to 5pm

The 7th and 8th of October is the 350th anniversary of the trial and execution of the last of the eleven Kinross-shire (Crook of Devon) witches. The Pentagon pillar with their names is now in the centre of the maze in the grounds of Tullibole Castle. The pillar was carved by Gillian Forbes, stonecarver from Path of Condie, and is on view for the first time, if you can find it.



Gillian Forbes carving the capstone of the Witches' Pillar for the maze at Tullibole Castle

Kinross Museum has loaned their exhibition on the Witches of Kinross-shire, which will be on display. It will explain the events in their context.

Tullibole Castle near the village of Crook of Devon was once the home of William Halliday who, with his son John and three others, presided over a court that was responsible for one of the worst cases of witchcraft persecution that Scotland has ever seen. In 1662 the court sat five times, resulting in the Doom of eleven persons. Those who survived the trial were taken to a small mound near the current village hall and strangled by the common Hangman and their bodies thrown on a fire.

The maze is 100ft in diameter and consists of 2000 beech trees as hedging.

Park at the castle and follow the signs to the maze.

Road restrictions

Muir: The loading prohibition on the Muirs from its junction with Green Road to its junction with Gallowhill Road continues until 7 October. This is to allow footway resurfacing.

High Street and Clashburn Road, Kinross: There will be a prohibition of driving, no loading and 10mph speed restriction on 20 metres or so of these roads at their junction to allow resurfacing works. This is from 27 September to 4 October. An alternative route will be in place. Pedestrian access to premises will be maintained.

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

'Nae siller...'

by Councillor Joe Giacobazzi

This may be an overstatement, in view of the fact that Perth & Kinross Council is spending £338 million of taxpayers' money this year. The demands for greater expenditure are relentless. Much of PKC's spending is driven by legal requirements; the schools' budget is £161 million and there's no scope for reductions given the increasing youth population of the area. It's worth noting that, in common with Edinburgh and Aberdeen, PKC faces a rise in the number of both young and old citizens, with the attendant extra expenses. The second biggest spending department, at £65 million, is Housing & Community Care where, again, there are increased demands on the service.

Temporary savings, therefore, can only be made in respect of items of discretionary spending e.g. verge grass cutting, the frequency of which has been reduced latterly. The cemeteries in our area are often cited as being of less than perfect appearance. The repair of pot holes may, as a temporary economy measure, be delayed; this only results in a bigger repair bill later.

Against this backdrop of increased demands for services and static Council income, I hear the siren calls for higher local taxes. Those of you who spoke to me on your doorstep before the May election may remember my position on council tax. I fully supported the Scottish Government's freeze on council tax and continue to do so. My reasoning and that of the Scottish Government is simple; it is just not right to expect the average council tax payer to give more of his income year on year in local taxes against a backdrop of frozen or declining incomes. Eventually this would lead to taxes taking an unacceptable proportion of the average wage or pension.

There is, fortunately, a plan whereby the administration of PKC will balance its budget: by internal efficiencies. Indeed, this policy, initiated by the previous SNP/Lib Dem administration, continues. Staff numbers have been reduced over the last couple of years, as senior posts are merged. This successful policy has resulted in two years of modest budget surpluses; something our politicians at Westminster might care to learn from! The money saved will help balance the books in the coming difficult years. We are, however, acutely aware that there are minimum staff levels below which the Council cannot operate properly. Other efficiencies, such as focusing hard on reducing the number of buildings owned and used by PKC, will help.

Part of my duties as a Vice Convener involves developing the Council's Corporate Plan which defines the Council's objectives. One area identified for making future savings is in prevention. The idea is to take early action when there is an indication that things are going wrong within certain families, to prevent delinquency later. Similarly, if older people are supported in living at home, this can prevent them moving into care earlier. The savings can be huge. Other savings are envisaged across Scottish local authorities with the creation of a single Scottish Police, and single Scottish Fire, service. There are many more ideas besides.

The taxpayers of Kinross-shire can be assured that the Council administration in Perth is working hard to keep costs down while delivering an appropriate level of services, always aware of future financial challenges.

Howard takes a break

After 33 years, local business, Bower Hair, has changed hands.

Howard Robb has sold the business to local couple, Lorraine and Andy Ferguson.

Howard's faithful clients need not worry, as after a well earned break, Howard will remain a vital part of the management team and will be available for appointments on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Bower Hair is one of the longest established salons in Kinross and the new owners are keen to retain all the elements which have made it great for so long.

With this in mind, they are dedicating one wall of the salon to photographs of Kinross from days gone by. If anyone can lend any pictures to be copied and displayed, they would be gratefully received.

Lorraine, Gillian, Nicola, Jodie, Emily, Wendy, Kelly, Sarah, Lyndsay, Elaine, Claire and of course Howard look forward to welcoming clients old and new to the recently refurbished salon.

Kinross-shire hits the right note!

Once again, Kinross-shire is in the news, making headlines with the Kinross-shire Music Festival (15-25 November). It's great to have such a wealth of talent performing locally and the planned events that support Children in Need will hopefully be a complete sell out.

Those of you with friends and family visiting the area may require overflow accommodation or you may be asked to recommend a place to stay. The dedicated tourism portal for the area www.visitlochleven.org can help you with this, as it contains details of local B&B establishments, Self Catering opportunities and local Hotels. Photographs plus additional information from the owners will help visitors to decide where to stay and when they see the beauty of Kinross-shire, you never know... they may choose to stay longer!

Stirling Castle beats Tower of London

Stirling Castle has beaten attractions such as The Tower of London, The Houses of Parliament and Hampton Court Palace to be rated the UK's favourite heritage attraction.

The survey of Which? members rated the castle - which was home to a young Mary, Queen of Scots - as the UK's top heritage attraction, impressing in areas such as value for money, customer service and quality of information.

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BUSINESS BREAKFASTS

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Kinross-shire Partnership will be hosting more Business Breakfasts at Loch Leven's Larder this autumn. Over 30 businesses attended each of the six events held so far.

Please do come along, everyone is welcome whatever size your business. There is no membership fee. It is a great opportunity for local businesses to meet each other.

The Breakfasts will take place from **7.30 to 9am** on **Wednesday 3 October, Wednesday 7 November** and **Wednesday 5 December 2012**.

The topic for discussion on 3 October will be the **Regeneration of Kinross High Street**.

The cost of attending a Breakfast will be **£10** per person and will include a full Scottish Breakfast, porridge, cereal, fresh juice, fresh fruit, toast, coffee and tea. Please pay by cash on the day. Receipts will be issued.

The aim is to allow local businesses of all sizes to network and to share business goals. Everyone will have the opportunity to introduce their business. Please bring your business cards and any brochures you wish to display.

To register to attend one or more of the Breakfasts, please email Sandra Ralston, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or call 07774 181768.

You can see more information about the work of Kinross-shire Partnership at:

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Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

Award-winning journalist visits Kinross Library

Award-winning broadcaster and journalist **Lesley Riddoch** is visiting Kinross to talk about her book 'Riddoch on the Outer Hebrides'.

Lesley will tell entertaining tales from her cycling trip through the Western Isles, and talk about the fascinating people and places she encountered during her research for the book.

As well as writing books, Lesley contributes columns to The Sunday Post, The Scotsman, and occasionally The Guardian. In 2006 she was shortlisted for the Orwell prize, an award given to those making political writing accessible. The event takes place at the Loch Leven Community Library on **Thursday 25 October**, between 7pm and 8pm. Tickets cost £5 and should be booked in advance by calling (01577) 867205 or emailing lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Local business supports police cycles

In September, Inspector Iain Ward was presented with a cheque from businessman James Paton to support the use of cycles in patrolling the local area.

James, who jointly operates Lethangie Campsite, was so impressed with the police use of cycles for patrolling, he was keen to donate some funds in an effort to support officers using this form of transport.



James Paton presents a cheque to Inspector Ward

A keen cyclist himself, James said: "I was so impressed with the police patrolling on bikes during T in the Park, I just wanted to help out with some new equipment. I have been aware of the bikes being used in Kinross quite a lot lately and think this is a brilliant way of getting into all of the hard to get places in a rural area."

Inspector Ward said: "We promote the use of bikes for patrolling wherever we can. This style of policing still has the effect of turning peoples heads. All cycle trained officers are supplied with the usual kit to carry out their role. This money will go towards some, *nice to have*, additional equipment and I would like to thank James and Lethangie Campsite for their support."

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Kinross Church Centre: a busy hub



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The Kinross Church Centre in the High Street was fortunate to receive a refurbishment grant from the Scottish Community Foundation's Kinross-shire Fund. Every part of the building has benefited from the generosity of this fund and every user of the Centre – Kinross-shire Day Centre clients, community groups, church groups and individuals – will have seen a lighter, brighter building. The vestibule, Lower Hall and Reading Room all have new lighting, and the Reading Room is hardly recognisable with its fresh paint and bright and cheerful poppy-themed artwork. The Fund met half the costs of reconditioning the beautiful wooden floor in the Upper Hall.

The Centre was the former East Church in the town and, on the union of the East and West Churches in 1979, it was decided to retain the West Church as the primary centre of worship and to convert the former East Church building to halls as a centre for the community. This was opened in 1983 and, 30 years on, it is a busy and thriving hub. Despite careful stewardship there has been much wear and tear and so this grant is greatly appreciated as it has enabled the Centre to continue serving the local community.

If you are interested in hiring one of the rooms at the Church Centre, please contact Pamela Clarke at the Church Office (862570).

Disabled Sport helped by Local Church

Kinross Parish Church has raised almost £400 for each of two local sports groups which help the disabled. The £789 raised at the retiring collections on Communion Sunday on 2 September is to be split between the Kinross Wheelchair Curling Club and Glenfarg Riding for the Disabled. The church decided to give its congregation the opportunity to support these charities as part of its outreach to the wider community and in recognition of the Olympic and Paralympic games.

In memory of Joëlle Jack

A concert is to be given in Kinross Parish Church on **Sunday 21 October** at 7.30pm by the choir and the organists of Kinross Parish Church in memory of the late Joëlle Jack, who was a staunch member of the choir.

It will be a mix of choral, solo song and recitations with instrumental music supplied by the organists.

No tickets are required, but a retiring offering will be taken for the Manse Fund and Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

New athletics club needs committee

The Kinross-shire Community Sports Partnership wants to set up a new athletics club in Kinross.

They have already identified some willing coaches to provide the young people with track and field activities, but also need volunteer committee members to come on board and help make it happen, such as secretary, treasurer etc.

If you have some spare time, and would like more information, please get in touch with Caroline Ness, Sports Development Officer, on 01738 472242 or email CMNess@pkc.gov.uk

News from the Health Centre



Annual flu Campaign

Saturday Flu Clinics

The autumn seems to have come round quickly again and we have therefore made plans for the annual flu campaign. As in previous years, the flu clinics will be on Saturday. The dates are as follows:

Saturday 20 October	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
Saturday 3 November	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
Saturday 10 November	9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Appointments may now be booked with reception. Please do not wait for a letter to be sent to you inviting you to make an appointment. If you are eligible you may make your appointment now. Please note that patients who do not fall into the categories below or who have no other clinical reason for receiving the flu vaccination will not be given the vaccination.

The doctors would encourage all those in the following groups to come for a flu injection:

Over 65s	Those over 65 by 31 March 2013
Those aged 6 months or over in a clinical 'At Risk' Groups	Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions Chronic heart disease Chronic kidney disease Chronic liver disease Chronic neurological disease Diabetes Immunosuppression
Pregnant women	Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
Long stay residential	Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities
Unpaid Carers and young carers	Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without this help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility for another person which would normally be taken by an adult.

Patients who have just become 65, or will be 65 by 31 March 2013, will also be offered the pneumovax vaccination. This vaccination is generally only required once.

Clinicians will visit the residential and nursing homes as usual.

Perth & Kinross Zero Waste Volunteers

Ever wondered how you could reduce your environmental impact? We can help! We are a network of volunteers spanning Perth & Kinross who can give waste prevention advice to community groups, householders and events. Some of the workshops we offer include:

- **Home composting:** how to use kitchen scraps and household waste to create a free soil conditioner for your garden.
- **Love Food Hate Waste:** how to save money and reduce food waste through freezing, storage, meal planning and getting creative with leftovers.

We also attend events to provide information on these campaigns, as well as:

- **Stop the Drop:** how to reduce unwanted mail
- **Recycling** and local reuse projects

What can we do for you? We can attend events and deliver talks and workshops to community groups giving information and advice on the Zero Waste Scotland waste prevention campaigns outlined above. We are coming to Kinross several times this autumn, so look out for us at the following events!

Kinross Potager Garden Coffee Morning Zero Waste information stall and Colin the Composter! Bowton Road, Kinross. **Saturday 29 September** 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Kinross Potager Garden Compost Workshop. Open to all. For all those wanting to know a bit more about composting. Free admission. **Tuesday 2 October**, 1pm – 2.30pm.

Love Food Hate Waste Workshop – Save money, reduce waste. Open to all. Learn about different ways to save money in the kitchen. Free admission. Loch Leven Community Campus, **Tuesday 23 October**, 11am – 12 noon. Places limited, please register.

Make a Difference Day. Come and meet Zero Waste volunteers, have a go and see if you enjoy making a difference! Loch Leven Community Campus, **Saturday 27 October**, 10am – 2pm.

For more information on the Potager Garden events, please get in touch with Amanda James on amanda@tyafon.plus.com.

For more information on the events at Loch Leven Community Campus, contact Tracey Ramsay on TRamsay@pkc.gov.uk or 01577 867124.

Would you like to volunteer with us?

Volunteering with us is fun and really makes a difference in your local community. You'll receive training, meet interesting people and attend social events. Volunteering is flexible depending on how much time you have to commit and could involve writing articles, talking to friends and neighbours, attending information stands or giving talks and presentations.

So come along and talk rubbish with us!

Contact Jenny Aird, Volunteer Coordinator on jfaird@pkc.gov.uk or 01738 476430 for more information. You can also visit www.pkc.gov.uk/zerowastevol or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/PKZWChampions

From stables to Guide and Scout Hall

It was decided in 1935 that funds would be raised for a permanent headquarters in Milnathort for the Scouts, who started in 1907, and the Guides, who started in 1917.

A garden fête was held in the grounds of Hattonburn on 6 July 1935, raising £313 for the building fund. There was a large turnout of spectators. Major George H Lumsden, Tarvit, Cupar, presided and the fête was opened by Lady Victoria Wemyss, who commended the effort as being worthy of the most generous support. Lady Purvis-Russell Montgomery, who was the District Commissioner, gave the vote of thanks.

Other efforts in aid of the building fund had realised £127, and the total now stood at the gratifying figure of £440.

In 1936, stables dating from the stagecoach days – Inchmerry stables – were purchased. The site, with old buildings, cost £100, with legal expenses amounting to £9. The group committee took occupancy on Whitsunday 1936. Renovation work plus the site came to £536.13.11.



A newspaper photograph from 1936 showing the old Inchmerry Stables before conversion

The ceremonial opening of the hall took place on Thursday 18 November 1936. Lady Purvis-Russell Montgomery was in the chair. Mr W Scott Davidson, County Commission of the Boy Scouts, presented "Thanks" badges to Lady Montgomery and Mr Morton, the architect, in appreciation of their services in connection with the new Guide and Scout Hall. The group committee expressed thanks to Mr Morton for all his work – gratis. A note of thanks to Mr Graham, for all his work and his reports, was proposed by Rev J McComb.

Fundraising needed again

The Guide and Scout Hall is now in need of upgrading. Current and former Guides, Scouts and leaders are involved in various fundraising efforts to achieve this. There will be a **Halloween Fancy Dress Party on 26 October**, an **Open Day on 27 October** and a **Sponsored Walk on 18 November**.

See Notices section for details of these events.

Gairneybridge

by Andrew Currie, resident of Gairneybridge

Over 18 months ago, after getting off the bus from Perth, I found that I was standing up to my knees in long wet grass. As this is the 21st century and I do believe that Scotland is not a third world country, I found this unacceptable. I started to think that if this was my experience it would be the same for the others who use the bus service. There was also the safety aspect: if someone got off a bus and slipped as the bus moved off, the consequences could be fatal. We had a northbound bus stop, so why not a southbound one? There was also the constant flooding on the northbound carriageway due to the collapse of the kerb and suspected broken drains.



The northbound bus stop at Gairneybridge before (left) and after drainage and resurfacing works

The residents had a meeting and we decided to ask PKC to resolve these matters and hopefully get the area around the northbound bus stop refurbished as it was looking rather tired and full of weeds.

There was the usual scepticism (wasting my time etc) but, undeterred, the request was made. This was initially flawed as it crossed internal PKC boundaries, transport and roads. After six months of really going nowhere, the support of Kathleen Baird, Conservative local councillor, and Roseanna Cunningham, SNP MSP, was requested. Kathleen visited Gairneybridge and offered to help. In parallel to this, the request was broken down to its respective components to align to PKC structure.



Day two of the refurbishment

Now we were making progress and in February 2012 there was a commitment by Mr Andrew Warrington of PKC for a southbound bus stop as soon as budgets would allow. There was also a survey carried out by the roads department. Mr Jake Eadie and Mr Garry McConnell provided an excellent solution to the flooding.

At this time there was also the local election. Alas, Kathleen lost her seat and there was fear that we were back to square one, but all credit to Mr Giacomazzi; he built on the good work of Kathleen and on 17 August a solution to the southbound bus stop, flooding and the area around the northbound bus stop was agreed. Work started on 20 August and was completed in just over two weeks.

It has been an experience and, in the end, despite the sceptics, we now have a southbound bus stop, the drainage issue resolved and a wonderful refurbished northbound bus stop area.

My sincere thanks go to all involved, and to mention a few especially: Mr Jake Eadie, Mr Andrew Warrington and Mr Garry McConnell of PKC; Ms Kathleen Baird, former Perth & Kinross Councillor; Ms Roseanna Cunningham, MSP; Mr Alistair Cassidy, Scottish Parliament; Tayside Contracts and last but for sure not least, my neighbour and friend Mr Reg Gray.



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Mobile Phone Day of Action

In early September Tayside Police held a day of action in relation to drivers using their mobile phones.

Nineteen car drivers and three large goods vehicle (LGV) drivers ignored our advice and the law, and were issued with a Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty with a £60 fine and three penalty points on their licence. The three LGV drivers may also face a suspension of their vocational licence from the Traffic Commissioner.

Chief Inspector Bowman, Head of Road Policing said:

"The 22 drivers who were caught using their mobile phones suggests that an unacceptable proportion of drivers are still prepared to risk the safety of others as well as themselves. The consequences of a split second lapse in concentration can be devastating, but unfortunately this is what happens when a driver uses a phone whilst driving. The advice is clear: switch off before you drive off. No call can be that urgent that it's worth risking death or serious injury."

During the campaign, Tayside Police continued to target offences in relation to the wearing of seat belts and speeding. Sixteen people were issued with Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalty in relation to seat belt offences and 90 drivers were detected for speeding.

Chief Inspector Bowman continued:

"During the campaign a 35-year old man was stopped for driving at 89 mph in a 40 mph limit. At the time he had his two-year old child in the car. The driver was also found to be driving under the influence of alcohol and provided a reading that was more than twice the legal limit. This kind of behaviour beggars belief and I'm sure the court will deal with him appropriately."

Wearing a seat belt significantly reduces the risk of death or serious injury if you are unfortunate enough to be involved in a collision. It should be second nature to put on your seat

belt before driving off and we would encourage all drivers to do so – don't risk it!

Although this particular campaign has passed, Tayside Police will continue to be proactive daily in respect of road safety, providing education and enforcement where appropriate.

Any road traffic legislation which is designed to improve road safety is there for the benefit of all road users and mobile phone legislation is no exception. Tayside Police are very keen to make use of such legislation to do just that.

Operation Tupelo

On a more local level, at the time of going to print, the first week of Operation Tupelo has been completed with a number of local motorists being issued with Fixed Penalty tickets for speeding, using mobile phones whilst driving and not having children suitably restrained in car seats.

Full details of the whole operation will be detailed in next month's issue.

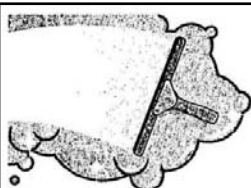
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Community Officers (details shown below) can be contacted at Kinross Police Office on 0300 111 2222.

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Community Council News



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Kinross Community Council

News from the September Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 September were: CCllrs D West, D Colliar, I Jack, C Watson, B Davies, W Freeman, M Blyth and M Scott. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs J Giacopazzi, D Cuthbert and W Robertson and many members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs D Mackay, L Mackay and P&K Cllr Barnacle.

Police Report: No police in attendance, but a list of recent incidents was provided. These were mainly thefts from business premises and are all under enquiry.

Speed checks continue in the area.

Metal theft: If the public see anything suspicious, for example, unmarked vans removing cabling or "workmen" collecting metal but not wearing reflective vests, they should contact the police. Metal thieves will steal rail, power and communication cables, railing and safety barriers, lead roofing, gates and fencing, road signs and manhole covers - anything that has a potential value.

T in the Park debrief: CCllr Colliar has still to hear from T in the Park and will follow this up. Cllr Giacopazzi advised that a meeting is to be held in a few weeks and it was agreed that the list of issues received will be directed to him. Comments were made at the CC meeting in relation to vehicle parking, traffic management and other road issues. Some buses did not stop to uplift people.

Co-opted/Associate Members: The CC has one vacancy following the recent election of Cllr Cuthbert. The Chairman approached PKC for guidance on the procedures involved in accepting co-opted and associate members to the CC. In the case of a voting member, a nomination form has to be completed and forwarded to PKC for verification. Two of the candidates were present: Mrs Brady and Mr Wood. The third, Mr Rutherford, had intimated his apology. CCllr West suggested that all three candidates join as Associate Members, complete a nomination form and once vetted by PKC a decision can then be reached on who should become the voting member. Mrs Brady and Mr Wood were happy to accept this proposal and at this point joined the CC members around the table.

Future of Kinross Buildings

County Buildings: CCllr Watson updated those present on disappointing news. The Royal Caledonian Curling Club (RCCC) is exploring other sites which might meet their requirements in Stirling, Glasgow and Edinburgh and may not proceed with their interest in the County Buildings. The CC fully supported the pursuance of this venture and, should it be a monetary issue, would have considered providing some funding from the Newsletter Fund. However, as no decision would appear likely in the short term, the CC continued with their planned proposal to disperse funds. The Kinross-shire Partnership is no longer involved in this project. Cllr Robertson understood that no formal approach was made by the RCCC to buy the building and that only negotiation between the parties had taken place. A report is going to the Property Sub-Committee (on 12 September) recommending that the property be marketed. A member of the public stated that this should be to a restricted market. CCllr West added that the CC do not have any control over this but would like to remind PKC that the highest bidder may not be socially acceptable. CCllr Watson is to return to the RCCC to clarify the position. Local Councillors will also approach the Club to offer any assistance in relation to this matter. CCllr Watson added that the proposed project would have seen no change to the Remembrance Parade being held at the War Memorial and it was also noted that the proposed development at the Market Park would not proceed.

Town Hall: Missives have been concluded with a deadline for planning consent by 28 December 2012. If planning consent is agreed and Historic Scotland agrees, the sale could conclude within 14 days. Alternatively, if consent is refused, the purchaser can ask to be released from the missives, effectively bringing the transaction to an end. The CC still have grave concerns in relation to this application (which the CC formally objected to) and that the Town Hall will deteriorate further. The application is currently being considered by Development Control with a view to being taken forward to the next appropriate Committee.

Former High School: Discussions are ongoing with the preferred bidder with a view to purifying the offer and concluding missives. The preferred bidder will not be in a position to submit a planning application until the various conditions attached to the offer have been resolved and missives are concluded. The costs associated with a development of this size are considerable and both parties have to be satisfied that the sale and subsequent development is achievable.

Mill Street: Investigations are to be carried out and a decision taken on whether to sell the empty PKC building or demolish it for car parking.

Two shops on High Street: There is a concern that these buildings (opposite the Town Hall) will lie empty and deteriorate. It is understood that PKC is proposing to place these on the market. Cllr Robertson advised that he was aware of a potential tenant for one of the properties, however the applicant was turned down by the Council. Cllr

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Robertson approached PKC on his behalf and the Council may now be willing to grant a short term let.

Disbursement of Newsletter Funds

CCllr Davies reported on the applications received. (This information was circulated to CCllrs prior to the meeting.)

KLEO: A loan of £4,000 was agreed at a prior meeting to be paid back following the Music Festival in November. KLEO now ask if the CC would consider making a grant of £2,000 from this sum with the remaining £2,000 to be regarded as the revised loan figure. An extension to the loan term was also requested until March 2013. Agreed. CCllr Watson is to complete the relevant documentation.

Kinross Cycling Club: Requesting £600 to assist in purchasing the requisite numbers required for the cyclists taking part in the Kinross Road Races in September. This Club holds events and distribute any profit to charities and as such do not comply with the requirements. Rejected.

Light Up Kinross: Requesting £2,000 to support the annual display. Various CCllrs declared an interest in this and were not included in the decision reached. Agreed.

Kinross Squash Club: Requesting £175 to purchase a trophy for annual championship. CCllr Davies declared an interest in this and was not included in the decision reached. Agreed.

Kinross Otters: Requesting £2,840 to purchase an iPad3 to be used as a training tool and help with cost of hiring buses to transport teams to six League Galas. CCllr Davies spoke to the applicant and suggested they hire the community campus bus. The driver would have to gain the relevant qualification. Following this conversation, the CC awaits a revised application from the Otters.

First Responders: Unpaid volunteers who are trained by, and work alongside, the Scottish Ambulance Service and provide emergency life support (CPR, defibrillator, oxygen, etc.) to critically ill patients. Responders are local residents. £1,000 was asked for a basic response kit and £1,000 for appropriate clothing; total £2,000. Agreed.

Friends of Portmoak Primary: Creating a “new and inspiring” library within the school. The applicant explained that the project will cost around £15,000 and any sum would be welcome in support of this venture. The sum of £1,000 was suggested. Agreed.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust: Requesting £1,800 to publish a 60-page colour booklet on the “Buildings of Interest” in Kinross-shire. The book would be an authoritative historical record of Kinross-shire’s important and interesting buildings. Agreed.

Excavation programme: Incomplete request for funding in support of an archaeological excavation at St Serf’s Island. Unfortunately, this project has now taken place.

Kinross AFC: Requesting funding to expand usage at the Myre by introducing an over 35s side as well as creating playing and training facilities for girls and young women. No figure was mentioned and CCllr Davies is to revert to them for further information on equipment and costs.

Kinross Guides: Requesting £300 towards the cost of hiring a bus to Edinburgh to visit a museum and the Gang Show in November. CCllr Scott declared an interest in this application and was excluded from the decision-making. Agreed.

A personal request for financial support was received from a disabled lady asking for funding for a holiday. This application is not consistent with the agreed objectives, however CCllr Davies is to offer advice.

Local Development Plan

CCllr West circulated a response received from PKC answering the CC’s questions in relation to the procedures to be adopted in progressing this matter. Comment was also made to email communication forwarded by a Mr Muller.

The Council state in their response that: “It is likely to be our recommendation that the plan is not modified prior to submission. Members will have to choose whether to accept this recommendation.” It was explained that the reason for this is taken from the Scottish Government’s Policy on the implementation of planning legislation and procedures as they apply to Local Development Plans. In essence, this means that modifications should not automatically be made unless there is a good reason for doing so, and usually this is when members wish to make significant changes to the plan.

A separate letter sent to Mr Muller stated that it is proposed to return the Proposed Plan to Committee in late 2012 or early 2013 to consider the representations. If no modifications are made, a summary of unresolved issues must be prepared and submitted to Scottish Ministers along with the Proposed Plan. They will then determine whether to appoint an independent Reporter to undertake an examination in public. The Council also stated that with regard to H46 a large number of representations were received and these will be put to Committee for consideration. Depending on the outcome of this Committee, the site may be considered by the Scottish Ministers as an unresolved issue.

CCllr Giacopazzi stated that Peter Marshall is fully aware of the feelings of Kinross, in particular to H46. CCllr Robertson added that all CCllrs should move for H46 to be removed from the plan and ask for the report to be amended.

Comment was made that the Consultation Exercise was a complete waste of time if the Council refuse to take account of the submissions lodged. Complaints were also received regarding problems with the online submissions. This included staff not being properly briefed at the campus meetings, issues with the form and with getting the online form to work.

With regard to H46, comment was again made to the reasons for this area not being a suitable site for development, in particular the proposed access road and a compromise being the High School site. Associate Member Brady asked if a meeting at the site requested by the H46 group could be arranged and CCllr Giacopazzi will look into this.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

12/01424/FLL Land at Chance Inn: Change of house types (modification of 09/01160/FLL to erect two dwelling houses).

12/01495/LBC Kinross House: Alt and replacement of stonework on main entrance columns.

12/0153/FLL Baltree Farm, Hatchbank: Erection of a stable block.

12/01496/FLL Kinross House: Erection of a boathouse.

12/01376/FLL Croy Cottage, 5 Brewery Lane: Erection of a summerhouse (in retrospect).

12/01561/FLL 42 Muirs: Alt/extension to dwelling house.

Applications Approved by PKC

12/01062/FLL Nelson Car Transport Yard, Balado: Renewal of planning consent 09/00724/FUL for the formation of a lorry compound with associated fencing.

12/01030/FLL 5 Lathro Park: Alt/extension to dwelling house.

12/01278/FLL 13 Springfield Road: Alt/extension to dwelling house.

Report from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Cuthbert commented on his walk around the town centre with the Director of Environment and his Deputy in which notice was taken of the pot holes in the road, the uneven pavements etc. In answer to a query from the floor, Cllr Cuthbert explained that this tour focused on the town centre, and the cemetery was not included at this stage. Cllr Robertson commented that complaints were received about the state of the cemetery and added that the Council staff were struggling due to weather conditions. CCllr West explained that the Community Empowerment Consultation suggested more powers to CCs and a level of control over the quality of the services provided, adding that the CC could be responsible for commissioning this work. The level of grass cutting was also commented on and it was reiterated that this was mainly due to budget constraints.

Cllr Cuthbert reported that the Bridgend works are to be carried out shortly, with the Link Road being opened in October. Cllr Cuthbert has suggested that the Provost officiate at the opening.

The Muirs to Green Road pavements are to be replaced, 17 September to 7 October.

CCllr West thanked all four councillors for their efforts for Kinross since their election.

Correspondence

Funding alert: Information received on various funding bodies, such as Young Start, BT Community Connections, Ideas Fund Innovators and others.

Meeting with elected politicians: Invitation received to event on 14 September in Perth. Murdo Fraser, Dr Richard Simpson and Willie Rennie will be taking part. The format is similar to BBC's Question Time. Questions should relate to issues affecting the voluntary and community sector. It was agreed that Associate Member Brady would attend this.

Allotments: Enquiry received in relation to the securing of allotments and asking for input from the CC.

High Street improvements: Notification from PKC that the webpage is up with information on the exhibition and consultation. An online survey is included and the Council would appreciate if the public would complete this. Rachel Haworth has completed the CARS application and this has now been submitted to Historic Scotland. She has asked if the CC would provide a letter of support – agreed. The CARS application is one of the applications for funding for façade improvements and these will be carried out in conjunction with the Council's public realm enhancements in the High Street.

Link Road: Permission has been given to enter the land that is being purchased to allow the Clashburn Road/High Street junction realignment works to be carried out. Works will commence on 10 September and will last approximately three weeks. It is proposed that the junction and relief road will be open from Monday 1 October but this date is subject to the progress of the works.

Sunnypark: Mr A Godfrey from PKC is to inspect the tree. He is also in contact with Mr Paton.

Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill: Reminder received that the Scottish Government's questionnaire on the forthcoming Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill closes on 26 September.

Myre Park: Update and copy survey reports received from Steven Kane in relation to the consultation at Myre Park. Design proposals should be available in late September or October for comment. A limited budget is available to refurbish the site and maintain all play areas across Perth and Kinross. Also looking for support from groups or individuals who would like to help raise some extra funding.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 3 October 2012 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 3 October

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 5 September
3. Police Report
4. Matters arising from Minutes of 5 September
5. Co-option of Members/Associate Members
6. Disbursement of Newsletter funds
7. Future of Kinross Buildings
8. Debriefing re T in the Park
9. Planning Matters
10. Local Development Plan
11. Reports from P&K Councillors
12. Miscellaneous Correspondence
13. Other Competent Business
14. Date of Next Meeting (7 November)

Note: Members of the public are welcome to contribute to discussion at meeting but if you wish to address the meeting, please advise the Secretary (Margaret Scott, 21 Ross Street, Kinross, KY13 8EF or email to mbs21@btinternet.com) as early as possible. You are also requested to supply a copy of any relevant documentation in advance, and a paragraph on what it is you want to raise, so the topic can be publicised.

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the September Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed Community Councillors Milne-Home, Cottingham, Thomson, Halford, Bennett, Smith and Pettinger to the meeting held on 13 September. Also in attendance were Perth & Kinross Councillors J Giacopazzi and D Cuthbert and 13 members of the public. Apologies were received from Perth & Kinross Councillors W Robertson and M Barnacle.

Police matters: A report was received from Tayside Police. Two vandalisms to motor vehicles and two house breakings were currently under enquiry. Operation Tupelo is currently being carried out with two drivers so far caught speeding on Burleigh Road and no vehicles found speeding on Perth Road. Members of the public present noted that vehicles were still travelling at excessive speeds along Burleigh Road, New Road, Stirling Road and South Street. A member of the public also reported cars obstructing the junction of Wester Loan and Victoria Avenue. The CC agreed to write to Tayside Police informing them of these concerns. CCllr Milne-Home suggested that the new 20mph limit wasn't clear and painting 20 on the road would assist in making drivers aware of the new speed limits. CC to write to PKC with this recommendation.

Minutes of previous meeting: Correspondence was received from several members of the public requesting the following omitted questions in the previous minutes on the **Milnathort Future Trust** presentation:

"Have MFT considered other forms of funding other than community wind turbines?" The answer being: "No, but any ideas that members of the community have are welcomed by MFT."

"Have MFT considered the health and safety of residents of Tillyrie for the new wind cluster?" Answer: "No, MFT are not involved in the detail of the wind turbine proposal." CCllr Sandy Smith noted that MFT was Milnathort Future Trust and not Milnathort Futures Trust.

The minutes of the previous minutes were proposed by CCllr Cottingham and seconded by CCllr Pettinger subject to the above amendments.

Matters arising: CCllr Thomson reported that she had attended the Educational Day at Kinross Community Council and it was a very informative event.

Planning Applications submitted to PKC:

Formation of a residential development, The Walled Garden, Burnbrae, Kinross: Noted. (It was noted that it is outwith Milnathort CC's area.)

Alterations and extension to dwelling house and formation of a self contained flat, 50 New Road, Milnathort: Noted.

Applications decided by PKC:

12/01123/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, formation of new self contained flat and vehicular access, 50 New Road, Milnathort: Refused. (Note: different application from above.)

12/01104/FLL Erection of an anemometer mast, Ledlation Farm: Approved.

12/01244/FLL Formation of a new vehicular access and private access track, Hillside House: Approved.

12/01187/FLL Alterations, extension and erection of a garage, Touchie Farm: Approved.

12/01237/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 16 Curlers Crescent: Approved.

It was noted that although an application for a major wind

turbine has been submitted for Temple Hill, this is in Glenfarg CC area and Glenfarg CC have objected.

Minute Secretary: It was noted that Elizabeth Rougie was retiring as the minute secretary. All CCllrs thanked Liz for the fantastic job that she has done. It was agreed that the vacant position would be advertised in the Kinross Newsletter.

Milnathort CC Secretary: A member of the public queried when a new secretary would be appointed for Milnathort CC. CCllr Hamilton reported that a new secretary would be appointed in due course.

Donaldson Park: The majority of the long grass has now been cut and lifted by the CC with PKC agreeing to keep the grass short in future. CCllr Hamilton reported that an area on top of the hill will be rotovated and planted with flowers due to PKC concerns regarding youths congregating at the top of the hill. Members of the public and CCllr Smith noted that the NW and NE corners of the park were still overgrown. CCllr Thomson proposed that the CC write to PKC and request that these corners are strimmed.

Roads: The following road improvements are scheduled: Tillyrie (14 Sep), Middleton (15 Oct), Netherhall (10 Dec). CCllr Smith noted that PKC had repaired the potholes in South Street. CCllr Thomson noted that the Tillyrie ditches had already been cleared.

Neighbour Notifications: Members of the public have raised concern regarding the 20m notification resulting in wind developments in particular not being notified to anyone but only being advertised in the Perthshire Advertiser which has a limited circulation. PKC are discussing the issue of neighbour notifications on 17 September. Cllr Giacopazzi is attending this meeting and will report back at the next meeting.

Cycle paths: A member of the public raised a concern with cyclists riding at speed along the cycle path along side Milnathort Golf Course not having bells and startling walkers. All new bicycles should have a bell by law and cyclists are asked to slow down and alert walkers. Equally dog walkers should be considerate and control dogs to avoid them running into bicycles.

Light pollution: A member of the public raised concern about light pollution, in particular from a new farm steading to the north of the village. CCllr Thomson agreed to speak to the farmer to request that they switch off lights to sheds when they are not working in them though it was noted that during lambing/calving and when drying grain the farmer is working at night. Another member of the public raised the issue of light pollution at Craigow. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to look into PKC's policy on light pollution and report back at the next meeting. Cllr Giacopazzi also reported that PKC are planning to replace all sodium lights with energy saving white lights.

Trees overgrowing footpaths: A member of the public noted a tree overgrowing the public path by Tillywhally House. CCllr Thomson agreed to speak to the owner to request that they cut the tree back.

Pavement, Stirling wall to Ballingall Bridge: A member of the public noted that this was still overgrown having been reported previously. Cllr Giacopazzi noted that he had reported this previously and he would follow up with PKC and report back at the next meeting.

Horse grazing in Donaldson Park: PKC have confirmed that this is legal, as the owner is not contravening any local by-laws.

Burleigh Road junction: Cllr Giacopazzi advised that a proposal to put double yellow lines at this junction is to go to committee.

Core paths: Cllr Cuthbert reported the Athron Hill Path is due to be completed for 28 September.

Kinross bypass: Cllr Cuthbert reported that the bypass is due to be opened on 1 October and said that the public will be able to attend the Community Campus to propose ideas for the regeneration of Kinross (17-20 Sept).

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 11 October 2012 in Orwell Parish Church Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 4 September were: CCllrs S Morrison, A Lavery, S Anderson, K Borthwick, A Cheape and T Duffy-Wigman; P&K Cllrs Joe Giacopazzi and D Cuthbert and 12 Members of the Public (MoP). Apologies for absence were received from Rod Paterson and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson.

Police report: Pressure washer theft under enquiry; Suspicious person going door to door in Crook of Devon - car traced; Housebreaking under enquiry; Another door to door in Crook of Devon being investigated; Speed monitoring continues; Campaign against erratic driving in progress; Metal thefts – please report anything suspicious; Community Speed Checks – Still awaiting final report; MoP asks for attention to speeding in Cambo, people doing Dollar Academy school runs so 8am to 9am would be a good time; Best contact number for local police is 0300 111 2222.

Blairingone War Memorial: still with the planners.

Crook of Devon Church car park: The planning application has been submitted. Initially the planners said that they would be rejecting under delegated powers, however once they realised it was land belonging to Council it will be discussed at meeting on 26 September with a recommendation from the planners for approval.

Signposting Core Paths and Rights of Way: Several members of the public report that they have still not been notified that signs are due to be erected on their land. This CC has exhausted all methods of objection, so escalating to individual's MP/MSP would be the next step - both Councillors present ask to be informed of any problems.

Snowie wood chip plant at Blairingone: Sheila passes on message from Alan Kinloch who suggests that a breach order should have been issued by now; item was on last planning meeting agenda, but not discussed, due for September meeting.

Co-option of CC Members: Kevin reports that procedure we followed wasn't acceptable to PKC, so Sheila and Angus

were required to fill in the normal forms used for election – this has been done and PKC now approve their membership of this CC. Sandy suggests that this could have been avoided if PKC allowed more time prior to elections to submit applications.

CC business: Meetings attended: Convention of Perth & Kinross CCs: Sandy and Kevin attended a meeting of this council, which is becoming increasingly poorly attended.

Reports by P&K Councillors

Cllr Giacopazzi: Crook Moss – will be speaking at the planning meeting.

Crook Moss: The community mandated the CC to raise a formal complaint regarding the content of the Report of Handling on planning application 12/00546/FLL, and to write to Mr Littlejohn regarding the community's concerns over his department's handling of this application, and the lack of engagement with the community over the issues that had been raised by members of the community and the CC.

The contents of the formal complaint were in regard to four significant errors which would mislead the Development Management Committee. These were:

1. Failing to mention that the site is immediately outwith the settlement boundary, and therefore Policy 48 applies.
2. It states no objections from statutory environmental consultees when there was an objection from SEPA.
3. Miscalculation of existing travellers' sites within the area of Kinross-shire.
4. Omission of key paragraphs in the national policy for gypsy/traveller sites.

There was extensive discussion on the content of the letter to Mr Littlejohn and eventually 12 items were agreed for inclusion. It was also agreed that copies of the letter and formal complaint should be sent to the area MP and area MSP, the four local councillors, the convener and vice convener of the Development Management Committee.

The Chair reported that he had spoken to SEPA and was reassured that their objection stood, and they would ensure that all their concerns were addressed. He had also spoken to PKC's environmental dept, who stated that they could only make recommendations, and it was up to planning to decide whether to include their recommendations in planning conditions. It was then the responsibility of planning to enforce these conditions. The Chair thanked the community for its support and assistance in bringing forward points for the letter.

Planning

12/01526/FLL. Erection of a dwelling house, land 50 metres south west of Greenpark Church Road, Crook of Devon. Recommendation: Refusal, as contrary to Policy 48 of the Kinross Area Local Plan.

12/01490/FLL. Modification of existing consent (10/02172/FLL) to vary condition 7 (drainage), land 20 metres west of The Brae, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

12/01501/AML. Erection of a dwelling house (approval of matters specified in conditions) at Plot 1, land opposite Devonbank, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

12/01503/AML. Erection of a dwelling house (approval of matters specified in conditions) at Plot 3, land opposite Devonbank, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

12/01502/AML. Erection of a dwelling house (approval of matters specified in conditions) at Plot 2, land opposite Devonbank, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

12/01462/FLL. Erection of a wind turbine. Gelvan Farm, Fossoway, KY13 0PW. No CC comment.

12/01411/IPL. Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), land 30 metres south of Crosslands, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

12/01566/IPL. Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), Burnside, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. No CC comment.

12/01202/FLL. Siting of a catering kiosk, land 70 metres east of Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. Comments closed: There was significant feeling amongst the public that the siting of this kiosk was inappropriate, and the entrance to it was at a dangerous location.

Correspondence: Kevin went through a list of all relevant correspondence and a total list was available in the table for public viewing.

Other Business

Community Office: Angus urges people to support the Community Office, which is struggling for survival, by volunteering to assist with the staffing.

Football field: Trudy has heard rumours that the Crook of Devon football field is to be lost – Can anyone help to increase its use both for football and other sports? Cllr Cuthbert will look into ownership and potential plans.

Farm Watch: MoP asks about Farm Watch scheme – suggested to contact Police.

Kevin notes that **speed signs** on A977 don't seem to be working correctly. Cllr Cuthbert agrees to investigate.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

- Welcome and apologies
- Declarations of interest
- Minute of last meeting
- Matters arising
- Community Council Business
- Councillors' reports
- Planning applications
- Correspondence
- AOCB

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 October 2012 at Blairingone Primary School. All welcome!

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 11 September were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), R Cairncross, T Smith, S Forde, R Williamson, B Calderwood and M Strang Steel; P&K Cllr W Robertson and seventeen residents. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr J Bird and P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacopazzi and M Barnacle.

Build-out on B920: As agreed with PKC Roads, a build out with an illuminated bollard has been constructed on the west side of the B920 at the entrance to Scotlandwell, and the village street lighting has been extended to that point.

The soft verges on the B920 are still to be identified by roadside poles fitted with reflective strips, and warning signs are yet to be erected. A recent accident caused by a soft verge has highlighted the need for this signage.

The refreshing of the surface painted road signage on the A911 is awaited.

Kinnesswood bus shelter: PKC say work to screed the floor and replace the roof of the bus shelter will start soon.

Flooding: The rectification of the flooding problem on the road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlondond is in hand with Cllr Giacopazzi, following a report to him from CCllrs Cairncross and Calderwood.

Stephen's Field: Because of lack of progress, the CC had contacted A & J Stephen Ltd, and found that the Director dealing with this had stepped down. The CC is now dealing with Mr John Stephen and matters are proceeding. There are issues of access, as well as ownership and responsibility for various pieces of land that require clarification to ensure that full use of the field is possible for the community. There will be a meeting with Mr Stephen to discuss these matters. It is the intention of the CC to ensure that when the field is finally handed over in 2013, all arrangements for its future are in place, and no outstanding problems are left for the successors of the present CC.

The Lomond Country Inn remains empty and unsold. The CC has contacted the owner to indicate that we wish to keep in touch, as this is a substantial piece of property within Kinnesswood, and its future is of interest to the community. The owner had appreciated the concern and interest of the CC.

KCCN: There had been a meeting of the Kinross-shire CC Network on 18 July, when cross border and mutual interests had been discussed. This meeting was very useful, and another will be held before December.

A further meeting was held between Portmoak, Kinross, and Milnathort CCs to discuss making a contribution to the Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill; these three CCs will submit input to this before 26 September.

Big Lottery presentation: CCllrs Williamson and Parkin had attended this in Perth on 6 September, with a view to sourcing funds for the development of Stephen's Field, but nothing appropriate had been found. Enquiries regarding Lottery Funding are still proceeding.

The verges between Scotlandwell and Auchmuir Bridge have now been cut.

Glenlondond bus service: A daily bus service to Glenlondond commenced on 13 August, and appears to be being used. The Chairman thanked Cllr Robertson for his assistance with getting this useful service to an outlying area. Provision for the bus to stop in Wester Balgedie is being organised.

Surfacing of B9097: The surface is deteriorating and is scheduled for replacement in 2013. Patching work will be undertaken as needed.

Hedge: A hugely overgrown hedge was preventing safe use of the bus stop near the Lomond Inn. It was cut back by Strathtay Gardening in agreement with the CC.

Police Report: The Police were in attendance and gave their report: Break-in with intent to steal at Bishopshire Golf Club (under enquiry); theft of lead from Hollybank House and Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell (under enquiry); suspicious person trying car door at Gamekeepers Road, Kinnesswood (no further proceedings).

Regular speed checks are being carried out on the A911 between Milnathort and Scotlandwell and on other routes. Warnings are issued and reports to Procurator Fiscal where necessary.

Operation Tupelo (11-23 Sept) targets irresponsible and anti-social driving. The public are asked to contact the police with any long-standing concerns, or to report incidents, so that officers can tackle these. E-mail information to: kinross@tayside.pnn.police.uk

Treasurer's report: No income or expenditure in the month. Balance currently £1,196.41 in the two accounts.

Roads and paths: Mr George Lawrie of TRACKS was present, and reported that his attempts to obtain funding for a footpath between Wester and Easter Balgedie, parallel to the A911, had come close to fruition, but had ultimately proved unsuccessful.

There was some debate about the lack of pedestrian access between these two villages, and it was agreed that this was really an infrastructure matter, requiring a proper pavement along the A911, that should be dealt with as such by PKC. While the effort of TRACKS to establish a footpath was a much appreciated attempt to overcome the problem by another means, it was pointed out that this should not allow a lack of infrastructure to be considered as only a footpath request. Cllr Robertson suggested that the CC should make this point clear by writing to Mr Brian Cargill who is Senior Engineer (Roads and Safety) at PKC, and the Chairman undertook to do this.

There was then a useful discussion and exchange about Core Paths, and other paths, and associated issues, when TRACKS were able to bring the CC up to date with their plans.

As part of this discussion, a farming resident raised the problem of path users leaving farm gates open, which was allowing livestock to move about or become lost. He gave several examples, and was backed up by two Fife residents who attended the meeting. There were also cases of walkers with dogs crossing fields full of lambing ewes, and refusing to make detours at the request of farmers.

This led to a request for volunteer Countryside Rangers. It was agreed that land managers and farmers could also become Rangers, with badged authority.

Cllr Robertson agreed to contact Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust and others, with a view to establishing a Ranger Service, and providing warning notices as needed with the authority of the PKC logo on them, as ordinary farmers' signs were being ignored and destroyed.

Planning: The CC had considered the following applications submitted to PKC:

12/01301/FLL Vane Farm Nature Centre: Erection of a Wind Turbine – Objection made.

12/01139/FLL Greenburn, East Brackley, Kinross, KY13 9LU: Alteration and extension to house – No comment.

12/01192/FLL Iona, Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood: Alteration and extension to house – No comment.

Full details of Portmoak planning applications with CC comments can be found on the CC website at www.portmoak.org

Other business

Meeting elected politicians: The Chairman will represent Portmoak at this 'Question Time' event, organised by Voluntary Action Perthshire, on 14 September.

Earthworks: CCllr Forde raised the matter of earthworks being carried out on the Wellside Park development, as these were causing problems. The Chairman promised to raise this with the developer during a forthcoming meeting.

Path: CCllr Smith reported that water appeared to be being diverted from the A & J Stephen Whitecraigs building site, and this was affecting the path beside the golf course.

Gorse: Two representatives from Kinnesswood in Bloom asked about the gorse and other growth along the fence between the foot of the golf course and the A911. PKC had indicated that this was not their responsibility. The Chairman undertook to speak to officials of Bishopshire Golf Club, to ask if they would be good enough to maintain this, to assist Kinnesswood in Bloom. He also suggested that Kinnesswood in Bloom could make this known to the Golf Club, as he was sure they would be willing to assist.

Condolences: *Portmoak Community Council would like to extend its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Mr Mark Dickson, who lost his life in a flying accident at Portmoak Airfield on 4 September. The community is saddened by this tragedy.*

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9 October 2012 in Portmoak Hall.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross & District Rotary Club



August was a busy month once again for the Kinross-shire Rotarians. Twelve members enjoyed a very interesting afternoon visit to the Fife Earth Project, where renowned land artist Charles Jencks is transforming the St Ninian's Opencast Mine near Kelty into a recreation site. Later, we assisted the Agricultural Society by manning the gates at the Kinross Show, at the new venue at Vane Farm. By all accounts, the show was a great success, although there were a few teething troubles, as would be expected for such an event in a new location. Traffic management was a little tricky, but will be improved by the next time; thank goodness the weather was favourable. Again, we had a stall where some games provided a bit of fun and raised £70 to continue Rotary's fight to eradicate Polio from the world and information was available on Rotary in general and our Club in particular. Shortly after the Show, we were heavily involved with a team of four young folk from Pennsylvania and their Rotarian leader. This was a Group Study Exchange and a similar team from our District will visit the USA on the return leg, next Spring. The object of such visits is to further world peace and understanding and give the participants the opportunity of experiencing how their chosen vocations are run in different parts of the world. Our hectic programme for the visitors started with a welcome lunch in the Green Hotel, following which the party visited Falkland Palace and completed the day with dinner at the Kirklands Hotel. We are deeply indebted to the various organisations which permitted our visitors to 'shadow' them for a day, in the IT department of Perth & Kinross Council, the Procurator Fiscal's Office, the Forth Road Bridge Engineer's office and Sir Robert McAlpine's site at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre. At the end of their vocational day, they attended the evening meeting of the Kinross Club where they each spoke a little about an aspect of their part of Pennsylvania. The evening, which was on a Scottish theme, was concluded with entertainment by various Kinross Rotarians. The visitors had an early start next morning when some of our members took them to the Dunfermline Carnegie breakfast club for 7.30am, where they gave their second presentation, before taking the train from North Queensferry to Dalmeny and then sailing on the Maid of the Forth to Inchcolm Island. After lunch in Kinross, the party enjoyed a talk by Professor David Munro at the Loch Leven Community Campus, followed by a trip to Loch Leven Castle. Before departing on the Wednesday on the next leg of their stay in Scotland, one of the Americans was keen to

try his luck at fishing on the loch, so with yet another early start for a couple of the team, their leader and our Club Secretary, the group, in pouring rain, took to a couple of boats, armed with rods and flies. Unfortunately, the only trout seen in the excursion chose to leap out of the water alongside one of the boats on the homeward journey. Our grateful thanks are due to Michael at the Pier for accommodating our nutty request!



Group study exchange visitors from Pennsylvania and their Rotary leader aboard the Maid of the Forth, below the Forth Rail Bridge

Our meetings have continued to be graced with excellent speakers, with Sonia Grant, a niece of Rotarian Jim Paterson, leading the way with a fascinating talk about stress and ways of alleviating it. Sonia has been involved in education for over 15 years and in the last few, has spent time studying the body's internal energy system, providing knowledge and practical tools on how to live a life of joy, fulfilment and good health. She explained how stress is on the increase and can lead to ill health if not controlled. On 3 September, we listened to Nicola Gundy from the Aberlour Children's Charity who do sterling work caring for many of the country's underprivileged children. Aberlour is the largest, solely Scottish, children's charity, providing help to over 6000 of Scotland's most vulnerable children, young people and their families each year. Aberlour has the only refuge offering a safe haven for young runaways and provides support to children whose lives are affected by parental alcohol and drug use.

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Kinross and District Junior Agricultural Club

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In June the club hosted a charity coffee morning raising £216.30 for CHAS. The club also recently donated £50 to the 2nd Orwell Guides.

Tug of War training has started up again at Carden Farm (Heggie family). The club is looking for as many participants as possible. If you are interested, then come along to our practices on Wednesday nights at 7pm.

Kinross JAC have been hosts this year to two separate exchange visits. The first was a lovely Swedish girl who was travelling round the UK and enjoyed the hospitality of some members in the club. Kinross Show weekend saw Kinross JAC host Devon Young Farmers who were visiting Scotland for a week of cultural learning around Perthshire, Kinross and Edinburgh.

Towards the end of July Kinross JAC won the East Region Rally Competition where 15 clubs participated. This is the first time the club have won in over a decade and this could not have been achieved without the help and enthusiasm of all the club members.

Kinross Show is one of the highlights for Kinross JAC as the club is able to raise funds for the year ahead. The Show kindly provide the club with a tent in which all the members join in and provide entertainment for the passers by. The club hosted an Open Stock Judging competition with £300 worth of prize money. Over 100 participants entered, making it very worthwhile for the club. Once again there was a dance at night, which was held at Newlands Farm and was a huge success.

Our next meeting is the **new members night** to be held on **Tuesday 2 October** at Kinross Rugby Club at 7.30pm. A fun, easy quiz will ensure a great night, so please come along and see what Young Farmers is all about. You will be ensured a warm welcome.

If you would like to get involved in Kinross JAC, then please contact our club secretary, Mr Richard Harvey (07568075898/ rwh_v8@hotmail.co.uk)

Kinross-shire Historical Society



The first meeting of the winter season takes place on **Monday 15 October** at Kinross Parish Church. Mr Lindsay Sands will be giving a talk entitled "200 years of Retail in Kinross" on the history of the David Sands group. We are sure it will be of great interest as "Sands" is so well known to all in the town and county.

The programme for the winter includes several local topics and several local speakers on various aspects of the town and surrounding countryside. We hope to welcome back all the members from previous years but new members and visitors are also very welcome.

Membership is £6, Seniors are £5 and there is no charge for those under 18 years of age. It even includes a cup of tea or coffee at the end of each meeting. Visitors are welcome to attend at £2 per talk.

Meetings take place at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross and start at 7.30pm.

We look forward to a full house on 15 October.

See Notices page 91 for the full 2012-2013 programme.

Probus Club



The speaker for the meeting on Wednesday 5 September was Mr Garson Gilles from Dunfermline and his subject, CHAS (Children's Hospice Association, Scotland).

He started off by giving a short history of the movement. In 1992 there were no Children's hospices in Scotland. Families with children with "life shortening illnesses" were offered some respite care in Manchester. But Manchester is a long way from Scotland and one family, due to the nature of the illness their child had, took four days for the journey. So some people got together to see what could be done. In March 1996 the Children's Association, Scotland, was officially started with the first task of raising £10 million to build the necessary structure to house the hospice. Within five years the money was raised, and Rachel House was officially opened, to be followed by Robin House in the West of Scotland near Loch Lomond. Children with life shortening conditions have to follow a regime of strict medical treatment, which means their parents can never go away on holiday.

At Rachel House families are offered a holiday of a week or longer where they can relax, and just enjoy themselves. Running Rachel House and Robin House costs a great deal of money, in fact £21,000 a day or £7,000,000 year. This is where the Volunteers come into their own. They raise money in all sorts of ways for CHAS. Mr Gillies has been a Volunteer since 2003. Volunteers near Rachel House and Robin House can give practical support.

Finally, Mr Gillies gave a description of the various rooms in Rachel House. Of particular note were: the Water Therapy Room where there is a jacuzzi, much enjoyed by children and adults alike; the Rainbow Room; the Teenagers' Den (a decade ago all the children were of Primary School age, today nearly 50% are teenagers); and the Quiet Room, which has a Bible, and has been used for funerals.

Bill Scott gave the vote of thanks.

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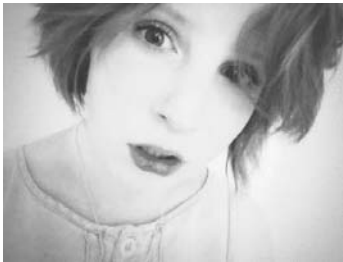
Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



There will be a lot of home grown young talent performing at the Kinross-shire Music Festival (15 - 25 November). We hope the festival will be a stepping stone for many of them.

The youngest performer is fourteen year old **Ryan Hunter** (son of Iain Hunter, The Singing Butcher). He will be performing during the 'Iain Hunter & Friends' concert on Friday 23 November at the Kinross Parish Church, 8pm.

Fifteen year old singer songwriter **Beth Malcolm**'s world consists of 50% playing music, 30% writing music, and 20% dreaming about music. You can listen to her on Saturday 24 November in the lounge of the Green Hotel, 7pm. She will be accompanied that evening by David Watt.



Singer songwriter Beth Malcolm

The members of **Sienna** are also in their late teens. This feet tapping, uplifting folk band will play on Friday 16 November at the Grouse & Claret, 8pm, and the following evening they will be supporting Woodenbox at the Community Campus, 8pm.

Singer/songwriters **Gillian Shackleton** and **James Ross** (both 20) will both perform their own unique style songs at the Thistle Hotel on Saturday 24 November at 8pm. Their repertoire includes rock, pop, jazz and folk.

Espial is a young Scottish folk music duo based in Edinburgh. **Clare Lynas** and **David Fettes** play many instruments while performing Scottish and Irish folk songs and tunes. They perform on Saturday 24 November at the Kirklands Hotel, 1.30pm.



Scottish folk duo Espial

A great variety of young rock/indie bands perform on the two Fridays during the festival at Backstage at the Green. The bands **State of Emergency** and **Calm as the Colour** will play on Friday 16 November and you can see **Modern Faces** and **Boot Magna** Friday 23 November. Both gigs start at 8.30pm.

There are many more. You can check them out on www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk

Music and Dance Workshops

Come and try one of our music and dance workshops during the music festival. These workshops are open for children and adults (unless stated differently). Fee for most workshops is £1 and booking a place is advisable. Please go to www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk for more information about the workshops (time/venue) and to download a booking form.

Kinross-shire's Got Talent for Children in Need!

The Kinross-shire Music Festival will open with a Charity Event on Children in Need day (16 November). This will be held at the Community Campus. It will be a fun evening with a large variety of acts from the Kinross-shire's Got Talent Competition and the evening will finish with a Lady Gaga Tribute Act (previously seen at our 2010 Gazebo Gathering!). Under 18's can take part in the Kinross-shire Got Talent Competition. You can download an entry form on www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk. The auditions will be held at the end of October, so enough time to get your act together!!! Tickets for the concert are available on the same website (Adult £10 and Under 18 is £5). 50% from the sale of this event will benefit the BBC Children in Need Appeal. The other 50% will be used to pay for bands during the festival.

Festival Programme

On the website www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk you can find the most up to date programme of the festival. It still changes as bands are added daily.

As previously announced, we are delighted that **Barbara Dickson** will perform at the Kinross-shire Music Festival on Saturday 24 November at 8pm at the Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets for this concert are £22.

Other headline acts during this festival are **Iain Hunter & Friends** (£10), **Gaberlunzie** (£10), **Modern Faces** (£5 or Rover ticket), **Woodenbox** and **Sienna** (£5 or Rover ticket).

Tickets

Tickets are for sale at the Post Office in Milnathort and the Macbeth & Currie Estate Agents in Kinross (payment by cheque is preferred here). Iain Hunter is also selling tickets for his gig through his Butcher's shop. Tickets are also for sale through www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk

Apart from tickets for the headline acts you can also buy a **Rover Ticket** of £10 for one weekend, which gives you unlimited access to all the £5 events. You can also buy a Rover ticket for two weekends for £20.

Volunteers

We'd like to hear from groups or individuals willing to help out in some way during the festival. We are grateful for any help you can commit to, as this will help contribute to making the Kinross-shire Music Festival a successful event. If interested please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call 01577 863107.

The Kinross-shire Music Festival is part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community Rural Tayside LEADER 2007-2013 Programme.

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This activity has been organised in support of BBC Children in Need. Please contact the organiser for further information.



Kinnesswood in Bloom

Kinnesswood in Bloom, along with Scotlandwell in Bloom, plan to have a Curry Night and Quiz on **Thursday 15 November** in the Portmoak Hall. This promises to be a memorable combination, so put the date in your diary.

A letter was received from the Head Teacher of Portmoak Primary School, thanking Kinnesswood in Bloom for their continued support, working with the children and helping to maintain the school grounds. It is hoped to continue this work through the 2012-13 school session. Pat and John Nicol in particular have kept the grounds tidy over the summer holidays. Norma will continue to represent Kinnesswood in Bloom on the School Council.

Gordon Vance was thanked for his generous donation of paint, brushes, bark, compost and plants to complete the cart project.



The Picture Garden, Kinnesswood.

Once again Kinnesswood in Bloom members will be taking part in Community Service Volunteers' **"Make a Difference Day"**, planting more bulbs around the village and knitting hats for premature babies. This will take place on **Saturday 3 November**. Whatever your skills, you will be made very welcome. Look on the village notice board for further details.

Members were to meet with the CC in connection with refurbishing the bus shelter. They also have concerns about who has responsibility for several open areas in the village and the weed-killing programme which took place this year. The **AGM** will be held at Shelagh Goudie's house on **Thursday 4 October** at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.



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Ratatouille

This dish is best made in the autumn when the vegetables are plentiful, either in your garden or in the shops. To avoid it becoming too mushy, don't cut the vegetables too small and salt and drain the courgettes and aubergines at the beginning.

Ingredients

- 2 large aubergines, cubed
- 3 medium courgettes, cubed
- 2 medium onions, sliced into rings
- 2 red or green peppers, seeded and cubed
- 4 large tomatoes or 1 large tin of chopped tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic
- 4 tablespoons of olive oil
- A handful of basil
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons of parsley
- salt and pepper to taste

Method

Heat half the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook until soft. In a large skillet, heat two tablespoons of oil and sauté the aubergine until slightly browned on all sides. Remove and place in the pan with onions and garlic. Repeat with all remaining vegetables a batch at a time, adding a little olive oil each time.

Season with salt and pepper, add the bay leaf and basil and cover the pot. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes. Add the chopped tomatoes and parsley and cook for another 16 minutes, stirring occasionally.

This can be used as a main meal with bread and salad or frozen for future use as a sauce with pasta.

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Kinross and District Art Club



Our annual Exhibition and Sale of Work in September was another great success, thanks to the generous support from the people of Kinross and Milnathort and districts. We also had visitors from outwith the area, including one from Toronto and one from Reading. Being part of the Perthshire Open Studios event brought closer contact between ourselves and the other artists on the Turquoise Route, which includes all of Kinross-shire and into Clackmannanshire. With 49 artists in our club and a further 15 artists and makers in the area exhibiting all in the same week, it was a feast for those who appreciate art and crafts.



Guest speaker Gillian Galbraith chats to KADAC members

More than 100 people attended our Opening Evening at which the guest speaker was acclaimed Scottish crime writer, Gillian Galbraith. Gillian spoke about the parallels between creating a book and creating a work of art. Both require skill, inspiration and application. Being disciplined is so important, she emphasised. There were a number of questions from the audience, who were clearly enthralled to be hearing first-hand from such a successful author; what it means, for example, to experience rejection but to believe in yourself and in what you want to achieve. Gillian is clearly a role model for us all!

The remaining three days of the exhibition saw between 60 and 70 attending each day and more on the final day. 35 paintings were sold, representing 18 artists from the club. The silent auction of a painting by guest artist, John Gifford, raised £50 for CHAS.

With 12 people now on the waiting list to join the club, we will be embarking on a phased introduction of new members to the club over the next few months. We will also be starting to paint for next year's exhibition!

For more information about the club, visit our web site at: www.kadac.co.uk or contact me on 01577 830347.

Sybil Galbraith, Club Secretary

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Kinross Museum



The Museum has hosted two events in recent weeks.

The first was a visit made by members of the Rotary Club of Kinross and their guests from Pennsylvania who were shown items from the collection before being taken on a guided tour of Loch Leven Castle by Museum Trust Chairman David Munro.

Two weeks later, on 13 September, members of the community were invited to drop by to hear about the work being carried out on the place names of Kinross-shire by researchers at the University of Glasgow in collaboration with Kinross Museum. Place-name expert Dr Simon Taylor and his colleagues were able to find out from those who have lived here all of their lives how many of the local names are pronounced.

How would you pronounce Balneathil, Balleave, Coldon, Drunzie, Touchie or Findatie?

Did you know that Milnathort is the "mill of the standing stone" and that Cleish is a "ditch, trench or hollow"?

If you want to know more about the Kinross-shire place-name project, visit the Museum and look at draft copies of the research that has been completed so far.

Portmoak Film Society

www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

PFS kicked off the new season with the multi-Oscar-winning film "The Artist", an almost perfect 21st century reconstruction of the silent movie era. Twenty filmgoers gave it an 80% satisfaction rating on the 'bean count' and it was interesting to watch 1 hour 40 minutes of film without sounds and dialogue (except for music) and find you were still entertained. I came to the conclusion, however, that the addition of sound that revolutionised the film industry in the '30s was definitely "a good thing" and that dialogue alone is a fundamental dimension for the understanding and enjoyment of film. Not sure why it got quite so many gongs, but Uggie certainly deserved his doggie Oscar!

There's a treat in store on **13 October**: we're showing the 1985 classic gangster movie "**Prizzi's Honor**" (sic), directed by the legendary John Huston and starring the king and queen of acerbic cool, Jack Nicholson and Kathleen Turner. Be prepared for the sparks to fly as the two are hired – basically to kill each other but fall in love instead! For the rest of the 2012-13 programme, see our website.

It's still fantastic value to buy a season's membership at £24 but if you just want to see a particular film as a one-off, you'll be very welcome and the £5 'on the night' price is still half what you'd pay at your nearest cinema. See you at Portmoak Hall for "lights down and curtain up" at 7.30pm!

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Boys Brigade

The new session commenced on 7 September with mini-olympics for Anchor and Junior section members.

The Kinross Company was founded in 1892 and operates in three sections which meet each Friday evening in Kinross Church Centre.

Anchors: for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three, meeting from 6pm till 7.15pm.

Juniors: for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six, meeting from 7pm till 9pm.

Company Section: for boys and girls in primary seven, S1, S2 and S3, meeting from 7pm till 10pm.

Senior Section: for boys and girls in S4, 5 & 7, meeting on Friday evenings from 7pm till 10pm.

The Company has entered national competitions in badminton, chess, table tennis and masterteam with the first round draws made in October with fixtures to be completed by mid November.



Kinross-shire and District Town Twinning Association

School exchange. Children from Gacé spent a week in Kinross during September staying with host families.

Next summer will see a coach of Gacé citizens visit Kinross for an official twinning visit. Host families are required and anyone who can help should contact Chairperson Jean Paterson.

Over the winter months there will be a few fund-raising social evenings in preparation for next summer's visit. Watch the Newsletter for further details over the coming months.



Kinross Garden Group

The Garden Group will start its 2012-2013 Autumn-Winter talks programme on **Thursday 11 October** with Mr Simon Crutchley of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh who will give a talk on "The Edinburgh Gardens through the Seasons". The meetings will be held as usual in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2pm. New members will be made most welcome.



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Potager Garden

We were pleased to win several prizes at the flower show, as part of **Kinross Show** in August, and thank them for the special rosettes to acknowledge the children's involvement in growing them. The **school children**, now in P6, returned to the garden on 30 August, and enjoyed digging up potatoes and picking other veg, and tasting them, as well as soup and ratatouille made with vegetables from the garden. We received some lovely thank you letters from them at the end of the summer term.

The **nursery teacher** at Kinross Primary School has also asked us for some advice about some planting in their garden area, and we hope to arrange a visit for them to the Potager.

We would again like to **thank Hunters' Butchers** and **Fossway Store** in Crook of Devon, for making some of our plants available for sale over the summer, and also everyone who has bought these. We hope that they are still growing well, and plant sales are also available at the garden on **Monday mornings** from about 10.30am to 12.30pm. We would also welcome any **new volunteers** or enquiries at the garden at these times.

Our **new website** is now operational, and has incorporated past information from our use of the CC website; thank you to Pauline Watson for facilitating this. The website address is a bit of a mouthful, but if you type in "The Kinross Potager Garden" you will find our Google site near the top of the list. This includes photos and recent news, how to find the garden or to contact us, and information about future events. Any comments about the website, and how it could be made more relevant to you, would be most welcome.

We are planning soon to level the existing slabs, and lay some more, to **improve access to the garden** for anyone who may be unsteady on their feet, and the garden will **remain open during the day**, while the weather remains fairly warm, so do pay us a visit. In particular we are looking forward to our **Big Coffee Morning for Macmillan**, on **Saturday 29 September**, at 10.30am. There will also be a stand there from **Phoenix cards**, and **Zero Waste P&K**, with advice about reducing food waste and unwanted mail, and encouraging recycling.

On **Tuesday 2 October**, from 1pm to 2.30pm, we will also be hosting a free **Zero Waste information session about making your own compost**. Composting makes good use of some of your waste, and is an important free addition to the health of your garden soil. Come along to see how we make compost at the garden, and bring along your questions or problems and have a chat and a cup of tea. If you would prefer an advisory session about composting at a weekend, or would like Amanda to speak to a local group of gardeners, please let me know.

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Subjects include Historic Kinross-shire, Loch Leven, Fauna and Flora, Countryside, Villages, Local Projects and Events.

Portmoak Community Woodlands

Volunteering has been the name of the game this summer and staff at Scottish Widows found it was very worthwhile spending a couple of days in Portmoak Moss last month, helping out with the bog restoration project.

Two groups of volunteers gave up a day at the office in favour of hard labour, clearing birch seedlings from the lowland raised peatbog, which the Woodland Trust and the Portmoak Community Woodlands Steering Group are restoring. They were rewarded with two bright, sunny days and plenty to show for their efforts – land cleared of birch, making way for much more unusual sphagnum moss.

The two 'Make a Difference Days' were co-ordinated by the Scottish Wildlife Trust, who are also very keen to protect the now rare habitat of lowland peatbogs. The biggest

challenges facing the restoration project are keeping the birch at bay and making conditions wet enough for the sphagnum moss to regenerate.

The Portmoak Community Woodlands Steering Group are now working on

plans for a seminar or 'boginar' on 16 November in Scotlandwell, on the best ways to proceed with the restoration work. For further information please contact louise@louisebatchelor.co.uk



Volunteers from Scottish Widows helped with restoration of the peat bog at Portmoak Moss

Scotlandwell in Bloom

At the Take a Pride in Perthshire Award Ceremony on 12 September at the Salutation Hotel in Perth, Scotlandwell were awarded Gold in the Best Kept Wee Village Competition; they also received the overall award in the Wee Village Category. The icing on the cake was the trophy for 'Best Community Effort' overall – a tremendous achievement for a wee village.

Elaine and Karen would like to thank everyone who has supported the group's activities in the past year, be it with time, effort or money – the awards prove that it's all been worth it.

Apart from the gardening side of things, the activities this year have included fundraising for the Wash House restoration project, Plant and Bake Sale, Stall at Portmoak Gala, African baby knitting, Hollywood Ceilidh (to support Hospices of Hope), Blythswood Shoebox Appeal ... the list is endless.

Work on the Wash House is due for completion by mid October when the group will have another reason to celebrate. An opening ceremony and a series of open days and storytelling will be organised and we hope as many people as possible will come along. If you would like any further information about the Wash House Project, please contact Karen (01592 840379) or Elaine (01592 840652) and once again, thank you for your continued support.

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Inner Wheel

A New Start

The first 'official' meeting of the Kinross and District Inner Wheel year commenced with President Liz Pottie welcoming all members back to the club. The main thing on the agenda was a discussion about changes to the International Inner Wheel constitution, which now allows clubs to invite ladies who have no connection to Rotary to become members. This provoked a lively debate, which was followed by a vote, the outcome of which was an overwhelming majority in favour of inviting our first new non-Rotary member. We wish her many years of friendship and fellowship.

The previous year's accounts were presented by David Birrel who thanked the treasurer Christine for keeping the books in such good order.

Sandy Pottie, this year's Rotary President, gave a fascinating talk about his roots on Scotland, and his life as a vet in Ulster. He was very involved with horses and ponies and told us about various ploys which were used to try and put oversize ponies into smaller classes; we were both shocked and amazed at the attempted chicanery.

One member, Linda, had already held a coffee morning to raise funds for Jo Middlemiss's charity, the Ethiopia Medical Project (EMP). Another is already planned for September on behalf of Cancer Research, as well as an Halloween afternoon tea in October. No point in starting the diet this side of Christmas then!

Ann Barlow, Club Correspondent

Portmoak Hall Draw 100 Club

August Draw

1st No. 25 Anne Steven, Kinnesswood
2nd No. 70 Mrs Boyd, Wester Balgedie
3rd No. 12 Vicki Silvera, Scotlandwell



Kinross High School Parent Council

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A full copy of all Parent Council meeting minutes can be requested by contacting the Clerk, or by visiting our website.

The first meeting of the 2012-13 session was held on 3 September and the KHSPC discussed the following items:

Ways of Engaging Parents: Meetings are planned, one for September and one close to the end of the year, where progress on the improvement plan will be discussed, then feedback will be made to parents. Discussion groups are planned to take place at parents' evenings.

Homework: Access to homework is now available via the school website <http://kinross.myallocator.com/>. Parents and pupils can view by entering the name of the teacher who has set the homework. Feedback on how this is working is welcome.

Headteacher's Report: Currently there are 939 pupils, with a large intake of 176 S1s this year, 39 of whom are from outwith the catchment area of the school. A summary of exam results was circulated and discussed.

School Uniform: It has been pleasing to see so many pupils wearing school uniform at the start of this term. Sports uniform items are available on from www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com and a set of these items can be viewed at the school.

Outdoor Education: The Blairadam Walled Garden project is moving ahead. Volunteer support is requested from keen gardeners to share their expertise with pupils. Current postholders are: Douglas Ogilvie (Chair), Rory Stewart (Vice-chair), Alan Miller (Treasurer). Jennifer Sneddon has recently taken over as Clerk.

The Parent Council is in place to represent the views of parents and guardians of pupils at the school, to help ensure that our young people can learn and develop to their maximum potential. We work in partnership with the school to create a positive and proactive environment which supports pupils, staff and parents. The Parent Council is on hand to help support the process of communications with the school and we are always keen to hear from you, whether it be good, or not! If you would like to join the Parent Council, you would be most welcome. The next meeting is planned for 12 November 2012. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

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Kinross High School



Let me begin by apologising to Miss Kearney, as she was omitted from my list of new staff in the previous article. She has joined our English department and has already made a good impression on our pupils with her enthusiasm and her friendly manner.

In the next few weeks we will reach the end of the first term and whilst the summer break may not seem that far in the past, there is much that we have achieved.

The first term is always the time when we welcome our exchange partners from Traunstein and Gacé. In each case this completed the programme, as our pupils had already enjoyed the hospitality of their partners in Germany and France.

During their time with us the visiting pupils have enjoyed a mixture of experiences. They have seen parts of our wonderful country, have experienced our culture and sampled some culinary delights. Among the highlights this year have been trips to Edinburgh and St Andrews, a visit to the Scottish Parliament, where they were shown round by an ex-pupil of Kinross High School, and numerous experiences shared with their host families. They have also had a day in school where they participated in lessons and will be able to take back some first-hand knowledge of how education is delivered in Scotland.

The last evening is always celebrated with a ceilidh and this year was no exception. Apparently our partners marvelled at the country dancing skills of their Kinross counterparts, and joined in with a lot of enthusiasm.

Over the years these exchange visits have encouraged pupils on both sides to expand their linguistic skills and to share in the cultural differences between our countries. They have also resulted in many pupils staying in touch and continuing to enjoy the friendship established at these times.

Language teaching in Kinross High School has been very strong for many years. Throughout that time many pupils have enjoyed their experience of learning another language and have gone on to make further use of that experience in many different ways. It is timely for us to consider Scotland's place in the world and to reflect on the value of being able to communicate across boundaries.

Inspired by a successful visit to China by two sixth year pupils and a fifth year pupil last year, we have been able to secure the services of a teacher of Mandarin for one day a week. She is seeing all of our first and second year pupils on four occasions in the year when she will work with them on Chinese culture and some basic language. We also have Mandarin classes each week for three groups of senior pupils. Interestingly, our pupil who spent time in Beijing this summer has come back and is trying to add a qualification in Mandarin to her portfolio.

It says much about our pupils' ambition and awareness of the world that they are willing to take up opportunities such as this.

The challenge for the school is to be able to continue and indeed to augment these possibilities. With Spanish, Italian and Russian available to us there are many opportunities to help the young people of Kinross take up their places as citizens of their world.

The current calendar of events for the school can be found on the KHS website, <http://kinross.myallocator.com>. If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact the school office.

Dick Keatings

Kinross-shire Ladies Circle

www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross



The highlight of our meetings in August was definitely hovercraft racing at Craighluscar farm near Dunfermline. After some practice in the single seater hovercraft, we attempted to steer round a course against the clock.

The winner, by an all-important one second, was Amanda, and a great time was had by all.

In September we are supporting Round Table at their beer festival quiz and will be giving curling a try.

If you'd like to try something different, contact Yvonne on 07845791318 or for Tangent (45+) contact Amanda on 01577861434 or look at our website (see under heading).



Kinross Ladies Circle members prepare to try hovercraft racing

Kinross-shire Round Table

We have some interesting events coming up in October to look forward to:



Tuesday 2 October: Business Meeting and The Singing Butcher at the Kirklands Hotel. Contact Colin Low.

Tuesday 16 October: Skywalk/Climbing at Ratho. Contact Paul Murray.

Tuesday 30 October: Darts and Dominoes at The Muirs/Rugby Club. Contact Paul Murray.

I hope those who attended the Beer Festival had a brilliant time.

Our programme, with details of events, is available on www.kinross-shire.roundtable.co.uk. If you are 18 – 45 and want to get involved in having fun whilst putting something back into our community contact us via the website.

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For further information and membership forms please contact the club on:

01577 864069 or visit the club website

www.milnathortgolfclub.co.uk

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

October can be a lovely month. Make the most of it by walking with us in our beautiful countryside. Walking is one of the easiest ways to improve general health and fitness so 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 us. Walks are led by volunteers from our group and new members are made very welcome.

Saturday 6 October: Ben Vrackie beckons! Five miles. Short but interesting walk. Steady ascent on good track up to Loch a Choire at base of Ben Vrackie. Continue round loch then climb to meet the Killiecrankie path which is followed back down to Moulin Inn. Spectacular views throughout. Note: Dogs: Yes. Accompanied children welcome if fit.

Sunday 21 October: Antonine Wall and Forth and Clyde Canal. Eight miles. A circular walk on canal towpaths and narrow hill tracks. The walk takes in the remains of the wall (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), an Iron Age Hill Fort and, from the ridge, offers impressive views over the Kelvin valley, Campsie Fells and Kilsyth hills. Note: Registered Assistance Dogs only. Accompanied children welcome if fit.

Given our weather, you do need appropriate clothing (not jeans) including boots and waterproofs. For weekend walks, you'll also need water and a packed lunch. A warm drink is advisable too.

For further details and where to meet us, please call our Group Secretary Jacqui Ritchie on 01577 866813.

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

For the most up to date minutes and other information, please see our website www.milnathortprimary.org.uk

Alternatively, contact the Clerk, Elyse Kirkham, on 07747534513 or e-mail

elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council will be meeting on the following dates:

2012: 1 October and 26 November.

2013: 14 January, 25 February, 22 April and 3 June.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus (ICT Room 1). All Welcome.

Milnathort Primary School Fundraising Event

SCHOOL DISCO on Thursday 4 October

P2 - P4: 3.20pm - 4.20pm. P5 - P7: 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

Tickets on sale from Monday 17 Sept at break time.

£1.50 per ticket (juice and crisps will be on sale).

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To arrange viewing or booking enquiries.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



A particularly interesting meeting opened the new season on Wednesday 12 September. Diana had produced a diary kept by her aunt on a visit to India in 1906. This was ably edited and related to us by Isobel and cleverly illustrated by slides created by David. The selected passages took us to a glamorous new world, bejewelled Indian princes and their wives laden down with "pearls as big as marrow fat peas", sumptuous dinners and balls in huge palaces and meeting the Viceroy Lord Minto. All were described by this adventurous and clear-sighted young Edwardian lady from Edinburgh whose sharp eyes and sense of humour presented a vivid picture of Imperial India.

We appreciated the rigours of the long voyage in a space restricted cabin, one's clothes in trunks in the hold with only occasional access to them when they were brought up on deck in full public view. Then there was the joy of sleeping on deck, ladies on one side, gentlemen on the other, a highlight of the voyage despite the bugs, spiders and mosquitoes which were rather inadequately kept at bay with lanterns.

It was a privilege to share her enthusiasm for her experiences and we are very grateful to our three members for making it possible.

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 10 October**. All enquiries to 01592 840437 or 01592 840368.

Lodge St Serf No 327

October

Tue 2nd Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.

Degree to be confirmed.

Tue 9th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.

Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.

Tue 16th Regular Meeting at 7.15pm

Degree to be confirmed.

Tue 23rd General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm

Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.

Gaberlunzie will be performing their act in the Masonic Hall on **Saturday 17 November** as part of KLEO. Tickets from KLEO £8 in advance, £10 on the night.



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5.00 pm, FRIDAY 12 October

for publication on Saturday 27 October

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The October meeting will be held on **Thursday 4 October** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. At the October meeting the talk will be on the Loch Leven Community Campus Library including the services provided.

At the September meeting Helen Duncan gave a talk on her experiences working with Ox fam over a period of 26 years. The innovative format of her talk, involving the audience, made it all the more interesting and enjoyable.

Away Days October

Thur 11 Oct: Doune (Antique & Arts Centre)

Thur 25 Oct: The Three Glens

The coach leaves from opposite the Green Hotel at 0915 hours unless otherwise stated. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting. Contact: Mary Muirhead on 01577 863564.

Annual Holiday 2013: Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands commencing **Sunday 10 February 2013**. Pat advises that there are still a few vacancies available. Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

Oct 12: The Pitlochry autumn walk, starting at the Dam and going up to Killiecrankie (past the bungee jumping) and back - our annual trip to see the autumn colours. Since the walk is 8 miles long and Pitlochry is a good bit away, we will be leaving at the earlier time of 9am.

Oct 26: A shorter circular walk of about 6 miles starting in Tillicoultry, going through Drummie and Coalsnaughton and then round Gartmorn Dam and back to Tillicoultry. This starts at the normal time of 9.30am. Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

Oct 5: Braefordie, Nr Comrie Jock 8.30am

Oct 19: Birnham Hill Robin 8.30am

Nov 2: Dumyat + extension Richard 8.30am

The following activities are open to all members of the Club.

Carpet Bowling: This group recommences on **Monday 8 October** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall and each Monday thereafter. New members will be very welcome. Contact: Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

Craft Group: I believe this group has restarted but no updated information has been received. Contact: Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387.

Fly Tyers: This group has both men and ladies within its membership. No updated information has been received. Contact: Ian Campbell for details of venue 01577 830582.

Keep-Fit recommenced on the 4 September in the Masonic Hall from 2pm until 3pm. This group is now full but anyone wishing to be placed on the waiting list should contact Val Oswald on 01577 864020.

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. Contact: John Dryburgh on 01577 862555 for details and venue.

The Line Dancers swing and sway every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am. Contact: Betty Fergus 01577 866961.

L.U.S.T.: The slimmers meet each Thursday, 9.30am to 10.30am. Contact: Norma Anderson 01577 863548.

Milnathort Primary School

A busy first term: Our P1 boys and girls have had several weeks of “fulltime” school and have settled into the way of life and learning at Milnathort PS. Already they have had their first Educational Learning Experience (school trip!) and have visited RSPB Loch Leven, one of several visits as part of the joint initiative with Scottish National Heritage, “Growing Up With Loch Leven”.



P1 pupils at Milnathort Primary School

Meet the Teacher: This year our event had children coming back to school with parents to “show off” their classroom, complete with wonderful wall displays after less than three weeks of learning! It’s an ideal opportunity for parents/carers and staff to put “names to faces” and start working together for the good of all our children early in a new session. Over half of our parents/carers came along to the event.

Partnership working: As well as parents being involved in the life of Milnathort PS (Bikeability, football coaching, gardening club, running our tuck shop and library, Sports Committee), we’ve already started 2012-13 with more great partnership working. We have a fantastic bunch of Kinross

High School pupils who come along at Tuesday lunchtimes to organise activities for our youngsters as part of their Community Sports Leaders Award (CSLA). Darren Moon, Rugby Development Officer has been leading rugby taster sessions, initially for P6/7 & P7 and Kinross High pupils, working with Cath Devanny, Active Schools Coordinator, have started a Dance Club.

Clubs: Some of the activities on offer this term are Fun Cycling, Street Dance, Girls Football, Fun Fitness, Bikeability, Gardening, Singing and Homework Club. Thanks to MPS Learners, Parents, Staff and Partners for helping us provide wider learning opportunities!

House elections: Congratulations to all our P7 learners who put themselves forward for the roles of House and Vice Captains: it takes a lot to prepare a speech and present it to your schoolmates! Speeches were made, votes were cast and duly elected were: Ness: Hannah Black (C) and Raegan Burnside (VC). Awe: Ciara Higgins (C) and Robbie Harvey (VC). Leven: Max Crawford (C) and Ailish Hunter (VC). Tay: Sam Linn (C) and Molly Richley (VC). Already they have had “House Huddles” and come up with great ideas for competitions! This is serious stuff!

Cluster Fun Football tournament: We entered two mixed teams from P6-7 into this new event in the cluster sporting calendar! MPS footballers displayed great skills and team spirit. A huge thanks to the parents who came along at lunchtimes to provide extra coaching and help the teams get used to playing together a few times before the BIG day and to Mr Hutchison and Mr Ferguson (dads to Rory H P7 and Rory F P6) who willingly accepted the roles of “Team Managers” on the day. Dougal Sands (P6) and Rory Hutchison (P6/7) have been selected to represent the cluster: congratulations to them!

Parent Forum and AGM: Our Parent Council organised this event, which took place on 10 September. There was a good turnout and a lot of support for our school. If you couldn’t make it in the night you are still very welcome to attend Parent Council meetings and get involved: you don’t need to commit to a lot of time as what time you can give is always appreciated!

Common Grounds

As I write, autumn is upon us, the days are getting shorter and here at Common Grounds we will have completed another year. Hopefully all the cornfields will be reduced to stubble or ploughed for the next seed planting and grass cutting for us will have come to an end. At Common Grounds we are stacking logs for use over autumn and winter, so please remember us if you have wood to spare. Do come along and enjoy our warming log fire whilst having Fairtrade tea or coffee plus lots of nice eats courtesy of our ladies who bake for us.

Project Lunch: On **Tuesday 30 October** at 12 noon Alisdair Stewart from Mission Aviation Fellowship will speak about this charity that he is involved with. As usual in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. All are invited and will be most welcome.

Project: Our project for October (to be chosen at our Volunteers’ Meeting on 21 September), the first one of our



new financial year, will be an Emergency Relief project. More information on this in next month’s Newsletter.

AGM: Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Guide and Scout Hall at 7pm on **Friday 26 October**. Everyone is welcome.

Website: Our new website address is:

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

We have been most fortunate lately to find some new Volunteers. They are a very welcome addition to our band of helpers – without them we would have great difficulty manning our café. So a big thank you to them! I still believe that somewhere about there is a potential treasurer, so please don’t be shy, come along and make yourself known.

Our opening hours are still 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.

Portmoak Primary School

Rugby Taster Sessions: P6/7 have been enjoying weekly rugby training sessions, organised by Active Schools and supported by Kinross Rugby Club. They are looking forward to playing in a P6/7 rugby festival on 1 October. Later this session we will also be offering P4 and P5/6 the chance to take part in similar training and festivals.

Football Festival Fun: Our team played in the Kinross-shire football festival on 10 September. Pupils from all Kinross-shire schools played for a chance to represent the area at the Perth & Kinross festival. The players are waiting to see if they have been selected.

Portmoak Cricketers Batting Again: We fielded an all-girls team for the first Scottish Girls Under 12 Kwik Cricket Competition on 26 August. Cricket Scotland hope to make this an annual event, as the day was a great success. The sun came out during the afternoon to make for ideal conditions in Doo'cot Park, Perth. Portmoak girls faced some stiff competition on the day, as there were not many other school teams there, but mainly cricket clubs. In fact, we were the only school from Perth and Kinross who entered a girls' team for the competition. The overall winner was Kinross Cricket Club, proving that girls' cricket is certainly going strong in the Kinross area!

Primary 4 had a fun cricket session recently with Portmoak cricket coaches Alan Surtees and Gary Law. Hopefully some of them will decide to join the after-school cricket club this year to help us try to retain our Kinross-shire and Perth and Kinross championship titles.

You can keep up to date with Portmoak's cricket news on twitter by following @ppscrickeatch

Meet the Teacher and Macmillan Coffee Afternoon: Thank you to all of the mums, dads, grannies, granddads, uncles and aunties who came along to our open afternoon on 10 September. The Meet the Teacher afternoon was a great success, allowing an insight into classroom learning for family members and an opportunity to act as tour guides in their classroom for our pupils.

The P7 house captains helped to organise a coffee afternoon after Meet the Teacher in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. Thank you to Mrs Livitt and Mrs Drysdale, our kitchen team, who provided all of the tasty treats and to all of our friends and family who helped us to raise a fantastic £230.

CfE Briefing: A national campaign was launched recently which aims to help parents and carers develop a better understanding of Curriculum for Excellence and how they can become more involved in their child's learning. Materials have been developed to support this, including a CfE Briefing document on broad general education and a promotional poster. P7 parents received a copy of this document, and there is another copy of this and the poster on the parents' noticeboard opposite the school office. You can find this and other documents about Curriculum for Excellence on the parentzone website www.educationscotland.org.uk/parentzone as well as practical advice and ideas on how you can be involved in your child's education.

As ever, if you have any ideas of how the community can be further involved in the school please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email is Portmoak@pkc.gov.uk or you can call the school office on 01592 840 232.

Louise Gordon, Headteacher

Kinross Primary School

Media Coordinators: P7 have created a media group. Their responsibility is to gather information and to write articles for the Kinross Community Newsletter. They will now be writing for the Newsletter until the summer holidays.

After School Football Club: Mr. Robertson and Mrs. Arthur have started an after school football club for P6 and P7 to encourage pupils into football. They have been training the pupils in the skills needed to play football such as control of the ball, passing and good sportsmanship. They put three teams into a football festival at Kinross High school where there were scouts looking for the best players, to form a cluster football team. Kinross are hoping to enter the football teams into future tournaments and fixtures.

Eilidh Child Visits Kinross Primary: On Wednesday 5 September, Eilidh Child came to Kinross Primary to a special assembly to talk about her Olympic experience. Eilidh joined in with a P.E. lesson with Mrs Arthur and she answered some interesting questions from Primary 7 about why she took up athletics and even what she ate on the race day! We all were extremely interested and excited about her visit.

Space School: Tayside Space School is a learning programme that inspires pupils from Tayside in Primary 6 to become astronauts, rocket engineer etc. Two pupils were chosen to represent our school - Catriona Robertson and Struan Fotheringham. They had to go once a month for four months and then spend a week at space camp in the summer holidays. They met a NASA astronaut and Her Royal Majesty, The Queen. It was a very beneficial experience for the pupils involved in this.

Eco group: This year our Eco group have three priorities that they are focusing on this year: wastage of food, litter and developing the school grounds. They had an eco-litter pick and after five minutes they picked up a lot of rubbish and will be showing the rest of the school at a future assembly. They have lots of ideas to help keep our eco green flag this year, so watch this space.

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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Architectural Awards Competition

This year the competition will be for Architectural excellence in the design of old buildings with the aim being for conservation, conversion and extension of existing buildings. There will be an announcement about this in the November issue of the Kinross Newsletter.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust Website

We have now created a new website: www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org on which you will now be able to keep up to date with all the Civic Trust activities as well links to other useful websites. Please have a look and let us know what you think.

Contact us on info@kinross-shirecivictrust.org

Renewable Energy

See Letters.

Kinross Camera Club



The Opening Night was very successful with a number of new members coming either to seek or test our knowledge or possibly just to experience a lively and friendly club. On this occasion after welcoming everyone, our President, Jeannie Meacham, gave a general description of the Club's activities for the benefit of new members and then hosted a presentation of photographs taken by members during the summer, including images from the "Weekend Away" at Keswick in May which ranged from views of the landscape and well known photographic sites to possibly less familiar ones such as pictures of members enjoying themselves on cruises on Lake Windermere and at the Saturday dinner, a regular event on these occasions, which showed many happy faces. Other pictures included the Olympic Torch passing through Milnathort and Kinross, the visit to Dysart, the Horse Trials at Hopetoun House (always a good source of equestrian images) and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, where the performers are only too pleased to offer themselves as subjects. The Splash Down on Loch Leven organised by Balbedie Aeromodelling Club produced some dramatic images; but, though the majority of pictures were projected exactly as taken, one from a visit to Tullibole Castle where the sky had been a glum grey, now featured a blue sky and white puffy clouds, demonstrating just how much an image can be improved with a little tinkering!

Refreshments were offered to everyone as they arrived and there followed a further break during which all present also had the opportunity to try to identify pictures of various places in Britain, though not necessarily photographed from their most readily identifiable angles, and a prize was given to the winner.

After this, Jeannie called on members of the Club's two sub-groups, the long-established Digital Creative Group and the more recently formed and also very popular Portrait Group, to give presentations. The Digital Group seeks to assist members to get the best out of their equipment with a structured teaching session in the first half of each meeting and a more informal second half in which members' images are considered, manipulated and improved or entirely re-designed. The Portrait Group introduces its members to indoor photography where, unlike outdoor photography, the photographer has complete control over lighting. It demonstrates how, for example, angling light sources and using reflectors can dramatically alter the result. Members of the Club, their friends and also volunteers from Orwell Dramatic Society appear in various guises as models on these occasions.

For further details of membership, please contact the Secretary: alisonbradley101@btinternet.com or via the web site www.kinrosscameraclub.org.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 and another you may enjoy is "Scotland – Champions of the World" showing the images which won two World Cups in 2010, which is published by the Scottish Photographic Federation and available from bobbooks.co.uk

News from the Rurals



CROOK OF DEVON – President Mrs Isobel Mill welcomed members to the first meeting of the new season. After business was concluded, she introduced former Lord-Lieutenant of Clackmannanshire, Mrs Sheena Cruickshank, who gave us a talk on her duties as a Lord-Lieutenant and setting up The Lord-Lieutenant's Golden Jubilee Trust.

Mrs Jean Jackson gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Cheese Scones	- Jean Jackson
Flower of Month	- Sheila Lamont

CLEISH – New president Mrs Alison Morris welcomed new and old members to the September meeting. She then welcomed our speaker for the evening, Mr Richard Boyd, and representatives Valda Smith and Effie Trail from the Red Cross. We enjoyed a presentation on the history and the work of the Red Cross. After supper, business was attended to.

Competitions:

Flower of the month	- Anne Douglas
Holiday Snap	- Anne Douglas

BISHOPSHIRE – A good number of members turned out to hear John Helliwell talk about Mary's Meals. He explained how, from small beginnings, the charity now is able to feed a large number of children, mainly in Malawi and Liberia. As a result of a balanced meal of 'porridge' the children are able to go to school and thus have an education. Through SWRI all members are now making up back-packs containing essential items of clothing, toiletries and writing materials. When distributed, these back-packs are usually the only thing a child can call its own.

Competitions:

Sandwich suitable for a picnic	- Janette Gardiner
Collage card	- Norma Smith

CARNBO – President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members and visitors to the September Meeting. It started with a minute's silence for Maisie Reid, a good Rural member who died in July. Elizabeth then introduced Mrs Annie Sutherland who gave a most interesting talk on Games Old and New.

Competitions:

Toy from the past	- Mrs Ann Munro
Flower of the Month	- Mrs Cath Mearns

GLENFARG – Glenfarg's new session got off to a tasty start when President Margaret Scott introduced the demonstrator for the evening, Catherine Hamilton. Taking only three ingredients for each course, Catherine concocted a delicious and simply produced meal which every member was able to sample. The boozy dessert was especially wonderful!

Margaret Cumming was the Tea Hostess and gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Greetings card	- Allison Messenger
Raspberry Jam	- Allison Messenger
Flower of the Month	- Sheila Harley



Sports News

Kinross Otters

The Midland District Sprint Swimming Championships

Olympia Pool, Dundee, 8 September

The annual Midland District (Tayside) Sprint Swimming Championships event seeks to identify the fastest of the fast. And so it was that every club in the District turned up at the Olympia Pool in Dundee on Saturday 8 September with the intention of being just that. The competition was fierce as the cream of Midland District battled it out for the major honours on offer. This was the Otters first meet of the swimming year and they performed admirably, although, for the first time in a very long time, there were no medals for the girls. Last year's total haul of ten medals (no golds) was easily exceeded and the team ended up with 17 medals, with five of those being gold. Personal bests fell all over the place.

Again, this year it was **Aaron Gillon** (13) who set a blistering pace and what a rollercoaster of a day he had! It looked set for disaster when he slipped off his blocks in the 50m Butterfly final where he had qualified quickest. There is little time to recover from a virtual standing start and he had to settle for bronze in 32.10 secs. However, he made significant amends in the 50m Freestyle (26.98), 100m Individual Medley (1.10.31), 50m Backstroke (31.74) and 50m Breaststroke (36.46), where he won gold medals. It was the backstroke where he gained most plaudits when he broke the Midland District Record, which had stood for eight years, by two hundredths of a second in the heats (31.73 secs). He was again in the limelight in the 100m Individual Medley, when to his horror, he was initially and erroneously disqualified, only to be re-instated as winner some minutes later.



Euan Boyle (12) also had a fantastic day, breaking all his personal bests and winning a gold medal in the 50m Backstroke in a very quick 34.50 secs. He claimed a further four silver medals in the 50m Butterfly (36.47), 50m Freestyle (30.58, but he had dipped under the magical 30 secs in the heats), 50m Breaststroke (39.77) and 100m Individual Medley (1.20.48).

Cameron McCloskey (14) had a very bronze kind of day winning five bronze medals out of a possible five, again all in personal best times and all quicker in the finals than the heats (50m Butterfly 32.90, Freestyle 28.77, Backstroke 33.73, Breaststroke 39.68 and 100m I.M. 1.14.61).

The final medal tally was completed by **Finlay Nesbitt** (12) in the 100m I.M. where he won a bronze medal (1.22.70) and in the 50m Backstroke where he won silver (36.45).



Left to right: Cameron McCloskey, Finlay Nesbitt, Euan Boyle and Aaron Gillon

Kinross Curling School

There are Beginners Courses on the following dates:

Saturday 13 October 2012	11.45am – 2.45pm
Saturday 19 January 2013	11.45am – 2.45pm
Sunday 27 January 2013	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Saturday 9 February 2013	11.45am – 2.45am

If you are interested in any of the above sessions, please contact: Claire Milne, Area Curling Development Officer, c/o Curling Rink, The Green Hotel, 2 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AS. Telephone 01577 863467.

Email: kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org

Web: kinrosscurlingrink.blogspot.com

Web: royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org

Facebook: kinross curling rink



Orwell Curling Club

Orwell Curling Club, Milnathort, are looking forward to another successful season of curling following the Club's opening bonspiel which took place at Kinross curling rink on 25 September. The club, which was founded in 1826, draws members from the Parish of Orwell comprising Milnathort and the surrounding area. We are always on the lookout for new members, whether you are an existing curler or new to the sport. The club offers a full programme of internal competitions as well as inter-club matches, the highlight of which is the annual match against Kinross. Anyone interested in joining should contact Hector Snoddy on 07833 711817.



PILATES AND YOGA (small classes)

Windlestrae - 10.30 Tuesday
11.15 Wednesday & Friday 9.30 Saturday
Masonic Hall 10.00 Monday
Swansacre 5.45 & 8.00 Tuesday (yoga)

To book contact (text preferably)
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Kinross Tennis Club



Although the summer weather was disappointing, there has been plenty tennis activity at the club with the junior summer camps well attended, league matches played and excellent numbers of entries in all the club championships.

The 2012 Junior Club Championship results are:

Mini - Red (8 & under)	Jamie Walker	
Mini - Orange (9 & under)	Jamie Walker	
Mini - Green (10 & under)	Brandon Davidson	
	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
12 & U Boys Singles	Cameron Walker	Callum Buchanan
12 & U Doubles	Cameron Walker & David Shepherd	Callum Buchanan & Jamie Walker
14 & U Singles	Cameron McCloskey	Toby Irwin
14 & U Doubles	Cameron McCloskey & Cameron Walker	Alasdair Bennett & Rebecca Douglas
18 & U Singles	Rachael Campbell	Rory Irwin
18 & U Doubles	Rory Irwin & Finlay Young	Rachael Campbell & Cameron McCloskey

The 2012 Seniors results are:

	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner Up</i>
Gents Singles	Michael Russell	Mauro Salmi
Ladies Singles	Gail Nelson	Rachael Campbell
Gents Doubles	Alan Russell & Michael Russell	Mauro Salmi & Tony Greener
Ladies Doubles	Gillian McCloskey & Gillian Galbraith	Gail Nelson & Helen Kotlewski
Mixed Doubles	Gail Nelson & Mauro Salmi	Alan Russell & Maggie Byford

Well done to everyone who participated and thanks to Richard Green and Tony Greener for tournament management and to everyone who helped with the teas and supported the finalists.

Congratulations go to Rory Irwin, Andrew Greener and Tony Greener on successfully completing the Level 1 Award in Coaching Tennis. They will be working with Head Coach Alan Russell on continuing to deliver a full coaching programme throughout the rest of the season. The autumn programme of coaching is underway; there is still time to come along, so if you would like further information and booking for junior coaching please contact Helen Buchanan, Junior Coordinator, by emailing kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com or on mobile phone number 07918 055434. Details for all adult coaching can be obtained from Susan Malcolm, Secretary at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Please come along and join in playing tennis. Non-members and new members are always welcome at the club, so if you are new to tennis or you would like to get playing again, please contact Susan Malcolm, Secretary, at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Do you have Photographs of Kinross-shire

you'd be happy to share with others?
Visit www.kinross.cc to find out how to add your photos to the Photo Library. The aim of the library is to provide a resource for promoting Kinross-shire.

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

The new season has arrived with the 1st XI in East District Division 1 and the 2nd XI in East District Division 2, with each team playing 22 league games this season. The club has played and won two pre-season friendlies.

Training has started at KGV on Tuesday nights 7.30 to 9pm and it's very encouraging to meet a lot of new members this season and everyone is most welcome, no matter what your age or ability.

Andrew McIntyre runs a mixed youth development team, the Kinross Kobras, with training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at KGV from 6.30pm.

Forthcoming league fixtures:

September

29th	1sts v Alloa	Away
	2nds v Fidora Lions	Away

October

6th	1sts v Grange Development	KGV 10.30am
	2nds v WITrinity	KGV 12pm
13th	1sts v Erskine SM 3rds	KGV 12pm
	2nds v Erskine SM 4ths	KGV 1.30pm
20th	1sts v Edinburgh Uni 4ths	Away
	2nds v Edinburgh Uni 5ths	Away
27th	1sts v Grange 5ths	Away
	2nds v Edinburgh Colts	Away

For further information, either contact Hamish Donaldson on e-mail: captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk or Gordon Balfour: secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk or visit our website at www.kinrosshockey.co.uk or why not come down to watch a home game? Your support will be most welcome.

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The junior hockey season got off to a good start with an U10 team and an U12 team playing in a Dundee Wanderers Tournament. Both teams won two of their four matches and showed good skills and teamwork. They ended up mid-placed at the end of the tournament behind teams from Dunfermline and Dundee.

There are tournaments being hosted in Perth and Dunfermline over the next few weeks so plenty of opportunities for the junior players to get some match practice.

The training sessions on a Thursday are now at full capacity and new Tuesday night sessions (6.30 - 7.30 at the KGV astroturf pitch) have been introduced to enable new players to part in the sport.

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Kinross Road Runners

Forth Road Bridge

An unprecedented 40 KRRs made their way to North Queensferry for the start of this year's Forth Road Bridge 10k on August 12th for what turned out to be a busy week for many of the runners. First home for Kinross was Andy Laycock in a time of 36:41 to pick up the 1st Male Vet prize. Second Kinross home was Jillian Gordon who clocked a time of 39:10, ensuring she scooped the prize for 1st Lady. Maureen Hill (42:26) picked up 2nd Female Vet 50 prize.

The unstoppable Roger Stark helped himself to yet another award when he was 1st Male Vet 70 running a great time of 53:14. Kinross Ladies (Jillian Gordon, Maureen Hill and Hazel Porter 42:42) managed to bag the team prize this year too. Well done ladies!!

Ceres 8

Two days after the Forth Bridge 10k came a very different prospect altogether as 17 KRR decided to take on (a very hilly) Ceres 8.

First KRR home was Allan Kemp in a time of 51:51 closely followed by Jillian Gordon (52:09) who picked up the prize for 3rd Female overall.

Super Maureen Hill (55:34) picked up yet another prize, this time for 1st Female Vet 50.

Our resident Ultramarathon man Andy Johns also ran at Ceres this year and clocked an impressive time of 52:47. Not bad when you consider he was no doubt recovering from some "silly distance" race at the time.

KRRs in the hills

Well done to Sally Kinsell who has now created an unassailable lead in the women's hill running championship. She maintained her record of scoring maximum points in the club championship hill races when she completed the Lomonds of Fife race on 19 August.

Congratulations also to John Boyle who chose the Lomonds race for his club championships debut. It is possibly the toughest of the club championship races and not for the faint hearted.

Perth 10k, 26 August

The Perth 10k takes in two laps of the North Inch. This means it's a flat course and provides good PB potential.



Out of the 21 KRRs who took part, Andy Laycock and Pippa Coutts were first gentleman and lady. But special mention must go to Lisa Hill, who achieved her sought-after sub-60 10k in a time of 57.23. Well done Lisa, all the training is paying off!



*Kinross Road Runners Douglas Leitch, Julie Rose, Jillian Gordon and Vicky Parsons doing the 'Mobot' at the Perth 10k.
Photo courtesy of Roadrunpics.com*

Gateside Gallop!

13 KRRs ran the Gateside Gallop race on 5 September. It was a lovely evening to run this fun 4-miler, up the Dryside Road and round the back of the Bunnet Stane. Husband and wife Andy Laycock and Pippa Coutts made the V40 class a family affair by both winning their age categories in times of 25.59 and 31.37 respectively.

The other KRRs running were: Andy Johns, Nick Rowan, Marinos Calothis, John Boyle, Stuart Dobson, Anne MacIntyre, Allison Smith, Gordon Donnachie, Alison Robertson, Sarah Eaton and Norman Smith.

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Kinross Vaulting Group



Our last completion on the 16th of June was at Easterton, near Gleneagles. Results were:
Senior individual: 3rd Lesley Campbell on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Junior individual female: 1st Yazmine Williamson, 4th Hannah Ballantyne both on ILPH Islay, 5th Hayley Roberts on Robbie, all lunged by Liz Mackay.

Junior Individual male: 1st Duncan Lewis on Robbie lunged by Liz Mackay.

Child individual: 1st Atholl Pettinger on Robbie, 3rd Kirstin Henderson on Robbie, 7th Kirstin Henderson on ILPH Islay, 12th Heidi Ballantyne on Robbie, 13th Luke Crichton on Robbie, 16th Joanne Drysdale on Dazzling Edition, 17th Heidi Ballantyne on Dazzling Edition, all lunged by Liz Mackay.

Canter individual: 1st Hannah Henderson on Robbie lunged by Liz Mackay.

Pas de deux: 2nd Hannah Ballantyne and Kirstin Henderson on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Novice squad, consisting of Hannah Ballantyne, Heidi Ballantyne, Kirstin Henderson, Duncan Lewis, Atholl Pettinger and Joanne Drysdale on ILPH Islay, lunged by Janice Henderson were 2nd.

Walk individual class b: 2nd Laurie Mcfarlane, 3rd Louise Scott both on Robbie and lunged by Janice Henderson.

Walk individual class a: 4th Jessica Turner, 6th Mark Porteous and 8th Robbie Park all on Robbie and lunged by Janice Henderson.

Walk pairs: 3rd Laurie Mcfarlane and Louise Scott on Robbie lunged by Janice Henderson.

September this year was going to be a very busy time for us. The English championship was due to be held on 8 September. Lesley, Duncan, Kirstin, Hannah Ballantyne and Heidi were all due to travel south for this competition but sadly it was cancelled due to the death of one of the organiser's vaulting horses.

Sunday 16 September is the Scottish championship at Falkirk this year and the following weekend we're off to Hull for the British Equestrian Vaulting championships! Hopefully I'll have some fantastic results to report back with!

I'm also really sad to report the death of one of our own vaulting horses, Max. He is going to be missed greatly by all of us.

Kinross Volleyball Club

Indoor training commences at the Community Campus on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm after the school October break. Over the summer period two members of the Kinross Club attended Referee Grade 4 training.

Also over the summer new members have joined the club. Anyone interested in taking up volleyball should just turn up at the campus any Monday evening at 7.30pm.

By the time the Newsletter is published, Kinross teams will have participated in Perth District League's pre-season cup competitions at both Premier and Recreational standards. Kinross teams have always done well in these competitions often winning both cup competitions.

Perth district league competitions commence after the school October holidays, with five teams from Kinross competing in the two leagues. Kinross also intends to participate in the Central Scotland Regional League. Last year saw the Kinross club reach the Scottish final, losing out to Dundee University.

Orwell Bowling Club

The evening of Saturday 18 August was actually dry for many bowlers trying their hand at target bowling.

This was followed by dancing to music by McTel's Disco, and then a quiz organised by Michael Reay, which was won by the Tomney Two and friends.

The Bells' Invitation Triples on Sunday 19 August also fared well weather-wise and saw a good turnout.

Winners: Sandra Fullerton (Orwell), Steve Ewart (Glenfarg) and Iain Ferrier (Causewayhead).

Runners-Up: Tony Venn (Orwell), son-in-law Kevin and Grandson Aaron (the latter aged 9 years - both of Abernethy).

Third Equal: Dave Scott, Kirsten Dougray (Orwell) and Neil Gannon (Kennoway) and Bobby Brian (Orwell), Paul Alcoat and Joyce Hague (both Kinross).

Friendlies: Perth West End (away - 4 mixed triples) on Sunday 26 August was lost by 20 shots.

Headwell Seniors on Wednesday 29 August (away AND indoors! 4 x mixed triples) lost (lost count).

Auchtermuchty Seniors (home) Tuesday 4 September won by five shots.

Aberdour (away) 4 x mixed triples Saturday 8 September lost by 13 shots.

Luncarty (away) 4 x mixed triples Sunday 9 September lost by 1 shot.

We are now well into our "Finals Period" with our Open Rink Competition, the annual meet with "Maitland" for the Quaich still to come. We will be closing the Green on Saturday 29 September with the proceeds being donated to the RNLI.

As so many competitions have been cancelled this year due to sodden greens and constant downpours, we trust that the promised Indian Summer will materialise and that we can play the remaining games under blue skies and autumn sunshine.

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



Training has resumed after the summer break at Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club. We wish a warm welcome to all new players and hope you are enjoying the sessions. Dates for the Regional Development League tournaments are now available, and we will be entering an under 14 team at each tournament.

We welcome Craig Bell, S6 pupil from Kinross High School, to the coaching team. Craig has played for several years at National League level with Perth Phoenix, both for under 16 cadet men and for under 18 junior men.

The coaches focus on fitness and having fun, and learning new basketball skills. If you are in Primary 6 or 7, S1 or S2 and are interested in basketball or would like to give basketball a try, just come along to the campus any Tuesday from 6pm - 8pm.

Our weekly training sessions cost £3.00 each and, if you want to join the club, there is a one-off annual payment of £10.00. The one-off payment includes the loan of a club strip for the season.

If you would like to get involved in any capacity, or would like any further information, please call Karen Nicholson on 01577 862623 or email k.e.nicholson@btinternet.com or Fraser Notman on 01577 861801 or email chippysauce@btinternet.com.

Kinross Cycling Club

Kinross Cycle Road Races

On Sunday 9 September about 130 cyclists from all over Scotland came to Kinross to take part in the inaugural Kinross Cycle Road Races which were organised and run by Kinross Cycle Club. This was the first time the club had ever run an event of this standard and a lot of hard work and preparation went into ensuring that it was a very successful event, enjoyed by riders, marshals and spectators alike and which more than met the standards and requirements of the Scottish Cycling Association. Club members had even been out in the days before the race, armed with brooms, to sweep the roads clear of stones and mud and make it as safe and enjoyable for the riders as possible!

The gods were clearly on our side, providing us with the perfect clear, still autumn day to send off riders for the morning race (Ladies and Vets) and afternoon race ('Category 4' riders). The race followed a scenic route through the lower Ochil Hills with a challenging descent and a series of steep sharp climbs. Many of the riders commented on the beauty of the countryside, which was new to them.



One of the Kinross Cycle Road Races. Photo: Ian Henderson.

Riders were led out in convoy north from the Community Campus, through Milnathort to Drunzie from where they were allowed to race over eight laps of five miles each passing through Duncruevie, past Glendy Burn Stables and Middleton Reservoir, along Bankhead Road to Netherton and from there back to Drunzie. Despite the physical exertion clearly required to complete the course, all the races finished with sprint finishes.

In the combined Vets and Ladies race the winning lady was Jen Taylor of West Lothian, and George Findlater of Moray Cycle won the over 60s category. The overall race winner was David Gibson of Dooleys Cycles in a time of 2:01:58. Second was Andy Wilson of Falkirk Bicycle Club. KCC's own Andy Bruce came a creditable 7th in an exciting sprint finish.

The up and coming riders in the 'Category 4' level race was led for much of the way by Andy Colman of Edinburgh Road Club. Andy made an early solo break only to be hauled in by the peloton during the last lap. The eventual winner on a photo finish after a hard sprint was Michael Paton (Falkirk Bicycle Club) with a time of 2:06:26. Douglas Taylor (Deeside Thistle) and Jack King took the other podium spots.

The Race Director for Kinross Cycle Club, John Myerscough, said he was "delighted" with the way event ran, which was only possible by virtue of the club members who turned out in droves to help run the event. The race Commissaire (John Davies of Scottish Cycling) congratulated the club on an excellent event, commenting that a lot of experienced organisers could have learnt a lot from the way KCC ran this event.

Club Chairman and Event Organiser Paul Zarb commented: "As usual we had terrific support from the local community and Perth & Kinross Council with spectators along the route and use of the terrific facilities at Loch Leven Community Campus. We would to thank all the residents and motorists for their patience and support on the day."

Photographs and video online

Morning vets and ladies race photos at:

www.flickr.com/photos/ianmh247/sets/72157631494443568/

Afternoon young guns photos at:

www.flickr.com/photos/ianmh247/sets/72157631495076128/

The exciting ladies and vet riders video can be viewed on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vyyQLiKOos

The afternoon race video on YouTube can be seen at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnSIN5piYZ0

For the race website with full details of race etc go to: roadrace.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk/

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Milnathort Golf Club

Senior Section

On Thursday 23 August, the Senior Gentlemen played the Ladies of the Club in the, now annual, friendly match. There is absolutely no truth in the malicious rumour which was spread that the Scottish Ambulance Service was put on standby for this fixture!!! At the end of the day, the honours were even, but since the Seniors were the winners of the Macdonald/Crawford from 2011, they will retain it for another year. A grand day was had by all who took part and the participants enjoyed a buffet lunch after the event. The winner of the 'best dressed' gent (judged by the Ladies) was Ron Macdonald. Next year it will be for the Lady with the Best Hat – judged by the Senior Gents – so be warned! The fifth round of the Seniors Quaich was played on Thursday 30 August, and the winner on the day was Jim Hunter, ahead of Ron Macdonald in second place and John Power, third. All to play for in the final round of this competition on 20 September.

On Tuesday 4 September, we held our Seniors Open with a good entry from Clubs throughout Scotland. The furthest travelled was a player from Orkney. The main winners were:

Best Handicap	
score overall (66):	A Anderson, Elmwood Golf Club
Cat A (55-64 years):	Colin Gibson, Milnathort
Cat A Best Scratch:	G Muir, Burntisland
Cat B (65- 69 years):	A Anderson, Elmwood
Cat B Scratch:	C Payne, Milnathort
Cat C (70+ years):	R Lamont, Bathgate
Cat C Scratch:	A M Harper, Pitreavie

Thursday 6 September saw us play a novelty two-man Texas scramble and the winning pair on this occasion was Phil Leiper and John Power, with Ron Macdonald and Jim Hunter being pipped at the post by one shot.

The final round of the Charlie Macari Trophy was played on Thursday 13 September (maybe that's why it rained again!) First home on the day was Jim Hunter followed by Dave Mitchell and Roy Stevens in third. This resulted in the overall winner of the Trophy this Year being Dave Mitchell, second Roy Stevens and Ron Macdonald coming in third.

Junior Section

The last medal competition for the Milnathort Juniors, the September Medal, took place on 13 September and was won by Rory Hutchison. Other recent winners have included Jamie Fulton in the Autumn Medal, Struan Fotheringham in the Autumn Cup and David McIntyre in the Stirling Cup. The last junior competition, and chance to win some silverware, of the year will take place at the end of September – the three-person team event, the Castrol Cup, which will be followed by the annual junior prize giving. The Clubgolf coaching ended with the juniors playing a couple of holes on the course to see if their instruction could be put to good use. Prizes of caps and balls were handed out to all those that took part.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Milnathort Ladies Golf Club

The results of our competitions are as follows:

Montgomery Medal (Rd 5): Patricia Lowry
SLGA Medal (Rd 5): Patricia Lowry
Breakthrough Cancer Charity Brooch: Deirdre Calderwood
Montgomery Medal (Rd 6): Karen Allen
Roberts Cup: B Brannan & Mary Barrie, Runner Up Evelyn Jackson & Kath McConnell
Rosebowl: Karen Allen, Runner Up Sue Jones
The Ladies Open on 25 August was abandoned in the early afternoon due to torrential rain and flooding. Sponsor prizes were won by:
Audrey Thomson (Robertson Farm Suppliers); Bronze Longest Drive, Jen Saxton (The Complete Look); Silver Longest Drive, Kirsty Flockhart (Edmondson Electrical Wholesalers); Nearest the Pin, Sue Jones (Lady Captains Prize); Local Lady.
It was decided not to reschedule the event due to the lateness of the season and the unpredictable weather. All monies were returned to the competitors.
This was our final Open of the 2012 season but we look forward to our 2013 Two Ball in May, Seniors in July and Open in August.

Kinross Rugby Club

Seniors

There have been a good number of senior players taking part in training at Kinross Rugby Club and their hard work has started to pay off. The 1st XV have played two league matches so far. Although both have been losses, the team has competed well and made sure the opposition have had to work hard for their wins. There are a number of home matches throughout October, as below. Please come down and support your local team.

Saturday 6 October	v Stirling University (Home)
Saturday 13 October	v Grangemouth (Home)
Saturday 20 October	v Madras (Away)
Saturday 13 October	v Fife Southern (Home)

New players are always welcome at our training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Training for the youth teams is at KGV on a Monday evening. Full details of matches, training and who to contact are available on the KRFC website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/kinross

"Kinross Cougars" Mini Rugby:

The season has now commenced for 2012-13.

Kinross Cougars are the junior section of Kinross RFC, and we train boys and girls from school years P1 to P7. During September the first competitive matches of the season commenced, with tournaments at Howe of Fife and Dundee, the boys and girls of Kinross once again played to a high standard winning most games.

At the moment, due to the popularity of the P1 – P3 sessions, we have had to introduce a waiting list at this age group due to the players v coaches / helpers ratio, so if you would be able to spare a couple of hours on a Saturday morning and help out, we would be able to increase numbers and get more children involved.

For more information, please contact the Kinross RFC youth convenor Kelman Chambers on: kelman_chambers@hotmail.com.



Kinross Golf Club

The season may well be coming to a close and those lucky winners will shortly be receiving their Invitation to attend the annual Prize Giving Evening on Saturday 3 November.

It was disappointing the last two Opens of the season were affected, with the most probable cause being the inclement weather. The Senior Men's Open had a greatly reduced entry from previous years, whilst the Ladies Open had to be cancelled completely due to lack of numbers.

Men's Team matches:

Kinross reached the semi-finals in both the Scratch League (against Pitlochry) and Coronation Trophy (against Muckhart), but lost when matches went to extra holes.

Four Kinross players qualified at Glenisla for the match play stages of the County Strokeplay to be played at Blairgowrie.

The Seniors won both their inter club matches against Aberdour at home and away at Balwearie.

Two Kinross Ladies achieved success in recent Opens winning first handicap prizes, Anne Moore at Milnathort Senior Ladies' Open and Betty Brannan at Ladybank Seniors Ladies' Open.

Congratulations to our two Champions this year, junior girl Jennifer Saxton who won our Ladies Scratch Championship for the first time beating Hiliary Rogers in the final and Ann Smith who also beat Hiliary in the final of the Handicap Championship.

Two new knock-out competitions introduced for the 2012 season, the Bruce Foursomes has been won by Mary Graham and Elspeth Caldwell beating Heather Gough and Jennifer Saxton. To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Jubilee Foursomes saw either Lady/Gent or Junior/Gent competing. The winners were Ronnie McHale and junior girl Jennifer Saxton beating Ann Smith and Tom Bruce in the final.

In recent Scratch League Matches the Juniors lost away to Crieff 4-1 but won at home against Blairgowrie 5-0.

Scott McLeod played in the St Andrews Boys Under 18s Open and qualified to play in the match play stages but unfortunately lost in the first round. Scott has also been selected for the Boys County Team to play against Fife and Clackmannan at Gleneagles.

Junior member Ogilvie Robertson has reached the final of the Club's Piper Cup.

Application Forms for both Social and Full Membership to the Club can be obtained by calling Liz McKay, The Club's Admin Secretary on 01577 862237, or email: office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk.

Kinross Ladies' Hockey

www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk



During the past month the club has been busy with pre-season matches after being invited to participate in a friendly against East Kilbride Ladies and to take part in the Glasgow Academicals' tournament, the only Midlands League team to do so. As these clubs play in the national leagues, their invitations were a flattering indication of their regard for the standard at Kinross Ladies.

Expecting a tough match, we set off for Stirling to face East Kilbride. There was much 'kit envy' over their cow print outfits as we fielded a team of first, second and new team players. We acquitted ourselves well but unfortunately lost 2-0. Although we don't like to complain about good weather normally, we blamed this loss on the fact that, having perfected the art of playing in the rain, summer arrived that day and the heat took it out of us.

A week later we descended upon Glasgow for the Accies' tournament. We kicked off with another match against East Kilbride, once again in blazing sunshine. Lovely play from Amanda Jane Coombe and Vicky Carver resulted in a goal in the opening minutes - unfortunately they equalised and the end result was a one-all draw. Our remaining matches were similarly hard fought, much enjoyed but sadly lost although not to an embarrassing degree - 3-0 seemed to be the result of the day. As soon as we finished playing, however, the sun went in and the rain came down. Vicky's comment, 'I have never been so glad to come second to last in a tournament' reflected the feelings of the team as we watched the remaining competitors get drenched as we sheltered in the great indoors with our liquid raffle prizes.

A player absent and greatly missed from these games was **Gail Nelson**, who had been selected for the Scottish Masters over 40s team. She participated in the Home Nations tournament against England, Ireland and Wales and the first ever Federation of International Hockey Masters World Cup. This involved around 900 players, male and female (not in the same match) from various continents. The women's category consisted of seven nations: South Africa, England, Ireland, Wales, Australia and New Zealand. Scotland finished fourth overall, only losing to the winners, New Zealand, by 2 goals to 1. Gail not only achieved this cap but also scored a mid-height- reverse-volley shot goal against South Africa. Not bad, Gail, but next time remember - Kinross Ladies first, Country second!

More information on results, fixtures and social events can be found on our website. For any other information please contact the club secretary, Libby Simpson, on 07941 465811 or e-mail libbysimpson1@gmail.com.

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Kinross Cricket Club

2012 End of Season Report

2012 will long be remembered as the most rain affected season the club has ever faced. The 1st XI only managed to play 11 of the 22 planned league fixtures and can be delighted to finish mid-table in the 1st division. The star performer was club captain James Ross whose consistent batting, including a century against Norwood in the last match of the season, was one of the highlights of the year. The Sunday XI only walked out to bat on two occasions in the 20-week season and almost all of the community events were cancelled with the exception of the Community "6's" which was won by Kinross Rugby Club. The Kinross Ladies managed to play a number of evening games but saw their weekend fixtures cancelled.

Junior cricket was equally disrupted by the weather, although Kinross were again shown to be in the top tier of Scottish Junior cricket as our Under 13's reached the finals of the Scottish Cup for the fifth time in six years. Our U12 Girls won the first Cricket Scotland National Girls Competition and our U13 boys won the Glenalmond "6's" tournament. The links with local primary schools brought more success as both Portmoak and Milnathort reached the national finals of the Scottish Primary Schools Kwik Cricket Competition. Kinross High School reached the final of the Scottish Secondary Schools Cup, beating Dollar Academy in the semi-final before coming runners-up to a very strong Glenalmond College. This is the first time in the competition's history that a state school has reached the finals and it is a great credit to all the players and coaches that they created history this year.

Three juniors, Fraser Gosse, Zoe Conway and Claire Jackson, were selected for International honours as they played for Scotland. Fraser was part of the Scotland U15 Team for the European Championships. Zoe and Claire travelled around England playing in the ECB U17 Girls County Championships. Additionally, 20 of our juniors were selected for places in the area and regional academy winter training squads.

On 17 September the Community Campus hosted the annual Junior Awards which were presented by Sarah Halliday, Sports Innovation Manager for the Gannochy Trust. The award winners are detailed at right.

2013 will see the club move to its new home at Wester Balgedie and it is expected that the success of recent years will continue to be built upon, assuming the weather improves!



Kinross Cricket Club 2012 Junior Award Winners

ECB Kwik Cricket Bronze Certificates

Ollie Wilson, James Wilson, Daniel Shah, Katy Hynd, Ben McLachlan, Ross Telfer, Euan Hardie.

Bronze Trophy Winners: Ben McLachlan, Ross Telfer, Euan Hardie (each with 23/24 marks).

ECB Kwik Cricket Silver Certificates

Andrew Clark, Ben Volland, Luke Volland, Ramsay Scott, Jake Hodgson, Joe Jennings, Douglas Young, Ben Surtees, Andrew Hynd, Kirsty Galloway, Freddie McCreanor, Callum Ainge.

Silver Trophy Winner: Ben Volland with 24/24 marks.

Silver Runners Up: Callum Ainge, Douglas Young, Luke Volland (each with 23/24 marks).

ECB Kwik Cricket Gold Certificates

Eleanor Baughan, Eleanor Culley, Abigail Hall, Callum Shah, Lewis Smart, Fraser Turnbull, Alex Turlik, Hannah Robb, Hazel Bennet, Alex Wilson, Iona Sutherland, Mitchell McMaster, James Lornie, Holly McLachlan, Ben Salmon, Douglas Geissler.

Gold Trophy Winner: Ben Salmon with 29½ out of 30.

Gold Runner Up: Alex Wilson with 29/30.

Inter Cricket Certificates

Toby Douglas, Ross Hunter, Findlay Langton, Euan Nicol, Rebecca Peedle, Gilleasbuig Peterson, Jack Muncey, Daniel Sproul, Daniel Round, Daniel Reilly, Kelly Smart, Duncan Warnock, Alex Wilson.

Inter Cricket Trophy Winner: Toby Douglas with 71/73 marks.

Under 11 Hardball Awards

U11 Bowlers of the Year:	Gilleasbuig Peterson and Sally Weir
U11 Batsman of the Year:	Suley Ulla
U11 Fielder of the Year:	Euan Nicol
Most Improved Girl:	Kelly Smart
Most Improved Boy:	Findlay Langton
Spirit of Cricket Award:	Ross Hunter and Rebecca Peedle

Under 13 Awards

U13 Bowler of the Year:	Jack McCreanor and Stuart McCreanor
U13 Batsman of the Year:	Lachlan Peterson
U13 Fielder of the Year:	Finn Hall
Most Improved:	Craig Lewis
Spirit of Cricket:	Ryan Shah

Under 15 Awards

U15 Bowler of the Year:	Calum Weir
U15 Batsman of the Year:	Fraser Gosse
U15 Fielder of the Year:	Callum Gosse and Fraser Gosse
Most Improved:	Benjy Collins
Spirit of Cricket:	Zoe Conway

2012 Junior Player of the Year Zoe Conway

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Hi again and thanks tae Caroline Rance (or Nance Rance as I call her), wur visitor and events officer, fur sendin in a wee spiel last month, as i wiz oan hoaliday when the deadline fell.

Richt then, since yer stuck wi me again which nae doot will mak things harder tae read fur sum o' ye; awfa sorry aboot that but stick wi it.

The pinkfeet geese are startin tae come back tae the reserve fae Iceland, which is aroond a week earlier than some o' them pit in an appearance last year. Hope that's no a sign o' things tae come durin the winter. So far, at time o' writin, we have aroond a thoosand or so in the area; numbers will build ower the next few weeks till we reach peak numbers in October.

Ither avians include a grand selection o' winter ducks, again numbers will build ower the comin weeks. Summer migrants are still hingin aboot wi things like blackcap, spotted flycatcher and hoose martin still fleein aroond mid September. The swallows in the toilet block hiv produced a late brood o' chicks and by the time ye read this they shid probably be fledged, awe bein weel. Lots o' osprey hiv been passin through, headin back tae warmer climes in Africa. A few rarer birds like lesser scaup, a wee duck that looks kinda black 'n' grey 'n' white – a bit like tufted duck colour. A hobby, a slick wee raptor, also blasted across the loch yin Saturday as weel. Migrant waders like greenshank 'n' ruff hiv also been goin through, stoppin tae feed on the loch on the way.

Wi winter creepin up oan us, noo is a guid time tae start stockin up on bird feed. The shop offers fur this month include Peck 'n' Mix buy yin get yin free and selected bird feeders fur a fiver including the metal yins if yer bothert wi squirrels which maks them less than half price. If yer new tae the area and no been intae the centre before, why no pey us a visit and see whit's oan offer tae help yer gairden chums through the cauld, dark, dreich days tae come. Chefy boy is noo makin homemade organic granary breed fur chawin awa at wi the equally homemade organic soup so ye kin gie that a try enaw when yer in if ye like. Feed the birds, feed yersel! Some o' ye micht ken Lorna oor Tuesday volunteer in the café wha is goin intae hospital fur a knee operation so winnae be aboot until she recuperates, so best wishes tae her fur a speedy recovery.

Events comin up include baith dawn 'n' dusk **goose watches** which need tae be pre-booked tae get a place. **The dawn watch** is oan **Wednesday 10 October** startin at 6.45am till 8.45am, followed wi breakfast in the café. Costs are £7 for members 'n' £10 non-members, includin breakfast. **The dusk watch** is on **Wednesday 17 October**, startin at 5.30pm till 7ish. Costs fur that yin are £4 members and £7 non-members, complimentary cuppa included in price. Please contact the centre oan the usual number 01577 862355 if ye wid like tae book places.

Think that's it again fur this month.

Ta ta,

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



As I write this article I can hear the familiar sound of Pink-footed Geese flying over the office on their way back in to roost on the shores of Loch Leven. The first winter arrivals were recorded on Wednesday 5 September - a week earlier than last year, and two weeks earlier than the year before. The following Wednesday, approximately 1000 geese were seen flying around the south shore of the loch, some of which may be passing through, and some of which may be here to stay the winter. A couple of Whooper Swans have also been seen during this time in front of RSPB, and we await larger numbers as they also return from Iceland. Numbers of Tufted Duck counts are currently double that of last year's data, which we believe may be indicative of the vastly improved water quality currently being enjoyed at Loch Leven. All in all, our wildfowl assemblage is building up and taking a familiar winter shape, with larger numbers also of Wigeon, Pintail, Shoveler, Gadwall, Teal and Coot.

A Pink Sunset - Saturday 13 October, 5-7pm

Burleigh Sands

A Dawn Goose Watch - Sunday 21 October, 6.30-8.30am

Kirkgate Watchtower (note change of location)

To celebrate the return of the pinkfeet, and to share the wildlife spectacle of Loch Leven, we're inviting you this year to join us for an evening, and a morning, so as to get the full flavour of daily goose movements as they leave their roosts and return after a day away feeding. Loch Leven's high level of designation is based in no small part on the presence of up to 10% of the global population of wintering Pink-footed Goose, and every year we look forward to their return. The location is ideal, with plenty of feeding grassland and agricultural land nearby, and relative safety in the form of a large water body.

If you have never experienced the sight of thousands of geese taking off or coming in to land, then these walks are definitely not to be missed. Our events are free, so please call 01577 864439 to book your place early, as they are likely to fill up fast.

An Unexpected Visitor!

Every effort is being made both locally and nationally to prevent the spread of Grey Squirrels in Scotland. At Loch Leven we are fortunate enough to still have a few Red Squirrels locally, and with squirrelepox having not been recorded this far north yet, our native



A pine marten sitting in a grey squirrel trap!

squirrels are definitely hanging in there with a little extra help. While checking our Grey Squirrel traps one day last month, however, we did not expect to find a female Pine Marten! As far as we are aware this is the first confirmation of Pine Marten at Loch Leven, and would very much appreciate any further records. Upon finding and releasing her, we took the traps in, opting for an altogether more natural form of Grey Squirrel control!

That's all for now folks.

Craig



Farming

Creeping calves and bootcamp for collies

Last year, we had to start feeding silage to our main batch of cows in mid August since they hadn't enough grass. This year we cut the stocking rate by 20% (added to the fact they were put in the field three weeks later than usual in the spring) and I thought 'well at least we won't have to feed them in August this year' – wrong again! I think we started about five days later this year. We have also started giving the calves some cake (also called nuts or pellets – not the chocolate or carrot type with butter icing and hundred and thousands) to help keep them growing as their mothers' milk supply will be falling and they are not yet old enough to have enough stomach capacity to get enough nutrients from what is now quite a limited supply of grass and silage alone. We feed the calves the 'cake' in what is called a calf creep feeder. This is basically a low shed with a trough in it for the calves to eat out of. One side is open so they can 'creep' in to gain access to the feed in the trough. There are vertical rails on the open side which are set wide enough to let calves in but not cows. There is also a horizontal rail which can set high enough to let calves underneath, but helps keep the cows out as well. However, there are some really determined cows who, in desperation to reach the tasty snack inside, spend the day trying to squeeze between the rails. It is quite funny watching them down on their knees trying to stretch their necks like giraffes and extend their tongues like an ant eater in their efforts to reach the trough, but it is also quite infuriating as all the activity means that the area around the creep feeder usually ends up being a complete 'glaur hole' (mud bath) caused not so much by the calves feeding but by the cows 'plowtering' (trampling) endlessly round it. The ewes and lambs have been weaned and the lambs have been put on the one lush field of grass on the farm to help them fatten quickly. We have only had one small batch sent to the market so far but hopefully the plentiful supply of grass will mean that quite a few will reach a suitable quality in the coming weeks. Glen, the collie not-so-pup, has been helping shift the sheep and is very keen, although we keep him on a long rope to help control him. He will hopefully be going to a collie 'boot camp' soon to get some

proper training as we don't have the skills to teach him properly. (As you can see from the picture he was recently perfecting his 'drive'!)



Glen the not-so-pup collie perfecting his drive

The cereal harvest is progressing slowly across 'Newsletter' country, with combines treading carefully across the soft fields. Yields and quality are generally quite poor but there is an improvement in price due to predictions of a poor global harvest.

Here at Backward Farm, our barley is almost ready to harvest (it should be almost certainly be tidied up by the time you are reading this) so we have the chain ready to rescue the dinosaurs in case they get stuck. It will be nothing short of a miracle if they don't get stuck this year. Fingers crossed.

With the year wearing on and the nights fair drawing in, I might even learn to tweet or do Facebook. Don't hold your breath but stranger things have happened. Not often, but they have, apparently – like going a whole article without mentioning the you-know-what.

Thought of the month – what did the inventor of hundreds and thousands call them at the time of their discovery? Ones and twos? Some? Wee puckles? Answers on a postcard please.

John

Weather by Malcolm Smith

August Weather Report From Carnbo

The weather of August finished the Summer as it had started in June: high rainfall totals, with very little in the way of settled, dry weather. One slight consolation was that temperatures were above normal most of the time, especially at night due to the persistent cloud cover.

Rainfall for month	133mm (160% of average)
Heaviest fall	17.7 mm (27th)
Rain days	22
Dry days	9
Highest temperature	21°C (10th)
Lowest temperature	1°C (31st)
Average temperature	13.3°C
Lowest ground temperature	0°C+
8 days complete cloud cover	total cloud cover 75%
Thunder recorded on	3 days

The Horror story of Summer 2012

Total rainfall	431mm (170% of average)
Rain days 66, dry days 17, trace days 9	
Highest temperature	22°C (5 July)
Lowest temperature	1°C (31 August)
Average temperature	12.1°C
Sunless days 26, cloud cover 75% app	
Thunder on 5 days	
To sum this up, three very dreich months!	
PS Summer 2011	
Total rainfall	370mm (146% of average)
Rain days	45
Highest temperature	23°C
Lowest temperature	3°C
Average temperature	12.2°C



Gardens Open

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



Gardens, and some properties, open regularly not too far from Kinross		Opening Arrangements		Admission		Disabled	Contact
				Adult	Child	Access	Number
Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	to 31 Oct	Mon-Sat	1100-1700	£11.50	£8.50	gdn only	0844 4932186
		Sun	1300-1700				0844 4932186
Hill of Tarvit mansion & gdns (NTS)	1 Apr-29 Oct	Thu-Mon	1300-1700	£9.50	£6.50	partial	0844 4932185
Hill of Tarvit grounds only (NTS)	all year	daily	to dusk			yes	0844 4932185
Kellie Castle & garden (NTS)	to 29 Oct	Thu-Mon	1230-1600	£9.50	£7.00	partial	0844 4932184
Kellie Castle garden & estate only (NTS)	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	1000-1800			yes	0844 4932184
Culross Palace, study, town hse and gdns	October	Thu-Mon	1230-1600	£9.50	£7.00	no	0844 4932189
Culross Palace gardens only (NTS)	all year	daily	1000-1800			difficult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gdns, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£6.00	£5.00	partial	0844 4932193
Scone Palace grounds only	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£5.80	£4.00	yes	01738 552300
Botanic Garden, Canongate, St Andrews	Oct-March	daily	1000-1600	£2.00	£1.00	yes	01334 477178
Pittencreeff Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 720285
Braco Castle gardens, Braco (SGS)	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.50		partial	01786 880437
Cambo House, Kingsbarns, KY16 8QD	all year	daily	1000-1700	£5.00		yes	01333 450313
Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff	1 May-31 Oct	daily	1300-1800	£5.00	£2.00	yes	01764 681433

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.

Hill of Tarvit Plant Sale and Autumn Fair

10.30am – 4pm

Sunday 21 October

A wide range of interesting and unusual plants for sale plus generous clumps of herbaceous plants for any size of garden at bargain prices. A celebration of local food will include a cookery demonstration and various stalls selling local produce. Demonstrations of country crafts will be on show and a nature quiz trail around the estate will be available. A fun day out for families and gardeners alike.

Admission: £2.00, children free. Save the Children Fund receives 40%, the net remaining to Scotland's Gardens beneficiaries. Refreshments available.

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Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



Famously where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567 and forced to abdicate before dramatically escaping, this semi-ruined 14th century castle is set on an island in beautiful Loch Leven, within a National Nature Reserve. There are lawns and picnic benches on the island. No wheelchair access. Dogs not permitted.

The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier, where there is parking, a Historic Scotland shop and a bistro. Opening times for 2012:

1 April to 30 September: Daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm
(last outward sailing 4.30pm)

1 to 31 October: Daily, 9.30am to 4.30pm
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Admission prices: Adult £5, Child £3, Conc £4.
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Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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 Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

Church open for visiting or quiet contemplation Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon (Note Pram Service on Tues mornings during school term).

Leasing Church or Church Centre

Contact Church Office or Church email (see above).

For more details of events see: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise. The church has disabled parking, ramp access and a disabled toilet. Kinross Church Centre, High Street, has ramp access and a disabled toilet.

Harvest Thanksgiving– Offering of Talents

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services at 10.30am and 6.30pm on Sunday 30 September are the culmination of this year's 'Faith in Action' programme. Following two Open Days in September, and the delivery of a Talents leaflet to the congregation, this is the day to consider what Talents we have to offer and to return the Faith in Action leaflets. Leaflets can also be obtained from, and returned to, the church office.

Harvest Thanksgiving– Harvest Appeal

This year's Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal is to support the refurbishment of the Presbyterian Church in Cape Maclear, Malawi. The congregation currently worship in a tumbledown building with no windows and no seats. The church and community is already connected with Kinross Parish Church by its previous support of the Sangalala Maize Mill and with a personal connection through Billy and Sarah Samanyika.

Regular Services and events

Sun 10.30am: Morning Service. Crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'JamPact' (Secondary age) during Morning Service and, at 7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (£1 upwards) in church centre.
Tues 10am Pram Service.
Wed 12 noon Mid-week at Mid-day: Time for Prayer.
Fri The Brigade, Church Centre.
 Anchor Section 6-7.15pm, Junior Section 7-9pm, Company Section 8-10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).
Sat 10am-noon 2nd hand book stall and café, Church Centre.

Special Services and events in September

Sun 30 10.30am: Harvest Thanksgiving with Offering of Talents.
 6.30pm: Informal Evening Service 'Gifted for Purpose'.

Special Services and events in October

Mon 1 8.00am: Time for Prayer - Silent Meditation (30min)
Tue 2 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.
Sun 7 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by Informal Communion
Tues 9 7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre. 'Holy Whitewater', Rev. Scott Burton
Sat 13 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office).
Thu 18 9.00pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline (20min).
Sun 21 7.30pm: Concert, with church choir, three organists and guests. In memory of choir member Joëlle Jack. Collection on behalf of Breakthrough Breast Cancer and Manse Fund.
Tues 23 7.15pm Guild, Church Centre. 'Fair Trade', Isobel Watt
 8pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.
Sun 28 6.30pm Informal Evening Service.
Tues 30 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison
 Telephone: 01577 863461
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 Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,
 11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

Evening Service most weeks at 6.30pm in Orwell Hall (1st and 3rd Sundays).

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

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

Morning Prayers at 9am

in Portmoak New Room on Monday and Thursday each week
 in Orwell Church on Tuesday and Friday each week

Dates and events for your diary

Friday 28 September – Oasis in Portmoak New Room
Share a favourite recipe.

Sunday 21 October – Back to Church Sunday

Saturday 27 October – Harvest Soiree in Portmoak Hall
 7pm until 9pm

Saturday 28 October – Harvest Thanksgiving Services
Everyone Welcome

Oasis Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.
 10.15-11.45am last Friday of the month.

Guild meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Orwell Hall
 7pm between September and March.

Church office & shop open Mon – Sat. 10am until 2pm.
 29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

Christian cards, gifts, bibles & books for sale. Also internet access; printing & copying facilities; recycle ink toners, spectacles, stamps & batteries. Meeting room available to let.

Contact the Office 01577 861200
orwellportmoakchurch@yahoo.co.uk

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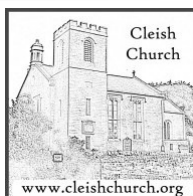
Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.00pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6.30pm	Children's Club (term time)

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Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am

Crèche and Junior Church 11.15am

October

Sun 7 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 14 11.15am All Age Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 21 10.00am Harvest Festival: Brian Ogilvie,
followed by Harvest Lunch in Village Hall.

Sun 28 11.15am Morning Worship.

Other Activities

Saturday 20 8.30am Men's Group: Elizabeth Wilkie
Hall, Fossoway Church.

Sunday 28 7.30pm Cleish & Fossoway Joint Choir
Annual Concert in Cleish Church
(see Notices).

Monday 29 7.15pm Guild Meeting in Village Hall.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Mrs Sarah Oxnard Telephone: (01577) 864213

Mr Sandy Smith Telephone: (01577) 862536

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

October Services

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

Tue 9 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.

Sun 14 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

Sun 21 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

Sun 28 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

2nd Tuesday of month 7.30pm informal worship in meeting
room.

Everyone welcome at all services

Sunday School and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

Thursday Morning 10am, group Bible Study. Everyone
welcome. For further information, please contact Jan
Campbell, telephone (01577) 862391.

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

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Church and Children's Sunday Club: Every Sunday at
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Evening Service: On the **second Sunday** of every month at
6.30pm. No formal format; lots of praise, worship and joy in
the Lord. Everyone welcome, irrespective of faith or
denomination.

Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job
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visit **www.kinross.cc**

Fossoway Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Locum/Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01755) 840225

Sunday Services at 9.45am

October

Sun 7 9.45am Locum Brian Ogilvie. Morning Worship.

Sun 14 9.45am Locum Brian Ogilvie. Morning Worship.

Sat 20 8.30am Men's Breakfast. 'Has our Society
become too tolerant?'

Sun 21 9.45am Harvest Thanksgiving.
Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 28 9.45am Morning Worship.
Visiting preacher Rev M Brown.

Thursday 4 October 7.30pm in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall:
illustrated talk by Willie Shand, 'Through the Great Glen'.
Refreshments will be served.

**Wrigglers Group (0-3 years), Junior Church, crèche and
teens group** every Sunday at 9.45am. All meet in church for
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Tots Music: Friday mornings in hall, 9.30am

Café Refresh: Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm.
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Yoga classes: Mondays 7pm - 8.30pm

Joint Choir: Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm.

House group: Please contact Fred for details
01577 840833.

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

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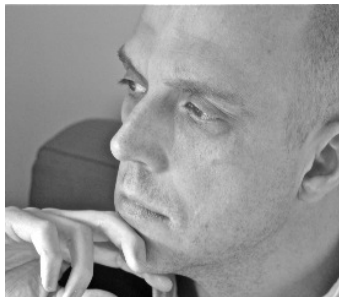
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DAVID WANGERIN 1962-2012

This summer saw the passing of local author, David Wangerin, 50, of Milnathort. David died peacefully at home on 30 June 2012, one month after he was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer.

David was born and raised in the American Midwest, but moved to Britain in 1987, living at first in the English Midlands where he met his wife, Anne. The couple moved to Milnathort in 2000 when David began work in the region.



David Wangerin

David was a fine writer and from his early years combined this with his great love of football. He founded and ran the fanzine *Elfmeter*, one of the first comprehensive English sources on German football and in 1993 wrote *The Fussball Book*, which catalogues German football since the Bundesliga. He was a frequent contributor to the football magazine *When Saturday Comes*. But perhaps his greatest and most lasting contribution was as a chronicler of American soccer history. He wrote two highly respected books on this subject, *Soccer in a Football World: The Story of America's Forgotten Game* which was published in 2006. This was followed in 2011 by *Distant Corners: American Soccer's History of Missed Opportunities and Lost Causes*. In describing David's books, fellow writer, Mike Ticher, states: "David's books are valuable works of scholarship as well as highly entertaining reads, but more importantly he had a humanity and a total lack of cynicism that shone through in all his writing. All his best work was done with no thought for any possible financial gain, but because he loved doing it."

David loved the Kinross area. He was a keen walker and was often seen on his regular route from Milnathort up to the hills and fields around Tillyrie. In addition to supporting his team, Raith Rovers, his other sporting interest was tennis and he was a much-valued member of Kinross Tennis Club. He will also be remembered for his baking skills; many neighbours, friends and colleagues were pleased to be presented with plates heaped with cookies and tray-bakes. David's wish was to create an award or prize to encourage others who write about football outside of the mainstream. His family are working with the magazine *When Saturday Comes* to create The WSC Writers Award, in memory of David Wangerin. Anyone wishing to enquire about donations should contact: elfmeter@onetel.com

DAVID STEVEN MULLAN, of Baleave Farm Cottage, Kinross, died suddenly on 23 August 2012, aged 40 years. Born in Dunfermline, David moved to Baleave Farm at the age of 6 months. David attended school in Kinross and then left school to work on the farm for Eddie and Mary Blackwood. David then joined the construction industry at the age of 17 and continued this until his death. David had a love of fast cars and motorbikes and enjoying trying to 'fix' things. David spent a lot of time with his nieces, Sophie and Abbey; he was fondly known as Uncle Day-Day and will be sorely missed by them.

David is survived by his parents, Dave and Veronica, his brother Stewart and sister-in-law Melanie and their children Sophie and Abbey. David will be missed greatly by all his family and friends.

Acknowledgements

BURROWS – Marjorie Burrows and family would like to thank friends, relatives and neighbours for their comfort, and concern shown following the death of Dave.

No amount of "Thank You's" can ever express our gratitude for the love and kindness shown to him over the last eight years by all at Kinross-shire Day Centre. A collection in memory of Dave towards the work of the Centre, which is of huge importance to so many, raised £545. We are also indebted to the Rev Alan Reid for his kindness and support.

JACKSON – Nancy and Colin would like to thank their family and friends for all the kindness shown when her sister Ann passed away on 18 June 2012.

Special thank you to Rev Alan Reid for his services and words of comfort. Thanks also to Gordon Stewart and his team for making the funeral arrangements with dignity.

McENHILL – Nancy and family wish to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and visits in their recent loss of John. Special thanks to Drs McCracken and Osborne; Crossroads and Elite Care; all the staff and nurses at Ward 8, Perth Royal Infirmary; the Rev Alan Reid for his kind words and comforting service; Stewart Funeral Directors for all their help with arrangements and to all who paid their last respects to John. Grateful thanks for the generous donations received for Crossroads (Perth).

MULLAN – Dave and Veronica wish to thank all relatives, friend and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and visits in their tragic loss of their son, David. Special thanks to Rev Alan Reid for his kind and comforting service; Stewart Funeral Directors for all their help with arrangements and to all those who paid their last respects to David at Kinross Parish Church; grateful thanks for the generous donations received for Rachel House, Kinross which amounted to £501.68.

WANGERIN – The family would like to thank Dr McCracken and the district nurse team for the outstanding care they gave to David. We would also like to thank Rev Angus Morrison who led a wonderful memorial service for David at Portmoak Church in July.

WILSON – The family of the late Michael Wilson would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers received following Mick's death. Thanks to the staff of Ward 6, Perth Royal Infirmary, paramedics, local doctors and nurses for their care and attention. Thanks to Stewarts Funeral Directors for their support and looking after us with courtesy and professionalism; the Rev Reid for his kind words and comforting service and to all who paid their last respects at Kinross Parish Church and at the North Burial Ground.

Recently bereaved? Needing some support? AMONGST FRIENDS

(Bereavement Group)

meets at the Health Centre, Kinross

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

A warm welcome awaits all

For details phone Marg 01577 863557

Playgroups & Nurseries

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Thursday & Friday 9.30am-11.15am

A relaxed and friendly group
 Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
 Children from birth to 3 years
 (5 years if attending with younger sibling)
 Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS!



To join in the fun
 call 07989 795259
 Email milnathortbt@gmail.com
 Or find us on Facebook



FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives
 Sessions daily 9.30– 12 noon

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or
www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross



LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact Laura Reilly 07779 208919, kinross43@yahoo.co.uk

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.15am

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

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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

We are a friendly and relaxed playgroup welcoming children aged 2-5. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the playgroup!

Babies and Toddlers (birth- 3yrs), Tues 9.30am - 11am
 Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am– 12noon

Contact Alaina Dewar (Play leader) 07749 539940
 Website: <http://portmoakunderfives.wordpress.com>

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21 -23 Swansacre

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association

Aka Swansacre Playgroup

Registered Scottish Charity Number SCO17748

Tel: 01577 862071, Mobile: 07592 392235

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



Playgroup sessions

Tues to Fri 9.15am-11.45am; Mon 12.45pm-3.15pm
 Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome

Inbetweeners sessions

Mon 9.05am-11.20am; Tues & Fri 12.45pm–3.15pm
 with Lunch Club before/after
 Children from the age of 3 yrs welcome

Rising Fives session

Wed 1.00pm-3.15pm

with Lunch Club beforehand

This is complementary to preschool Nursery

**For availability or more information, please contact
 Kim 07504 445949, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com,
 or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.**

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

Ante-natal to pre-school.

Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer.

For more information, please contact

Playgroup on 07592 392235

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. For more information, please contact **Michelle 07894 305272** or the **Playgroup**.

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 10.00 to 11.30 (term time only)

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/carer. Activities include painting, craft, dressing up, stories and singing as well as a variety of toys. A snack is provided. Younger siblings also welcome.

**Contact Victoria Jackson on 01577 865617
 for further details,**

or email victoriajackson1@hotmail.co.uk

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children

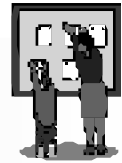
Coffee/tea & biscuits for carer

Lots of toys

Friendly support for all carers

First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Lucie on 07810 201935 or just come along!



Notices

Life Drawing Classes

with tutor **Simon Reekie**

at Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

Wednesdays 7pm-9pm

Cost per course: Adults: £49 Pupils: £34.50

Course dates: **29 August to 3 October 2012**

31 October to 5 December 2012

16 January to 20 February 2013

All abilities welcome. Easels and basic materials provided.

To book: Call 01738 475000 for debit/credit payments or send cheques payable to Perth & Kinross Council with your contact details (tel, postal address and email) to: Arts Development, Blackfriars, North Port, Perth, PH1 5LU.

A discount may be available on written application.

Enquiries: 01738 475000 enquiries@pkc.gov.uk

Potager Garden BIG COFFEE MORNING

in aid of

Macmillan Cancer Support

10.30am until 12 noon at the Potager Garden

Saturday 29 September

Plant Sales Raffle Refreshments Home Baking
Planting Advice

Orwell Girl Guiding and Scouts

in aid of the Refurbishment of
Guide and Scout Hall

JUMBLE SALE

on

Saturday 29 September

at 10.30am

Guide and Scout Hall
Church Street, Milnathort

Loch Leven Community Campus Autumn Fair and Car Boot Sale

Sunday 30 September

10am – 2pm

Free Public Entry £10 per Stall/Car

For more information or to book, please contact

Loch Leven Community Campus, tel 01577 867200

email lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk



Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

Monday 29 October, 4pm to 8pm

Tuesday 30 October, 4pm to 8pm

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

Orwell Book Club

We are a small friendly group who meet to discuss the book of the month (supplied by the library), other books that we have found interesting and lots more besides.

We meet at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month, with the next two meetings being held on **2 October** and **6 November**.

If you are interested in joining us, please call Chris on 01577 864053, to find out more about the club and the venue for the meeting.

Zero Waste Information Session

Free event

Learn how to make compost!

Bring your questions, have a chat and a cup of tea.

Tuesday 2 October, 1pm to 2.30pm

Potager Garden, Bowton Road, Kinross

Music in Dollar

www.musicindollar.org.uk

Concerts are held in the Gibson Hall at Dollar Academy, starting at 7.30pm. Concerts usually last two hours. There is an interval with refreshments available. Tickets on the door: £8 for adults, accompanied children free.

6 Oct 'Swing 2012' (plus Brian Kellock on piano)

10 Nov Andrea Gajic and Anna Rastopchina (violin and piano)

19 Jan 'Northern Lights Wind Quintet'

23 Feb 'Stelle' (four singers plus accompanist)

23 Mar Beinn Artair Piano Trio (piano, violin, cello)

Royal Geographical Society Talk

Perth Concert Hall

Tim Emmett, Professional climber

Global Freezing: Climbing the Ice Wall

7.30pm on **Tuesday 16 October**

£8 adults. Students, U18s and RSGS members free

www.rsgs.org

The Thursday Group

4 October

Rev. Alan Reid

This is a women's group which meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Lower Hall of the Church Centre at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact 863421.

Cambo and District WRI COFFEE MORNING

Cambo Hall

10am – 12 noon

Saturday 20 October

Sales Tables, Teas, Bottle Stall

Kinross-shire Historical Society

Meetings are held at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross at 7.30pm. Membership entitles free entry to all talks. Membership fees: Adults £6, 60yrs and over £5, Under 18s free. Visitors £2 per talk.



Programme for 2012 - 2013

- 15 Oct 200 Years of Retail in Kinross:** The History of the David Sands Group over 200 years. Lindsay Sands
- 19 Nov Archaeological Exploration at St Serf's Island Loch Leven:** The Culdee Project investigating Medieval Monasteries. Dr Oliver O'Grady
- 10 Dec The Braes of Benarty:** The History of Benarty Hill. Prof David Munro MBE
- 14 Jan Admiral Cochrane:** The Story of Scotland's Nelson. Cllr Joseph Giacobazzi
- 18 Feb Kinross Now and Then:** A Comparison of Kinross of Today and Yesteryear. Jim Paterson
- 18 Mar Around Loch Leven:** A photographic look around Loch Leven, its scenery, history and tales. Willie Shand

Kinross Floral Art Club

Our next meeting is at the Windlestrae Hotel
on
Thursday 25 October
7.15pm start

Everyone welcome

Orwell District Guides and Scouts

are holding a
Halloween Family Fancy Dress Party

at the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort

Friday 26 October

7pm - 10pm

Adults £3 Children £2

Tickets can be bought at the units or just pay at the door

Sorry, no unaccompanied children

Orwell Guide and Scout Open Day

Saturday 27 October

2-4pm and 6-8 pm

ON DISPLAY WILL BE

paperwork from the original fundraising for the hall in 1935 and photographs and memorabilia supplied by past and present leaders. See if you recognise anyone. Take a trip down memory lane. £2 entry for the hall fund.

Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort

Make a Difference Day

Family Fun Day

10am - 2pm

Saturday 27 October

Try a range of activities for all ages.

Support and be involved in your community.

Have fun and find out what kind of things organisations and their volunteers do to make a difference to communities locally, nationally and globally.

Inspiration Activities Information Refreshments

Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross

Further info: T Ramsay 01577 867124, TRamsay@pkc.gov.uk

The Combined Choir of Cleish and Fossoway Churches and Friends ANNUAL CONCERT

Schubert 'Mass in G'

Sunday 28 October, 7.30 pm
in Cleish Church

Tickets £5.00

(Available from choir members or at the door)

British Summer Time ends

on **Sunday 28 October** at 2am

Clocks go back one hour

Orwell Old Folks Association QUIZ NIGHT

Thistle Hotel, Milnathort

Thursday 1 November at 7.30pm

£20 for team of 4 or come along and make up a team.

We look forward to seeing you at this fun evening.

Flower quiz winners Nan and Lorna Douglas

Answers can be seen in Post Office, Milnathort

Portmoak Ladies Night

Portmoak Hall

Friday 9 November 7.30pm - 10pm

Come along and bring your friends for an evening of pampering and Christmas shopping!

Relax with a glass of wine while you visit a variety of stalls. Book your slot to have your nails painted or indulge in an Indian Head Massage with the Zen Zone.

Tickets £3.50 from Kinnesswood shop/the school or on the night. (includes a glass of mulled wine/soft drink and a mince pie)

All in aid of Portmoak Primary School

Charity no:SCO43035

Over 18's only

A Day out in Dollar - 10 November 2012

A **Christmas Bazaar** is to be held in the Church of St James the Great, at the west end of Dollar, on Saturday 10 November, between the hours of 10am and 4pm.

In the Parish Rooms, adjacent to the Church, there will be a Santa's Workshop and Face-Painting for the young and young-at-heart and at the east end of Dollar, in the Castle Campbell Hotel Ballroom, an Exhibition and Sale of Embroidery, Small Paintings, Wall-Hangings, and local Crafts. A special "Bazaar Light Lunch" will also be available in the hotel.

This promises to be a fun day out for all the family so make a note in your diary.

An admission charge of £2.00 per adult gains admission to both venues while children will pay only for the visit to Santa's Workshop where they will receive a small gift. Come and enjoy a great day out in Dollar.

Girls 10 – 14: Kinross Guides

Places are available on both Monday and Tuesday evenings. Thinking of joining? Come along and give us a try. We meet in Millbridge Hall from 7.30pm to 9pm on both nights. A variety of activities/outings are planned from now until December.

Interested? Please contact mbs21@btinternet.com or 862945 (Margaret).

Former Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Scouts from Milnathort

Sponsored Walk on Sunday 18 November

Our Guide and Scout Hall is in need of upgrading. We are trying to get former Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Scouts to come together for a sponsored walk from Kirkgate, Kinross to the end of Loch Leven trail. The walk is 7½ miles and we hope to get 75 former guides and scouts to do the walk with the present guides and scouts.

Log into Facebook – key in former rainbows brownies guides and scouts from Milnathort. You will get all the information on what is going on with our fundraising efforts, or call Alison 01577 864262 for a sponsor sheet.

See also Article on The Guide and Scout Hall, page 14.

Cantamus

Concert in Kinross Parish Church
on **Sunday 25 November** at 2.30pm
(part of Kinross-shire Music Festival)

Music from the shows and operetta by Cantamus
No tickets required – retiring offering for Guild charities

Are you suffering from Macular Degeneration?

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

Can you give A Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Contact us to arrange a suitable time to come along and see them for yourself and find your perfect hound for you to take home



Please call or email for details
Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings)
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)
email us on femiejimmyf@aol.com

Disability Sport

There are many activities for people with disabilities at local, regional and national level which welcome people with physical, learning and sensory disabilities. Sports available include swimming, athletics, boccia and bowling. If you would like further information or would like to be included on an email distribution list to keep up-to-date with what is available, please contact Caroline Ness, Sports Development Officer by telephone on 01738 472242 or email CMNess@pkc.gov.uk

Springwell

Inclusion • Wellbeing • Recovery

Supporting positive mental health in Strathearn and Kinross-shire for adults between 16 and 65.

We support people to improve the quality of their life and wellbeing, be more involved in their community, help them achieve their ambitions and manage their mental health. We support people to get involved in their community, improve social contact, be more active, access education, voluntary opportunities or work. The support and activities we offer are flexible and can change and develop over time, depending on what people need and benefit from.

For more information or an informal chat phone Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, CharlesWilson@pkc.gov.uk

Dementia Café for Perth & Kinross



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

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

For further information contact:

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

Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open:

Thursdays, 10am– 8pm and Saturdays, 10am– 3pm.

Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

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

Tuesday 16 October

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

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.



Loch Leven Community Campus
The Muirs, Kinross
KY13 8FQ
www.pkc.gov.uk

Community Learning & Development
Adult Learning
Free local and friendly support with -

Basic Computer Tuition

In small groups at a pace to suit the individual. No prior knowledge of computing is necessary.

- Get to know the computer
- Using Word for basic documents
- Introduction to the Internet
- Using E-mail

English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to –

- Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

Adult Literacy & Numeracy

Reading Writing Spelling Numbers

"I can enjoy books now"
 "I feel more confident"
 "Filling in forms is less scary"
 "I passed my driving test"

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

If you would like further information regarding any of the tuition, please contact:

Roseanne Gray, Adult Learning Worker
 Loch Leven Community Campus
 Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk
 Tel: 01577 867216 / 867177

Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 12 October
for publication on Saturday 27 October



Community Learning & Development
Adult & Family Learning Team

Technology Drop-in

Confused by your Computer?
Intrigued by the Internet?
Errors in your Email?
Flummoxed by your Phone?

The Community Learning & Development IT Tutor holds drop-in sessions to help with any basic technology questions you may have. Sessions are on **the second Friday of every month** from **2pm to 4pm** in the ICT room within the library at Loch Leven Community Campus.

No need to book, just drop-in!

If you need further information, please telephone

01577 867177 or email **sfowler@pkc.gov.uk**

Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us jo@samaritans.org

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays 1630 – 2130 **Thursdays** 1630 – 1900

Wednesdays 0830 – 1100 **Fridays** 1000 – 1630

and 1930 – 2130 **Sundays** 0800 – 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.

We're here for you, anytime.

PKAVS Carers Services

Drop In Session for Carers

Do you look after someone, or know someone that looks after a loved one, who would not be able to get by without their help? If so, the Perth & Kinross Carers Centre are now running Drop In Sessions for carers to pop in and have a chat with our Carers' Link Worker about any needs or issues they require information and advice on.

Every second Monday of the month between 10am and 11am at the Loch Leven Medical Centre, Kinross.

No appointment is necessary. If you would like to meet outwith these times, please contact Kerry Donaghy on 01738 567076 or kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk

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

The Newsletter reserves the right to refuse or amend any advertisement or submission and accepts no liability for any omission or inaccuracy



Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you
want to be involved please ring
07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where
everything is
FREE!

Soups

Snacks

Hot Drinks

Cold Drinks

Home-cooked lunches

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there
will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need



Monthly Reiki Share Group

Second Tuesday of the Month, 7pm - 9pm

Venue: Green Hotel, Kinross (Gairney Room). To enrol,
email Susan King: sking77409@aol.com
or telephone 01577 865533

Mindspace Counselling Service

YOUNG PEOPLES COUNSELLING SERVICE 11-25 YEAR OLDS



Mindspace Counselling Services offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11-25 at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sometimes we all have problems that worry us and it's not always easy to talk to someone close to us. A counsellor is someone you can talk to in a different way, someone who will listen to you very carefully, who will not judge you or tell you what to do.

We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: Feeling depressed/anxious; Making friends/keeping friends; Chaos at home; Feeling angry and don't know why; Bullying; Having a tough time; Parents splitting up; Death of someone special; Confused feelings about who I am; Wanting to hurt myself or others.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.

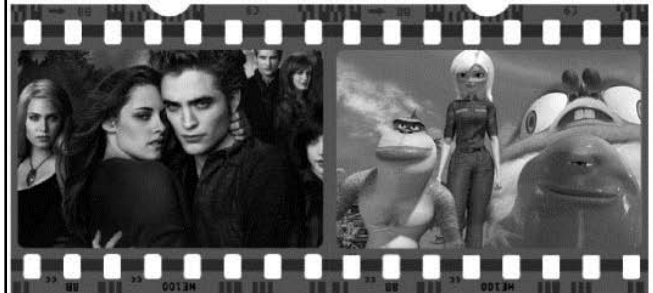


Milnathort filmhouse

big screen movies in october

Breaking Dawn part 1 Oct 27th

Monsters V's Aliens Oct 28th



Breaking Dawn (12A) OVER 18's ONLY
8pm, doors open 7.15pm (BYOB)

Monsters V's Aliens (PG) FAMILY MOVIE*
3pm, doors open 2.30pm

Tickets available on the door and in advance
through our Facebook page. Adult £5 (OAP &
Student concession £3), *Child £3, *Family
£15 (2ad, 2 Ch) Tuck shop available

Milnathort Town Hall



Loch Leven Community Campus Partnership

As a member of the Community, your views and ideas in the development of this facility can be represented through the Partnership.

Contact the Loch Leven Community Partnership on
campuspartnership@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk

Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun.

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Just come along - the more the merrier. No age limit.

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, Rigid Plastic Containers, Textiles, Wood, Bicycles.

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.scottishcf.org

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Fossoway & District: Secy: Kevin Bothwick (01577) 840845,
fossoway.cc@gmail
Portmoak: Secy: Mr J Bird (01592) 840368,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)
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Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

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8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacomazzi (Scottish National Party)
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38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
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85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

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

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: banksgr@parliament.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.

Loch Leven Community Library

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

Telephone: 01577 867205

Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

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

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm

Saturdays 10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

Mobile Library

Week 1: Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge,
Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort
every second Wednesday. Next visit: **3 October**

Week 2: Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlond, Kinnesswood,
Scotlandwell, Hatchbank and Cambo
every second Tuesday. Next visit: **9 October**

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Collier (Vice Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
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Campbell Watson	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
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Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

To raise a concern or issue or to book an appointment to see Roseanna, you can contact her directly by email or by phoning or writing to her constituency office at:

9 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP

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Telephone: 01738 639598

Fax: 01738 587637

You can also follow Roseanna on Twitter @strathearnrose

Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

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Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

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

Bookbug Rhymetimes

every Saturday 10.30 – 11 am

and every Wednesday 2.00 – 2.30 pm

Bookbug Library Challenge: 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.

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11 am	Elderberries	1.30 pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15 pm	Bingo	1.45 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	1.30 pm		
Friday	Scrabble	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm

Additional Events for October

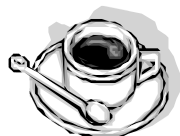
**Kinross Community Care Drop in
Advice & Information**

Friday 26th 11 am - 12pm



Public Holiday - The Day Centre will be closed on Monday 1 October.

Please note: The activities that take place in the Day Centre are open to anyone. Please feel free to come in and have a game of Scrabble or bingo, swing your hips in our exercise class or dance the afternoon away at the Tea Dance, you will receive a very warm welcome.



**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

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

**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda,
Dunfermline**



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

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

9 & 23 October

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.

Newsletter Deadlines 2012

Please note, deadlines are now on a **FRIDAY**. Deadlines for the whole year can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
November	Friday 12 October	Saturday 27 October
December	Friday 16 November	Saturday 1 December

Perth & Kinross School Holidays, 2012-2013

The Autumn term begins on Mon 13 August 2012 for teachers, Tue 14 August for Primary pupils and Wed 15 August for Secondary pupils (extra in-service day for Secondary schools).

	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
Autumn Holiday	Mon 8 Oct 2012	Fri 19 Oct 2012
Christmas Holiday	Mon 24 Dec 2012	Fri 4 Jan 2013
Spring Holiday	Fri 29 Mar 2013	Fri 12 April 2013

In-Service Days and Occasional Holidays:

Thu 15 and Fri 16 Nov 2012; Wed 20, Thu 21 and Fri 22 Feb 2013; Mon 15 Apr 2013; Mon 6 May 2013 (May Day, tbc).

The Academic Year ends on Thu 27 June 2013.

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Classified Adverts

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

Items for Sale

New pine cot, mattress and rocking horse £40 and £60

New pine cot and mattress £40, plus Mammis and Pappas rocking horse 'Brandy', as new, £60.

*Seller details: Carole Drummond 01577 850214
carole@cleish.co.uk*

Chinese Display/Bookcase £50.00

Lovely detailed Rosewood display/bookcase.

Card Table £10.00

Vintage fold out card table with green baize and under shelf.

Chinese Altar Cabinet £50.00

Useful, beautifully detailed storage cabinet. Rosewood.

*For above items contact: Caroline Flory 01577 865103
carolineflory@yahoo.co.uk*

Westwood Wheelhorse ride on mower £650.00 ono

36 inch cut, brush pickup to rear, snow plough attachment available. Older model but reliable. Not used this season.

Seller details: Jim Oswald 07710 785915

Seattle Coffee Table – Oak Effect £40.00

Seattle Coffee Table Oak Effect from Tesco Direct – bought for £80. H45xW118xD50cm. Three drawers and a full length shelf. Very slight mark on corner.

*Seller details: Natalie Smith 07900 495820
nataliesmith@hotmail.co.uk*

Snare Drum and Stand £50.00 ono

Comprehensive PP170 snare, practice pad, stand, stick and bag package features a full size 14" x 6" wooden shell snare. Original price £129. Proceeds to Milnathort Guide and Scout Hall renovation fund.

*Seller details: Dawn Ramage 01577 861492
dawnramage@hotmail.co.uk*

THE KINROSS HUB - A CAFE FOR CARERS

St. Pauls Church Hall, Kinross
First Monday of Every Month 10—12 noon

GUEST SPEAKERS

3rd September 2012

Fiona Mathews (Alzheimer Scotland)
& Card Making Demonstration

1st October 2012

Rhona Garrad (Occupational Therapist)

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.



Contact Gail Boath
or Elaine Kincaid
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310



Mobility Scooters

Available to hire, free of charge, seven days a week
from the Kinross pier

1st July – end October, 10am – 4pm

Telephone Simon Lennox on (01577) 862670
to make a booking.

*This facility is available due to the generous co-operation of
Historic Scotland and Montgomery Hotels Group/Kinross Estate*

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the 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').

Full/Part time staff, Heaven Scent at Kinnaird's Restaurant, Knockhill

Required for working in kitchen and floor in busy diner/restaurant. Must have own means of travel. Experience essential. Weekend work required and some evenings. Must enjoy working as part of a busy team.

Please submit CV to andrew@scotthospitalityservices.co.uk

Full Time Staff, Heaven Scent, Milnathort

Full time member of staff required to join busy team. Working weekends and week shifts, the candidate will work in all aspects of the business from kitchen, to floor to food buffet production and vending. Experience essential. This is not a seasonal role but additional hours can be had working in other areas of the business. Submit CV to Heaven Scent for attention of Andrew Scott.

Minute Secretary Required

for Milnathort Community Council monthly meetings

Please contact bruce@newhillfarm.co.uk

newbies

Every Monday, 2-3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether,
whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support
to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it.

We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and
outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number
01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our
website www.careconfidential.com

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

www.careconfidential.com

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
Diary of Events can be found on www.kinross.cc*

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