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Letters

Editorial

Questionnaire: Thank you to all those who completed a Newsletter questionnaire at the Better Place to Live Fair. We wanted to know which parts of the Newsletter readers value most, and welcomed suggestions. As an encouragement to complete questionnaires, we held a prize draw, and the winner of the £50 prize is Brian Wood of Kinrosswood, so congratulations to him.

We would still like to get more feedback from readers. There is no prize on offer now, but if you would like to give us your views you can complete a questionnaire online at www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Reports to Newsletter: We received a massive amount of material for this Newsletter and had to cut a lot out. Could we issue another plea to clubs and organisations to be briefer with their reports. Thank you.

Local Development Plan: The closing date for comments to PKC is Tuesday 10 April at 4pm. See last month's Newsletter for full details on how to comment. Kinross CC will be discussing the plan on 4 April.

Olympic Flame and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee: Are there going to be any celebrations or events in the Kinross and Milnathort area to mark these? We are so lucky that the Olympic Flame will be passing through New Road and South Street, Milnathort and Muirs and Springfield Road in Kinross before going on through Crook of Devon on 13 June. There are ideas for celebrations on the PKC website www.pkc.gov.uk and the Olympic website www.london2012.com but somebody needs to organise something! Tell everyone via the Newsletter!

Note to Contributors

A great deal of the Newsletter comprises reports supplied by local clubs and other organisations. These reports are accepted in good faith. Clubs etc should ensure that reports are factually accurate and do not contain material which could cause legal proceedings to be taken against the Newsletter.

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Senders must supply their name and address, which will be published with the letter. Letters should be truthful and not contain matter which could cause legal proceedings to be taken against the Newsletter. The Newsletter does not necessarily agree with any of the views expressed on the Letters pages. In *special circumstances* addresses may be withheld from publication on request (but must still be supplied to the editor).

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PKC: Perth & Kinross Council

CC: Community Council

CLlr: Councillor

CCllr: Community Councillor

Help Wanted

Did you work at the Onoto Pen Factory?

I am currently looking for anyone who may have worked at the Onoto Pen factory in Leslie during the 1950s. In particular I am hoping to find anyone who might have known my father, **Peter Ruddiman**, from Leslie. I understand there were some folks from Scotlandwell who worked there. If anyone can help with this I would be very grateful. Please contact me by telephoning 07856732423.

Maureen Watt

A977 at Drum

16 Mar 2012

Following the accident at Drum earlier this year involving a fuel tanker that crashed, resulting, sadly, in the death of the tanker driver and significant damage to the garden ground of adjoining houses, I visited the site and discussed the possible cause of the accident with both the police and Perth and Kinross roads staff.

I also spoke with local residents and understandably they are very concerned about road safety at Drum as we have had a number of accidents here, some involving fuel tankers; a previous one involving a tanker carrying petrol and diesel exploded and the heat was so intense that the road surface melted, resulting in extensive repairs to the road being required as well as all the inconvenience of road diversions.

This time we could have had a far more serious accident as the load being carried, aviation fuel, spilled out and flowed into the gardens of a number of roadside properties.

Fortunately, aviation fuel is more difficult to ignite and whilst there was no fire to be dealt with, local people's lives continue to be disrupted due to ground contamination caused by the spillage. If the fuel had ignited we could have had a much more serious accident.

I have suggested some measures that we could take to reduce the risk of future accidents at this location and these are being considered by our roads department.

Councillor Sandy Miller



CLlr Sandy Miller with local resident Walter Cambers and son Calum at Drum

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

An Over-development Plan?

16 Mar 2012

I have lived in Kinross for over thirty years and in that time I have witnessed the decline of infrastructure in Kinross due to bad planning decisions and a lack of clear strategy. There has been a failure to protect the best of what already exists and invest wisely in solid plans to enhance Kinross for a sustainable future for the benefit of the community. Instead we are all witness to shops and public buildings lying vacant and derelict.

The Development Plan is part of the democratic process and is in place to encourage the involvement of the public in shaping the community they live in. The purpose is not solely to pander to the notions of developers.

The Development Plan proposed by PKC seeks to endorse the plans of developers to swamp the Kinross area with several hundreds (up to 800) more houses. The result would be to further damage the quality of life the area offers by bringing overloading of, for instance, schooling and health facilities, already nearing capacity.

Land currently providing employment use, as at the Motor Auctions site, is now being proposed for yet more houses while greenfield sites, as at Turfhill, are being touted as "employment land".

The proposed Turfhill sites E17 and E36 have been the subject of a Public Inquiry in 1998 and a Local Plan Inquiry in 2003.

Both Inquiries rejected these sites as being inappropriate for development due to their location outside the town boundary which is established by the M90 (in planning terms a defensible boundary) and the fact that other sites within the town boundary are available yet unused.

This merry-go-round of development sites only benefits the opportunistic speculation of developers at the expense of the community.

I am concerned that Kinross CC has made little effort to date to bring to the attention of residents the many issues that the proposed Development Plan raises.

Kinross CC made submissions to this Development Plan process starting in August 2009 – over two and a half years ago. However I am unaware of any well-advertised or well-attended meetings being held by Kinross CC to specifically discuss only Development Plan issues. As a result, I feel many people may have been left without essential information regarding development issues that will affect everyone in Kinross.

The Kinross CC meeting on 7 March did not advertise Development Plan issues on the agenda and those attending did so due to very last-minute notice by word of mouth. The Kinross CC minutes from February state these matters were due to be discussed at the CC meeting on 4 April, just a few days before the deadline for submissions on 10 April and with the Easter bank holiday weekend being between the two dates.

I and others have been critical of the way that the Chairman, Mr Watson, has conducted past meetings and this has resulted in complaints to Kinross CC.

Mr Watson has recorded many times his conflict of interest in major planning matters due to his representing some of the most significant landowners in the area. Mr Watson has stated his interest as agent for the landowner of both the Turfhill site (E17) and the proposed housing site for up to 150 houses adjacent to Davies Park (H46). Both of these sites are being promoted by Wallace Land of Edinburgh.

The submissions deadline to PKC is on **Tuesday 10 April** at 4pm. Residents concerned by development proposals can also express their views at the next Kinross CC meeting on **4 April at 7.30 pm** at the Masonic Lodge, The Muirs.

Ken Miles

Turfhill House, Kinross

Dear Editor,

19 Mar 2012

Seeking Re-election

After taking soundings in the community I have decided to seek re-election for a fourth term of office at the forthcoming local government elections on 3 May 2012 for the Kinross-shire Ward.

Since first being elected to serve the shire in May 1999 I have always sought to represent my constituency's broad views to Perth & Kinross Council.

I shall be standing as an independent candidate, having resigned from the Liberal Democrats on November 2008 over the party's strategy within the ruling administration and lack of overall support from colleagues over several planning issues in my ward.

My main reasons for standing again centre on uncompleted council business that I am involved in, particularly in relation to planning and roads issues.

I shall be making my formal submission to the Council's proposed Local Development Plan 2012 after the last of the six public meetings I will have made presentations to between 23/2/12 and 5/4/12 and I think it is very likely there will be modifications to the Plan for the new Council post 3/5/12 to address. I have also been working with the community since 2004 on a long-term development strategy for Fossoway that has been belatedly acknowledged within the proposed Plan. I also have five unresolved issues on the Finalised Tayplan currently being examined by Government Reporters.

These are policies within the proposed Local Plan still to be developed on landscape, protection of open space and spatial strategy for onshore windfarms that I am very involved with.

I maintain concerns over the deterioration of Kinross Town Centre and I still don't think the proposed local plan provides the necessary overall strategy for its rejuvenation.

The plan completely fails to mention or to address the need for urgent mitigation measures on the A977 and there remains an urgent need to reinvigorate the campaign for a safer A977. Although there has been a speed limit review of the road network, I remain unhappy with it and wish to continue to press for improvements to speed controls on roads in the county, particularly the A911.

I also continue to be concerned at the failings in the planning process and the apparent lack of will to address them, maintaining that there remains a huge 'democratic deficit' at the Council with decisions made by powerful committee convenors over areas where they were not elected, showing little empathy or respect for the views of local members.

So there is much still to be done and I shall be seeking the people's mandate to continue the work in progress.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Michael Barnacle

Independent Member for Kinross-shire

Dear Editor,

19 Mar 2012

Announcement of candidacy – local government election

I am writing to you now to announce my intention to stand for election as a Perth and Kinross Councillor. By way of background, listed below are some of the things I have done over the last 11 years.

Kinross High School Board (2001-6)

Whilst on the Board I wrote a report which found the school was not fit for purpose. Six months later PKC announced Kinross would get a new school!

I chaired the Kinross High School User Group. This group co-ordinated the views of residents, teachers, parents, pupils and other users of the High school to feedback on the plans for the new High School (campus). This was a challenging experience as resident views were rather overshadowed.

Concerns raised by the group over such things as car parking, dining area size, disabled access, and equal access to facilities by all users were not addressed with sufficient seriousness by PKC.

Kinross Community Council (2002-present)

I served as Chair of the CC for two years and in my capacity as a Community Councillor have represented the views of Kinross residents on many committees and groups, including:

Joint KCC and Kinross-shire Partnership Town Centre regeneration committee, which sought to improve Kinross Town centre.

Town Hall sub-committee: We took PKC to task over the status of the Town Hall and won the concession that the whole building was Common Good. We pulled out of the court case in February 2008 on the promise that the property would be put immediately onto the market (it wasn't).

Area Based Initiative Committee: We produced several leaflets on Kinross-shire, you may remember these coming through your door in a plastic pack?

Questionnaire sub-committee: We circulated a questionnaire throughout Kinross-shire and received 324 responses. Unfortunately the results weren't taken seriously by PKC.

Kinross Newsletter Sub Committee: I remain a Director of the Newsletter which does an amazing job of informing residents of Kinross-shire issues.

Kinross-shire Fund: I sat on the Kinross-shire Fund for two years whilst Chair of Kinross Community Council.

Kinross in Bloom (2003-11)

I re-founded Kinross in Bloom and chaired the group from 2003 to 2008. The group helps Kinross look nicer. Whilst Chair of the Group we helped refurbish Gacé Gardens, we planted daffodils and crocuses throughout the town, and organised the Gateway to Kinross (the geese).

Friends of Kirkgate Park (2003-11)

I helped found the Friends of Kirkgate Park and chaired the group for a short time. This committee helped deliver the play equipment and other improvements to the park.

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation (2007-present)

I founded KLEO in 2007. The group has organised Feel Good Fairs in conjunction with the Kinross Road Runners, Gazebo Gatherings, Summer's End Markets and last year's Music Festival.

Conclusion

I have enjoyed my time working to improve Kinross and the shire, however, I believe I could achieve much more were I to be elected as a Councillor. I have therefore decided to stand for election as an independent Councillor on Perth and Kinross Council.

If you would like to help me in my campaign to get elected, please contact me:

Post: 8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, Kinross-shire, KY13 8RZ

Email: dave@kinrossfocus.co.uk

Telephone: 01577 861681

Yours sincerely

Dave Cuthbert

Dear Readers,

16 Mar 2012

Parks enjoyable for all

Spring has arrived and it is good to be out of doors enjoying the freedom of the open space around us. Children are enjoying playing in the park, dog walkers are out, also enjoying the good weather. This was very evident on a recent visit to Kirkgate Park – lots of families enjoying the day.

I think the park and Heritage Trail are busy all the time.

A parent contacted me recently as he was concerned that a dog was rather boisterous in the play area; not all children are comfortable with dogs running freely around them.

I have spoken to the Dog Warden and parks officer and they would like to work with residents and dog owners to make the park enjoyable for all.

It is not Council policy to put signs up requesting dogs' owners to keep dogs away from play areas. PKC hopes that owners will be sensible and respect that some areas should be dog free. We all know dogs like to run around and have fun but this can be frightening for some children.

Kirkgate Park is a great place for everyone to enjoy, young and old. Children should be able to play safely. I urge all dog owners to be responsible whilst out with their dog at any time anywhere, not only in Kirkgate Park but in all parks, particularly near children's play equipment.

I am pleased that the much asked for toilets have reopened, completing the improvements to the park.

The improvements to Kinross town centre may be slow but speaking to visitors to the town recently they thought it was a nice place to visit. Sometimes it is hard to appreciate what we have on our own doorstep.

I hope you are going to take time out of your busy life to enjoy the beautiful countryside around us.

Yours faithfully

Councillor Kathleen Baird

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News & Articles

The Magic of Loch Leven at Your Fingertips

New Tourism Portal Aims to Raise Kinross-shire's International Profile

For many long-standing readers, it may seem like only yesterday that the launch of Kinross Community Council website was featured on the front page of the Kinross Newsletter. However, incredibly, a whole 10 years have passed since that issue, and in the intervening decade www.kinross.cc has flourished and grown. Today it is a veritable hub of useful local information, including regularly updated details of businesses, clubs and societies, events, positions vacant and much more besides. Now Kinross-shire Partnership has launched a tourism portal which looks certain to be a valuable reference tool for any visitors from the UK, or indeed worldwide, who plan to spend time in this truly stunning part of Scotland that we locals are fortunate enough to call home.



Discover Loch Leven at the new website
www.visitlochleven.org

Discovering Loch Leven made easy

'Discover Loch Leven in the heart of Scotland' is the welcoming message which greets visitors to the home page of the new website www.visitlochleven.org, with glorious technicolour photographs dishing up a tempting visual feast of historic, sporting and scenic attractions for visitors to sample. The intuitive, user-friendly site will also be a useful asset for local tourism businesses, who can refer customers there for a taste of what's in store during their planned stay. Moreover, with a view to encouraging visitors to make Kinross-shire their holiday base, the site also highlights the myriad places of interest as well as sporting and other activities located within an hour's drive of Kinross.

Alisdair Stewart, Chairman of Kinross-shire Partnership, has every confidence that the new online facility will be a valuable resource - not only for visitors to the area, but also for local tourism businesses: *"Against the current economic background, and in a highly competitive market, we need to position our tourism offering as attractively as possible. This new website is a first step by the recently formed Tourism Forum (a strand of the Kinross-shire Partnership) which is seeking to tempt more visitors to the area and to encourage those who do come to 'bide a while' longer. The tourism Forum is chaired by Steve Ireland, General Manager of the Green Hotel Golf and Leisure Resort. Development of the website was funded by Perth & Kinross Council."*

Seamless integration

Another impressive feature of the new website is the way in which Euan Brunton, from local web design company Big Crayon, has dovetailed the portal seamlessly with existing data on the Kinross CC site. The result is an easily accessible almanac of information covering just about everything that's going on locally all year round.

Of course, those of us who live in Kinross-shire are already aware of the magnetic appeal of Loch Leven, and know how many exciting things there are to see and do in the surrounding area. Now www.visitlochleven.org provides an attractive and informative online resource which will ensure that the rest of the world can share in that magic, too.

Karen Elwis



Find out where to stay, where to visit and what to do, at

www.visitlochleven.org



Evening Wine Tasting

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Over 30 businesses have attended each of the first five events. Please do come along, everyone welcome whatever size your business. It is a great opportunity for local businesses to work with each other.

EVENING WINE TASTING

Wednesday 4 April 6.30 - 8pm

Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon

With the very generous support of

Forth Wines, Tullibole Castle Weddings and Caroline Watson Catering

Evening £10 per person, partners welcome. Those wishing to use the coach from Kinross and Milnathort to and from the castle please let us know.

To register to attend the Evening Tasting please email: Sandra Ralston, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or call 07774181768 www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk www.kinross.cc



Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon

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TRAIL SCOOTERS

AT LOCH LEVEN

New scooters on Heritage Trail

Four new scooters have been provided for use on the Heritage Trail, replacing four that had reached the end of their useful lives. The new scooters are much larger and more comfortable than their predecessors, and have a longer range. Two will be stationed at Loch Leven's Larder and two at the Pier.

Provision of scooters on the Trail has been organised by the Kinross-shire Partnership, and they are very grateful to the following who have funded the latest scooters: The Kinross-shire Fund, The Arthur & Margaret Thompson Trust, PKC and Thomas Findlay (Holdings) Ltd and to Flinriver Design Strategies who have designed publicity materials.

The scooters are free to use for anyone who would find them helpful in enjoying the delights of the Heritage Trail. Information leaflets are available at Loch Leven's Larder, the Boathouse Bistro at the Pier and at Loch Leven Lodges, at Findatie.

The first time, a user will need to bring some photo ID and a utility bill, but then a membership card can be issued.

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

Kids can get Crafty at Easter

Easter craft session for kids will be held at the library on **Tuesday 3 April**. The sessions will be suitable for children aged 5-11, although under-8s need to be accompanied by an adult. There will be two sessions: between 10.45-11.45am, and 1.30-2.30pm. Tickets cost £3.50 from the library. For more information please call the Library on 01577 867205 or email lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Silver Surfers Events

Are you missing the unmissable? Are computers a mystery? Can you text on your mobile? How can you get an email address? How can you save and manipulate digital photos? These are just a sample of the questions that will be answered during Silver Surfers sessions to be held on **Wednesday 25 April** at the library between 1.00pm and 3.30pm.

Library and Community Learning Development (CLD) staff are jointly organising one-to-one taster sessions lasting 30 minutes. To find out more, book a place and let us know what you want to learn; please feel free to contact the library staff in person or by phone 01577 867205. Alternatively you may contact Ms Roseanne Gray (CLD) by phoning 01577 867216. We look forward to seeing you all.

£10m funding for historic communities

£10m has been made available to local councils to regenerate Scotland's conservation areas. The latest round of Historic Scotland's *Conservation Area Regeneration Schemes* (CARS) funding was announced in February.

Local authorities have until 31 August 2012 to submit an application. Wouldn't it be nice if PKC applied for funds to improve the Kinross Conservation Area?



Swansacre Playgroup is 40 years old!

Swansacre Playgroup is a Kinross-based playgroup and registered charity that has been operating for 40 years – the 2011/2012 year is Swansacre's 40th anniversary! Swansacre was the first playgroup in Scotland and was originally run from the Kinross Servicemen's Club. In the early days, children were picked up in a bus to go to playgroup. The current building was sold to the Playgroup for the princely sum of £1 and has provided a wonderful environment for generations of children to play and learn.

Swansacre celebrated its 10th anniversary with a tree planting ceremony attended by Sir Alec Douglas-Hume.

The organisation will be aiming for a slightly larger celebration to commemorate its 40th anniversary by hosting a **GALA CELEBRATION** for the community in **Market Park** on **Sunday 29 April** from 1pm-6pm. Planned entertainment includes a Teddy Bears' Picnic, A-Star Sports and children's Zumba sessions, face painting, storytelling sessions, circus and walkabout performers, as well as a packed shopping marquee for adults. The day will round out with Velour Amour playing from 4-6pm in the Big Tent. Admission to the gala is free and tickets for the band are just £5 a person. Mark your calendars and plan to come out and join the fun!

Volunteers needed!

Swansacre organisers are not allowed to put up the marquees for the gala until the day itself – and a small army of volunteers is urgently needed.

Said fundraiser Charlotte Giacomazzi:

"Swansacre Playgroup is run as a charity yet offers childcare by fully-qualified playleaders for a fraction of the cost of other facilities.

"It has played a key role in the life of Kinross and Milnathort for more than 40 years and provided so many local people with a wonderful pre-school experience.

"We hope that dads, granddads, uncles and friends will see this as a way of thanking Swansacre and help us make the gala day a really memorable occasion."

Anyone who can help on the day or have skills or talents they would like to offer is asked to call Charlotte on 07740 600424; e-mail

fundraising.swansacre@gmail.com or

contact Swansacre Playgroup via its Facebook page.

More information

Swansacre Playgroup offers an excellent range of pre-school educational sessions, for children aged birth to 5 years old. Details of these groups can be found in the "Our Classes" section on the Swansacre website,

www.swansacreplaygroup.org.uk. All sessions welcome parents and carers, so feel free to drop in during any session to speak to a playleader.

Swansacre is a charitable organisation and has a committee of parents who run the playgroup. If you feel you can offer any help to the organisation, please contact Swansacre Playgroup on 01577 862071 or 07807 908833.



Swansacre Playgroup, c. 1980s. Do you recognise anyone in the picture?

Locals in amateur opera

Baladonians Anita Collins and Roddy Pattison have been attending rehearsals every Monday night since September and most Sundays in March to take part in Perth Amateur Operatic Society's "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street". This takes place at Perth Theatre from **6 April**. This is a polished production and there are nine performances to choose from, so no excuses! Expect skullduggery, suspense and some very black humour amongst classic songs like "The Worst Pies in London" and the excellent crowd song conversation of "Pirelli's Miracle Elixir".

Tickets are available from the Horsecross Box Office on 01738 621031 or by visiting the website at: www.horsecross.co.uk

Milnathort Registrar retires

Local registrar Sandy Smith is retiring after 18 years' service to the local community. As a result, there will be a change to arrangements for registering births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships in the registration district of Milnathort.

With effect from 31 March 2012, the delivery of these services will be transferred to the Loch Leven Community Campus in Kinross, where registration services can be contacted by calling 01577 867333 or emailing:

SouthRegistrars@pkc.gov.uk

If you have a general query about registering a birth, death, marriage or civil partnership, you should continue to contact the main registration office at 3-5 High Street, Perth, which can be contacted on 01738 475121 or by email to perth-registrars@pkc.gov.uk

Runners in kilts wanted for world record attempt!

An attempt to break the official Guinness world record for the 'Largest Ever Kilt Race' is to be held in Perth on **Saturday 2 June** as part of this summer's local Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Scots and fans of Scotland from across the globe are donning kilts and signing up for the nation's world-record-breaking attempt – Perth Kilt Run. The 8km fun run around Perth's city centre and the North and South Inches is set to attract thousands to a day of celebrations, including a 1,000 pipers' parade and a Big Lunch picnic event.

Perth Kilt Run is also a chance to raise money for charity and hopes to break the current record for the most people running in kilts, which currently stands at 1,089 runners and is held by Perth's twin town in Ontario, Canada. The national cause ABF The Soldiers' Charity and local Perth & Kinross charity PKAVS are the event's two nominated charities.

Online registration (£10) is now open to anyone aged over 15 at www.perthkiltrun.co.uk. Runners can also register online.

ABF The Soldiers' charity supports soldiers, former soldiers and their families across the UK in their time of need, while Perth & Kinross charity PKAVS improves the quality of life of over 5,000 disadvantaged and vulnerable people every year.

For further information on the charities visit www.soldierscharity.org and www.pkavs.org.uk or contact Helen MacKinnon at PKAVS on 01738 567076.



Fresh air and cooling breezes - an attempt to break the official Guinness world record for the 'Largest Ever Kilt Race' is soon to be held in Perth

Western Edge link road – construction begins at last

Works to construct the new Western Edge Link Road in Kinross began on Monday 12 March 2012. The new road, to be built by contractors I & H Brown, will connect Clashburn Road in the industrial estate to Junction Road, adjacent to the Sainsbury's supermarket and the Kinross Park & Ride facility. Once completed, the £1.346m link road will help to relieve traffic congestion in the High Street.

New footpath and footbridge created through project

The project will also create a new illuminated cycle way and footpath adjacent to the rear of properties on Montgomery Way, and a steel and timber footbridge to connect the new footpath to the playing fields. Construction is expected to last for four months. Site working hours will be 7am to 7pm Mondays to Fridays and 8am to 4.30pm on Saturdays. There are no plans for Sunday or night-time working. In the interests of safety, for the duration of the works the area will be closed to the public and alternative routes will be signposted. The Council would also ask, on the contractor's behalf, that residents and visitors do not park their cars at either end of the new road to keep the site access clear during the works.

Family Cycle Challenge

Kinross Cycling Club are staging a Family Cycle Challenge on **29 April** using the Heritage Trail around Loch Leven. The event is in support of Scottish Cot Death Trust and you can enter on line by visiting the events section of Kinross Cycling Club website, www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk



Directors needed for Citizens Advice Bureau in Perth & Kinross

Perth CAB is governed and managed locally, but with the benefit of being part of a large and influential national organisation. We are looking for people to join our board to help steer the service.

We provide information, advice and advocacy services to the people of Perth and Kinross. We deal with over 20,000 issues every year. The bureau is a member of the Scottish Association of Citizen's Advice Bureaux and is accredited by the Scottish National Standards for Information and Advice Providers. We have a budget of over £300,000.

We are looking for people with vision, independent judgement and a willingness to give time and commitment to being a member of the Board. The post of director is unpaid but affords a great deal of experience and satisfaction. All reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

We are keen to achieve a more diverse board of directors and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

For more information or an informal discussion on the role of director, please contact:

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Web-site: www.perthcab.org.uk

Scottish Hydro insulation offer

Scottish Hydro has announced that they are to offer free insulation installation to all households, regardless of income or whether they are Scottish Hydro customers.

New Cycle Sportive for Kinross-shire

New Kinross-based events business, One Day Events are launching Sportive Dragons Teeth. The event will be run on 23 June and feature two challenging routes taking cyclists over some of the toughest climbs in the area. The event is supporting the charity Help For Heroes and One Day Events are offering four free places to cyclists willing to pledge to raise at least £125 for the charity. More information can be found on the one day events website: www.onedayevents.co.uk



Hedgehogs need your help!

Did you know that hedgehogs have declined by up to 50% in some areas of the UK in the last 25 years?



'Hedgehog Street', a campaign currently being led by the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) is designed to help you to help the hedgehogs.

By making small changes in your gardens or local area, you can transform local neighbourhoods into ideal 'Hedgehog Streets'!

Lyn Haworth of Milnathort is the Auld Mart estate volunteer co-ordinator and is willing to come and speak to you about what you and your neighbours can do to assist. Lyn has had a lifelong love of these enigmatic wee creatures. Eight years ago she began to help in her own small way by over-wintering late litter babies. She has also nursed and rehabilitated poorly hogs over this period. She currently has four hoglets, all of whom will be fit and strong enough to be released in the Spring. Millie, pictured 'waving', was rescued from Milnathort Primary School last August, when the children found her in a state of collapse. She is now fully recovered and raring to go.



Please contact Lyn Haworth if you would like to help needy hedgehogs!

If you would like Lyn to come and speak to you (with or without a hedgehog!) about how you can help, give her a call on 864666. The smallest of things can make a difference and, as many of you probably know, Lyn loves to talk hedgehogs!

If you would like to find out more about the project in the meantime, please visit www.hedgehogstreet.org

Lochleven Lushes on Caledonian Challenge

Five local ladies (four from Portmoak and one from the Cleish area) have taken up the Caledonian Challenge. Their team is called The Lochleven Lushes and they are walking 54 miles over 24 hours on 16 and 17 June. The event raises money for the Scottish Community Foundation, which distributes 6 million pounds per year to small Scottish charities and voluntary organisations, supporting community activities in every Scottish local authority area. If anyone is interested in taking up the challenge or getting more information about the charity, log into the website www.caledonianchallenge.com. If anyone would like to make a donation to the team this can be done through the website and then by finding the fundraising page of The Lochleven Lushes. You will also be able to meet them in the flesh on 12 May when they will be bag-packing at Sainsbury's in Kinross.



The Lochleven Lushes. I to r: Elaine Carruthers, Caroline Cowe, Lynn Hunter, Kirsty Higgins and Louise Pryde

Live Active Leisure seeks new directors



Volunteers are being sought to help shape the future of sport and leisure provision in Perth and Kinross.

Live Active Leisure (LAL), the company that provides many of the leisure facilities and services available to the public within the district, is looking to fill two positions on its Board of volunteer directors.

Live Active Leisure is an independent Company limited by guarantee with charitable status. The Board of Directors currently comprises eight independent members from a range of professional backgrounds (each with a specific portfolio remit) and three Perth & Kinross Councillors. New Directors are required who have any of the following skill areas: Business Development, Information Technology & Communications, Health & Wellbeing, Strategic Leisure Planning, Events and Academia.

Anyone interested in becoming a Director of Live Active Leisure, or wanting more information about the role, should contact Jim Moyes at LAL's Head Office, Caledonia House, Hay Street, Perth, or by telephone on 01738 492449. Closing date will be when sufficient suitable applications are received.

Land's End to John o' Groats charity cycle

In July 2010 Roy Munro joined with a group "to cycle the Canadian Rockies" for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Now five of them are going "Home Alone UK". Their aim is to cycle from Lands End to John o' Groats **unsupported** over 10 days, navigating the length of the country carrying all their equipment and supplies.

"I am looking for local Kinross-shire businesses to sponsor us, and for only £25, firms can have their logos (4" x 2") printed on the front of our specially made cycle shirts which will be used in photo shoots throughout the journey north," said Roy. "We have set ourselves a target of £10,000 and already we have £3,800 committed from families and friends."

Roy explained: "Each one of us has been touched by the effects of cancer or chronic illness of our family and friends. This is our way to give something back for all the support and care given by the doctors, nurses and staff at Marie Curie Cancer Care. Any small amount can go such a long, long way. **Please Help!**"

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and secure. Go online to www.justgiving.com/thecycle for more information. Monies raised will go to Marie Curie, Scotland. Help the group to reach their target either by going online to the website or by sending cash/cheques to Roy's parents at 7 McWilliam Place, Kinross.



Roy Munro needs sponsorship for his charity cycle journey

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News from the Health Centre



Recent visitors to the Health Centre may have noticed a new picture in our waiting room. The painting has been very kindly donated by Mr Dan Stephen and we are delighted that he has chosen to give it to the Health Centre.

Mr Stephen is originally from Aberdeen and attended Gray's School of Art, but came to Perth with his wife over 30 years ago. He completed a teaching qualification and then won a scholarship from the Royal Scottish Academy which enabled him to travel to London and Italy in 1947. Several of his other paintings can be seen in Perth at the AK Bell Library, Perth High School Assembly Hall and PRI.

Kinross Parish Church gives generously

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland raised nearly £8,000 last year for outside charities, despite also being involved in fund-raising for its own new manse. The Annual Report of the church, submitted to the congregation at its Annual Meeting on 25 March, shows that seven charities benefited from a total of £7,961 last year. These ranged from the local 'Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme', which helps transport local residents to medical appointments, to Christian Aid's 'Water Action Ethiopia', a project that involved many throughout the Kinross-shire community in fund-raising efforts from 2008 to 2011. The largest single donation was £2,700 to 'Tearfund', with which the congregation has close connections through the charity's work in Haiti since the earthquake of 2010.

Rev. Alan Reid, minister of the church, said: "It is great that we have been able to show a practical working out of our Christian faith in this way. Our congregation had some connection with all the charities we supported. One of our biggest efforts was for Shelterbox, a charity already supported by the Rotary Club of Kinross and District. The Rotary was able to provide an example of a Shelterbox, an emergency box of basic shelter and equipment for disaster areas. We showed this in the church and raised £2,000 as our Harvest Thanksgiving for 2011, a recognition of God's bounty to us". He also pointed out that "the congregation has also provided generous donations in kind over the past year to a number of charities and this is all over and above our support of the Church's own work locally and throughout Scotland."

Warning over cold calling scam

PKC Trading Standards are warning local people to beware of a cold call telephone message offering an energy saving plug-in device costing £99. The device is unsafe and is unlikely to save any significant energy.

Bloom cash award

Roseanna Cunningham MSP has congratulated the Milnathort in Bloom Committee on receiving an £8,808 Awards for All grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

The group will use the funds to purchase a polytunnel, which will enable it to grow plants for floral displays around the village.

Active Schools

Senior pupils to gain sports coaching qualifications - young leaders wanted

We are looking for the present S4 –S5 pupils from Kinross High School to apply for a range of sports coaching courses. The aim of the School Sport Coaching project held in Perth on **11 – 15 June** is for pupils to use their newly acquired skills to volunteer at extra-curricular sports clubs at school or if relevant, at a sports club within the community. As part of this volunteering process pupils will be mentored by members of staff from Active Schools, Sports Development or PE. The following courses are on offer; First Aid, badminton, basketball, cycling, disability inclusion, football, hockey, gymnastics, netball, rugby, table tennis and sports leader and coaching children and young people and is funded by the Gannochy Trust.

If you would like more information or an application form, please contact Cath Devanny, Active Schools Coordinator, 01577867220 or CDevanny@pkc.gov.uk. Please note that pupils will also be informed of this opportunity through school. **The deadline for applications is Friday 27 April 2012.**

Secondary School Sport – Extracurricular Activities

Active Schools has a brilliant programme of extracurricular activities on offer for secondary pupils at Loch Leven Community Campus which are free of charge. We want our pupils to adopt an active, healthy lifestyle now and into adulthood. Please where possible can you encourage your child to attend these activities.

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	Badminton S1-S6	Badminton S1-S6	Badminton S1-S6 Volleyball S1-S6 Dance S1-S6	Trampolining	Cheerleading, (stunting, tumbling & Dance)
Afterschool	Basketball S1-S3 Boxercise S1-S6 Rugby Fitness Hockey S1/2/3	Rugby S3/4 *Table tennis P5-S6 Dance Hockey Boys S1-S6	Netball S1-6 Volleyball Lishi Boot Camp Hockey S4 Rugby S1/2	Cricket S1-S6 Athletics P6-S6 Trampolining Rugby S5/6	Boys Football, S1-S6

*Table tennis £2 per session

Primary School Sport at Loch Leven Campus

Athletics, Cheerleading, Netball and Table Tennis

For primary school pupils Active Schools have created four opportunities that are open to all primary children from Arngask, Blairingone, Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Milnathort and Portmoak primary schools. This is a great opportunity for primary children, especially the P7's, to get familiar with the Kinross High School to make the transition from primary to secondary that bit easier and a great opportunity to get involved in a sport and be active.

- Athletics for P6 & 7 on Thursdays, 4 - 5pm. With the Olympics on our doorstep it's a great opportunity to get involved in this fantastic sport.
- Cheerleading for **P7 girls only** which involves stunting, tumbling and dance. This is a great transition opportunity for the P7 girls to meet pupils from other schools, get familiar with the campus, meet a high school teacher and pupils. Sessions will run on Thursdays, 4 - 5pm
- Netball: with two new fantastic local volunteers, we have a new netball club for P5 -7 pupils running on a Tuesday 4 - 5pm.
- Table Tennis, Tuesday 4- 5pm. Sessions are led by table tennis coach Pat Duffy. £2 per session.

All sessions are free of charge unless stated. If you wish to attend any of these clubs, please contact Cath Devanny, Active Schools Coordinator on 01577867220 or CDevanny@pkc.gov.uk and book your place.

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Spring into Learning at Kinross Learning Centre!



Whether you're planning your summer holiday and need to pick up some essential language skills, or want to revamp some jaded furniture, Kinross Learning Centre's spring programme has just the course for you.

French, Italian and Spanish are all available at a range of levels providing you with the vocabulary, grammar, skills and confidence to deal with a range of situations. For those whose talents are more creative than linguistic, Cake Decoration is on the menu. The beginners' class in April will focus on basic techniques such as working with fondant icing, creating flowers and frills etc, whilst the June class will focus on the particular aspects of creating wired flowers.

The full programme also includes beginners' IT courses such as Welcome to Computing, a range of art classes and a new Creative Writing course.

To find out more or to book your place, contact Maureen Ross on 01577 863863 or visit Kinross Learning Centre at Swansacre, Kinross.

Computing

Welcome to Computing	Mon 16 Apr	7-9pm	8 weeks	£55
	Tue 17 Apr	12-2pm	8 weeks	£55
Carry on Computing	Tue 17 Apr	2-4pm	8 weeks	£55

General Interest

Cake Decorating: Beginners	Tue 24 Apr	10am-noon	6 weeks	£58
Cake Decorating: Wired Flowers	Tue 5 June	10am-noon	4 weeks	£40
Creative Writing	Mon 16 Apr	2-4pm	10 weeks	£68

Languages

Holiday Spanish	Thu 19 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£55
Beginners Spanish 2	Wed 18 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
Improving your Spanish Conversation	Tue 17 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
Beginners French 2	Fri 20 Apr	10.15-12.15pm	10 weeks	£68
Improving your French Conversation	Tue 17 Apr	1-3pm	10 weeks	£68
Improving your French Conversation	Wed 18 Apr	10.15-12.15pm	10 weeks	£68
Advanced French Conversation	Tue 17 Apr	10.30-12.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Beginners Italian 2	Thu 19 Apr	1-3pm	10 weeks	£68
Improving your Italian Conversation	Thu 19 Apr	10am-noon	10 weeks	£68
Russian 6	Thu 19 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
Beginners Polish 3	Wed 18 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
Beginners Gaelic 2 ^{ILA}	Mon 16 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68

Art and Crafts

Beginners Watercolours 2	Mon 16 Apr	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Watercolours 3	Thu 19 Apr	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Watercolours 6	Wed 18 Apr	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Watercolours 9	Mon 16 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
The Art of Drawing	Thu 19 Apr	9.45-11.45am	10 weeks	£68
The Art of Drawing Intermediate	Wed 18 Apr	9.45-11.45am	10 weeks	£68
Soft Furnishings	Wed 18 Apr	4.30-6.30pm	10 weeks	£80
Upholstery	Wed 18 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£80

A Month in Ethiopia - Thank You, Kinross

This year my cousin Maureen and I travelled out to Ethiopia for the second year running, to a little village in the south called Buccama. We call our charity EMP - Ethiopia Medical Project. We are not professionals, just enthusiastic amateurs, but you would be amazed at the power of "the white coat". This clinic was brought to our attention in 2010 by a Swiss nurse friend called Beatrice Gill. She was involved in working there with women suffering from severe uterine prolapse. This is an enormous problem in the country - and indeed in much of Africa generally - caused by early marriage, difficult childbirths, the carrying of excessively heavy loads, or the continuing practice of female circumcision, despite it being banned. After our first visit, we rashly promised that we would raise enough money to buy a robust 4x4 vehicle for them, to collect and return the women to their remote villages. They are returned healthy and cured, and able to resume their family life. So the difference that EMP makes to their lives is beyond what most of us can imagine.

Over the year, with a series of fund-raisers, talks, lunches and a huge Burns Night supper, we raised the monies needed to do that. After an exhausting week in Addis Ababa, securing the ordering of the car, and fighting with a multitude of customs officials to release the second-hand medical kit we had brought in, we set off for the clinic. We were greeted, and treated, like royalty, and made to feel incredibly welcome by this very special little community of four saintly nuns, three nurses, sixty or so suffering women, and twelve orphans. We were put to work straight away, and we quickly got a sense of the unrelenting hardship of operating without electricity, minimal water and an even greater shortage of money. Prolapse is relatively rare in Scotland and eminently treatable. In Ethiopia, it is a thing to be ashamed of,

to be frightened of, to be rejected for, and to suffer horribly in silence. We met one woman, who told us that she



A demonstration of the power of pants!

was on the brink of suicide because of it, and had been stopped by her youngest child. She was amazed when the clinic van turned up out of the blue the next day, and that there was a chance of a cure for her. How is that for a miracle?

This article is to thank very sincerely all the various women's groups and individuals in the Kinross area who listened to this story last year, who gave

so generously to EMP, and who contributed thousands of pounds for these women, who have virtually nothing. Pants have power!

If anyone, or any group, needs a speaker in future, then I will be happy to come along to share the story.

If anyone would like to attend or host a "Pants and Pounds" lunch or tea party or event, then please do get in touch. The "Ethiopia Medical Project" EMP is an ongoing project, conducted very simply by two Scottish women. Every penny raised goes straight to the point of need. There are no salaries, and we pay our own flights, and all our own expenses. We know it is only a drop in the ocean, but as Mother Theresa said, "The ocean is made up of drops" and that is what keeps us going.

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Jo Middlemiss with the women of Buccama village, in Ethiopia

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Suspicious Fires

The Kinross Community will be well aware of the series of suspicious fires in the area which started late last year. A significant number of vehicles have been deliberately set on fire, causing not only financial loss and inconvenience to the owners of these vehicles but a great deal of concern in the Community. The Kinross Newsletter, along with other media outlets such as STV, BBC and Radio Tay have supported Tayside Police in highlighting this issue and the response from the wider Community has been outstanding. On 17 March 2012, Tayside Police detained a 58-year-old local man in relation to these crimes. Inspector Ward, the officer in charge of South Perthshire, would like to thank all of those people who came forward with information and their continued support and to acknowledge the hard word of the enquiry team, especially Detective Constable Scott Carswell, for their professionalism and tenacity in helping protect the Community of Kinross.

Bogus Callers

Unfortunately some residents in Perthshire have been subject to bogus caller crimes over recent months.

Bogus caller crime has a very serious impact on the community, particularly on the elderly and most vulnerable. In appealing for information regarding any incidents reported in Perthshire, Tayside Police would remind householders of the measures they can take to ensure they do not become a victim of bogus callers.

In particular, residents should be suspicious of anyone arriving unannounced at their door or even unfamiliar faces appearing in their neighbourhood. They should ensure that doors are secure, even when at home and to use a door chain or door bar.

They should not let anyone in until they are certain of who they are, or who they claim to represent.

With regard to anyone claiming to represent a business, authority or agency, householders should demand to see their identification. Bona fide tradespeople or company representatives will not be offended and will be happy to provide genuine identification.

Even then if suspicions remain, residents should close the door and check with the company the caller claims to represent. Don't take the number from the person on the doorstep, but instead check the phone directory or Yellow Pages.

Beyond that, if a householder remains suspicious they should not let the person in and should contact Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222 or in an emergency contact 999.

Information about suspected bogus callers can also be passed via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

In addition, if anyone has queries over how to make their homes more secure, your local community officers can provide advice on improving home security.

Appeal for Information

Independent charity Crimestoppers is offering a reward of up to £10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the murder of 80-year-old Janet Methven on 20 February 2012.

The appeal is for information on the incident which occurred in the victim's home at Kildinny Cottage, Forteviot,

Perthshire. Crimestoppers needs anyone who heard or saw anything suspicious in the area on that day to contact the charity anonymously to help solve this case and identify those responsible.

Information can be given anonymously on 0800 555 111 number or through their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Counterfeit Cash Warning

Tayside Police is again warning retailers, businesses and members of the public to be on their guard against the use of counterfeit money.

Numerous reports have been received from shopkeepers and retail staff, notably from the Angus and Perth areas, with regard to counterfeit cash in £20, £10 and £5 denominations being offered as legal tender. Counterfeit Clydesdale and Royal Bank of Scotland notes – of relatively poor quality – have been recovered.

People should be vigilant over bank notes they are offered or receive as legal tender and contact the police if they are handed a note they suspect to be counterfeit.

Many shops have devices that assist in the checking of counterfeit currency. There are also a number of simple checks that can go some way to verifying a genuine bank note. Points to consider include:

Paper - Genuine notes are printed on a fine cotton weave, which has a very different feel from ordinary paper.

Watermark - Check the watermark. Hold the paper up to the light. Real notes will have the watermark in the paper. Counterfeiters will print the watermark on to the paper.

Clarity of printing - Under close scrutiny the detail of fake notes may look messy and lack the detail that can be seen in real notes.

Quality of printing - Real notes are printed on "intaglio" presses which raise the ink off the paper and give it a unique textured feel. If the printing on your note is flat, it could be a fake.

Metal thread - Sometimes counterfeiters try to "hot foil" a strip onto the note - but on any real note this should run through the paper.

Hologram - Real notes will have a high quality hologram, but counterfeiters try to get round this by printing an ultra fine foil on to the note.

Serial numbers - Genuine notes have individual serial numbers. But forgers will often not bother - so if two or more of your notes have the same numbers then they're fake.

Compare the note tendered with a genuine note.

Anyone who can assist police with enquiries should contact 0300 111 2222.

Community Officers

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

Constable Sadie Allan
Constable Victoria Riches
Constable Euan Mitchell

Kinross & Milnathort
 Kinross landward
 Abernethy, Bridge of Earn
 and Glenfarg

Community Council News



The Community Council News is based on draft minutes of local CC meetings. Full draft minutes are posted on local websites and notice boards. In addition, Kinross CC minutes are lodged in the community library. Please note, the Community Council News is not a verbatim reproduction of CC minutes.

Kinross Community Council

News from the March Meeting

Attending the meeting on 7 March were: CCllrs D West, D Cuthbert, D Colliar, W Freeman, B Davies, M Blyth, D Mackay and M Scott (Secy); P&K Cllrs S Miller, W Robertson and K Baird and a large number of public. In the absence of CCllr Watson, the Vice-Chairman, CCllr West acted as Chairman. Cllr Baird had a prior engagement and asked if "the Local Plan" could be tabled for later in the meeting. Unfortunately, Cllr Baird arrived towards the end of this discussion. Apologies were received from CCllrs C Watson, L MacKay and I Jack and P&K Cllr M Barnacle.

Minute of last meeting: Reference to Mr Stewart corrected to read "Sir Robert Stewart".

Matters Arising from the February Meeting

Miller's Bar: PKC wrote to the company they believe to be the owners, reminding them of their responsibilities and asking for an update on the development. PKC states that at present, though unsightly, its condition is not serious enough to justify its intervention using the Listed Building legislation. PKC will keep the situation under review.

Public Entertainment Licence: Cllr Peter Mulheron replied that our request had been passed to the relevant Officer.

Future of Kinross Buildings

Former High School site: A closing date was fixed. A report is being prepared for the next PKC committee meeting with a "recommendation to grant preferred bidder status to one of them to allow the sale to proceed".

Town Hall: The extension set by PKC has expired. A letter has been sent to the developer's solicitor and a response is awaited. The developer has to present his proposals for the development.

Mill Street: The CC requested that this area be turned into a car park. Cllr Robertson will ask for an update.

County Buildings: A meeting is planned between PKC and the Partnership. An update will be available at that time as to continued interest of the RCCC in this building.

Link Road: Work on this construction is to start shortly.

Local Development Plan (LDP) - Representations

The Chairman explained that, although on the agenda for the April meeting, following approach by various parties, it was agreed that this matter be addressed at the March meeting.

Two members of the public requested an opportunity to raise comment on this subject and in particular the area to the west of Kinross (H46 and H47).

A representative from Kinross Action Group advised that they objected to the proposed development of Site H46, the area stretching from Springfield Road to Gallowhill Road. Following notification from PKC to a number of properties in the area, a letter was distributed to 200 residents inviting them to a meeting on 14 February. Over 70 people attended and it was agreed that an Action Group be set up. Two further meetings have been held to develop a strategy so that the residents are aware of the possible outcomes of such development.

Their main concern is in relation to highway safety. Traffic on Springfield Road is heavy and pedestrians also use this route. The crossing into Davies Park is on a bend and quite hazardous for children using the facilities on offer in the park. The developers are planning to put an access road through the park, thus increasing the volume of traffic and in turn making this road even more dangerous. They are further concerned at this added traffic affecting Sutherland Drive and Morlich Place, which are currently congested with parked cars on both sides of the street. Davies Park itself will be affected by the construction of an access road through it and there is uncertainty as to how the developers propose to re-configure the park. The proposal to build on this stretch of land could also potentially destroy the appeal of Kinross to visitors in the area. They add that Kinross needs to stimulate trade and tourists so the visual impact is one which should be given a great deal of consideration. They further suggest that PKC should develop H46 as a small community woodland with the current pathway along the old railway line offering access into an area presently enjoyed by many people walking this route. They add that the proposed housing development is inappropriate due to its location so close to the motorway, making houses difficult to sell. Comment was made to access roads being proposed into H46 and H47 (at Lathro) via Gallowhill Road. Again the subsequent increased load in the level of traffic is not sustainable. In closing, they state that as housing has developed over the past number of years, it is unfortunate that the town centre falls into more and more decline with so many empty buildings with many more in total disrepair and there needs to be a pro-active strategy to sustain business in Kinross area.

Mr K Miles then addressed those present, giving notice of his objection to the inclusion of land for development zones immediately west of Junction 6 of the M90 motorway. Sites immediately south of the A977 at Turfhill have been proposed and Mr Miles had the following representations to make. He commented that the Turfhill Public Inquiry of 1998 refused development in this area. The Inquiry established that the site was unsuitable and unsustainable due to being in a location that was beyond the town boundary and divided from it by a busy motorway junction, making pedestrian and cycle access hazardous. The Inquiry found that such a location, being furthest from Kinross was an unsustainable and indefensible choice and by nature would encourage car use contrary to national policies. Evidence at the Inquiry established that the Turfhill site had been the subject of sand and gravel extraction and had been used for general waste dumping purposes. The site was then re-instated as productive farmland after sand and gravel extraction. The land is contaminated with materials which would make it unsuitable for development purposes due to contamination and soil stability issues. The Inquiry further established that the water table was very high, which again would result in making the land unsuitable for development purposes. The Inquiry recognised that the waterlogged ground would also make any attempt at introduction of

mitigation measures ineffective. Attempts to establish tree screening would result at best in poor formation, deterioration, stunted growth and loss of trees. SEPA identify the area of the sites being considered as being at risk of flooding from adjacent watercourses. There is no adequate mains drainage or sewerage available to serve these proposed sites.

Mr Miles continued that the Kinross Local Plan Inquiry of 2003 confirmed the M90 motorway to be an effective and defensible barrier to development sprawl. The Inquiry specifically rejected the inclusion of these sites due, amongst other issues, to their inappropriate location due to it being out of town and at the furthest point from the majority of residential areas for safe and suitable access by potential employees. The Inquiry established that sites established at the Council yard and roadside services were of explicit use ancillary to the motorway.

Mr Miles added that the “building plan” is part of a democratic process and the community has a major interest in this as well. This proposed overloading of the capacity will further damage quality of life in the town. He mentioned that 200 plus houses are also planned for the area at the Motor Auction site.

Kinross CC had (in his opinion) made little effort to date in relation to this matter. He also made reference to Mr Watson conducting meetings when he has an interest in the topic of discussion, adding that a solicitor representing significant land issues should not be Chairman of Kinross CC. He was commenting further in relation to Mr Watson when he was asked to either return to the questions arising from the LDP or to sit down. CCllr West pointed out that it was unfair that he was making these statements when CCllr Watson was not present to hear them or to speak in his defence. He confirmed that in view of past history in this area, CCllr Watson would not be chairing any part in future meetings in which he has an interest (despite this not being required if no decision/vote is to be held). The previous meetings with the developers were for informative purposes only.

The LDP has been added to the agenda for the April Meeting of the CC. Comments/objections have to be submitted to PKC by 10 April. If there are items in the plan that you approve of, please make PKC aware of this.

Mr Miles continued that this is an important issue affecting everyone in Kinross and that he hoped an informative meeting would be held to bring this to the attention of the community.

It was explained that PKC have arranged public meetings (18 Feb & 14 Mar). These were well advertised. PKC is the body responsible for publicising this matter. A further meeting is scheduled at the AK Bell Library in Perth on 31 March. CCllr West added that PKC have a statutory obligation to make land available for housing and have to comply with the required provision.

Answering a query in relation to school capacity, Cllr Baird confirmed that there was ample room at the campus. A problem may arise, however, in relation to catering facilities. The Primary School and Health Centre will also be affected by increased housing.

A member of the public stated he was advised that this was the maximum number of housing we could expect to see. It was added that the housing market is still in a depressed state and that these numbers are very unlikely to be realised.

A member of the public suggested the former High School as a site for housing.

The Councillors agreed the draft and that the plan should be put forward for consultation. Cllr Baird was advised they would not receive another opportunity to discuss this but understood that this was not the case. She added that if PKC are persuaded to take out H46 some other area has to be identified to replace this. If people are lodging objections, suggesting an alternative site might be of assistance.

Answering a question from Mr Miles, Cllr Baird agreed that the proposed access is in the wrong place.

Cllr Robertson commented that he was concerned about the proposed development off Lathro Park and access through Lathro Lane. He mentioned that money was available last year to resurface Davies Park.

Mr Miles had two questions for the CC and these will be answered direct.

(a) Confirm at which meeting a decision was made to support the use of land for employment land, now subject of the Wallace Land proposals?

(b) Confirm details and dates of any representations to PKC regarding the LDP and supply copies.

In closing, Mr Miles asked that Kinross CC now seek and support other options to bring forward more suitable economic employment land rather than those focused on Turfhill.

Planning decisions made by the CC were again addressed, with Mr Miles stating that all meetings should be minuted. It was again confirmed that no decisions are taken at meetings by sub-committees, all matters are voiced at the CC meetings and a vote, if necessary, held then.

CCllr West thanked those present for attending.

Planning Applications submitted to PKC

12/00012/FLL Kinross House: Installation of a formal pool, formation of hard standing, landscaping and associated works.

12/00021/FLL 45 Burnbank Meadows: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/00084/FLL 39 Argyll Road: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/00166/FLL 9 Douglas Crescent: Extension to dwelling house.

12/00226/FLL 8 Macdonald Avenue: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/00271/FLL Villa Conde, Middle Balado: Erection of garden wall and gate posts.

12/00325/FLL Dental Surgery, 2 Station Road: Alteration/Extension.

12/00356/FLL Ivy Cottage, 77 Muirs: Modification of existing consent (11/01278/FLL) erection of five dwellings and relocation of site access. Notification of this application was received from PKC. Malcolm Smith (agent for Simon Wilson Homes) advised that the application seeks to add an additional unit to the development, the additional unit being formed by alterations to the internal arrangements at first floor level within the proposed building, not by any addition to the scale of the structure as approved. It is also proposed to alter the approved access arrangements and to relocate this to the Muirs. Copies of the revised site plan (detailing the building in the same location with a revised access), the internal floor plans and elevations together with a supporting statement were also received. As this information only came to hand the night before and on the day of the meeting, the Secretary had not yet circulated the email from Mr Smith to the CCllrs. As is usual practice, PKC allows 21 days from the date of notification in which to raise any comment/

objection. Thus, a decision on this application would be required before the meeting in April. Having twice previously considered Wilson Homes proposals for this site and objected or commented thereon, it was agreed that the CCllrs would examine the modified plans and report back to CCllr Freeman.

Applications Approved by PKC

11/02073/LBC Kinross House: New roof and flashings.

11/02018/FLL Wood of Coldrain Farm: Demolition of farm steadings and erection of two dwelling houses.

12/00010/FLL 60 Lathro Park: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

Report from Councillors

The large hole in the **zebra crossing** in the Gallowhill Road area has been reported by Cllr Robertson.

Cllr Robertson asked if the CC would support a request for **Sunnypark** to be given a 20-mile speed limit. There are limited pavements in the area. It was agreed that the CC write to PKC supporting this proposal.

Argyll Road: A development study of the traffic is to be undertaken.

TRACKS: An application to the Heritage Lottery Fund is to be made for the balance of funding required to complete the Heritage Trail from the Mill to Vane Farm. It is hoped that this will be undertaken shortly if funding is available although there are still ongoing negotiations.

Kirkgate Cemetery: Cllr Baird confirmed that a bin has been placed at the cemetery.

Correspondence

Planning Democracy is to hold a conference in Edinburgh on 21 April, entitled "Planning - The People's Perspective".

Olympic Torch: Communication from Heaven Scent re. passing of the Olympic Torch through Kinross and Milnathort, offering to be involved in any activities being planned through the area.

Mini Glass Recycling: Notification from PKC of the establishment of mini glass recycling points. The Council ask for suggestions in determining their placement. The CC will suggest Mill Street and Sands car park.

Citizens Advice Bureau: Directors required.

Town centre regeneration: Kinross-shire Partnership has opened discussion with the Regeneration Team at PKC with a view to working up an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding a town centre refurbishment project in 2014. They ask if the CC wish to nominate a representative for the project team. A meeting is to be held on 12 March. CCllr Cuthbert expressed interest. Cllr Robertson advised that the Council Budget for 2014 includes funding for work to the High Street (slightly in excess of £1 million).

Heritage Trail: 200,000 people a year are visiting the Trail. It was commented that the town centre does not form a good impression to tourists.

T in the Park: A resident from Balado asked why the CC failed to make any comment on the planning application when it was recorded at the February meeting. The CC did make representations to the Licensing Committee regarding the increase in figures on Friday. The planning application was in relation to a change in layout at the site due to the gas pipe and the issues previously raised would have been taken into account.

Disabled Persons Parking Places Variation (No. 1) Order 2012 - Copy Notice to be published in the Courier.

Kinross Traffic Management Variation (No. 4) Order 2012 - Copy of Road Traffic Order operational from 16

February 2012 in relation to Swansacre, High Street and Old Cleish Road.

Other Business

T in the Park Neighbour Notification received by a member of the public in relation to two fields reserved on the site. These are for contingency plans to be utilised as additional car parking. However, the fields are also to be used for toilet facilities and storage.

Provost's Lamp: This has been removed. The CC will check if PKC has removed this for repair.

Police Report: There was no police representative at the meeting, but a report was received afterwards. Local crimes under enquiry: Theft of buggy from outside KLAWS; Fire raising, Avenue Road; Theft of charity box from Sunrise Takeaway; Fuel theft; Theft of trailer, Wester Carsegour; Attempt HB, Kinross Primary School; HB, Costcutters. Two cases of shoplifting at Sands Supermarket have been detected.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 4 April, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for Meeting on 4 April

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 7 March
3. Police Report
4. Matters Arising from Minutes of 7 March
5. Future of Kinross Buildings
6. Planning Matters
7. Reports from P&K Councillors
8. Miscellaneous Correspondence
9. Other Competent Business
10. Local Development Plan
11. Date of Next Meeting (AGM – 2 May)

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the March Meeting

Chairman, CCllr Hamilton welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Giacopazzi, Thomson, Smith, Cottingham and Milne-Home to the meeting held on Thursday 8 March. Apologies were received from CCllr Halford. In attendance were P&K Councillors Robertson and Baird and 12 members of the community.

The Chairman paid a brief tribute to the memory of Sandy Braid of Channel Farm, a well-known member of the community, who had died following an accident.

Police matters: Sgt Williams was unable to attend for operational reasons and an officer did attend to explain this. The Secretary read out the police report which involved two acts of vandalism to cars in Wester Loan. Investigations continue.

Matters Arising

Ochil Hills hospital site: The Secretary reported that he had been in communication with the PKC Planning Enforcement officer and with David Stubbs, Access Officer, following a complaint that the developer, by locking gates to the site, was in breach of planning conditions. The planning official confirmed that an order was being made to reroute the right of way in question around the perimeter of the site for one year, on grounds of safety.

Tillywhally: Following last month's serious accident at Tillywhally, the Secretary wrote to Roads Department requesting details and asking to be informed of any eventual proposals to enhance road safety at the blackspot in question. To date only an acknowledgement had been received.

Winter Patrols: Cllr Baird gave the meeting an explanation of the term 'Winter Patrols'. This occurs from 9pm to 5am and only on trunk roads where the spreaders only spread if conditions require it.

Placecheck: The scheme of improvements was currently proceeding. An unplanned alteration had been effected at the Victoria Avenue/New Road junction where a drop kerb had been installed to allow heavy vehicles to negotiate the bend with greater ease. A brief discussion ensued regarding possible traffic flows in the area of Victoria Avenue and Back Loan after the one-way system is instituted.

Planning

At this point the Secretary took no part in the discussions, while continuing to take the minute of the meeting. The following were noted: erection of house at Devon Cottage, Middleton. Alteration to house at 2 Greenburn Field, New Road. Following discussion the CC decided to lodge an objection to a proposed new house south of Victoria Avenue which the Chairman described as 'inappropriate' owing to its proximity to the park. CCllr Cottingham would write to PKC. A variation to Condition 16 of the planning permission at the Ochil Hills site attracted adverse comment on the developers who, it was felt, were not respecting rights of way and seemed careless of private water supply issues and tree preservation. The CC agreed to monitor the situation closely.

Planning applications approved by PKC

Alteration to building a new car park at Loch Leven's Larder. Alteration of stable to form dwelling house at Meadowside, Middleton. Alteration of Royal Hotel to form domestic accommodation.

Correspondence

The Boundaries Commission for Scotland is conducting a consultation on the reduction of Scottish Westminster

constituencies from 59 to 52. The public can comment in the course of March by accessing the website.

The AGM of the Association of Community Councils will be held at Dunblane Hydro on 18 April.

Local Development Plan: CCllrs Smith and Giacopazzi attended the busy meeting at the campus on 18 February. The final chance to see the proposals and speak directly to planners is on Wednesday 14 March at the campus. The situation relating to Milnathort remains that, beyond the Forth Wines site, no new land has been identified for building in the LDP. However, this could change if other sites in the County are removed from the plan.

Cllr Robertson advised that residents should write in support of the existing plan if they were in agreement with it.

The public can still comment on the plan through the PKC website or by requesting a form from the library.

A member of the public noted that the LDP referred to Milnathort as a 'town' while it has hitherto been designated as a 'large village'. Cllr Robertson felt that this was a slip of the pen rather than a new designation.

CCllrs Smith and Hamilton will try to attend a briefing for Community Councillors in Perth on 31 March, organised by Planning Aid for Scotland.

Diamond Jubilee and Olympic torch: an inconclusive discussion was held on these subjects. It was decided that CCllrs should bring new ideas to the April meeting.

Other business: the Chairman read out a letter from the head of Public Space Management explaining the circumstances surrounding the fallen tree incident at 'Aurora', Church Street. The CC continues to be surprised at the Council's response time to the initial report of the potential danger. The letter will be passed to Mrs Cunningham.

The Chairman noted that the zebra crossing on New Road which we had reported not lit up properly over a year ago, has finally been revamped with new fully lit poles. Thanks to Cllr Robertson for persevering with this one.

Comments from the floor: Tillyrie residents raised some further points relating to raised traffic levels by construction vehicles, destruction of habitat and issues of water abstraction. The CC is to seek clarification of the starting date of the development.

Litter picking: in May, with the better weather, the CC plans to organise a voluntary litter pick and general weeding of the village in conjunction with the Milnathort in Bloom Committee. The Secretary agreed to liaise with Milnathort in Bloom and set a date at the next meeting. Volunteers would be welcomed.

Request for an extraordinary meeting: a photocopy of a petition signed by over 20 members of the public was received. CCllrs noticed that Mr Stuart McHardy had added his own accusation and demand after the petition was signed.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 12 April at Orwell Church Hall at 7.30pm.

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Community Website

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the February Meeting

Attending the meeting on 14 February were: CCllrs J Bird (Chair), R Cairncross, S Forde, M Strang Steel and D Williamson; P&K Cllrs K Baird, M Barnacle, S Miller and W Robertson and six residents. Apologies were received from CCllrs M Parkin and T Smith.

Police Report (PC Mitchell): One driver had been found speeding. The matter of fly tipping was raised.

Stephen's Field: The CC was awaiting final confirmation of transfer of ownership to the CC of the field.

Build-outs: Replacement of the bollards was complete and all now illuminated. The result was very satisfactory and the CC had written to thank PKC for the work.

Build-out/mini-roundabout at Wellside Park (B920): Resolution of the potential confusion was in hand.

30mph sign on B920 entrance to Scotlandwell: The CC has heard that this will now be moved southwards.

Kinnesswood bus shelter: Repairs to the fabric of the shelter are awaited. Further developments are to be taken forward by Kinnesswood in Bloom.

Relocation of bus stop at Scotlandwell: A new bus stop has been erected in a safer position – the old one awaits removal.

Gritting: The road from the campus to the junction with the A911 is now to be gritted as it is a school route.

Roads and Paths

Michael Bruce Way culvert repair: This has been completed. The CC would not be able to continue to fund the maintenance of the Michael Bruce Way when existing funds are depleted.

A resident was concerned by the apparent lack of space in the Balgedie Toll area for a cycle track and walkway, planned between Loch Leven's Larder and Wester Balgedie.

Planning

The CC has no objection to the applications considered.

Application 09/00936/FLL, Causeway Cottage - withdrawn.

Other Business

Flash Flooding and mud on the road was discussed. Some reports would be made to PKC.

Siting of **proposed 40 mph limits** on A911 to the north of Wester Balgedie: New entrances, and increased traffic at Loch Leven's Larder, may support a case for moving these signs beyond the entrances to the Larder. Cllr Barnacle will pursue a review of current policy with the Traffic Department.

B919 blocked ditch at Newlands Farm: This matter had only partially been resolved. Cllr Baird would pursue this on behalf of the affected resident.

B919 possible mains water leak: The matter would be reported to Scottish Water.

News from the March Meeting

Attending the meeting on 13 March were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), J Bird, R Cairncross, S Forde, T Smith and M Strang Steel and P&K Cllrs K Baird and M Barnacle. Apologies were received from CCllr D Williamson and P&K Cllr W Robertson.

Police Report received via email. Recent issues in the area:

18 Feb: Bishop Hill: possible illegal lamping. Area searched – no result. 7 Mar: Main St, Scotlandwell: theft of 40 gallons diesel – under enquiry. 9 Mar: Old School Cottage, Main St, Scotlandwell: theft of 350 litres kerosene fuel – under enquiry. Road policing issues locally: Regular speed checks continue to being carried out on local arterial routes. Warnings, conditional offers, and reports to Procurator Fiscal

where necessary.

Treasurer's Report: Total of £1,268 in the two accounts. There had been no income or expenditure during the period.

Roads and Paths: Cllr Tom Smith is drawing up a list of paths within Portmoak.

Progress with the A911 footpath connection between Wester Balgedie and Easter Balgedie will be reviewed at the April CC meeting, when TRACKS will be present.

Planning

The CC has no objection to the following applications:

12/00028/FLL The Faulds, Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood:

Formation of a balcony and alterations to dwelling house.

12/00088/FLL Land east of Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood:

Change of use from open space to garden ground, relocation of track and landscaping works.

12/00087/FLL Scottish Gliding Union, Portmoak Airfield, Scotlandwell: Modification of existing consent (10/02144/FLL) demolition of existing hut and erection of a new unit.

The CC has objected to 12/00117/FLL, site east of 9 Friar Place, Scotlandwell - Erection of one pair of semi detached dwellings.

The CC is presently considering the following applications:

12/00221/FLL Loch Leven's Larder Wester Balgedie:

Modification of previous consent (11/00354/FLL): Formation of an extension.

12/00261/FLL Land at Youngs Moss, Scotlandwell: Erection of a dwelling house.

12/00300/FLL East Brackley Steading Cottage, Kinross: Alteration and extension to house.

12/00364/FLL Land 20 Metres East of Climpy Cottage, Leslie Rd, Scotlandwell: Erection of a dwelling house.

Full details of all applications and decisions can be found on the Portmoak CC website.

CCllr Cairncross drew attention to maps displayed in the room, which detailed aspects of the Local Development Plan, and drew attention to the changes from the 2004 plan.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle gave a presentation on the Local Development Plan (LDP). Residents were encouraged to make their views known. Cllr Barnacle was thanked for his presentation. The information is available on the Portmoak CC website.

A representative from Montagu Evans, Chartered Surveyors, Edinburgh, was then invited to make a presentation to the meeting. This was made on behalf of a resident of Scotlandwell who owns land alongside proposed development site H54, and who wished to include this land in the LDP. The suggested benefits to the community would include a lower density of housing on the site, and a possible area for car parking. (This presentation material is available on the Portmoak CC website.)

A resident asked if there was a national specification for housing density, and the reply was that this was dependent on individual circumstances.

The style and type of housing on a development site was raised. It was explained that at this stage the LDP dealt only with the matter of sites selected by PKC for possible housing development, and was not considering the type of property.

Comments can be made on the principle of development on a site, which is the present process. Once a planning application is submitted to PKC by a developer, with specific details, comments can be made on the type of development, such as density, house type, car parking, landscaping etc. At that stage, the local community and the CC can comment on the proposals to PKC, and can also speak to the developer regarding any concerns about the developer's proposals.

It was indicated by the Montagu Evans representative that it was common for developers to engage with the community before an application was submitted, as well as during the application process.

A resident commented that when affordable housing was designated it invariably meant that this would be terraced and double storey, whereas the site and locality often required single storey dwellings.

It was commented that a further 20 houses would probably introduce 40 extra motor vehicles to the area. CCllr Forde noted that the area was poorly served by public transport.

A resident expressed what he considered to be a core problem, which is that residents are asked to put their trust in developers, and from his experience this had clearly not worked in the past.

CCllr Bird asked about the view from the burial ground in Friar Place, and suggested that this was no more than reminiscence about the past. CCllr Forde answered that this view was still enjoyed by many people in Scotlandwell, including herself.

The Chairman thanked the Montagu Evans representative for her attendance and presentation.

Cllr Baird was asked to comment on the preceding presentations. She urged residents to make comments on the Local Development Plan, but added that if residents wanted to negate H54 as a possible area for future building, an alternative site would have to be identified. PKC had to be prepared for future building, hence the LDP. This plan would be in place for the next five years, but did not prohibit further suggested building sites within Portmoak.

A resident made the point that it was not so much the principle of whether housing was allowed in the countryside, but what that housing looked like. Once again it was urged that residents should make their feelings known during this period of consultation.

A resident said that there appeared to be no logic to the planning process, and cited the case of the Stephens application for a building off Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood. Following a public enquiry this was refused, yet in the LDP the village envelope had been changed to accommodate a possible application in the future. It was asked why Portmoak CC had agreed to this change. This decision was that of a previous CC, who had made their judgement in the light of circumstances prevailing at that time.

It was suggested that there was a lack of confidence in the planning process for the sustainability and preservation of the area, and that the planning process was not cohesive from start to finish.

CCllr Cairncross again queried the loss of the Easter Balgedie boundary changes, and CCllr Forde asked that residents should question the variation in the numbers of houses on H54 in the LDP.

Cllr Barnacle advised the meeting that current thinking was that settlements with less than 20 houses should not be enclosed by a boundary.

A resident commented that in the last Plan (2004) the boundary at Kilmagadwood had been changed without the knowledge of the local residents, and asked what safeguards were now in place to stop the same thing happening again. Cllr Barnacle said that the new Councillors in place after the May 2012 elections would be required to approve any amendments to the plan.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their interest and attention. He mentioned that the quality of the area had inspired his own decision to move to Portmoak some thirty years ago, so it should not be a surprise that people continued to want to live in the area, thus raising planning issues that would have been of a similar nature to those in the past.

Communications

The Acting Secretary has a list of communications received since the last meeting.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 10 April at Portmoak Hall.

Please note that the AGM of the CC will now be held at the May meeting.

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News from the March Meeting

Attending the meeting on 6 March were: CCllrs S Morrison, K Bothwick, S Anderson, R Paterson, T Duffy-Wigman and A Lavery; P&K Cllrs K Baird and W Robertson and 33 members of the public. Apologies were received from A Cheape and P&K Cllr M Barnacle. There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: Officer initially not present, but report sent. There has been a high-pressure (and dubious) roofing salesman about. In non-urgent cases, the community policing officer for our area, PC Victoria Riches, can be contacted on: 0300 111 2222.

A member of the public says that "Smart Water" has been trialled in Angus; how does it work, can we get a trial here? Officer will enquire.

A member of the public suggests that the bus stop in Drum could be used for as speed camera location on Sundays, as there's no service on Sunday.

Questions for Joanna McCreadie (Seamab): Previously there have been some instances where children caused damage. Joanna pointed out that they are all under 12 and very carefully selected and managed. Obviously there are sometimes difficult children and if there were serious problems with anyone they would have to be removed. Anyone with concerns should call Joanna (or her deputy) at once with details. Q: How many children? A: 15 live in and two come daily in accordance with their planning consent.

War Memorial, Blairingone: Planning permission and grant application have been submitted.

Community Speed Watch Programme: Trudy reports that 13 volunteers will be trained, currently waiting for jackets and equipment. Due to start end March.

Church car park: The Church is still progressing this through their legal people, however we can now submit the planning application since the fee will be halved if the CC submits it.

Olympic Flame: Trudy reports that Cleish and Blairingone are going to join in the event. More details will be provided when the event has been arranged.

Devon Lade: Landowner has repaired wall, decided against volunteers as might have been too dangerous. Could be further problem in the summer due to the amount of silt washed down during winter which might block the entrance. Hope to be able to dig a channel to prevent any problems. The landowner and Scouts are co-operating on this matter. The CC recorded its thanks to the landowner for the prompt repair.

Tayside and Local Development Plans

Cllr Barnacle has held meetings to review this, and his future meetings are recommended. PKC had also held meetings.

Member of the public wonders why Blairingone has been

ignored for development – everyone knows that there are problems due to the ground being old mining areas, but this can be fixed. The school must be at risk. What is the CC's view? They voted in favour of the development, but the planners favoured a bigger development at Powmill. However there are some areas in Blairingone that can be developed. Willie says that the school will be kept open, and PKC do recognise that Blairingone needs to be developed – but the plan is not yet finalised and there's still time to comment on it. The current plan doesn't provide enough developable land to make it worthwhile. The CC will support what the people want. Reminder that end date for comments is 10 April.

Devon Hydro Scheme – Presentation by Hugh Wallace

In June, applied for grant, which was received in August and has allowed some feasibility studies to be done. SEPA have been consulted and are not against the scheme in principle. Various routes across Briglands estate are being examined and priced. Hopefully a decision will be made by April or May if the scheme is cost-effective. Cost about £2.5M – Government still supporting this sort of scheme. Environmental studies also taking place. Planning submission will be made over summer having tied down agreements with landowners. Assuming planning is granted then a separate company will be created to operate the scheme and community involvement will be welcomed then. Q: Has Woodlands Trust been kept up to date? This development could impact farm subsidies. A: Yes, and every effort would be made to ensure nobody was disadvantaged. Q: Will extraction of water cause problems for fishing etc? A: During low water periods the scheme won't operate for some of the time – SEPA will define the rules for this. Q: How much power will it generate? A: 700kW.

Rumbling Bridge Housing Development – Presentation by Thomson Homes

Thompson Homes own the site, previously the Chalet Park. Currently has permission for 15 chalets over the whole site. Thomson Homes initially proposed 26 environmentally friendly homes (including six for the elderly) and a pre-school nursery. Community had concerns about traffic impact, so plan revised to exclude rear section, which is outside the village envelope, reducing the total number of homes to thirteen. Thomson Homes seek the support of the CC for this proposal, which will be submitted shortly. If initial stage is successful, then it may be that a further development may be proposed in the future, although this would currently be outwith the local plan. Q: Has a feasibility study been done for the nursery? A: Yes, there are other areas that will use this too. Q: Is this too remote for elderly people? A: They don't think so – there is an old people's home opposite, but this is aimed at people who are downsizing, who would like houses all on one level, etc. Q: There's no bus service there at the moment? A: No, but we're about to install a bus halt, which could be made readily accessible from the site. Q: Why aren't you developing the whole site now? A: Unanticipated concerns from local community, and better to submit an application that has a reasonable chance of success. Q: Are you going to ask for an extension to the village envelope during the current local plan review? A: Thank you for the suggestion! Q: Will you make money from this reduced development? A: In the current climate any development is better than none. Q: What will happen to the existing consent for chalets – will it fall with this application? A: Understanding is that it will continue – not yet discussed

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Community Council Business

Change of date for June meeting to 12 June to avoid Jubilee Public Holiday.

Meetings Attended: Kinross CC Network .

Perth & Kinross Council Business

Cllr Baird's report: The local plan is the most important thing at the moment – people must come to meetings, ask questions and make comments as it will be in place for five years.

Cllr Robertson's report: Lochleven path to be completed this year. U222 Drum to A91 used by dogs, horses and bikes but also used by fast traffic – Clacks have concept of "Green Roads" which exclude heavy traffic in preference to slower users. Willie has written to PKC to propose this idea. This road could also end up being used by quarry lorries. Member of the public reports that the implementation in Clacks is not very effective, but Willie intends to push ahead with the plan and see if it works better in P&K.

Planning Applications

12/00252/IPL. Residential development (in principle), land 70 metres south east of Merryhills, Rumbling Bridge

12/00253/IPL. Erection of a dwelling house (in principle). land 50 metres south west of Merryhills Rumbling Bridge.

Recommendation: No CC comment.

12/00233/FLL. Erection of two wind turbines. Barnhill Farm, Powmill. Recommendation: Refusal, as contrary to Policy 2a and 17b of the Kinross Area Local Plan, exceeding the capacity of the surrounding landscape to absorb or screen the development and the absence of a PKC strategy on small scale turbine development in the countryside.

12/00181/FLL. Erection of an agricultural building. Dailvaine, Drum, Kinross. Recommendation: No CC comment.

Planning Decisions by Perth & Kinross Council

11/02053/FLL. Two turbines, Bankhead Farm. Approved. (CC had recommended refusal.)

11/01502/FLL. House at The Poplars, Drum. Refused. (CC had recommended rejection.)

11/01096/FLL. Sheds at Cairnfold Bungalow, Blairingone. Refused. (CC had recommended refusal.)

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Travellers' site at Crook Moss: The land is owned by one of the new residents, which makes this situation unusual. He will be making a retrospective application by 12 March for five caravans with facilities. Normal practice with retrospective applications is to determine them rather than take enforcement action. Environmental Health and Planners inspected site on Monday 4th. In the event of refusal then further review will take place. Willie explains that this process is more efficient than taking legal action. Q: Are these the same people who were at Greenacres? A: Willie says we don't know. Member of the public notes that these people have come from somewhere in Fife, so not Greenacres. Member of the public notes that the land is currently contaminated – Alastair answers that this will be considered as part of the application. Note that there are no provisions in the new plan for traveller sites. Member of the public observes that the site is a "gateway" site into the village and hence is a very bad choice. CC answer that this will be considered during the application and we will all be able to comment then. Member of the public asks how often retrospective applications made? Willie says quite often, but as long as they are within policy then they get passed. This site has lots of issues to be considered. Member of the public observes that the sewage system in this area is at capacity. Policy 35 of the current plan explicitly forbids static caravans – objectors should mention this. CC and Willie both stress that anyone seeing anything illegal should report it to their councillor and PKC at once, and any unacceptable behaviour should be reported to the Community Police Officer. An extraordinary meeting of this CC may be called to discuss the application once it is submitted. The CC thanked Cllr Robertson for his prompt action in mobilising PKC and recorded their appreciation for PKC's prompt response.

Other Business: Fire in Gartwhinzean hotel was not able to be fought effectively due to lack of water pressure. Kathleen will look into why there wasn't enough pressure.

Draft agenda for next meeting: Welcome and apologies; Declarations of interest; Minutes of last meeting; Matters arising; CC Business, Councillors' reports; Planning applications; Correspondence, AOCB.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 3 April at 7.30pm in Carnbo Hall. All Welcome.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the March Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 March were: Four Community Councillors (RK, PF, HS and FMcG), Catriona Culley, three members of the public and the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter editor. Apologies for absence were received from P&K Cllr M Barnacle, Richard Jeffrey, Police Officer.

Crime Prevention: There was no police officer present at the meeting. The Police report included information on personal, shed and multifunctional alarms that are all available to purchase from the Community Safety Dept.

There were landrovers seen driving 'off-road' on footpaths off the Hill Road; the CC will report this to Tilhill Forestry.

Correspondence

There are allotments available in the Blairadam walled garden.

The Boundary Commission for Scotland wrote to the CC.

Kinross CC Network: The minutes of the meeting had been received by the CC. PF and HS reported that they didn't feel that the lack of progress at the meeting was genuinely reflected in the minutes. It was agreed that the CC would attend the next meeting, on the proviso that it was more productive and focussed more on the agreed upon positive remit.

CC website: The CC has received an e-mail from Fran Gillespie who owns the domain name and maintains the site. There were several suggestions as to how the site could be used more to encourage greater consultation and communication. This will be followed up, including setting up an e-mail address for feedback, comments and ideas that can then be forwarded onto the CCllrs.

Tracks and Trails: The core path decision report was published on 13 December. It was stressed that the Millennium Walk is not being lost or replaced.

Financial update: The treasurer (RJ) was not present. One matter to follow up was to confirm that payments has been made to both hall committees for the Christmas trees.

Election of CC member from Blairadam: It was agreed again that we really need representation from Kelttybridge and Maryburgh. One member from the floor agreed to be co-opted onto the CC: James Moore is heavily involved in the community in Blairadam and will be able to bring their views to the CC. We welcome him onto the CC and look forward to having representations from both communities in our ward. We will also look at the requirements for a Bye Election this year.

Planning

There are no new applications in our area.

Extension to Cleish Church – Approved.

Six wind turbines at Millwood – Refused. PKC refused on the basis of the turbines breaching the skylines of the crags, which would be visible from the main roads. There were no objections from local residents to this development. There were questions as to whether PKC is setting a precedent to wind farm developments in this area.

A reply to the scoping report for the proposed Blairadam Wind Farm has been prepared and circulated to the CCllrs. It was agreed that this representation from the CC should be sent.

Local Development Plan

There is a meeting on 21 March in Cleish Village Hall. Cllr Barnacle is giving a presentation on the LDP.

There is a meeting at the Kinross Campus on 14 March which members of the CC will attend. They then plan to have a meeting on the same evening to discuss the implications and to formulate a draft submission.

Comments from the floor included concerns that the settlement boundaries have been altered, and are no longer the same as the Conservation Area. The HICP is intended to be relied on to guide planning applications – it is unclear what will carry more weight, the HICP or the Conservation status.

There also hasn't been any re-assessment of our Conservation status, which is referred to in the Plan, whereas other areas have had this re-assessment to strengthen their Conservation status.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration

There will be invitations sent out to all members of KY13 0-- postcodes to attend the celebrations on 2 to 4 June. The Village Hall Committee is organising events on Sat, Sun and Monday. These include games in the field, barbecue, music in the church, a street party, and Gaberlunzie. As well as celebrating the Diamond Jubilee, the events and entertainment are also to promote and encourage a community gathering.

RK reported on a successful grant application from the Kinross Fund.

Other Business

The C&B Newsletter Editor thanked everyone for her flowers. We all acknowledged the great deal of work she has done over the years for the community and, importantly, we are not wanting to replace or retire her!

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC is on Monday 2 April at 7.30pm the Tabernacle Hall.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

Did you know that 'increasing your levels of physical activity brings greater health benefits than any other lifestyle change' (Shona Robison, Minister for Sport)? Walking is an easy way to do this 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.

On International Women's Day (8 March), Kinross & Ochil Walking Group and friends held a 'Join us on the Bridge' event on the Heritage Trail. This was in support of women across the world living in situations of conflict and poverty.



The walking group's 'Join us on the Bridge' event on International Women's Day

Walks in April

Sunday 1st: Lower Glendevon Reservoir. 5 miles; 3 hours. Mostly linear walk on good paths and tarmac. 200ft ascent. No dogs please. Accompanied children welcome if fit.

Saturday 14th: Benarty Hill. 8/9 miles, 4/5 hours. A circular route around the loch then up and over the hill to return to car park. Wide steps on ascent. No dogs please. Accompanied children welcome if fit.

Sunday 29th: Tentsmuir Circular, Beach, Forest and Morton Lochs. 8 miles, 4 hours. Circular walk from eastern end of Tayport across the sandy beach towards the nature reserve at Tentsmuir Point. Returning through forest tracks past Morton Lochs and the SNH hides back to the car park. Dogs on leads welcome. Accompanied children welcome if fit.

For all walks you do need appropriate clothing (not jeans) including boots and waterproofs. Walks can be of several hours duration so a packed lunch/water/warm drink should be brought.

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

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Common Grounds



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At Common Grounds our spring syllabus is well under way; more of that will not be until May, partly due to the way that the newsletter deadline has changed and partly due to how our meetings are occurring. Now we have the birds singing early in the morning especially the oyster catchers that nest at the old High School, spring is definitely with us. Do I hear the noise of lawn mowers; surely the grass cutting season is not upon us already? We wish all readers happy gardening and a happy Easter.

Project: Our project for April will be chosen at our Volunteers' meeting on 23 March.

Our Project Lunch is on **Tuesday 24 April**, 12 noon for 12.30pm. All are invited and will be most welcome. The charity Village Aid will be presented with a cheque for £800 and their representative will talk about their work. A homemade soup and bread lunch will follow the talk plus home baking and Fairtrade Tea and Coffee will be served. Do please put this date in your diary as an opportunity to meet like-minded people at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

Website: Our new website address is:

<http://www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe/>

May I take the opportunity to remind everyone that we do still stock a limited range of Fairtrade teas, coffees, sugar etc. Also, at Kinross Parish Church after most Sunday services or at Orwell and Portmoak Office, a far wider range of Fairtrade goods may be purchased. We at Common Grounds are the local outlet for Anne Gloag's Balcraig Foundation African products, bags, aprons, pashminas and much more. Finally, are there people locally who would care to help us with home baking for our cafe? Do please contact us – contact details below.

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.

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| Tue 3rd | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.
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| Tue 10th | General Committee meeting
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| Tue 17th | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Mark Master
Mason Degree. |
| Tue 24th | General Committee meeting at 7.30pm. |
| Fri 27th | Social Evening for Members and friends at
7.30pm. Bring your own eats. |
| Sat 28th | Special Meeting at 6.00pm when Lodge Albert
No.448 from Dundee will be conferring an
Entered Apprentice Degree. There will also be
a delegation from Shaftesbury Lodge No.327 in
Belfast, Northern Ireland. Harmony to follow.
A good turnout would be very much
appreciated. |



The Boys' Brigade

The Company has been busy as usual, being involved in a number of events over the past week while. The Company entered two squads in the Battalion drill competition which was marked by former Kinross Captain Ally Melville. The results will not be available until the other Battalion companies have been assessed at the end of March.

Seniors competed in the Battalion 5-a-side football competition and although they didn't win they competed well. The Company section table tennis team of Mark Cathro, Mitchell Brown and Murray Raeburn have reached the Scottish semi-finals of the National Competition and play 1st Grangemouth away on 16 March.

Seniors will also have taken part in an indoor paintballing session before the end of the month.

The ever popular Battalion Midnight Hike competition takes place on the last Friday of March with Kinross entering at least 3 teams of three.

Members of the Company Section band are preparing to perform at the Parish Church and also at the National BB Band Competition in the Caird Hall, Dundee in April.

Junior Section members are competing in the Battalion festival of activities at Bankfoot at the end of March where they will take part in figure marching, singing and potted sports.

Uniform Recycling

Anyone who has items of BB uniform (Anchor red sweatshirts, Junior blue sweatshirts or Company shirts, belts, ties etc.) are asked to please hand them into the Church Centre as soon as possible.



Brigade Secretary visits Kinross BB

Friday 9 March was a special day for Perth and Kinross with the media launch of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations at Perth Concert Hall where members of the BB will be present as pipe bands from around the world march through the streets of Perth and a Spitfire flies over the North Inch during the afternoon celebrations.

Boys' Brigade secretary Steve Dickinson, in Scotland for a Saturday conference at Bankfoot, visited the 1st Kinross Company of the Boys' Brigade along with Battalion Development Officer Ian McCallum on Friday evening. The Kinross Company is one of the very few companies in Scotland who have girls in their ranks and the Brigade Secretary was keen to see how the company programme accommodated both boys and girls.

Alice Eade from the Kinross Company was the first Scottish girl to gain her Queen's Badge last session and she will be followed by Kinross girl Jennifer MacKessack who is the next girl in line to receive the highest award in the Brigade. Jennifer has also been selected to be the first female member to participate in this year's King George V Officer Training Scheme, the week long course taking place at the Carronvale Scottish Headquarters later this year.

Steve presented diamond jubilee badges to both Junior and Company Section members, sharing with them that one youngster from the BB will be selected to present the Queen with a solid silver version of the special edition badge. At the end of a very enjoyable evening, Steve thanked the officer staff of the Kinross Company for their work in promoting the BB at a local level.



Boys' Brigade secretary Steve Dickinson and Battalion Development Officer Ian McCallum with staff and youngsters from Junior and Company sections of Kinross BB

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The April meeting will be held on **Thursday 5 April** at 2pm. Please note that due to the elections this meeting will be held in the **Parish Church**. The speaker will be Professor David Munro who will give a talk entitled "The making of Kinross". At the March meeting, following the AGM, members enjoyed an excellent buffet meal supplied by Lochend Farm and first class entertainment provided by the Alan Small Ensemble.

At the AGM, as no additional nominations had been received for members wishing to serve on the committee, the existing committee were unanimously re-elected.

Away Days April

Thursday 12 April: Stanley Mills.

Thursday 26 April: Transport Museum, Glasgow.

The coach leaves from opposite the Green Hotel at 0915 hours. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting.

Theatre Outing: The outing to "Calendar Girls", to be held in the Festival Theatre on **Wednesday 25 April** at 2.30pm is fully booked. Coach departure is 1pm prompt from opposite the Green Hotel. Contact Edith Oswald 01577 865731.

Friday Walkers

April 13: A new walk for the club, starting in St Andrews, going along the Lade Braes, following new paths to Craigton Park and coming back the same way. It is a good six miles at a time when blossom should be out on the cherry trees.

April 27: Crieff this time, with a return visit to Lady Mary's walk and Laggan Hill, before returning to Macrosty Park - all along a well known path system and around six miles.

Please note that the walkers' membership list is currently closed. Contact Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

April 6: North Third Reservoir in the Campsies. This is a new route for the group and is led by Richard Metcalfe who should be informed about likely participation before the event. Departure time is 8.30am from the Green Hotel.

April 20: Water of Leith in Edinburgh, led by Maureen Blair. Please bring bus passes in case of requirement. Once again an 8.30am departure as above.

Activities

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

Carpet Bowling: This group meets each Monday in the Millbridge Hall at 2pm. New members will be very welcome. Contact Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

Craft Group: This group meets each Wednesday at 2pm until 3.30pm in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387.

Fly Tyers: The Fly Tyers meet each Monday between 2pm and 4pm. This group has both men and ladies within its membership. Contact: Ian Campbell for details of venue 01577 830582.

Keep-Fit: This enjoyable activity runs every Tuesday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. The cost is £1.50 per session and mats are provided. The class is now full and is not accepting new members for the present. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

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

The Line Dancers: The 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.

Kinross Garden Group



The speaker at our March meeting was Craig Nisbet, Loch Leven Reserve Officer, who gave us a talk and excellent presentation on the "Loch Leven Nature Reserve". This has become a very popular area with locals, visitors, schools and groups who come to admire the birds, animals, wild flowers etc on this unique freshwater site.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 12 April** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross. The speaker will be John Dewar of Cupar who will give a talk on Rock Garden Plants. Members, please note the change of speaker as Ian Gillon had to cancel due to illness.

Explorer Scouts

Congratulations to **Naill Macmillan** on gaining his Chief Scout Platinum Award and to **Duncan McDairmid, Liam Duffy** and **Sarat Roy** on gaining their Chief Scout Diamond Award. These awards have the Duke of Edinburgh Award as the core plus additional elements encompassing conservation and values.

Portmoak Film Society

Almost 30 people saw 'Beginners', the March film, and 75% rated it as good. They were given the chance to nominate the type of films they would like to see in the next season and the selection will be made on the basis of the most popular categories. If you are a film fan but weren't at the last show, visit the website to see what's coming up.

Our last film of the season will be Steven Spielberg's '**War Horse**' on **14 April** and we would encourage all members, guests and visitors to take advantage of the opportunity to see it at their local filmhouse aka Portmoak Village Hall for less than half the price of your nearest multiplex – without the popcorn and fizzy drinks!

The AGM will be held at 7.30pm before the film starts, where an account of the Society's activities in the past year is given to members and they have the opportunity to put themselves forward as potential office-holders. It's not all serious business though, and is usually over in the space of a few minutes, so don't let that put you off joining us for the next film. Enjoy!

To check out our newly-revamped website, visit:
www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Blairingone Primary School

What's been going on at Blairingone?

This term the children have been finding out about Ancient Egypt. They have been learning about daily life, pharaohs, gods and of course mummification! The children thoroughly enjoyed a recent visit to the National Museum in Edinburgh where they had a wonderful day learning more about Egyptian life and death! The children celebrated World Book Day on 1 March by sharing their favourite books with each other and by holding a book swap. Pupils have also had the opportunity to work with children in other schools. The younger pupils had a wonderful day at Fossoway when they took part in a local authority expressive arts day and all the children benefited when we met with two other small schools to learn about eco issues through drama and performance. At Blairingone we are always keen to ensure that our pupils have a wide variety of opportunities to mix socially and learn alongside their peers in other schools.

Future Events

In the summer term we will be working in partnership with two other small schools on our 'Olympics' context for learning. The children will be learning about Ancient Greece, Olympic sporting events/champions and keeping healthy. They will take part in a Mini Olympics Sports Day and an Olympic Themed Activity Day. The children will be planning a 'Garden Party' for the Queen's Jubilee on **Monday 4 June** at 1.30pm. Parents, friends and community members are all welcome to attend. Let us hope the sun is shining!

Volunteers Wanted

We are fortunate to have had a number of volunteers working in the school. Volunteers have helped in the garden, taught the children about photography, developed their cookery skills and helped us run lunch time activity clubs. However, we are always keen to have other members of the local community in our school to help support our pupils learning. We are particularly looking for someone who can either play the keyboard, help us set up a new website or assist us in the garden. However, any skill or interest would be welcome. If you have an hour or two to share a week/month and you would like to help, please contact the Head Teacher Suzanne Miller on 01577 867190.

Air Cadets climb for achievement

Ten cadets from 1145 (Kinross) Detached Flight Air Training Corps recently gained their National Indoor Climbing Achievement Scheme (NICAS) Level 1 Foundation Climber at the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena.

The Cadets received instruction from the NICAS Level 1 syllabus and completed their assessment including ten climbs.

Giving the instruction were Squadron Leader Barry McAdam, Deputy Officer Commanding South East Scotland Wing and Squadron Leader Hilda McAdam, Regional Resource Manager for Scotland and Northern Ireland Region. 1145 (Kinross) Detached Flight are currently recruiting males and females aged between 13 and 16. Premises are at Drill Hall, Swansacre, Kinross, KY13 8TE and parade 1915 to 2130 Mondays and Wednesdays. If you would like more information, please contact the squadron on 01577 861994 during parade hours, or email 1145df@aircadets.org.



Kinross and District Art Club



There was an encouraging amount of interest in our stand at The Better Place to Live Fair at the campus in March, with visitors admiring the paintings on display or trying out their skills in creating art on the iPad. Others were fascinated by David Cochrane's live sketches of people in the crowd. Having added eight new members to the club since the last Fair, another five put their names on our waiting list for this year.

Life drawing was the theme for a session at the club in the following week. Dundee student Katie Howkins, an experienced Artists' Model, came to the Millbridge Hall to sit for us and members participated with enthusiasm in creating instant sketches. Two of our professionally trained artists in the club were on hand to give advice and tuition and the results were remarkably impressive.

Our Group Activity for the month was led by local artist Joan Ashcroft, who demonstrated techniques and skills for achieving a variety of colour and tone in skies and trees. You can see some examples of Joan's impressive work on her web site at: www.joanashcroft.com

For more information on our club, visit our web site at www.kadac.co.uk or contact our Club Secretary, Sybil Galbraith on 01577 830347

Inner Wheel



Included in the March meeting was our AGM when the appointment of next year's officials were confirmed. Liz Pottie will become the President with Ann Barlow as Vice President and Club Correspondent. Members of Committee with special responsibilities were re-appointed as follows: Secretary - Christine Maclure; Treasurer - Christine Taylor; Overseas Service Organiser - Linda Bayne, with Doreen Thomson and Betty Birrell joining as committee members.

The speaker for the evening was an in-house member, Ann Barlow. As she is a third generation of cookery enthusiasts it was natural for her to find a career in catering. She outlined her interesting experiences in the business and how she ended up running Burnbank Bed & Breakfast in Kinross.

Preparations are now well in hand for the Club's major fundraising **Charity Bridge afternoon** in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell on **Friday 13 April** when it is expected to welcome visitors from far and wide. Already bookings have been received from representatives of St Andrews, Pitlochry, Dollar, Dunfermline, Kinghorn, Aughtarder and Perth as well as our local clubs.

Players are invited to lunch at 12 noon. This will be followed by the hands of bridge and finish with afternoon tea around 4pm. The ladies of the Inner Wheel are well renowned for their good hospitality so a most enjoyable few hours of socialising and entertainment is guaranteed.

For further information regarding the event and/or tickets, please contact Liz Pottie on 07768244699, or Christine Maclure on 01577 864826.

Club Correspondents

If sending your submission by **Email**, please put the name of your community group in the **Subject Line** of the Email message. Thank you.

Kinross & District Pipe Band

March saw a number of junior members of the Band compete in the annual "Perform in Perth" music festival. Congratulations to them all, as they all played extremely well, but the drummers in particular came away with a hefty haul of prizes: Sophie Bryson (9) 1st place, Drumming on Pad; Lewis Cox (12) Under 13 Side Drumming; Amy Bryson (14) 2nd, and Alexander Cox (14) 3rd, both in 13 - 16 years Side Drumming.

The Band has a very busy schedule of some 14 competitions this season, starting with the Lothian and Borders Mini-Bands in March - too late in the month to catch the Newsletter, but we'll update you next month!

In May, we will be taking part in the brand new Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest, which will take place on **Saturday 12 May** at the Loch Leven Community Campus. Although run under the auspices of the Dundee, Perth & Angus Branch of the RSPBA, we are heavily involved with the organisation and funding of this event, combined with the Feel Good Fair and the Loch Leven Half Marathon, all taking place on the same day.

The intention is to have all the bands taking part go to see the runners off at Bridgend with a Massed Bands, followed by a Street March right up the High Street as far as the old High School. This should provide a great spectacle for the town, and the pipe band contest will help attract considerably more visitors to the town. So once again, if you are a local business, and you haven't yet pledged some sponsorship for the prize fund - needed to attract bands to the event - then please get in touch with Nigel Kellett. It's never too late!

Potager Garden

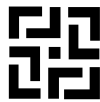
We have been enjoying the warmer spring weather, and are starting to prepare the garden for the season, with **volunteer sessions on a Monday morning**, and are pleased to welcome a couple of new volunteers. We would like to thank the **Unpaid work team**, who have helped us again, by painting benches, and spreading recycled compost from the Council.

Thanks also to **Hunters' Butchers**, who are displaying some of our seasonal plants for sale, which is proving very successful. **Dobbies in Kinross** have also donated some items for our work with the school children, including seed potatoes, onion sets, seeds, and kneelers and gloves. We are grateful to these local businesses, and to everyone who helps us with the garden.

The pupils will be introduced to the garden on 29 March, and will start their weekly sessions after the Easter holidays.

We believe that **"Anyone can be a Gardener"**, with some knowledge of the basic principles, and we are planning an **introductory garden course**, to run on **Saturday 19 May**. This will be at the garden in Bowton Road, from 10am to 4pm, with a break for lunch; it will be informal, with hands-on experience, and will cover starting to grow your own vegetables and ornamental plants, and some of the time can be flexible to address your particular issues.

The cost for the day is £20, which includes refreshments (but not lunch) and also seeds and other materials used during the day, which you can take away to start your own growing project. **To register**, please call Amanda James on (01577) 840809, or email amanda@tyafon.plus.com, and let me know what you would like to be included in the sessions. **Registration and payment in advance please, by 30 April.** I look forward to hearing from you!



Kinross in Bloom

What a difference a few warmer, sunny days makes; it is a joy to see crocuses of all colours smiling at the sun, and it won't be too long before the daffodils do the same. It also meant that some of our members took the opportunity to plant out some bright yellow polyanthus and mixed winter pansies in the barrels and planters around the town. Some daffodils were also planted at the Gallery and they will shortly be brightening up that area, and the tulips kindly donated by Dobbies will soon be adding their colour to the mix.

We can now confirm that our **Quiz Night** will be held at the Rugby Club on **Wednesday 9 May**. Entry forms are available from Aileen Sorbie, tel 01577 861477 or Iain Todd tel 01577 208110.

The 200 Club winners for March were:

1st No. 12 Aileen Sorbie	2nd No. 21 Elsa Sinclair
3rd No. 84 Yvonne Wardrope	4th No. 69 Helen Duncan

Our little group manages to do quite a lot, but we are all getting on a bit, and it would be nice if we could have one or two younger volunteers to help out with planting, re-potting, watering etc, especially over the summer months. So if you can spare an hour or two to help Kinross in Bloom, we will make you very welcome. Contact Aileen or Iain as above, or come along to our next meeting at the Green Hotel on **Wednesday 11 April** at 7.30pm.



Kinnesswood in Bloom

The big news for Kinnesswood in Bloom was that the new notice board arrived in mid February and was quickly installed by Z Goudie. Notices are now safely behind glass and less likely to blow away. The board itself, though having the appearance of wood, is actually made from a recycled plastic compound, so will need no maintenance in the future. The key is kept in the village shop so is quite accessible.

Members took part in the Better Place to Live Fair. There were displays of photographs outlining the many features of running an in-bloom group and word searches and colouring pictures for the children. It was a busy morning and several people paid compliments about the village displays to those manning the stall.

At the February meeting once again the subject of the cart and boats was discussed. Some positive suggestions were made to take these projects forward. By the summer there should be further progress on both. The group are planning to plant more wildflower seeds this year and are also investigating wildflower mats which can be laid on any flat, raked soil for more instant results.

Work continues with the school. Their school grounds group spend time every Wednesday afternoon working on a variety of tasks, litter picking, working in the pond area and digging out a border in preparation for a wildlife hedge at the entrance to the school. The last hedge, planted a couple of years ago, is now thriving. There are also plans to have some raised beds built in the Easter holidays.

Work parties have been planned for Saturday mornings at 10am and the programme can be found on the new notice board. Work parties during the week will be planned by those who are available then. The next Kinnesswood in Bloom meeting will be at Shelagh's house on Thursday 5 April.



Girl Guiding - Kinross

We have places for girls aged 10 - 14 in the two Kinross Units. We meet on a Monday or Tuesday evening from 7.30 - 9.00pm in Millbridge Hall.

Guides enjoy a variety of activities, including working on Go For It challenges and interest badges, baking/cooking and arts and crafts. The girls in the Units this year are involved in Showtime, Parties and Glamorama Go For Its. We enjoyed a visit to Pop Party last month where the Guides dressed up and recorded some popular songs.

Working within a structured programme, the girls have fun while taking part in various challenges. If interested, contact mbs21@btinternet.com for further information. Why not come along and give it a try?

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

The first talk was by Charles Twist with "Iceland – something or nothing". It was certainly something! He took us round many of the lowland regions showing marvellous waterfalls, dramatic geysers, rock formations and coastal features, including the beach at Jokul Sarlon where the tip of a glacier reaches the sea where there are small icebergs and it is permanent winter. He also showed that, while the native vegetation tends to be rather colourless, this is more than compensated for by the dramatic colours provided by minerals contained in the volcanic soil.

Unfortunately we did not triumph in the Inter-Club Competition but there is always a next time, and we cannot win all of them.

Neil Scott of Edinburgh Photographic Society judged the Thackery Competition, where entrants produce a panel of three images on a set theme: "Coast" this year. There were a variety of approaches and Neil gave constructive and instructive comments on both the individual prints and the panels presented, indicating how one might improve either a print or the panel presentation or, in some cases, both. He also judged the Digital Competition, where creativity was to the fore in some images while others were photographs of substantial merit in a more conventional mode.

The talk on "Scottish Nature", where Scottish Wildlife Trust members joined us for a talk by the distinguished young natural history photographer, Fergus Gill, was quite enthralling, though many wondered at the effort and inevitable discomfort involved in obtaining some of his remarkable pictures.

It would have been difficult to follow this with a talk by a conventional photographer and the scheduling of Jenni Gudgeon's "Photography – how to avoid a real Job" was a very satisfactory solution to this problem: an artist and photographer, Jenni has combined her skills with a range of complex but light-hearted constructions skilfully photographed, insightful conventional photographs, and also symbolic treatments of flowers using the Victorian language of flowers, where, for example, the Clematis representing treachery was adorned with intertwined snakes for Loki, the Norse god and decorated with ingenious patterns scratched into the emulsion while the stamens of the flower thrust through the centre of the image like flames.

There are several events still to come before our season ends and these will be covered in subsequent Newsletters.

For further details please contact the Secretary: alisonbradley101@btinternet.com or via the website.



Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

On 26 February the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Milnathort and Kinross joined together at the Orwell Church Hall for an International breakfast before attending the church service to celebrate World Thinking Day. The event was well attended by girls from all the units and a great time was had by all. Some brought wraps from Mexico, cheeses, yogurts and pastries. Games were organised but the girls had such a good time eating and chatting, that these had to be abandoned. It gave the leaders a chance to catch up and meet new leaders. World Thinking Day is 22 February, the birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell – a day when members of the Guide organisations belonging to the World Association of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouts (WAGGS) think of each other. During the service, all the girls renewed their promise.



Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from at the International breakfast

2nd Kinross Rainbows

We are the youngest section of Girlguiding and meet on a Monday night at the Millbridge Hall from 4.30pm – 5.30pm and currently have a few spaces available after Easter.

If your daughter is between 5 and 7 and at school and you think they would enjoy coming along to play games, craft, bake, torchlight walks, outings, sing and do lots of other things then give myself (Caroline McGregor) a ring on 01577 863730 or Dawn Fernie on 01577 865549.

We are also taking names for our waiting list so if your daughter is starting school in summer then please call and we will add her on.

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Probus Club

The speaker for the meeting on 15 February was Mr Willie Coupar, and his subject the Falkland War of 1982.



On 2 April 1982 the Argentine army attacked the Falkland Islands and quickly conquered the whole territory. The British government was caught completely by surprise, while the military had no contingency plans whatsoever. The cabinet, though, decided to recapture the islands and the first part of the task force sailed on 7 April.

Early in May, Mr Coupar received a telephone call from London telling him he was going to the South Atlantic with the second contingent of the task force in two days' time. His job was to boost morale. How does a teacher boost morale? On 12 May a large quantity of board games etc was hoisted aboard the Queen Elizabeth II, which had been requisitioned. The ship had a great send off from Southampton. Mr Coupar wondered how many soldiers would not come back, but despite these thoughts morale did not slacken till the surrender of all the Argentine forces on the Falkland Islands on 14 June. Hostilities were declared to be over on 20 June.

For the next few months Mr Coupar became, in effect, Director of Education for the Falkland Islands. After the Argentines had conquered the islands they had insisted that all the schools were to follow an Argentine curriculum. The teachers, being British, refused and were promptly interned and sent to the mainland of Argentina, and so the children were not in school. Mr Coupar found as many teachers as he could and re-opened the schools. After a bit things returned to normal, and Mr Coupar returned home.

Jim Ferrier gave the vote of thanks for a most informative afternoon.

The speaker for the meeting on 7 March was Mr Edward Link, a lecturer in the Perth branch of the U3A. His subject was the life and work of David Hume. There is a statue of David Hume outside the Sheriff Court in Edinburgh. The toe is very shiny as it is rubbed for luck by passing students. Certainly David Hume is considered as one of the greatest philosophical thinkers in Western history. He started studying law at University aged 11 but he had a poor opinion of the lecturers so he went to various places on the continent. During this time he thought about all sorts of questions, such as the existence of God and the moral code. Aged 29 he published his first book "A Treatise on Human

Understanding" but it was not well received. He turned his hand to other things, various pamphlets, histories etc. He also applied for, but was turned down for, the chair of Moral Philosophy in Edinburgh. By this time, though, his sceptical views on religion were well known and he was referred to as the "Great Infidel" due to his opposition to the religious thinking of the time. In 1752 he applied for the chair of Logic at Glasgow University but again was turned down. He started a history of England, beginning with the kings James I and Charles I but he managed to upset a lot of people with that. Further volumes were a bit more tactful and by the age of 50 he was financially independent. His last two positions were with politicians, with the Earl of Hertford at the Embassy in Paris and with Henry Connolly, a member of William Pitt's government in London. He died in Edinburgh in 1776.

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Kinross-shire Historical Society



There was a large audience of members and visitors on 20 February to hear Mrs Elizabeth Adam of Blairadam give a very interesting illustrated talk entitled "The Adam Family, 1210-2010" which covered many members of the family and the highs and lows of the family fortunes during 800 years. As well as the famous architects and politicians, the family's heirs included soldiers, a Crusader, an Admiral and stonemasons. They made and lost fortunes, Blairadam was bought, lost and rebought. The house also went through various states of repair over the years.

Currently Blairadam is the property of Keith Robert Adam. At the time of his succession, the house was in a poor state, but with many years of work, often using local tradesmen, the house is in a much better condition and is a lived-in family house.

David Walker gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the members, for a really interesting talk, much of it relating to local places and the local history.

On 19 March, KHS met for its AGM and the final talk for the season. The speaker, Eric Simpson gave a very interesting and entertaining talk entitled 'Fife – Just the Place for Tourists'. He explained that whereas St Andrews had been visited by pilgrims until the reformation and that golf took a few people there in the 19th century, it was the idea that the seaside was the place to go for health reasons that brought large numbers to the town. The beach was the place to go to bathe in the salt water and even to drink it. At St Andrews there were bathing machines which preserved the modesty of bathers. Male and female bathing was kept separate. Not all those who visited the seaside for health reasons did benefit and Eric Simpson instanced some gravestones in seaside towns which showed this.

Transport was important to bring visitors to the Fife coast. Some would come by coach, but the introduction, in the 19th century, of a steam ship service across the Forth from Leith brought greater numbers of people. Aberdour built a new deep-water harbour to cope with the boats. People advertised in newspapers, offering to let 'bather quarters'. Hotels were opened offering accommodation and baths including seawater baths.

When the railways were built, even more visitors came. The first line started at Burntisland and those from Edinburgh would cross from Granton to Burntisland and then take the train through Fife. Once the Forth Road Bridge was built and a line put through from there into Fife, visitors also came from the West.

The healthy aspect of the sea continued with sports being played and swimming becoming a sporting activity. But the holiday was changing to a family event and activities began to reflect activities for children such as sand castle competitions, Punch and Judy, donkey riding, boat trips and swimming. Many of the Fife coastal towns built tidal pools such as the Step Rock pool in St Andrews. Bathing began to be mixed.

Today many people still visit Fife but not as they did in the heyday of seaside holidays.

Ronnie Muirhead gave the vote of thanks to the speaker.

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

Kinross & District Rotary Club



What a great month this has been! In the middle of February, we were addressed by – no, we were completely mind-blown – by local resident Roger Stark. He spoke to us about '100 Years or More of Food for Life'. Now retired, Roger will be known to many of our readers. He is frequently seen running around Kinross when not curling or running a marathon somewhere. He is a very lively example of the benefits of eating, drinking and living a good, sensible, balanced life which is not boring but full of interest. Roger's excellent presentation, supported by very professional visual aids, was so well received that he has been invited back to answer more questions and offer more advice on living a full and balanced life (to which some of us need to pay more attention!)

Our next meeting was addressed by local entrepreneur, Robin Niven, who, with his wife Emma and up to 70 staff, has developed Loch Leven's Larder over the past 10 years, into the wonderful café and farm shop that we all know. It has been so successful that another extension has had to be made to the car park! (and, who knows? There is possibly more to come!) Linked as it is to Channel Farm, the Larder has developed a reputation, far and wide, as a unique source of organic produce, grown on 200 acres at the farm. Also, of course, The Larder is an ideal place for walkers (and cyclists) round the loch to pop in for sustenance!

On 27 February, we were addressed by a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar who is studying Peace and Conflict Resolution at St. Andrews University. She is funded by Rotary International, comes from Hawaii and is about to visit Bosnia shortly on a university project. Robbie was influenced in her choice of study by the fact that her father fought in Vietnam as a member of the US marines and she came across as a very worthwhile candidate for her Rotary Scholarship.

In last month's report reference was made to the Membership Evening planned for 12 March. This was some evening! We had 19 guests of members and, by pure chance, several Rotarians visiting from other Rotary clubs, including one from an English Rotary club. After our meal, one of our members, Barry Davies, presented an illustrated description of the Rotary organisation, its origins, aims, objectives and some of its achievements. Several individual members then gave brief (1 minute!) descriptions of some of the key projects supported by the Kinross club. These included the progress towards eliminating Polio world-wide, the provision of safe drinking water in arid areas of Africa, help towards educating children in slum areas of Mombasa and other projects. All in all, I think, the guests were given a very full picture of what they, if they joined, would be supporting and benefiting from.

If you were not able to attend the Membership Evening and wish to find out more about Rotary, you can visit our website, www.kinrossrotary.org, for further information, not only about the Rotary movement but also about your local Kinross club.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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Kinnesswood Village Store;
Fossway Stores, Crook of Devon

Kinross High School Parent Council

Website: www.khspc.org

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A full copy of any Parent Council meeting minutes can be requested by contacting the Clerk or by visiting our website at www.khspc.org.

The KHSPC meetings for the current academic year are **17 April** and **29 May**, followed by the AGM.

The last meeting of the KHSPC was very well attended. Amongst other items, the following was discussed:

- **Road Safety:** A letter had been sent to PKC expressing concern over the road sign posts within the campus. This will be taken up by the Campus User Group forum.
- **School Uniform Supplies** (not blazers or ties): Due to Sporting Chance closing, parents are now finding sourcing school items (such as purple shorts) difficult. Billy McNeill (pupil parent) from I AM Clothing Solutions made a presentation with a possible way forward for KHS items of school wear. This would be a web based company for parents to order online. It will, however, provide sample clothing, in school, for pupils to try on for sizes etc. This is still in the development stage. It was seen as a positive move.
- **K Factor:** This was a superb evening hosted by the Events and Fundraising Team. Fantastic talent shown by pupils. The winners were: Best Dancer – Grace Reilly, Best Singer – Chelsea King, Best Band and Best Overall Entertainment – Zomboys (Adam Bisset, Robert Cairns, Ian Dunnett and Scott Marsden). Congratulations to all winners and thank you to parents and friends for attending. A brilliant total of £1111.74 was raised for the school.
- **Arm-gask:** All parents have been advised of consultative meetings to discuss moving the catchment area for Arm-gask to Kinross High School (currently, they fall within Perth Academy catchment). It was noted that there would be no huge impact if catchment moved to KHS, as most of the pupils from Arm-gask attend KHS already.

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. If you would like to join the Parent Council you would be most welcome. Please contact the Clerk (as above). Thank you.



Kinross Ladies Circle



Another fantastic night was enjoyed by all on 18 February in Milnathort Town Hall where over 100 people turned out to attend our fifth comedy event. The fabulous Billy Kirkwood was compère for the night and was as popular as ever! The crowd enjoyed three excellent acts, with the headliner being none other than Jo Caulfield. We raised an enormous £1214 for this year's charity, Myeloma UK.

New to the area? Looking to expand your social life, try something new, or give something back? Ladies Circle is a fantastic club for girls aged 18 and 45 who want to make new friends, have lots of fun and do some fundraising along the way.

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Well-known comedy performer Jo Caulfield appeared at the Ladies Circle event

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Kinross Museum



New developments at Kinross Museum in March included the installation of three brand new state-of-the-art display cabinets supplied by Click Netherfield Ltd with generous support from the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Charitable Trust. Over the next two months work will proceed on developing new exhibitions focussing on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the history of Kinross burgh and the Crook of Devon witch trials. A fascinating addition to the Museum archive during the past month has been a superb set of church records gifted by Kinross Parish Kirk Session. Eight boxes of minute books, treasurer's accounts, correspondence and baptismal records were officially handed over on 24 February by the Rev. Alan Reid, accompanied by a small group of dedicated parishioners who had spent some time sorting, listing and studying the collection.

As part of its outreach programme, the Museum was invited to give a presentation to the Friends of Perth and Kinross Archive at the A K Bell Library on 23 February and information and photographs have been supplied to the Perth and Kinross Library Service for an exhibition on the work of libraries in the Council area. The Museum has also supplied historical resource material to Milnathort Primary School for a P5 class project on 'Victorian Milnathort' and on 22 March pupils visited the museum to carry out further research amongst the photo and archive collections.

The Trustees are grateful to all those who supported the Museum at its sale of rare and second hand books which took place at the Better Place to Live Fair on 3 March. We still have some extremely rare books on Kinross-shire which are available for sale at the Museum during study room opening hours on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Portmoak Gala

Last year, our Gala day was another victim of the inclement weather, but we did manage an afternoon in the Hall for the Crowning Ceremony and some stalls. Fingers crossed that this year's day, **Saturday 23 June**, will bring us better weather. The day will be another fun packed event for all the family, with displays, stalls, and some team events. The Gala is a continued success due to the generosity of everyone involved, and we would ask once again for any donations for our stalls: Baking, bottle stall, bric a brac etc and also for help on the day (from 9am) in setting up on the Well Green. If you would like a stall, or need any further information, please contact Sandra Davidson, 07900 196742, sdavidson01@btinternet.com

Portmoak Gala Hill Race (Munduff Hill)

Unfortunately the weather again affected the running of the above race last year. The Gala Committee have now taken a decision to put this event on again, on **23 June**, and welcome entries from all runners who wish to take part. This should be an event for all - fun runners, serious runners, anyone who wants to participate (over 16's). Should the Gala be cancelled due to adverse weather, the race shall continue as long as there are runners willing to race.

Prior registration is required, please contact: Sandra Davidson, 07900 196742, sdavidson01@btinternet.com

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk



Fun for all the family!

Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon and Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest

In conjunction with the Kinross Road Runners and the Kinross Pipe Band, KLEO will be arranging some entertainment and fun activities at the finish line of the Loch Leven Half Marathon on **Saturday 12 May**.

Change of location!

The Feel Good Fair starts at 1pm on the fields next to the car park of the Community Campus (so not at the KGV Rugby Field!) and we finish when the last runner passes the finish line. While you wait for the runners coming in, come along and browse through the wares of local stall holders, kick a football at the street football, take part in a tug of war (come along with a group and take part!), do some long jumps or take part in more sports activities organised by Gary Slater from A-Star Sports.

A new addition to this event is the Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest, which will attract pipe bands from all over Scotland! Some of the bands will send the runners off at 1pm at Bridgend Industrial Estate and will then march through the High Street of Kinross.

Children can take part in the Fun Run, which Swansacre Playgroup organises every year at 1.30pm.

If your local group, club or charity would like a free stall at the Feel Good Fair, please let us know.

Businesses can hire a stall space for £10 (you have to bring your own gazebo/table and chair).

Come along and enjoy!

Kinross-shire Music Festival 15-25 November

Your input for the next festival!

Please let us know what your thoughts are about last year's event and this coming event. We have put a link to a very short survey on our new website www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk and it would be a great help if you could fill it in. We hope to take your suggestions into account for our next festival.

This second Kinross-shire Music Festival will take place over two weekends (15-25 November) at a wide variety of venues in Kinross-shire. It is a festival that promotes live music of all styles and genres, and at all levels!

If you as a local band/musician would like to be involved please let us know. Also let us know if you, as a local group, would like to organise a music event under the umbrella of the festival. You will then be included in all the PR.

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Kinross High School



March must be one of the busiest months in our school calendar. By the end of March we will have completed our series of Parent Contact evenings. During these our parents will have had the opportunity to hear directly from our teachers how well their sons and daughters are doing in their studies. Hopefully they will also have heard about their development as people. They will also have had the opportunity to discuss some of their concerns. At this time we usually hear a lot about homework, preparing for exams and how much their child is enjoying being at school. Many of our teachers feel recharged by these evenings as they get the opportunity to hear these happy comments directly.

In March we are also at the conclusion of our course choice procedures. Information evenings completed and forms issued and returned may be the outcomes but many hours are spent preparing for this. Our task here is to help our young people make choices which are right for them, bearing in mind their interest, abilities and future plans, whilst not forgetting what they have achieved already in school.

For our S2 pupils it is an entirely new process as we move into the next stages of Curriculum for Excellence. Their choices have been expanded as we continue their broad general education into S3. They have had to decide on seven subjects whilst we added English, Mathematics and French or German to their list. This may be a daunting prospect for some but our pupils tell us they have enjoyed the process and have felt well supported through it. I hope our parents are feeling the same as they sometimes have to cope with subjects which are new to them and the aspirations of their child.

March also sees the last dash to course completion for pupils in S4, 5 and 6. Folio completion and the last of the NABs are but two of the features at this time. Whilst it may seem hectic to the outsider, I am always confident that between them, our staff and pupils will get there.

March is a time when our musical pupils enjoy competing in the Perth Music Festival. Many pupils have entered and have been successful. For some the success was all about taking part in what can be a very daunting experience. For others there are certificates, medals and trophies to look back upon. I know that our pupils work hard in preparing for these events, but I would like to thank our Instrumental Tutors who give of their time to help polish these performances.

On a slightly different cultural note, March also saw us have success in the area of dance. First we staged our Dance Show, an event which has been absent for some time, but one which I am glad to see resurrected. The night was a huge success with many performances from a huge variety of groups, but mainly girls. The interesting thing is that the choreography is usually done by the girls themselves. Some did have a little help from Mrs Urquhart. Second success in the area of dance came for our Rock Challenge team. This is a new event for us and one which Mrs Moss has been instrumental in guiding us. The team had to perform a dance routine telling a story, but before they could make their way to Arbroath they had to raise funds, design costumes and much more. They were extremely successful; coming second overall in their heat but also gaining another five awards. Perhaps the most pleasing of these was the performers' award which was decided by all of the other groups taking part. The final bit of good news here is that we have just heard that we have qualified for the Scottish Final. Well done, girls, and best of luck in the final.

Dick Keatings

Kinross Primary School

The Amazing Royal Botanical Gardens

On 29 February P7a went to the Royal Botanical Gardens. We went there on a lovely coach and then when we got there we went into these lovely modern toilets. After we got organized we went into another modern room with Chinese lanterns and decorations hung up. We had a quick drink from our water bottles before we began.

Our tour guide's name was Ginger. She was nice with a lot of facts to tell us. First of all she took us into a hot house with 25 metre bamboo sticks in it. The hot room was the actual temperature of a rainforest! (and even hotter with 33 people in it!) It was *very* realistic - so realistic that some people had to stand outside.

After everyone got sorted we went into a lovely room with a beautiful pond and banana trees. There were also gorgeous lily pads and even small animal ornaments! It was so interesting.

Then after us all being in a wet and hot room we went into a dry and cold room with cactuses in it. Some of us carried on the tour whilst some of us ate lunch.

After we had finished our lunch we went to the gift shop, got in our groups whilst Mrs Marshall did a head count then we went back to school.

by Georgia Chick P7a

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



The Association held a successful "Soirée Français" at the Community Campus where interested members of the community were informed about the history of the association and its current programme of exchange visits with a focus on this summer's visit of Kinross-shire people to Gacé.

The Better Place to Live Fair gave the Association the opportunity to show how it has evolved over the years and is now one of the oldest established active twinning groups in the Perth and Kinross Council area.

Travel arrangements are nearing completion for this summer's visit to Gacé, with the group travelling by coach from Kinross, leaving on the morning of Sunday 29 July, staying overnight near Peterborough before making the onward journey to Gacé via the Dover to Calais ferry crossing. The time in Gacé, living with host families, will also include visits to Paris and the Parc Asterix theme park, as well as trips to the Normandy coast and other local attractions. The group will return to Kinross on the afternoon of Tuesday 7 August.

There are still a few seats left on the coach for this summer's visit at a cost of £275 per person. Anyone wishing to travel is asked to contact secretary David Munro on 01577 862126.



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Kinross-shire Civic Trust Website

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

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust will be held in the **Windlestrae Hotel on Thursday 5 April** at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be followed by a presentation by **Cllr Michael Barnacle** on the latest stage of the PKC Proposed Local Development Plan and there will be an opportunity to discuss the Plan with Cllr Barnacle at the meeting. The PLDP is now at a very important stage. Responses to PKC must be submitted to the Council by 4pm on **Tuesday 10 April 2012**. The Council has stated that **there will be no further opportunities to make representations on the Plan after this date**.

The Planning Committee of the Trust will be submitting its response on behalf of the Civic Trust. It is very important that everyone understands the effect that the new Local Plan will have on their circumstances and if they have concerns that they respond to the Council.

The Proposed Plan, together with its supporting documents, is available to download from the Council's website and an online version is available for you to view and make representation on. All this information can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/ProposedLDP

This Year's Programme

Midsummer Event: A Visit to Blair Adam house, 2.30pm Sunday 17 June. Elizabeth and Keith Adam will take you round the main rooms of the house and show you some of the interesting mementoes of eight generations of their family who have lived there. The tour will be followed by tea and cakes. Afterwards those who wish may walk to the walled garden. Full booking details will be in the May Newsletter and circulated to members. Numbers are limited to 25 so be sure to book early. Contact Bridget Lindsay 01592 840252.

The Best Kept Village Competition: The Trust will be organising the Best Kept Village Competition again this year; judging will take place on Thursday 12 July.

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.

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Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire Fossoway St Serf's and Devonside Church, Crook of Devon

It was not until 1889 that the Parish of Fossoway was fully transferred from Perthshire to Kinross-shire as part of local government reform. Three centuries earlier, two parishes with two separate churches had existed. The Parish of Fossoway had its place of worship close to Wester Fossoway on the lower south-facing slopes of Lendrick Hill and the Parish of Tulliebole had its church due east of Tulliebole Castle. In 1614 these two parishes were united, with services being held every third Sunday at Tulliebole.

In 1729 new churches were built in more central locations for the parishes of Orwell and Fossoway, but within a few years the Fossoway Kirk on its new site at the western end of Crook of Devon was described by Mr Graham, the local minister, as "neither commodious, nor in good repair". The manse was rebuilt in 1781 and in 1805-06 a completely new church was constructed in Crook of Devon to a design by architect James Black of Harvieston. A Session House attached to the western gable in 1847 was heightened to two storeys in 1966 and in 1988 the building was further extended with the addition of a piend-roofed hall.



Fossoway St Serf's and Devonside Church

A 1729 date stone and the belfry of the original kirk can still be seen on the main rectangular block of the church whose walls are punctuated by tall Y-traceried windows and pointed doors. The two stained glass windows in the south facing wall date from 1877 while the windows on the north wall are the work of Alexander Strachan in 1946 and William Wilson in 1962.

In the churchyard look out for headstones stating how many 'layers' (lairs) or burial plots each family had and facing onto Church Road you will find a Hearse House built in 1836.

In 1963 Fossoway St Serf's Church combined with the former Devonside United Free Church that used to stand on the main street of Crook of Devon to become Fossoway St Serf's and Devonside Church.

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Portmoak Primary School

Kinross and District Rotary Quiz On 14 March a team of P7 pupils from Portmoak competed for the Kinross and District Rotary Quiz prize. The overall winner will go through to the national competition. Jamie Greenshields, Sam Law, Andrew Thomson and Caitlin Welsh answered well and came third overall in what proved to be a very close competition. Well done to Kinross, then Fossoway, who pipped us to the post on the day.

Euroquiz 2012: The day after the Rotary Quiz, four P6 pupils competed in the Perth & Kinross heat of the Euroquiz, organised by the Scottish European Educational Trust. Cameron McFarlane, Max Spenke, Duncan Ballantyne and Sylvie McKenzie were selected after in-school practices with their classmates. They studied hard and worked well as a team. After a nail-biting final round against Newhill Primary, they were the overall winners. The four Portmoak pupils will now go forward to represent Perth & Kinross at the national final at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh on 14 May.

RSPB - P7 Taking Over the Reserve: Portmoak Primary pupils were invited to open the new-look RSPB nature reserve. P7 completed interviews for various posts at Vane Farm and were selected for roles for a take-over of the reserve on 27 March. Judy Paul, one of the RSPB staff who interviewed P7, was impressed by the high standard of candidates for each job. Parents/friends of Portmoak were offered free admission during the 9.30-11.30 slot while the P7s were working.

Perform in Perth: Portmoak had competitors in the single and group instrumental competition for Perform in Perth. Garry Simpson was best in class for Modern Guitar Solo, Transitional. Sam Law, Sylvie McKenzie, Eve Robertson and Thomas Gray achieved a merit certificate for their strings ensemble. Well done to all of our talented musicians.



Portmoak's choir, which competed at Perform in Perth

Portmoak's choir also competed at Perform in Perth. They were beaten by just one point to the trophy for School Choir of 2012 (category for schools between 100 and 500 pupils). They sang 'Come to the Fair' and 'The Dormouse's Carol' with strong vocals, clear words and a warm tone. Their submission was commended and achieved a 'First Class' certificate. All 29 pupils in the choir were an absolute credit to the school.

Nomination for School Team of the Year 2011: Following their success in June 2011, Portmoak's school cricket team is one of three teams being considered for the Perth & Kinross Sports Council School Team of the Year 2011. The awards dinner is on 29 March, so by the time this is published we should know the outcome!

Outdoor Learning National Conference: Headteacher, Louise Gordon and P7 teacher, Helen Black were at Stirling Management Centre on 2 March as Portmoak Primary was asked to present on the Scotland Well Wash House project as an example of good practice in partnership working for outdoor learning. The presentation was part of a whole day outdoor learning event, which was organised by Education Scotland (old HMIe) and attended by representatives

from most of Scotland's 32 local authorities as well as representatives from organisations such as SNH, Forestry Commission, Historic Scotland, John Muir Award and many more. There were only two schools from across Scotland chosen to present their work, so we were delighted to be asked. The audience were very complimentary about the work we are doing and about our wonderful school grounds. The network event was a great opportunity for a little school like ours to get recognition on a national stage.

Milnathort Primary School

by the P7 Media Team: Jennifer, Amy and Rory

Fire Engine Visit: In February a fire engine from Kinross station came to visit P1 pupils as their topic was people who help us. District Liaison Manager (South Perthshire) Colin Robb, crew manager Sandy White, Fire fighter Matt Griffin and Fire fighter Joe McEwan all came to teach the P1s about their jobs. They were taught the names of all of the things in the fire engine. The P1s had the chance to wear the fire man's helmet, use the hose and even sat in the fire engine.



A fire engine from Kinross station visits pupils at Milnathort Primary

Artistic Day: P2, P3 and P4 pupils from Milnathort and Amgask Primary Schools came together to enjoy a day of acting, singing and artistic creation at Milnathort Primary School. The purpose was to give the children a chance to experience the Expressive Arts through the Chinese story of 'Maliang's Magic Paintbrush.' The event was organised by eight Expressive Arts teachers from PKC with the support of class teachers. The culmination was a wonderful performance to an invited audience of parents and carers.

Cross-Country Event: In February eighteen P6 and P7 pupils participated in the Perth and Kinross cross-country event at Perth Race Course. All pupils did well to get to the finals, however Milnathort's Katie Leslie (P6) put in a first class race as she crossed the line as the overall winner for the P6 girls race.

Waste Awareness: Pupils had a Waste Aware Assembly thanks to PKC's Waste Management Team joining them for a fun and educational talk! The children displayed their knowledge of PKC's approach to recycling and their own understanding of how to be Eco-friendly. The Assembly was organised by P2/3 Class Teacher Mrs Jenni Milroy along with a group of children responsible for environmental issues.

Stanley Mills Visit: In March P5/6 went on an Educational Experience to Stanley Mills just outside Perth. They had a chance to dress up as Victorian children, getting a taste of 1800 factory life. Overall the day was enjoyed by all the children in the class who had lots of fun learning more about this period in history and how life was for children then.

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Milnathort Primary School (continued)...

Show Racism the Red Card: P7 enjoyed a day of teamwork and education about racism through the charity "Show Racism The Red Card." In the morning they enjoyed team games and had a game of football with ex-Hibs player Micheal Weir. In the afternoon P7 had an educational talk about racism and learned a lot. The day was enjoyed by everybody and they had lots of fun.

Eco-greenhouse build

by Rachel Davidson

A few years ago, the nursery staff at Milnathort Primary School had an idea... to build a greenhouse from plastic bottles. We didn't have the funds to buy a 'proper' greenhouse so this was a way to not only reuse plastic bottles instead of recycling them, but allowed us the benefits of a low-maintenance greenhouse. We set about collecting the plastic bottles, in school and nursery, and slowly but surely we collected, washed, de-labelled and counted the required 1500 bottles. We did some fund-raising, including two bring and buy sales, for the cost of materials. A parent organised some wood to be donated from a local supplier.

We then had the bottles, the designs, the funds and some wood... and it stayed that way for some time! We made an appeal for parents to help with the design and build of the greenhouse. That's when George and Kelly Cobb came on board. George was able to get volunteers through his work, Scottish and Southern Energy, and their community support scheme. There were a few parents and relatives of nursery and school children in the group of around 20 volunteers, which helped give the project a community feel. George and his team took responsibility for the design and sourcing of the greenhouse and materials and nursery parent volunteers helped with various aspects of the build, including helping children to become involved. Playstart staff put on a crèche in the nursery during the middle part of the day so that parents and carers could help out 'handsfree'.

Build-day (31 October 2011) arrived and the weather was dry and not too windy – perfect! The team had extra help from very keen P5/6 children who kept the plastic bottles coming! The nursery

children were excited to see the greenhouse become reality and watched the different tools being used on site. The afternoon children learnt about composting with Jenny from Zero Waste Scotland and put the very first scraps into the new compost bin beside the greenhouse. The roof was raised on the greenhouse in front of quite an audience of parents and carers who made lovely comments about the structure and the good use of plastic bottles.

The next step was to fit out the inside of the greenhouse with workbenches and shelves at children and adult height. This was another case of waste not want not... a nursery parent with joinery skills put some left over wood to good use to make the benches, along with other wood that he kindly supplied for us!

Thanks go to George and the team who did a wonderful job. They turned a dream into a reality, and we look forward to some



Milnathort Primary School pupils and volunteers in front of their eco-greenhouse

sustainable education projects within the greenhouse, which is a sustainability initiative in itself. Many of the volunteers commented on how much they had enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to be part of our community day, which was a great success for all.

I would love to say the story of the greenhouse remained a positive one but unfortunately, for the first three months the greenhouse was up, it was subject to a lot of vandalism. Canes and bottles were removed and broken, and an attempt was made to set fire to the wooden bench inside. Repairs were made but the vandals were relentless, with new damage done daily.

Finally, a group of volunteers fixed up and replaced all of the broken and missing canes and bottles one Sunday in January, restoring the greenhouse to its original glory. During the week that followed, anti-vandal posters made by Primary 7 pupils were put on the greenhouse and a leaflet was issued to surrounding residents with information about how the greenhouse came about and they could help us protect the greenhouse. The campaign seems to have worked and the greenhouse is currently in a good state. The winds this winter have certainly tested its strength! The school and nursery children can now start to put it to good use and can plan for the lovely growing and planting activities that we dreamt of when we first started collecting bottles.

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Sports News

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

February saw Kinross Kobras host a junior hockey tournament with 18 teams from Perthshire HC, Blairgowrie HC, Dunfermline Carnegie, Dundee Wanderers and Kinross Kobras taking part. With over 120 children involved this was a great opportunity for some competitive hockey for the Kinross youngsters. Strong opposition came from the Dunfermline and Dundee teams who demonstrated great team working skills in addition to good individual skills. This ability to play as a team made the difference in the end with Dundee Wanderers winning the U13 section and Dunfermline Carnegie the U10 section.

There was great enthusiasm and no shortage of skill from the Kinross youngsters and the coaches now need to focus on honing their team working skills. The club will be entering a team in a Dunfermline Carnegie tournament in March and has dates from Perthshire HC for events in April and May. Midland District U14 trials will also be taking place in April and it is hoped that some Kinross players will get involved with these.

Training is now back in full swing every Thursday evening 6.30 to 7.30 at KGV and new players are always welcome.



The Kinross Kobras under 10s team

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Kinross Curling Club



Members of Kinross Curling Club were stunned by the death of Sandy Braid last month. Sandy died following a bad fall on the ice at the Green Hotel whilst curling. Although there are many different clubs curling in the Green Hotel, there is a close connection between them all. Orwell and Kinross clubs have a particularly close bond and so whilst Sandy was a member of Orwell Curling Club, he had curled with us all. His contribution to curling, both here in Kinross and nationally through the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, was significant and he will be missed. Our thoughts are with Sandy's family and many friends.

Following Sandy's death, past president Stewart Wallace has been investigating the use of head protection for ice sports such as curling. He has managed to source a 'Sport Band' manufactured in Canada and is hoping to bring samples to the ice rink in April. Check the Kinross Curling Club website for more details.

<http://royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org/kinross/>

With the season drawing to an end, most of the club competitions are nearing completion. Congratulations go to the rink of Bruce Robbie, Dougie Rodger, Stewart Wallace, Steve Kinninmonth and Jamie Montgomery for winning the Poole Trophy 5 ends to 2.

18 players took part in the annual Points competition and Ross McCleary won it with a very respectable 49 points. Ross's brother Lee came second with 45, whilst Craig McNaughton took the prize for the highest lead or second with 40 points.

For more information about Kinross Curling Club, please contact Paul Baughan on 01577 863085.

Kinross Golf Club

Although the season hasn't officially started yet, both the Men's and Ladies' Mail on Sunday Teams have already been in action. Both received byes in the first round and were drawn at home against Ballingry (Men) and Milnathort (Ladies). Both Teams won their matches by 3 and 2. In the third round draw, Kinross Ladies will travel to Canmore in Dunfermline and at the time of going to press the draw for the Men's team is still awaited.

In the Daily Mail foursomes, Heather Gough and Ann Smith were beaten in their away draw at Deer Park, Livingston.

Remember too, Social Membership is available for an incredible price of just £30 per annum. Next up on the Social Calendar is the Themed Dinner Night on Saturday 31 March, which will be an Italian evening.

Full details and 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 Cricket Club

As we approach the start of the new season we can reflect on a very busy winter programme for seniors and juniors.



Junior training has been running at the campus from October and has continued to develop skills and ability for boys and girls. 13 Kinross juniors have been selected for area and regional representative squads at under 12, 14 and 16 levels. Three boys, Fraser Gosse, Colum Stevenson and Fred Culley have been selected for Scotland U15 trials. The girls and ladies section has also worked over the winter with Deanna Green and Claire Jackson being selected for the Scotland women's U17 team.

Back in January, Club Chairman, Ken Reilly was recognised by Cricket Scotland for his significant contribution to the club and local cricket. Ken was named as one of the 12 Volunteers of the Year for 2011. Ken is the longest serving member of Kinross Cricket Club and was pivotal in setting up the junior section in 2005. Whilst looking after the U13's and 15's, he also coached the two senior teams in 2010. Ken has coached as a volunteer in all six feeder primary schools in Kinross-shire for the past five years and gives his time freely and his energy tirelessly and is an asset to the club and to cricket in Scotland. Ken was invited to attend the Edinburgh v Leinster rugby match as a guest of Cricket Scotland and enjoyed a buffet reception afterwards when he was presented with a volunteer award in one of the Murrayfield suite. Ken also received a £100 food voucher to spend in ASDA, along with his certificate.

Also in January the club hosted a community meeting at Loch Leven's Larder to outline plans for the proposed new ground and facilities. 40 local residents attended and saw a presentation detailing the proposed layout and outlines of the pavilion and playing area. The meeting was very encouraging and the club were delighted that there was so much support for the plans. As a result of the positive response the club confirmed its intention to move ahead with the plans and a detailed planning application was submitted to Perth & Kinross Council. It is hoped that planning approval will be granted by the end of April.

The 2012 season will see the 1st XI play in the Strathmore and Perthshire Union 1st Division with the Sunday XI playing friendlies against teams such as West Lothian, Dollar, Doune as well as an end of season tour to the Isle of Bute. The ladies have a full fixtures list with Scottish Cup and friendlies. All home game are being played at Kinross House. The club has decided to host a number of community days at Kinross House to encourage local groups to play and enjoy shortened versions of matches. The Community Sixes is to be played again in June and it is hoped that 8 local groups will put forward teams.

The Juniors have both Scottish cup and league fixtures which start in April. The on-going building works at Kinross House during the week mean mid-week home fixtures are being played at either Dollar Academy or the North Inch in Perth. Junior training is at the campus as it was last year.

Junior training restarts on at 6.15pm on **16 April** at the community campus. Senior training starts Thursday 19th and is being held at Newfields in Dollar. New players are always made welcome and there are lots of coaches and volunteers on hand to get you started. No equipment or experience is needed, just turn up and have a go.

Full details of all club events can be found on the club website www.kinrosscc.co.uk

Kinross Road Runners



The race calendar is filling up for 2012 and all the hard work put in during gruelling winter speed training sessions starts to pay dividends. The first club championship race of the year was the Cupar 5 on 25 February. There was a keen wind blowing but 25 members of KRR turned up and gave it their all. Our first man home was speedy Alan Kemp in 20th place in the very impressive time of 28:52min. The first KRR lady was Ladies Club Champion Jillian Gordon in a fantastic time of 30.38 and 58th place.

One of the highlights of the racing year is the ladies only "Smokies" race which is a scenic and undulating 10 mile route around Arbroath. This year was exceptional as **Jillian Gordon** came 1st overall in a blistering time of 1:01:50 and the ladies team (Jillian Gordon 1:01:50, Maureen Hill 1:08:47, Judith Dobson 1:13:24) scooped first team prize! As if that wasn't enough there were also 7 PBs and four spot prizes. Well done to all who took part.



The 1st team prize winners at Smokies 10 mile race in Arbroath (fromleft, Judith Dobson, Maureen Hill and Jillian Gordon)

The Devilla Forest race on 26 February provided the option of two different distances. Gordon Hill 26:23 was 2nd M60, and Stuart Dobson 27:21 both competed in the 5km race. The longer route of 15km provided some challenging terrain for nine KRR members. First KRR male was Andy Johns 59:18 and first female overall was Jillian Gordon in an amazing time of 1:01:05.

Although we are a road running club, many of our members enjoy taking to the hills when the opportunity arises. Our joint Athlete of the Year, Norman Smith, had a fantastic run at the Camethy 5 Hill race on 11 February. Norman was 508th and finished in a time of 1:48:43 PB making him 3rd M70, quite an achievement.

The **Loch Leven Half Marathon**, hosted by KRR, is on **Saturday 12 May**. This year we are making use of the Loch Leven Community Campus for registration and a new exciting finish. If you want a challenge for 2012, sign up now and be one of the first to run the new route.

Now that the nights are getting lighter again, our summer training schedule is well underway. New members are always welcome to come along and join our Wednesday evening runs. Details can be found on the club website www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk

Have a ball this Summer!

Kinross Croquet Club will start its season for 2012 on **Monday 16 April** on the lawn of the Green Hotel at 2pm.

We would be very pleased to see you there if you would like to have a go at this fascinating game. We play every Monday afternoon starting at 2 pm unless it's raining.

The subscription is only £15 a year, but new members can play for a month free of charge. It is good fun and you will enjoy it. All you need to start is a pair of flat shoes, sandals or trainers. We badly need some more members and you will be made very welcome.



For further information 'phone Brian Smith on
01383 722252

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

After a great start to the season, three weeks of carnage both teams would rather forget, but the 1sts are back to winning ways and hopefully the 2nds will follow.....

Kinross 1sts lost their next 3 games going down 2-4 to Reivers then 0-6 and 1-8 to Edinburgh University 3rds and 4ths before getting back to winning ways 7-2 against Grange Development and 3-1 against Carnegie 3rds. Played 14, won 8, drawn 2 and lost 4, now lying 4th in East District Division 1 with 4 games left.

Kinross 2nds dutifully followed in their 1sts footsteps by losing 0-7 to Edinburgh Colts, 1-4 to Edinburgh University and 0-1 to league leaders Stirling University before a 0-0 draw against Inverleith Development. Played 15, won 5, drawn 4 and lost 6, now lying 5th in East District Division 3 with 3 games left.

Hockey training is on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9pm at KGV astro pitch and is free and all are welcome no matter what your age or skills level.

Why not come down to KGV and support both teams for their last home league games which are:

March

31st	1sts v Carnegie 3rds	Away
	2nds v Edinburgh Uni 7ths	KGV at 12.00pm

April

14th	1sts v Alloa	KGV at 12pm
	Last game of the season.	
21st	2nds v Peebles	KGV at 12pm
	Last game of the season.	

Mixed Summer hockey usually starts sometime around May so watch this space.

For further information either contact Ross Turbet on email: captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk, or Gordon Balfour: secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk, or visit our website at www.kinrosshockey.co.uk

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Kinross Ladies' Hockey Club



On February 4 the second team played Dundee Uni 2nds and were beaten 4-0. As they had beaten us 8-1 the previous time, we took this as a sign of improvement!

The following week saw the 2nds play Perthshire 2nds. It was a very tough game, which again we lost 4-0. Meanwhile our 1sts were playing their 1sts and the result this time went to Kinross who won 4-1 with Kari scoring twice and Gail and Vicky scoring one each.

February 18 saw the 1sts playing Grove 3. Grove scored first but we equalised and were in fact 3-1 up, but the final score was 3-3 with Vicky scoring twice and Gail once. That same day the 2nds were playing Dundee Wanderers. In a very bad tempered match Wanderers scored first, but Chantal equalised for us, making the final result 1-1.

On February 25 the 2nds played St Andrews Uni 1V. It was a very closely fought match with St Andrews scoring from a penalty flick, but Maeve equalised for us with a last minute back stick goal. Exciting stuff!

Reporting may become a little sketchy now as this intrepid reporter lost her bit of paper with the scores on and found it in the garden half eaten by a slug! However I do know that the 1sts played on February 25 against St Andrews Uni at home and won 7-0. Unfortunately I don't know who scored, so apologies girls.

On March 3 the 1sts played Brechin and won 9-1 with Gail scoring 3, Gill 2, AJ 2, Michelle and Vicky one each. The next day the 1sts won 4-2. They had to travel to Aberdeen to play Shetland. It was a very good game with Vicky scoring 2 and Michelle and AJ 1 each. The 2nds game on March 3 was away to Stirling Uni 2. Again it was a 1-1 draw, with team captain Dr Gail scoring for us.

March 10 was an away game for both teams, with the 1sts playing Madras in St Andrews where they won 3-2 with Vicky, Gail and AJ all scoring. The 2nds were away to Dundee Uni 3, a game which we won 2-0 with both Lucy and Louisa scoring their first goal for Kinross.

Well done.

The season is nearing its end but there are still a few games to play and the dreaded AGM is still to be held.

Training is every Wednesday at KGV at 6.30pm and everyone will be made very welcome. A special few words of thanks to Scott who was coaching the second team but has had to give up due to work commitments. Ryan continues to coach the first team, thanks Ryan, and the seconds have been lucky enough to have Gill help us. I hope she is pleased with our improved results. We certainly are! Thanks Gill. Lindsay has also been doing a bit of coaching so thanks Lindsay too.

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Curling Coach retires after 19 years



A presentation was held at Kinross Curling Rink on 15 March to mark the retirement of Anne Porter as coach of the Mini Curlers. It was in 1993 that Anne was instrumental in the setting up a mini curling initiative which became known as The Thursday After School Club specifically to introduce children from the age of 10 to the sport of curling. During the last 19 years countless children across Kinross-shire have gone from the early steps of the sport to take part in many competitions and later joined adult clubs in the area to continue this traditional Scottish sport.

Anne has made a huge contribution to encouraging and coaching children in Kinross-shire and children. Parents and fellow coaches are grateful for her commitment over the years – many thanks to Anne from us all.



Anne Porter at her retirement presentation

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Kinross Junior Curling Club



Two rinks travelled to Dumfries on Saturday 25 February, looking for promotion to the second division in the RCCC Junior Challenge. They played rinks from Aberdeen, Ayr, Borders, Forfar and Lockerbie. The teams played very well and gained promotion. They were very close to winning overall but were beaten by one end by Forfar.

The Jubilee cup was played as a "Pot Lid" competition, where no striking out of opposition stones is allowed. This was played over 6 games on a Shenkel system. The top rink won all their games – Fiona Spain, James Russell, David Kettles, Gavin Hay and Kirstin Bousie.

The Fossoyay cup was played in two sections with the winners playing a final. After two games, there were three teams in each section that could have won a place in the final. Andrew Johnston held on to the top spot in section A by one shot difference, being equal on points and ends with Hamish Geyer. In section B Finlay Campbell fought back after losing a 3 in the first end to secure his place in the final. Andrew scored 4 in the first end and this time Finlay did not manage to turn this around. Final score 5-2. Andrew's rink was Kirsty Paterson, Beth Sutherland and Faye Mathieson.

Well done to Finlay Campbell who skipped the winning rink in the new Under 14 slam. Drew Thomson and two curlers from Perth completed the rink.

Ten of our young curlers played in the Scottish school finals at Murrayfield (16-18 March), representing four schools. Kinross High School (Fiona Spain, Alison Wood, Finlay Campbell and Linzi Sim) qualified, after five games, for the quarter-finals where they were beaten by the eventual winners, George Heriot's.

National Virtual Club Bonspiel

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The Kinross Curling Rink hosted this year's National Virtual Club Bonspiel on 10 March. A long day saw 20 teams drawn from Borders, Lockerbie, Stirling, Murrayfield, Braehead, Kirkcaldy and Kinross rinks battle it out in four groups playing four three-end games each.

Two teams from Braehead and one each from Kinross and Kirkcaldy made it through to the High Road semi-finals.

In a keenly fought final, Kinross 1 always had their noses in front and ran out deserved winners on the day, beating John Glasgow's Braehead 1 rink. This was a double triumph for skip David Jones who had been in charge of the Kinross rink that had won the previous year's competition at Lockerbie.

One of the low road semi-finals was between two local teams, skipped by brothers Gavin and Kevin Ross, with Gavin winning the semi-final after an extra end.

The final of the Low Road was won by Lockerbie 1.

The day itself was a credit to the eighty plus novice curlers with some excellent play and good spirit to the fore on the ice and many new friendships forged in the bar once play was finished. Congratulations not only to the winners but to all who took part.

Hall Bookings

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

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org

The new tennis season officially commenced on 24 March and we are delighted to have a full tennis programme for the season, including both adult and junior coaching under the guidance of new head coach Alan Russell as well as league competitions, club members' drop in sessions on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings and social tennis events throughout the year.

The Junior Easter Tennis Camp is scheduled for 2-6 April and the Summer Term Coaching (11 week block) begins on Monday 16 April; both offer classes for all ages and standard of player. We are delighted to give advance notice of two Summer Tennis Camps which are scheduled during those long summer holidays – the first one runs from Monday 16 July to Friday 20 July followed by a second camp on Monday 6 August to Friday 10 August. For further information and booking for junior coaching and camps please contact Helen Buchanan, Junior Coordinator at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com or mobile phone number (07918055434).

Adult players may be interested in the six week block of coaching for adult beginners/improvers which will commence on Tuesday 17 April. Price for the six-week block is £24.00 member, £36.00 non-member. Details for all adult coaching can be obtained from Susan Malcolm, Secretary at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

The club was also delighted to receive PACES accreditation recently from PKC. The Perth and Kinross Accredited Club Excellence Scheme (PACES) is designed to help clubs operate efficiently and effectively, the process of accreditation often leading to improvements in club development. PACES recognises clubs that provide high quality sporting opportunities and we were delighted to add this accreditation to our existing Tennis Clubmark, which we achieved last year.



Presentation of PACES certificate by Caroline Ness, Sports Development Officer, P&KC to Kinross Tennis Club

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



Kinross Cycling Club

kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk



The winter is over and summer is now upon us so we are back to twice-weekly club rides: Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. It's been a successful winter period with our spin classes and not too much inclement weather. The summer will see a series of events being staged by Kinross Cycle Club, not least of which will be our ladies only run to be staged on Saturday 19 May. Why not put it in your calendar? There is also the club GP series where local GP Roddy Pattison will be looking to defend his title.

We are also staging a **Family Cycle Challenge** on **29 April** in aid of Scottish Cot Death Trust the day after Sportive Kinross. Why not sign up for it? It's only £10.00 with Bronze, Silver and Gold distances for your kids to target. Entry is on-line via our website (see the event section).

We are also delighted to announce support for the event from Fast Forward Electric Bikes (providing the souvenir rider numbers) and Sainsbury's Kinross (providing water for the feeding stations). For more information just visit the KCC website and please do sign up before the day to help us plan for numbers.

Kinross Badminton Club

www.kinrossbadmintonclub.co.uk



Winners of the Kate Francis trophy were Maureen Macpherson and Charles Nurick

with a score of 21-15 against the runners up June Burkinshaw and Scot Bissett in the final. Twelve players took part in the round robin competition and the committee would like to thank and congratulate everyone who took part.

The Macdonald Quaich winners were John-Angus MacKinnon and Mark Crichton. They beat Rory Cooper and Maureen Macpherson in a close final 21-17. This year the Quaich had several participants, so once again the committee would like to thank all of the members who competed.

The Club's annual tournament is now in full swing, and the results will appear in the May edition of the Newsletter.

Club nights will continue on a Tuesday and Thursday (2000 – 2145) throughout April and May. There will be a barbecue and presentation of trophies at Bill's house in the second half of May. There will hopefully be a golf outing on the same day as the barbecue, so keep an eye on the website for more details on this.

The Perth and District League has now finished for the season, and Kinross did not perform as well as the team had hoped. The team hope to do better in next year's league when it starts up!

The Junior Club has now closed till September, and their competition results will appear in the May edition of the Newsletter and also on the club's website.

As always, for more information contact our President Bill Macdonald on 01577 862592 or our Secretary Rory Cooper on: rtc00001@students.stir.ac.uk or log onto the club's website.

Deadline for all Submissions

**5.00 pm, FRIDAY 13 April
for publication on Saturday 28 April**

Milnathort Golf Club

Senior section

It would be remiss of me not to mention here the tragic and sudden loss of a Past Captain of the Club and a Past Senior Captain – Sandy Braid – as a result of a fall on the ice while curling. He was an eager and competitive member of our Club and ardent advocate of the Senior Section. His passing will leave a void, not easily or soon to be filled.

Here we are, on the fairways and on the greens! The Summer Season has begun!

By the time you read this the teams for our Seniors Matches against Dundas Park and Falkland will be on the Notice Board so I trust you have all read them.

Our Annual Senior Captain v Senior Vice-Captain opening game will take place on Thursday 12 April – so let us have a good turn out! Thereafter our programme will continue as per the Seniors Fixture card, copies of which are available at the Seniors Notice Board.

Entries are being taken for the Gents Seniors Open so for the Tee time of your choice – get your entry in now.

Junior Section

The 2012 season for the juniors at Milnathort Golf Club kicks off with the first Junior Competition, the April Medal, on Thursday 5 April at 1.00pm. This will be a good opportunity to see if the winter coaching and practice has been beneficial. The second competition on Thursday 12 April is a fun greensome event where Juniors can play with friends as a team. In April several Milnathort juniors will be entering the Perth & Kinross County Golf U14 Coaching Medal at Blairgowrie and the district U14 championship at Dunning. The Clubgolf junior coaching is scheduled to start for the season on Wednesday 2 May and the first block will run till end of June from 6.30 - 7.30; children can sign up for this at the clubhouse or by phoning the club on 01577 864069. The club is active in promoting Junior Golf and has a series of weekly events throughout the summer to get children playing and hopefully enjoying their golf. New Junior members are always welcome, please drop into the club or phone for more details.

Orwell Bowling Club

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Showjumping Academy

The British Showjumping Society has launched a second junior academy in the West Fife area. The academy is aimed at local young riders who require regular training and support in their chosen sport of showjumping. Riders are coached in small groups from those just starting out jumping at 70cm to the more established rider already out on the showjumping circuit.

Shows are held around centres in Scotland which gives riders the opportunity to compete locally and further afield, whilst collecting points for the Scottish league tables. Riders may also be put forward to compete in teams for their area and go to national finals and championship shows.

The first evening of the junior academy was on 29 February at Lochore Meadows Equestrian Centre. Everyone was able to jump two or three rounds of fences at a height to suit their ability. Supported by coaches Fiona Macintosh, Jennifer Wallace and Lynne Mckendrick-Brown, everyone had a successful evening.

Leading Scottish young rider Mark Turnbull came along for the evening with one of his promising young horses to demonstrate how he warms up for competitions.

For more information about the Showjumping Academy, contact Chairperson Lynne Mckendrick-Brown on 07530 497176.

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Volleyball News

Kinross Scotrange Fifth League Title in a Row

After a gruelling two sets all draw with Perth in the Regional League at Bell's Sports Centre on 11 March there was no respite for the Kinross teams as they were straight on court for their final two fixtures of Perth volleyball's Premier League.

Ger Kirk's Scotrange knew that one win from their two fixtures would see them secure the league title for an impressive fifth consecutive year.

Kinross Scotrange opened against Ian McGrath's Mental Blocks who had been having a poor season up until now. That all changed however in this one game. The first set was evenly matched until the score reached 10 points each. Scotrange then powered 17-10 ahead only for Blockers to score the next 6 points. It was nip and tuck with errors now being the order of the day rather than good play with Blockers just pipping their rivals 25-21 to win the first set. The second set was a disaster for the Kinross side with Blockers taking full advantage to run out easy winners 25-12 with the usually reliable Craig Donaldson lacking his normal bite and effectiveness.

Fellow Kinross side Kintronics were on court against Colin McGinley's Team Fife on the other court and this was a real close one with Carlo Fiorentini's side winning the first set 25-17 only for Team Fife to come back and level the game with an impressive 25-13 scoreline. With only six minutes remaining the third set decider commenced with Kintronics having the upper hand early on to lead 5-2. The Fifers fought back to level before some fine hits from Kinross players Jackson Brown, Jamie Booth and John Cameron took the Kinross side 12-6 ahead as the final whistle sounded. Well done to both sides for a thrilling encounter.

It was now crunch time for Scotrange when they met fellow Kinross side Kintronics in what was to be the title deciding game of the season. The early flurries were evenly contested with the score creeping to 11 points each. Scotrange then scored a run of points and Kintronics were always chasing the game from then, Scotrange nervously winning the first set 25-21. The second set was error strewn from both sides as neither could find their normal rhythm and it was probably fitting that old stager Dave Munro scored the championship winning point with a quick attack through the middle from a Ger Kirk set, Scotrange winning 25-16.

Recreational League

Rhuaridh Stevenson's Kinross High School side had a close first set against Claire Young's Kinross based Mongrels with the High School youngsters taking a 12-4 lead before Callum Muir led Mongrels' fightback with the school side being unlucky to lose out 25-23. The second set was also close with the score progressing to 17-15 in Mongrels' favour before they put on a final spurt to seal victory by 25 points to 18. Hopefully the young High School side will have learnt their lesson that once they gain momentum they have to work hard to sustain that momentum and not let things slip.

The High School side were back on court next against challengers See Me and the youngsters pushed their more favoured opponents all the way before losing out 25-21; 25-19.

Young Adam Sweeney led out Kinross BB Girls' Association side for their game against Ian McGrath's Motley Crew and the youngsters showed they are improving but still have a bit to go with Crew winning 25-18; 25-16.

John Booth's league leading side Kinross BB opened against Stuart Anderson's Hitting Bricks, knowing that rivals See Me were just ahead of them. The Kinross side took the first set 25-14 but Bricks battled back well to take the second set 26-24 to level the game. The third set decider saw the Kinross side back on top winning 15-8 to edge themselves back in contention.

Bricks then played Motley Crew with Bricks taking the first set by a narrow 27-25. Crew then took control of the second set to win 25-12 before just edging the third 11-9 to scrape victory.

It was local derby as both Kinross BB sides met and it didn't look like top v bottom as the BB GA side matched their more favoured opponents till the score reached 12 points each with young Mark Cathro showing some nice touches. John Booth's side knew they had to win to take over top spot and they nervously finished the first set 25-19 before strolling through the second set to win 25-11.

South East Scotland Regional Volleyball League

After three games, one win and two draws, Kinross find themselves sitting at the top of the league thanks only to superior set points scores in their drawn matches against Team Fife and Perth.

The two outstanding fixtures against Heriot Watt University and Volero of Motherwell will be completed by the end of March and the Kinross lads are hoping that they will still be at the top after these games.

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Kinross Otters

Midland District February Championships
Olympia Pool, Dundee

Sunday 12, Saturday 18 and Sunday
19 February



These new format championships came about after a Scotland wide reorganisation of all District Championships and are now uniform across Scotland. The February Championships involve 200m, 100m and the relays. As usual the best in the District were there to compete for the major honours. The Otters were there in force and managed eight individual medallists and bagged 22 individual and two relay medals.

It was **Cameron Nelson** (13 years) who produced the most jaw dropping set of performances probably ever seen by an Otter, in the 13 year old Boys category. He was simply superb as he cast aside all that the other clubs had to offer. He combined his power, pace, flexibility, turns and underwater work to great effect. There are few weak points left in his swimming these days. Only Olympic hopeful, **Stephen Milne** (17) from Perth City who has just qualified for the European Junior Championships, had a bigger medal haul!!! It would be an injustice not to list **Cameron's** achievements during these Championships.

200m Breaststroke – 2.48.86 – Gold plus an astonishing 10 sec personal best (pb) in the heats 2.47.62 setting new Club Record.

200m Backstroke – 2.28.87 – Gold (5 sec pb).

200m Butterfly – 2.32.66 – Gold (2 sec pb breaking his own Club Record)

100m Butterfly – 1.07.82 – Gold (1.5 sec pb in heats in 1.07.37 for Club Record)

100m Freestyle – 1.02.10 – Silver (2 sec pb)

100m Breaststroke – 1.19.70 – Gold (3.75 sec pb of 1.19.25 in the heats)

100m Backstroke – 1.09.46 – Gold (2.5 sec pb)

200 Individual Medley – 2.27.72 – Gold (7.5 sec pb and new Club Record).

Next best Otter with a very hard act to follow, was much improved **Euan Boyle** (12) who won silvers in the 200m and 100m Backstroke in 2.46.36 (16 sec pb!) and 1.20.86 (3 sec pb) respectively. He also managed a bronze in the 200m Freestyle in the same Boys 10-12 age category, in 2.31.76.

Hot on his tail was **Conor McCormick** (12) who also won two silvers and a bronze in the same age group in 200m Breaststroke (3.10.10, silver, 3.5 sec pb), 100m Breaststroke (1.29.33, silver) and 200m Individual Medley (2.50.35, bronze, 2 sec pb).

Most impressive girl was once again **Niamh Mullen** (12), our Butterfly specialist, who won two silvers in the 10-12 yr old Girls 200m and 100m (1.18.47). It was her 200m that was really special though, as she took another 7 seconds off her own Club Record in the heats to record 2.50.65. It was only Nov 2011 that she smashed the old record of 3.03.00 and she is still only 12!

Despite being unwell **Aaron Gillon** (13) won a silver in the 13 yr old Boys 100m Breaststroke in 1.27.49 and a bronze in the 200m Breaststroke 3.01.80 (pb in the heat of 3.01.54).

Next up was **Cameron McCloskey** (13) in the 13 year old Boys 200m and 100m Backstroke where he won two bronze medals in 2.36.49 (3 sec pb) and 1.12.47 (1.5 sec pb) respectively.

Rachel Brisbane (14) won a bronze medal in the 14 year old Girls 100m Butterfly in a half second pb of 1.17.30.

The last individual medal was won by **Gregor Malcolm** (13) who completed a one, two, three for the Otters in the 100m Breaststroke with a bronze medal in 1.32.97.

To end an excellent Championships for the Otters the 10-12 year old Boys 200m Medley and Freestyle Relay teams, consisting of **Robbie Carstairs**, **Finlay Nesbitt**, **Euan Boyle** and **Conor McCormick** won double gold.

JAGS Meet, Grangemouth

Sunday 12 February

With many of our older first string swimmers at the Midland District Championships in Dundee, it was left to the younger section of the club to represent the Otters at the ever popular JAGS Meet. This, they did admirably, but it was left to **Elliot Hogg** (10) to win the medals. He bagged silver in the 50m Butterfly (46.53) and a bronze in the 50m Freestyle (40.22).

Midland District Premier League

Arbroath Leisure Centre, Saturday 25 February

Round two of the Premier League continued in Arbroath and it became tougher still. After coming second to Perth City last month in the home leg, the Otters produced another superb performance to come a close third at this meet behind the winners, Arbroath St.Thomas and Perth City. This now leaves the Otters in a fairly safe third position with 7 points, behind Perth City with 9 and Arbroath St. Thomas with 8. The once mighty Dundee City Aquatics team look strangely off colour this year and have only accumulated 4 points. Bringing up the rear and looking like a relegation team are the Forfar Falcons team with 2 points. The next round is on 12/05/2012 at Olympia in Dundee.



*Otters medallists from the Midland District Championships:
Conor McCormick, Euan Boyle, Finlay Nesbitt, Gregor Malcolm,
Aaron Gillon, Niamh Mullen, Cameron Nelson, Rachel Brisbane and
Cameron McCloskey*

Good Luck!

This year the main event for Scotland's best swimmers, the Scottish National Age Group Championships, take place in Sunderland from 31/03/2012 – 04/04/2012 due to a lack of appropriate 50m pools in Scotland at present. The Otters have the biggest numbers of qualifiers ever at this event. Individual qualifiers are **Niamh Mullen**, **Cameron Nelson**, **Euan Boyle**, **Rachel Brisbane** and **Conor McCormick** with **Aaron Gillon** and **Cameron McCloskey** making up the rest of the Boys relay team. The very best of luck to you all.



News from the Rurals

Kinross Group held their Spring Meeting in Coronation Hall, Muckhart on 17 March. Blairadam WRI won the Ramage Dawson Trophy and go forward to represent Kinross Group at the Elizabeth Gardner Competition in April. Runners-up were Milnathort WRI who received the Erskine Trophy and Grace Paterson, Cambo WRI won the Jessie Smith Silver Salver for best performance. Competition:

Homemade Jewellery 1. Betty Young, Blairadam
 2. Dorothy Morris, Cleish
 3. Helen Quartermaine, Glenfarg

CROOK OF DEVON – President Mrs Isobel Mill welcomed members to the February meeting. After business was concluded she introduced Yvonne Bell who gave us a very interesting talk on how to start to research our family history. Yvonne also brought along some slides of old newspapers dating from the late 1800's and early 1900's with articles from the Fossoway area which members also found very interesting.

Mrs Jean Jackson gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Old Family Photograph - Mrs Margaret Paterson
 Flower of the Month - Mrs Isobel Mill

President Mrs Isobel Mill opened the March meeting. After business was concluded she introduced Scott Murphy who gave us a talk on his visit to Peru. Mrs Jean Jackson gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Pancakes - Mrs Alice Johnson
 Flower of the Month - Mrs Jannette Allan

CLEISH – President Dorothy Morris welcomed members and the visiting rural, Glenfarg, to the February meeting. After business we enjoyed a varied programme of entertainment performed by the ladies of Glenfarg, which led to a fun filled evening.

Competitions:

Bowl of Bulbs - Faye Gibb
 3 Chocolate Truffles - Sandra Webster
 Valentine card - Dorothy Morris

President Dorothy Morris welcomed members to the March meeting. After business we enjoyed a talk from Eilidh Grieve on the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution. She also talked about her charity tractor run from John O'Groats to Lands End.

Alison Morris gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month - Fiona Barnfather
 Animal Ornament - Alison Morris
 3 Fruit Scones - Margaret Nelson

BISHOPSHIRE – Bishopshire WRI held a very successful Quiz Night, with quizmaster Raymond Sutherland. His unique blend of humour as he asks the questions made for a very happy evening. The winning team was 'Out of Focus', made up of some members of the Kinross Camera Club. Supper was served by the ladies of Bishopshire, and there were many lucky raffle winners.

MILNATHORT – President Fiona Hynds welcomed us all to the February meeting. After the business she introduced Alan Mitchel from Braco who gave a very interesting talk about his journey on the Trans-Siberian Railway. He showed us some beautiful slides of places they visited on the trip. A most entertaining evening. Lorna Douglas gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Cheese Scones - Kathleen King
 Pin Cushion - Nan Douglas
 Flower of the Month - Nan Paterson

President Fiona Hynds welcomed us all to the March meeting. After the business was completed she introduced Mr Tim Mitchell from Kinross High School plus five very gifted pupils who entertained us to some great saxophone playing. Michael, Joanne, Murrey, Rachel and Ian started off with an Elvis number "Jailhouse Rock", then went on to play three tunes, all sweet related: Strawberry Velvet, Tangerine Dream and Banoffee Pie. They also brought along the recipes to hand out to everyone.

The vote of thanks was given by Lorna Douglas.

Competitions:

Stuffed Tomatoes - Janet Probert
 Knitted Dish Cloth - May Paterson
 Flower of the Month - Nan Paterson

BLAIRINGONE – President Joyce Petrie welcomed everyone to our February meeting. A warm welcome was given to Joanna MacCreadie, Principal of the Seamab School, who gave a very informative talk on the work they do teaching disadvantaged children who live at the school. A vote of thanks was given by Jean Broome.

Competitions:

Banana Loaf - Mary Ramsay
 Snow Scene - Margaret Morgan
 Flower of the Month - Jean Broome

CARNBO – President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members to the meeting. Following the business, Louise Martin, a Weaver at Stirling Castle amazed us with her work and skill which was appreciated.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month - Francis Drysdale

President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members to the meeting. After the business Elizabeth introduced Graham Butler, who talked on growing Alpines. He gave us a slide show of an amazing array of alpine plants and shrubs, also telling us how to care for them and emphasising these are suitable for this area. A most enjoyable evening.

Competitions:

House plant - Elma Forrester
 Flower of the Month - Elma Forrester

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Out & About



Vane Farm



Spring is here, the sun is shinin, well it is the day onywey, the reserve is full o' activity – whit mair kid ye want? We hiv seen spring breedin activity building up the last few weeks wi loads o' lapwing, redshank, curlew, oystercatchers and snipe startin tae display ower the wetland areas alang wi guid numbers o' wigeon gawn aboot as weel. Pinkfeet geese are still kickin around afore they heed back tae Iceland and we hid a wee group o' eight European whitefront geese seen oan St Serf's oan 12 March. Alang wi hunners o' ither yins like pintail, mergansers, reed buntin, barnacle geese, gadwall, goosander, pochard, shelduck, tufted duck, goldeneye, great crested grebe, moorhen, greylag geese, a grey wagtail a jay and the twa sea eagles as weel. Ok mibee no hunners but certainly a fair wheeng.

The wee gairden birds are also beltin it oot roond the centre, which is near enough completit noo wi a nice shiny new shop, café and entrance lobby or shid that be “foyer” noo we have gone a tad posher? Nah, still like lobby, but that's jist me ah suppose. The colour oan the flair in the café hiz certainly wowed a few visitors, get yer sunglasses oot fur that yin! It's certainly a lot brighter n better than it wiz and we hiv hid a lot o' guid comments back fae visitors, especially noo that wur hame-made scones are back oan the menu. If you wid like tae suggest some new ideas that you wid like tae see us makin, why no speak tae chefy boy Doogie when yer in and he will nae doot give it some thocht. No sayin he'll dae it, mind, but it micht be worth a try.

A new passageway hiz also been open't up fae the courtyaird tae the reserve and durin the next few months mair improvements will be made tae the carpark and outside areas.

The new-look shop hiz offers oan suet products this month or “Great suet savins” as it's cried, so ye kin get the likes o' 6 x 320g suet cakes wi raisins fur £4.99 – they are usually aboot a couple o' pownd each so a fair auld savin. Ither products include fruity nibbles, buggy nibbles and bird cakes wi mealworms awe at reduced prices. The oafar ends oan 10 April, so ye will hiv a few days tae tak advantage by the time ye read this. Ye kin hae a gee gaw at the new shop at the same time, and the café as weel if the notion taks ye!

Next events comin up: oan **Monday 2 and 9 April** it's **Monsters o' the Deep Pond Dippin** fae 11am-12.30pm. **Wednesdays 4 and 11 April** it's **Minibeast Safaris**, the same times as pond dippin, 11am-12.30pm. **Fridays 6 and 13 April** it's **CSI Wildlife Crime Detectives**, 11am-12.30pm again. As wi awe wur events, advance bookin is essential. Prices work oot at £2 WEX members and £4 non-members per event booked. Micht be worth thinkin aboot joinin the bairns or even as a family and save 50% oan every event. Tae book, or fur mair details, phone us oan the usual number 01577 862355.

Think that's it again fur this month. Enjoy the Spring sunshine, the end o' winter we hope, it'll shin be a roasty summer – weel lets wait and see oan that yin?

Ta ta till next time.

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



It was great to meet so many of you at the Better Place to Live Fair last month. It was an excellent event and we really recognised the benefit of having the opportunity to talk to many of you about the work going on at Loch Leven NNR. I'd also like to thank the Kinross Garden Club for welcoming me to their last meeting - it's always good to actually meet your audience! I look forward to our next public event on **Sunday 10 June**, with **Discovery Day** taking place once again in Kirkgate Park, as well as at RSPB Loch Leven's Open Day.

Another thank you goes out to the team of tree planters that joined us last month. A good day's grafting resulted in over 1200 trees being planted along the south shore of the loch. These trees will provide good cover for duck broods during future summers, and will also act as additional screening from the extension of the Heritage Trail.

'I-Spy' Nature Detectives, Sunday 15 April

10am – 12noon, meeting at Findatie Car Park

Our next guided walk is just around the corner, and this one's for the younger generation to get out and about exploring the shores of Loch Leven. Using the excellent I-Spy Scottish Nature books produced as part of a series of I-Spy books from Michelin, we'll be heading off on a two-hour exploration of Levenmouth to see how many I-Spy points we can score in a morning on the reserve. The young detectives will be given the books to take away and complete in future visits to the Scottish countryside, as certain entries are unlikely to be seen at Loch Leven! We do, however, hope to see a good selection of woodland and loch based wildlife including woodpeckers, ducks, butterflies and possibly even kingfishers and otters.

Kids should be accompanied by an adult, and be prepared with waterproofs and suitable outdoor footwear as we may be exploring areas off the path in Levenmouth woods. Please call the reserve office on 01577 864439 to book your place.

Insect Survey Training Day, Saturday 21 April

11am – 3pm, meeting at the reserve office, Kinross

As we enter the fifth year of insect surveys at Loch Leven NNR, I would like to once again gather the troops for another season of monitoring butterfly, bumblebee and dragonfly populations. Over the course of the winter one of our volunteers, Dick Alderson, has compiled a comprehensive report assessing population trends for each species recorded over the last four years of surveying. The report will soon be available on our website

www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven

We hope to recruit a few new insect surveyors, whether on a regular weekly basis, or whenever they are able to come along and help out. If you'd like to take part, or just find out more about what goes into surveying for insects, then please feel free to give us a call at the reserve office on 01577 864439 for a chat or to book your place on the survey training day.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Stephen Longster to Loch Leven NNR, as he replaces our colleague Jeremy for the summer. Stephen joins us in April from Flander's Moss NNR, bringing with him a wealth of conservation and reserve management experience.

Cheers for now folks.

Craig

Farming



Oh, while you're here, could you just....?

This must be the sentence vets fear the most when visiting farms to carry out routine tasks. We recently had our routine herd test for bovine tuberculosis and I thought it gave an ideal opportunity for Poppy, one of our few remaining old Aberdeen Angus cows, to receive a pedicure. I felt the job was beyond our own basic equipment and skills and required the services of an expert. Albert had the misfortune to be in the wrong place at the wrong time and had to deal with the request. Two grinders and about an hour later, Poppy was released from the treatment room, her feet somewhat lighter and better shaped than they had been, and she was running about like a young 'un (nearly). Although Albert did an excellent job under tricky circumstances, I think his techniques would need some refinement before he would get a job at the 'Complete Look' (other beauty salons are available), but then again, I don't think he would be presented with a set of toenails quite as overgrown as Poppy's.

Tuberculosis (or TB) is a disease which is only rarely detected in Scotland, but it is a widespread problem in parts of southern England and Wales. By law, when it is diagnosed on a farm, infected animals must be slaughtered and the rest of the herd is put under movement restrictions. The restrictions are only lifted when all the animals are found to be clear of the disease when they are all re-tested. Just one positive reactor to the test is all it takes for the restrictions to be put or kept in place.

There are many theories and opinions on how TB is spread but it seems that wild animals are a major cause as it is thought to be endemic in their populations in certain areas. Badgers are at the centre of the arguments over TB control since they are protected by law but views are polarised over whether the law should allow them to be culled in TB hotspots to help stop its spread. Hopefully, the routine testing will help keep Scotland TB free, along with careful movement of farm animals.

Meanwhile, here at Backward Farm, we have been enjoying the drier weather and have been taking advantage of better field conditions to attend to some drainage problems. It is a job I don't mind doing but it can take up quite a lot of time, especially when you aren't quite sure where the drains are in a field, but it is quite satisfying when you get a problem sorted out and can see an area of a field drying up.

We have had some dung spread and hopefully will get the ploughing done soon if there isn't too much rain. Over two thirds of the spring calving cows have calved, so there shouldn't be many left to calve when the ewes start lambing at the end of March.

The ewes expecting twins and triplets are now getting quite a bit of extra feed to prepare them for lambing and they all have access to a special pre-lambing mineral and vitamin 'lick' which is like a big lollipop for sheep. It is supposed to help ensure that the lambs are vigorous when they are born and that the ewe's colostrum is good quality, helping to get the lambs off to a good start in life. They will need it when the snow comes.

John

Gardens Open – We are sorry, but due to space constraints we have not been able to bring you Gardens Open this month. The information is, however, on our website www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Weather



February Weather Report From Carnbo

Thankfully, February behaved itself this year. There were no extremes of any kind, and even the rainfall was well below the long term average.

Total rainfall 69.7mm (70% of average)
 Heaviest fall 12.5 mm (17th)
 16 rain days, 9 dry days, 4 trace days
 4 snow days, 6 lying snow days, total depth 2cms!
 Highest temperature 11°C (15th)
 Lowest temperature -7°C (2nd)
 Average temperature 3.3°C
 Ice days 1, maximum temperature below 0°C
 Coldest night 2nd -7°C
 Warmest day 15th 11°C
 Ground frost on 17 nights
 Air frost on 11 nights
 12 sunless days
 Cloud cover 75% app.

The Highs, Blows and Lows of Winter 2011-12

This Winter was much milder than the previous two. Heavy snow was also absent, especially on the lower ground. The worst feature of the Winter was the very stormy period during December and early January. These storms caused much damage to trees, even large areas of woodlands.

Total rainfall 396mm (111% of average)
 Heaviest fall 33.8 mm (13th December)
 58 rain days, 26 dry days
 13 snow days, 13 days snow lying, total depth 8cms!
 Highest temperature 11°C (25th December)
 Lowest temperature -7°C (2nd February)
 Average temperature 2.5°C
 Ice days 3
 Ground frost on 68 nights
 Air frost on 42 nights
 33 sunless days
 Cloud cover 70% app.

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:

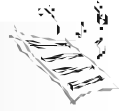
1 April to 30 September: Daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm
 (last outward sailing 4.30pm)
 1 to 31 October: Daily, 9.30am to 4.30pm
 (last outward sailing 3.30pm)
 Admission prices: Adult £5, Child £3, Conc £4.
 (includes boat trip) HS members free.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Neil & Jackie **HERKES** on the birth of their son, **JAMES COLIN**, who decided to join us six weeks early, but perfect, on Tuesday 28 February 2012.

Perform in Perth



Local success at the 88th Perthshire Music Festival

Only first place results are listed

Sophie Bryson, Kinross Pipe Band – Stick and Pad, aged under 13.

Lewis Cox, Kinross Pipe Band – Solo snare drum, Novice, aged under 13.

Audrey Doyle, Milnathort Primary School – Violin Solo, Transitional.

Iona Sutherland, Kinross Primary School – Viola Solo, Beginners.

Garry Simpson, Portmoak Primary School – Modern Guitar Solo, Transitional.

Struan Smith, Kinross Primary School – B flat Euphonium/Baritone Horn Solo, Transitional.

Kiron Roy, Kinross High School – Trumpet Solo, Intermediate.

Ellis Johnston, Kinross High School – Horn in F Solo, Intermediate.

Douglas Mair, Kinross High School – Tuba, E flat/B flat Bass Solo, Transitional.

David Wilcox, Kinross High School – Tuba, E flat/B flat Bass Solo, Open.

Lillian Swanson, Kinross High School – E flat Cornet/Tenor Horn Solo, Advanced.

Adam Bisset, Kinross High School – B flat Euphonium/Baritone Horn Solo, Advanced.

Jill Sweeney, Kinross – Flute Solo, Open.

Irene McFarlane, Kinross – Vocal Solo, Premier Class (Winners of Senior Classes since 2002) and Burns Poems, aged 18 and over.

Kinross Primary School – Choir, Infants (P1, 2 & 3).

Kinross Primary School Boys' Choir – Choir, Boys (Treble Voices).

Thanks



MRS WILMA DALRYMPLE, Westerloan, Milnathort would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and Rev. Angus Morrison for their visits, flowers and good wishes during her recovery from achilles heel tendons being ruptured; now on the mend.

JENNY SWORD would like to thank family, Bishopshire WRI and friends for cards, flowers, gifts, buffet lunch and meals out on her special birthday. Thank you all.

MARY TOD would like to thank her family and friends and neighbours, who kindly sent cards and gifts on her 90th birthday. In particular, she would like to thank Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home and its staff for allowing the family to use one of the lounges for the whole day as visitors came and went and Rev. Angus Morrison and Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church for the lovely flower arrangement, which will last forever. She would like to thank her family for making the day so special and as close to being at home as was possible, with so many round about her.

Light Up Kinross: Many thanks to those who attended and supported our fundraising event 'Stars in Their Eyes' at the Masonic Hall on Saturday 10 March 2012. Our congratulations to **HOLLY SCOTT** who was the winner of Miss Kinross 2012.

Scotlandwell in Bloom and **Kinnesswood in Bloom** held a joint fundraising 'Hollywood Legends' Ceilidh on Saturday 17 March in Portmoak Village Hall to raise funds for the charity Hospices of Hope (for terminally ill children and adults in Romania). The groups raised over £1,000 from the evening, which included fancy dress, hot supper, raffle and sale of a Fender "California Series" USA Stratocaster guitar, kindly donated by Gordon Vance. The ceilidh music was supplied by the very talented Cameron and Gary Kellow. Both groups would like to thank everyone who came along to make the evening such a success, and to those who provided the delicious supper; the backstage kitchen helpers and an extra special thank you to Pat and John for secretly clearing up the mess and putting the hall back to normal before most of the ceilidh goers were out of bed!

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Church Office: Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon. Tel. (01577) 862570

To Lease Church or Church Centre: Helena Cant (01577) 862923
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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.

Regular Services and events

Sun 10.30am Morning Service, includes a crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and JamPact (secondary age).

7.30pm (during termtime) Church Centre.

Crossfire, for S1 age upwards.

'..Connect.' Group for S5+, students, young workers. Varied social events (contact John or Shona McKay 865388).

Mon 8pm Housegroup (contact Brenda Fraser 862000).

Tues 10am Pram Service (except school holidays).

Wed 10.45am Midweek Worship: Reading Room, Church Centre.
12 noon Mid-week and Mid-day: Time to Pray (30 min)
1.30pm Craft Group.

7.30pm Various Housegroups (contact Margaret Michie).

Fri The Brigade meets in the 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

Holy Week and Easter Services:

See notice for 'Kinross-shire Churches Together' Services.

Details at www.kinrossparishchurch.org. Listed below are only those being held at Kinross Parish Church or its Church Centre

April

Sun 1 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion

Mon 2 8.00am: Time for Prayer - Silent Meditation (30min)

Tue 3 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court

Thu 5 7.30pm: Thursday Group at church centre

Fri 6 Good Friday

1pm: Walk of Witness starts at church centre

7.30pm: Good Friday Service at Kinross Parish Church

Sun 8 Easter Sunday

7.30am Service at Kirkgate Park, then breakfast in church centre

7.30pm: Easter Evening Concert: Rev. Ian White

Sat 14 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office)

Thu 19 9.00pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline (20min)

Sun 22 7.30pm Concert: Konevets Quartet - Russian Vocal Ensemble

Tue 24 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court

7.30pm: Monthly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sat 28 Crossfire: Sponsored walk on Forth Road Bridge for Christian Aid

Sun 29 6.30pm Evening Service: Hearing the Word of God - Song of Songs

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Phone: 01577 863461

Email: morrisonangus@btconnect.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

Dates for your diary - Everyone Welcome

Sunday 1 April - Palm Sunday Services in both churches

Saturday 7 April - Evening Service in Orwell Church

Sunday 8 April - Easter Services in both churches

Evening Service most weeks at 6.30pm in Orwell Hall (check weekly Order of Service or website for details).

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

Oasis Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15-11.45am last Friday of the month.

27 April, **Grace Simpson** - Healing Rooms, Scotland.

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

Daffodil Tea - Wednesday 18 April at 2pm.

Tickets £2.50. Kitchen bring & buy stall.

Church office & shop open Mon - Sat. 10am until 2pm.

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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 Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Sunday Services 11.15am
Crèche 11.15am
Junior Church 11.15am

April

Sun 1 11.15am Passion Sunday Family Worship
Thu 5 7.30pm - Maundy Thursday worship with sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sun 8 11.15am Easter Sunday worship.
 Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay.
Sun 15 10am -10.30am, Early Birds Worship
 11.15am, Traditional Worship,
 Preacher: Rev. Maryann Rennie
Sun 22 11.15am, Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 29 11.15am, Preacher, Reader, Brian Ogilvie

Thursday 12 April, 2pm Guild Daffodil Tea 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

April Services

Sun 1 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.
Fri 6 2pm Good Friday non-Eucharistic Kinross Churches Together service
Sun 8 8.30am Easter Day morning prayer, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.
Tue 10 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.
Sat 15 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 22 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 29 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

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

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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.

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Sunday Services at 9.45am

Wrigglers Group (0-3 years), Junior Church, crèche and teens group every Sunday at 9.45am. All meet in church for family worship and thereafter in their own space.

Tots Music: Friday mornings in hall, 9.30am

Café Refresh: Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm

House Group: Thursday evenings. Contact Fred Aitken (840833). All welcome.

Yoga classes: Mondays 7pm - 8.30pm

Joint Choir: Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm.

April

Sun 1 9.45am Passion Sunday Worship
Wed 4 7.30pm Holy Wednesday worship
Sun 8 9.45am Easter Sunday worship
Sun 15 9.45am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie
Sun 22 9.45am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay
Sun 29 9.45am Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie

St James's R C Church

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Obituaries

SANDY BRAID, farmer, born 11 February 1936 in Kinross, died 1 March 2012, aged 76.

As curling matches go, it was a tense and close affair and, as his team's skip, Sandy Braid had just delivered the last stone when he slipped and fell on the ice. He did not recover from that fall and that was his final fling at a life, which he had filled with zest and enthusiasm.

It is not given to anyone to decide how they depart, but the nicety for Sandy was he was playing in a match which was part of the Kinross Seniors competition which he had helped organise.

The Royal Caledonian Curling Club had quite recently awarded him a medal following his fifty years as a member of Orwell, but curling was only a small, albeit very sociable, part of a life which was full of laughter and good fun.

Sandy was born and brought up on the family farm at Channel of Pittendreich, outside Milnathort, and as a boy he daily cycled down to Mawcarse station where he caught the train to Dollar Academy.

There he was a good student and demonstrated a gift for figures which would stand him in good stead in his later life as a farmer. The lure of the land saw him leave school at the earliest opportunity and his further education was confined to attending evening classes at Elmwood College, Cupar.

Unknowingly, his early return to the farm would prove to be very helpful, as his father died when Sandy was only 25 and he had to take over the running of the 230 acre tenanted farm.

That responsibility was increased later the same year when his brother Jimmy was killed in an accident on the farm.

He had taken on a farm where the traditional crops were potatoes, oats and barley with a small flock of pedigree Suffolk sheep, but by the time he handed over the responsibility for farming to the next generation, the business had more than doubled in size with the purchase of a neighbouring farm. The cropping had also dramatically changed because Sandy was a pioneer.

The transformation in his life came with travel. From his young farmers' club of Bell Baxter he became a Young Farmers' Ambassador and as such he visited Canada, the United States, South Africa and both New Zealand and Australia.

He also travelled extensively throughout the United Kingdom and it was said if you were in a foreign part and wanted to make contact with someone, all you had to say was you knew Sandy. Friends made on these trips remained friends for the rest of his life.

These trips did not just bring friendships, they also brought new ideas and new ways of growing crops. He was the first in Scotland to grow crops of broccoli and despite Kinross-shire having a reputation as a rainy part of the country, he was the first in the area to buy an irrigator.

He also developed markets for the crop, helped a great deal with the slogan "Braid's broccoli builds braw bodies" which, when seen on the front of a tee shirt worn by his female employees, was reputed to help sales.

He was also among the first to see the potential in selling direct to the public. This was initially done from one of the farm sheds with his mother in charge but he was also very proud to see the more recent major development of Loch Leven's Larder by his family.

Soon he was selling broccoli to markets throughout the UK from the packhouse on the farm and he augmented these sales

by personally taking trays of produce through to some of the top restaurants in Edinburgh, where he often got a meal in exchange.

He was also known to get up at 2am to take a load of produce through to Glasgow market and then on his return do a day's work along with the farm staff.

However Sandy did not throw all his enthusiasm and energy into farming. Apart from his prowess on the ice, he was a well-known Lord's Officer, presiding at many a court where young curlers are made. And as a member of the RCCC Grand Match committee, he had helped organise the last bonspiel on the Lake of Menteith.

In summer he was to be seen on the local Milnathort golf course where he played with enthusiasm and was proud to have been a club captain. As a young man he had also played rugby with the Howe of Fife where his claim to fame was he had been hooker with noted Scottish internationalist, Dave Rollo as one of his props.

His contribution to the local community was also seen in Orwell Church, where he was an elder. He was a founder member of Kinross-shire Round Table and a member of the Kinross and District Probus Club.

A keen cook, Sandy was a proud member of the Pudding Club at the annual Portmoak Festival.

Over the past few decades, the second Saturday in August would see Sandy acting as unofficial but very effective social convener at Kinross Agricultural Show where he also did a stint a president.

A bachelor for half a century, he met Rosemary in 1993 with an instant family of four girls and became a proud grandfather to eight grandchildren and eight grand nieces. Retiring in 2003, he continued to live on the farm, assisting the next generation.

He is survived by Rosemary, four daughters, his sister Joy and family.

Andrew Arbuckle

ENA MYLES, formerly of Broom Road, Kinross, died peacefully at Perth Royal Infirmary on 19 February 2012, aged 90 years.

Ena was married to the late Robert Myles and mother to Jim, Bobby, Andrea and David. She was also Gran to five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ena will be missed by her family and friends in Kinross and Rosyth.

Ena was an active member of many organisations over the years including Girl Guides, Red Cross and the Church Woman's Guild. She also enjoyed being involved in the many activities at the Kinross-shire Day Centre.

In the last few years Ena was a resident at Abbotsford Care Home, Newburgh, Fife where she liked the companionship of the other residents and the good care she received from the staff.

Denise Dupont

has vacancies for primary tuition in Maths and English
I have 14 years experience of teaching in
Primary schools and 2 years as a tutor
References can be provided

Phone: 01577 861465

Mobile: 07541056286

Email: denise.dupont@hotmail.co.uk

Acknowledgements

MYLES – The family of Ena wish to thank Stewart Funeral Directors for their guidance and support at a difficult time and wish to say a special thanks to Margaret Michie for her kind and comforting words at the service at Kinross Parish Church. Many thanks also go to her family and friends who attended the funeral service.

BRAID – Rosemary, Robin and Emma and all the family have been deeply touched by the many genuine tributes to Sandy, in the form of letters, cards and flowers, by the large attendance at his service of thanksgiving and for the generous donations totalling £2,417 to the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution; a sincere thank you to the Rev. Dr Angus Morrison for his compassionate support and to all who contributed to the uplifting service, to Stewart Funeral Directors Ltd, Kinross, for their dignified attention to detail and a special thanks to the outstanding staff at I.C.U., Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy, for their loving care of Sandy and the family.

HARLEY, Bill – Elizabeth wishes to thank all friends and neighbours for their sympathy, cards and letters and to all who attended Bill's cremation and thanksgiving service. A special thanks also to Rev. Alan Reid for his kind words and to Stewart Funeral Directors for all their help. The magnificent sum of £952 was raised for Alzheimer Scotland.

The family of **MRS MYRLE DEMPSTER** would like to extend their sincerest thanks for all the help and support given to both her and all the family during her illness. Money raised from collection to the value of £441.79 has been forwarded to The Cornhill Supporters Group, who will use this money to benefit others in need of their care.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross
Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

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Kinross-shire Churches Together Easter Services

*Additional Easter services within Kinross-shire,
in addition to the regular services.*

April

Mon 2	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross – St James' Catholic Church
Thu 5	7.30pm	Maundy/ Communion Service – Cleish Parish Church
Fri 6	1pm	Walk of Witness leaving Church Centre (NB No lunch provided, but can be purchased from Day Centre), leading to
	2pm	St Paul's Episcopal Church: A reflective service on "Words from the Cross", led by Robin Patterson
	7.30pm	Good Friday Service – Kinross Parish Church
Sat 7	7.30pm	Orwell Parish Church
Sun 8	7.30am	Kirkgate Park – Easter Morning Service , followed by break fast at Church Centre.
	7.30pm	Ian Whyte Concert with retiring offering for Faith & Light. Kinross Parish Church.

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

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

Church and Children's Sunday Club: Every Sunday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross. During each service there will be a time for ministry and prayer for healing.

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.

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

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Playgroups & Nurseries



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort

Milnathort Babies and Toddlers offer a relaxed, friendly environment.

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

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

Thursday & Friday, 10am – 11.30am.

For more information please contact us
on 07989 795259
or e-mail milnathortbt@gmail.com
or facebook [milnathort toddlers](https://www.facebook.com/milnathorttoddlers).

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 - Aileen 07866 670745

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers with children
aged birth to 5 years are welcome to attend.

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

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

Contact - Fiona Eastop 01577 864194

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 10am- 11:30am
Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am – 12noon

Contact Laura Porter (Play leader) 07547 076696
Website: <http://portmoakunderfives.wordpress.co>

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21 -23 Swansacre

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association

Aka Swansacre Playgroup

Registered Scottish Charity Number SCO17748

TEL: 01577 862071



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

Playgroup sessions

Tues to Fri 9.15-11.45am; Mon and Fri 12.45-3.15pm

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

The Inbetweeners session

Tues 12.45-3.15 with Lunch Club beforehand

Children from the age of 3 yrs welcome

Rising Fives sessions

Mon 9.05-11.20am; Wed 1.00-3.15pm, both with Lunch Club.

This is complementary to preschool Nursery.

For availability or more information, please contact
Kim 07504 445949, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com,
or Playgroup 01577 862071

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 Caron 01577 861607.

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Michelle 07894 305272 or the Playgroup 07807 908833.

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

1950s Swing Dance

Fundraiser for Target Ovarian Cancer

SATURDAY 31 MARCH

Kelty Ex-Servicemen's Club, 7.30pm – midnight

Band: Face 2 Face Prize for the best 1950s style

Tickets £10 including buffet

Tickets available from Jane Alexander:

01383 831620 or 07539 024898

The Thursday Group

5 April:

A Day in the Life of a Pot of Honey - Claire Paton

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 01577 863421.

Orwell Bowling Club

presents

GABERLUNZIE IN CONCERT

SATURDAY 7 APRIL at 8.00pm

Tickets £10 per head - see Gaberlunzie Website

or call GORDON on 01337 827766

NOT TO BE MISSED!!!

Music in Kinross Parish Church

On **8 April**, Easter Day, **Rev. Ian White** will sing his settings of Psalms and other praise songs at 7.30pm in Kinross Parish Church. Entry is free, but there will be a retiring offering for Faith & Light, an interfaith disabled/able-bodied group with local branches in Perth and Glenrothes.

On **22 April**, on their second visit, the **Konevets Quartet** will sing at 7.30pm in Kinross Parish Church. The programme will be Orthodox Russian Chants and Russian Folksongs – a chance to visit Russia without leaving Kinross! Tickets are £7.00, but if bought at Milnathort Post Office or reserved from Kinross Parish Church Office (10.00-12.00 daily) or alexcant44@aol.com the price drops to £6.00.

Home Bru returns on **Saturday 12 May** when a concert in aid of Christian Aid will be given by local talent, also at 7.30pm. Details about tickets later.

Kinross Parish Church Guild will be holding their annual fundraising concert in the Church on **Friday 1st June** at 7.30pm, given by **Perthshire Brass**. Music will suit all tastes. Tickets £6.00- more details next month.

Light Up Kinross

Annual General Meeting

to be held in the Green Hotel, Kinross

on

Wednesday 18 April

at 7.30pm

All welcome. Committee members are required, although any measure of support is appreciated.

Orwell and Portmoak Guild

Daffodil Tea

in

Orwell Church Hall

Wednesday 18 April

2pm – 4pm

Kinross Floral Art Club

Coffee Evening

“Happiness” with Ann Cant

Thursday 26 April at 7.15pm

Upper Hall, Kinross Church Centre

Tickets £6.00. Raffle and Tombola.

Bishopshire Horticultural Society

PLANT SALE

Teas and Coffees

Portmoak Hall, 10am – 12 noon

SATURDAY 5 MAY

Bedding Plants, Leeks, Tomatoes, Perennials

Come along and stock up your garden for summer

CEILIDH DANCE

Sat 12 May 8-12pm

Portmoak Village Hall

With the Glenfarg Ceilidh Band

Tickets £10.00 adult £5.00 child

In aid of Hall funds

Supper included - Licensed bar

Tickets available from Kinnesswood Village Shop

Elizabeth Porter – tel. 01592 840655

and Wendy MacPhedran – tel. 01592 840779

Plant Sale for CHAS

in Jean's Garden - **24 Gallowhill Road, Kinross**

Saturday 19 May

10.30am to 4.30pm

Rain or Shine

Bedding Plants

Annuals

Shrubs

Perennials

Hostas

Grasses

Strawberry

Alpine Strawberry

Herbs, tomatoes etc

Lots of bargains.

Please come along to raise CASH for CHAS.

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Loch Leven Community Campus
presents

Antiques and Collectors Fair

Saturday 26 May

10am – 3pm Free Public Entry Stall Hire £20.00

To book a stall or for further information please contact:
Loch Leven Community Campus, The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ
Tel: 01577 867200
Email: lochlevenbookings@pkc.gov.uk

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

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

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

Can you give A Greyhound A Home

Why not have a look on our Website
www.greyhoundrescuefife.com
or contact us to arrange a suitable time to come along
and see the for yourself  find **your** perfect hound
Mob: 07826244765 Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings)
email us on ferniejimmyf@aol.com

Volunteers needed at our Kennels

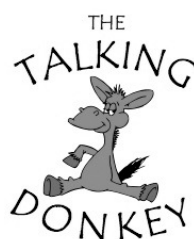
16 years and over please

Baltree Country Centre,
Gairneybank, Kinross,
KY13 0LF



Greyhound Rescue Fife Dog Show 13th May 2012



Caldwell's farm near Collessie, Fife, KY15 7UY.
Tickets £3.50 kids (under 16 free) Full details on our Website



Every Friday 11am – 2pm
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For further information, or if you
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Scottish Natural Heritage

Loch Leven Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Scottish Natural Heritage gives notice that on **20 January 2012** it intends to denotify two small parts (3.3 & 1.0ha) of Loch Leven SSSI. The boundary map, description of the land and the reasons why SNH considers it no longer to be of special interest can be inspected and obtained free of charge at either of our SNH offices, The Pier, Kinross, KY13 8UF or Battleby, Redgorton, Perth, PH1 3EW, together with clarification of any aspects of the notification. SNH will consider written representations received by **20 April 2012**.

This notification will cease to have effect if SNH withdraws it, or does not confirm it by **18 January 2013**.

David Bale, Area Manager, Battleby, Redgorton, Perth, PH1 3EW

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

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

Tuesday 17 April

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

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: Secy: Mr J Giacopazzi (01577) 864025

MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway & District: Secy: Trudy Duffy-Wigman (01577) 840669,

FossowayCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Portmoak: Secy: Mr J Bird (01592) 840368,

PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Dave Cuthbert	Highfield Circle	861001
Barry M Davies (Vice Chair)	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Laura Mackay	Brunthill Farm	07872 499145
Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson (Chair)	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

Perth and Kinross Councillors

Kathleen Baird, Easter Clunie, Newburgh, Fife, KY14 6EJ

Tel (home): 01337 840218.

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Michael Barnacle, Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ. Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: Michael@mabarnacle.freemove.co.uk

Sandy Miller, c/o Perth & Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH. Tel (business): 01577 840462.

Email: SMiller@pkc.gov.uk

William Robertson, 85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA. Tel (home): 01577 865178.

Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

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: **4 April**

Week 2: Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Hatchbank and Cambo every second Tuesday. Next visit: **10 April**

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949

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.

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

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Claire Baker MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Annabelle Ewing MSP (SNP) Tel: 0131 348 5066

Email: Annabelle.Ewing.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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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
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 April

Easter Tea Dance
Alzheimer Scotland group
Barge Trip
Drop in - Advice & Information

Tuesday 10th 1.30pm
Wednesday 11th 11.30am - 3.30pm
Friday 20th 11.30am
Friday 27th 11am-12pm & 1pm -2pm



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

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
May	Friday 13 Apr	Saturday 28 Apr
June	Friday 18 May	Saturday 2 June
July	Friday 15 June	Saturday 30 June

School Holidays, Academic Year 2011-2012

Academic year	Tue 16 Aug 2011 - Wed 27 Jun 2012
Spring Holiday	Sat 31 Mar 2012 - Sun 15 Apr 2012
In Service Day	Mon 16 Apr 2012
May Day	Mon 7 May 2012 (tbc)

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

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:

10 & 24 April

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.

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.

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

Cot £20.00

Mamas & Papa's cot – mattress and all fittings. Good condition.
 Seller details: Anne Robertson 01577 850391
 annerobertson07@aol.com

Pine Table and 6 chairs £50.00 ono

Pine kitchen dining table plus 6 chairs in great condition.
 Seller details: Mary Hamilton 01577 865932

Kiddy guard safety gate £50.00

Kiddy guard "disappearing" safety gate. Extends up to 51" (130cm) and 31" (80cm) high. Comes with both wall and banister and wall installation kits. Like new condition. Gate alone sells for around £130 new.

Printer Cartridges £25.00

Total of 8 brand new ink cartridges suitable for Brother DCP110/115/120/310/315/340. 2 x Code 1346 – black; 2 x Code 1347 – cyan; 2 x Code 1348 – magenta, 2 x Code 1349 – yellow. £25 for all 8 or will sell a set of 4 for £15 (one of each colour).
 For above items contact: Craig Smith 07850 691747
 jcsmith34@hotmail.com

Tent – Mummy bag – Lilo bed £69.00

Eurohike 330TS 3 person tent (used once). Eurohike two season single. Mummy bag (new). Single lilo bed.
 Seller details: Valerie Parkin 01592 840389
 vvparkin@hotmail.co.uk

Computer Desk Free if collected

Computer desk with single drawer and pull out keypad shelf. NB the desk does not come apart so a van will be required to collect it.
 Seller details: Dave Cuthbert 01577 861681
 davecuthbert@msn.com

Dressing up outfits £4.00 each

Spiderman outfit, one piece outfit, no mask, age 5-6, excellent condition.

Dressing up outfits £5.00 each

Red Power Ranger Outfit with red mask and silver belt, excellent condition; Mystic Force outfit (black/purple/gold) includes sturdy mask, medium in size for approx age 6-7.
 For above items contact: Debbie Gachagan 07973 533468
 stackyard4@aol.com

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.

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon
 at 29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

No appointment needed. No charge. Totally confidential.
 Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing. Call 07531 435715 for further information.

www.healingrooms-scotland.com

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').

Seasonal C&B Operations Porter - 24hrs/week, (Part Time), The Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

Responsible for setting up meeting rooms and ensuring all working areas are kept clean and tidy to deliver an excellent guest experience. Also required to work in all areas of food and beverage.

Send CV to helenmiller@green-hotel.com

Playleader/Playgroup Manager, (Part time), Portmoak Under 5's, Kinnesswood



Portmoak Under 5's is a small, well established playgroup. It is charity run and at present operates two morning sessions per week. We cater for children aged 2-5 years with a maximum of 12 children per session.

We are looking for an enthusiastic playgroup manager to supervise day to day running of the service. Duties include working closely with parents/carers and management committee.

The post candidate should be qualified to SVQ Level 4 in Children's Care, Learning and Development (or equivalent) or working towards this qualification. An enhanced level CRB disclosure and SSSC registration are required for appointment to this post.

Hours: Mon to Fri 9am – 1pm (8 hrs total), term time only. Permanent contract commencing Aug 2012. Salary starting from £9 per hour depending on experience/qualifications. Closing date 20 April.

Application pack from Lynda Hardie (Committee Chairperson), 01592 840785, Hardieskye@aol.com

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.



Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
 www.scottishscf.org

Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
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