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Letters

Editorial

As I write this, we still don't know what the final page count of this Newsletter is going to be, but it looks like being a new record-breaker.

All the CCs in Perth & Kinross now have a standard constitution and all are required to hold their AGM in the month of May. A consequence of this is that the CC News in this issue contains annual reports from most of the CC Chairs, thus making the CC section longer than usual. Previously there was some variation as to when CCs held their AGMs, and so Chairmen's reports were spread around various issues of the Newsletter.

I haven't looked through our previous 396 issues to check, but I think this month might be our biggest ever Letters section. There are several letters relating to the recent local election. Congratulations to our new and returning councillors.

I will end here as we are so short of space!

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CC: Community Council

CLlr: Councillor

CCllr: Community Councillor

Better Place to Live Fair 2012 - Kinross Cricket Club

I would like to express my apologies to the Kinross Cricket Club for accidentally omitting them from the Better Place to Live Fair report. The Kinross Cricket Club is very supportive of, and active in, the local community and I would like acknowledge their committed involvement in the event on the day. The Better Place to Live Fair report has been amended accordingly.

Tracey Ramsay
Senior Capacity Building Worker (PKC)
Community Learning and Development
Loch Leven Community Campus

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Disgust at attitude of Milnathort CC

I am writing with disgust at the attitude of Milnathort CC members after reading May's edition of the Newsletter.

A gentleman was made to look a fool by members of the CC at the meeting and I personally feel this is no way to treat anybody. It looks like the gentleman was intimidated and made to look stupid on purpose as the CC was not interested in anything the gentleman had to say, they made out in the minutes that they did not understand what he was talking about. As a resident of Milnathort, I myself reading the Newsletter was well aware of the issues he was raising so why did the CC members not? I feel he put his point across very clearly.

The gentleman raised concerns that the council were not representing the views of the local community. If we had been in attendance we would have agreed 100%. This was proved when we attended a CC meeting and were intimidated. Our views and suggestions were objected/ignored point blank only because a CC member (Bennet) came up with an idea and wanted it to go ahead therefore it was going ahead, without listening to the views of the locals who it would be directly affecting. Funnily enough there was no mention of the objection within the Newsletter, only one saying "an angry gentleman stated", once again trying to intimidate residents of Milnathort so they would not attend future meetings.

With regards to the chairman's attitude which the gentleman mentioned, we also agree 100% that his attitude is far from satisfactory towards locals – we have seen this first hand. Furthermore the gentleman was made to feel intimidated and embarrassed when the CC asked for a show of hands from those who agreed with him and nobody did (were they intimidated?) causing him to leave. This did not have to be printed in the Newsletter to further embarrass him. Had we been in attendance we would have fully agreed to each and every comment he had made. This has however given us reason to attend future meetings to stop the CC members bullying local residents. I feel a public apology is in order as no one should be belittled, bullied and intimidated in front of an audience.

Jillian Dailly
South Street, Milnathort

Vacancy – Kinross Community Council

The recent election has created a casual vacancy on Kinross CC and I would like to hear from any resident of Kinross that is interested in joining us to get in touch.

I would like to congratulate all the newly elected Councillors and look forward to working with them all in the coming years. I would, however, especially like to mention Dave Cuthbert whose election to the Council has created this vacancy and to thank him for his many years of service on the Community Council.

Those interested in helping with the work of the CC can call me on 07824313974 or email me at:

davidcustomhouse@gmail.com

David West
Chair, Kinross CC

Local election result

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who supported me in the local election and to thank my supporters for their help.

Unfortunately I did not receive sufficient votes to be re-elected and whilst I am very disappointed I now have some free time to pursue other interests.

I had been working on plans for a major event in Perth and hopefully this will be taken forward by the new administration, as I will be passing on the details to the newly appointed Lord Provost.

I had also drafted out another proposal for an important event in Kinross but as this was only in draft form it would be better to forget this and allow the newly elected members to pursue their own plans for Kinross-shire.

It was a surprise to me that Kathleen Baird was not returned and I feel that we have lost a very good and hard working member who was active in the community and just as important was always present at council meetings in Perth when issues important to Kinross were being discussed.

Finally I would like to pass on my best wishes to all the Kinross-shire ward councillors.

Sandy Miller
Crannog, Rumbling Bridge

Last word

Please can I thank all residents who supported me and in particular those who voted for me at the recent local elections. I would also like to thank all those who contacted me following the result with kind words; it was much appreciated.

I tried over the last five years to represent all residents in all parts of the vast county and I am proud of what I achieved for Kinross-shire. My attendance at CC meetings has been well documented and improvements to Kinross town centre were at the planning stage following the completion of the link road. I, along with Councillor Robertson, had secured agreement that the former Social Work building would be demolished and made into a car park. Funding secured in Capital budget for streetscape improvements. Preferred bidder had been appointed for High School site.

I do hope that the Councillors whom you have elected will deliver all their election promises; the electorate have heard the talk and will now be looking for action.

Representing Kinross-shire has been both challenging and rewarding. Thank you to all those who have warmly welcomed me at community events the length and breadth of the county. I have enjoyed 13 years as a Councillor with Perth & Kinross Council.

Kathleen Baird
Easter Clunie Farm, Newburgh

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Election thanks from Cllr Robertson

I would like to thank all those who supported me during the local elections in May and assisted in getting me re-elected to represent Kinross-shire on Perth & Kinross Council.

There will be much to do over the next five years, the most important of which will be the regeneration of Kinross High Street.

Perth & Kinross Council have already begun the process of looking at ways to make the High Street safer for pedestrians and improving the streetscape. This will be done in consultation with local people and businesses and should bring great benefits to our county town.

I am also keen to see the completion of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. TRACKS have lodged a planning application for the final section from Loch Leven Mills to Vane Farm and if successful the trail should be complete by the autumn of 2013.

The final draft of the Local Development Plan should be published by the Council in September/October this year. It is hoped that the views of local people have been listened to and that the plan reflects what people have said in their responses. I can assure you that I will be watching developments closely on this.

These are some of the big issues but I will continue to attend to the smaller issues as well. If you see a broken street light, damaged pavement, blocked drain or anything else which needs attention, please don't hesitate to let me know about it.

Councillor Willie Robertson
South Street, Milnathort

Thanks for the community's electoral support

Just a short note of thanks to all the people of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg area who voted for me in the Council elections on 3 May, to ensure my fourth term of office.

The result in the Kinross-shire Ward was noteworthy for the strength and success of the Independent vote, vindicating my decision to stand and continue as an Independent Member for Kinross-shire.

Two Independents were elected, myself and Dave Cuthbert, along with my former party colleague Willie Robertson for the Liberals and Joe Giacomazzi for the SNP.

Four Independents were elected overall to Perth & Kinross Council and I am the current leader of that 'group' for the purposes of operations within the council, although we will be rotating such leadership.

Upon our election we met as a group and drew up a list of issues we would like to see implemented during the next Council term, top of which is the introduction of a 'pilot' area devolved committee of the Council for Kinross-shire. This was a proposal passed at Full Council during my first term of office but never implemented by the administration controlled by Perthshire councillors.

Following negotiations we are preparing for opposition to the next administration that will be run by the SNP but intend to continue to lobby on the issues drawn up, based upon our elected mandate.

I promise to try my best in working with the community to deliver on the uncompleted business for Kinross-shire I outlined during the election campaign and to maintain a strong independent representation for Kinross-shire up at Perth.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Councillor Mike Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire

Democracy seen from the other side

Since turning 18 I'd never failed to vote in any election: this time I decided to put myself forward as a candidate. That was the easy part. The first hard part was when I stood before the first of thousands of doors on which I subsequently had to knock. My election agent Andy, a four time Councillor himself, told me we were going to campaign 'the highland way', which apparently involves talking to as many voters as possible, on their doorstep. Well, it seemed to do the trick; thanks, Andy!

One fortuitous side effect of door-to-door electioneering is dramatic weight loss. Thirty straight days of this type of activity is certainly the equal of any diet and is great fun into the bargain as you reacquaint yourself with people you have not seen in years and meet lots of new and interesting people. And make no mistake, most people are polite. Many are friendly. I can honestly say that while I only met four or five grumpy ones, I had dozens of friendly and interesting conversations.

Despite predictions of a poor turnout of voters, the figure for Kinross-shire was a creditable 48%, which contrasts favourably with the sub 30% turnout in many English counties. Mind you, the electors of Kinross-shire had a real treat: nine candidates! The election in Kinross, where the majority of voters live, was fought mainly on one big local issue, namely the state of the derelict public buildings in Kinross. While it now seems that the old High School site is to be sold for housing, the future of the Town Hall still seems uncertain. These are the issues which will be at the forefront of my thoughts in the coming times. Hopefully the present dereliction will be a faded memory by the time the next local elections are called.

The other big issue for many Kinross residents is the proposal to include the area of land known as H46 in the new Local Development Plan, a proposal which has been universally condemned. As the planners at PKC are presently mulling over the responses from the public, their recommendations will not be known officially before September at which time the Councillors may comment. Thereafter, if there are still outstanding issues, a Public Enquiry will hear the opinions of various interested groups before arriving at a set of recommendations which will be binding on the Council.

So there you have it. I want to thank every one of you who took the trouble vote, whether or not it was for me. Keep on voting. To those of you who did not vote I would say, please vote next time. It really does matter.

Next month I shall publish a list of where and when I shall be holding surgeries in Kinross-shire. Meanwhile, feel free to phone me with any relevant issues you may have on 01577 864025. My e-mail is

councillorjoe@kinross.gov.uk

Councillor Joe Giacobazzi
38A New Road, Milnathort

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A whirlwind two weeks

First of all I would like to thank all 2,315 people who voted for me at the local elections. It was a surprise to be elected and even more of a surprise to be the first one elected, so again thank you.

Since being elected the last two weeks have been a whirlwind of activity (written 17 May).

The first meeting was at 3pm on Friday 4 May, or approximately three hours after being elected.

All the newly elected councillors were called to a full council meeting where the Head of Legal services made a presentation on the Councillors' Code of Conduct, then we signed the dotted line and officially became Councillors.

The day after the counting of votes (Saturday 5 May), most political parties came into Perth to have discussions about forming an administration and I met with the other three independent elected members.

At this meeting we agreed to form a group and listed 12 key issues we wanted resolved were we to be approached to form the administration, including a railway station for Kinross and the adoption of a policy on derelict buildings in prominent locations.

On Monday 7 May Councillors came in to attend a presentation on "performance and future challenges", followed by political parties meeting privately in separate rooms. The aim of these meetings appears to be to form an administration, which appears to be a group of Councillors who take a leading role in running the Council.

On Monday evening I attended the Cleish and Blairadam CC meeting, followed by Portmoak on Tuesday and Glenfarg on the Monday following.

Since then life as a Councillor has fallen into a pattern of going to 2 High Street in Perth to sort out various forms, paperwork, offices, computer hardware, software, telephones, training courses and so on.

I have spent some time meeting all the Councillors who are all extremely pleasant, well informed and approachable.

Having said this, it does feel a bit like going back to school. One of the most intriguing things is the way that groups work, each political party forming one, with rooms allocated on a group basis and members of other groups banned from entering. The groups tend to stick together, sitting with each other, and hold private discussions.

The administration has yet to be announced although the hint is that it will be a minority SNP one, with support from the Conservatives on a case-by-case basis (whatever this means).

The first full Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 23 May when we will vote on the way forward.

Since being elected I have been inundated with people contacting me about issues with the Council, ranging from pot-holes to concerns about the future of Kinross Town Hall. I apologise if I haven't come back to you but it is taking some time to get systems in place.

I will keep you informed.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross

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Gairneybridge southbound bus stop B996

In the area of Gairneybridge there are three issues that need to be addressed. It is clear from the communication that has been received that asking PKC to deal with these three items at the same time is proving to be too much of a challenge. So let us take the first one that is needed most for the safety of passengers alighting from the local bus service. Not only will the meeting of this request provide safety, security and real benefit to the residents of Gairneybridge but also residents of Fruix and the visitors to the caravan site.

The other aspects we would like to take the opportunity to write about in the coming weeks.

Now well over a year ago, I and the other residents requested a recognised southbound bus halt. We are not asking for a shelter or anything else other than a hard standing area that the bus driver could recognise where to stop the bus and where passengers, once they got off the bus, could stand safely until the bus moved off.

(Please note that PKC took the unilateral decision to stop the cutting back of verges. So not only is the standing unsafe it is now very overgrown.)



The uncut grass verge where Gairneybridge residents are expected to board and alight buses

In September 2011, with the support of Councillor Kathleen Baird and Roseanna Cunningham MSP, who we are very much indebted to for all of their help and support, the correct process was followed. In November 2011 we were assured that action would be taken by March 2012 using funds from the 2011 financial year. In February 2012 PKC workers were seen "measuring up" so all was starting to look good. In March 2012, after we chased for an update, we were informed that there was now no budget to complete the work and funding would have to be allocated in the year next financial year. In April we were informed that funding would be available in the 2012 financial year. PKC have been requested for a date as to when the work will be started. We have not received any commitment. Further in April we were informed that as the elections were imminent there would be no action taken until after the elections. Did the council really stop all actions and activities during the election process?

So we are now in May 2012, we have no southbound bus halt but more importantly we have no idea as to when or even if any action will be taken by PKC to honour the commitment made. We wait with baited breath and wonder what the June excuse will be. In the meantime, whilst everyone prevaricates and discusses how they can reduce budgets, the effort to get the commitment of PKC to start the work continues.

Andrew Currie

4 The Steadings, Gairneybridge

LDP Representation - Scotlandwell

With reference to Ken Miles' letter of 16 March 2012 'An Over-development Plan?' (April Newsletter), he mentions the submission of comments to PKC on Development Plan issues.

I have made such a detailed submission to PKC, which particularly deals with development pressure on Scotlandwell and its historical land use heritage.

Subsequently I prepared and am circulating a short version of this as an open letter to inform interested parties which may not be aware of the 'overdevelopment plan'. I enclose a copy for you to publish.

Iain WD Forde

To Whom it May Concern: from Iain WD Forde, FRIAS Causewayend, Main Street; Scotlandwell; Kinross-shire; KY13 9JA

HISTORIC SCOTLANDWELL

This letter is to call for the preservation of historic Scotlandwell.

This village in the Kinross-shire is unique as a record of the mediaeval farming land use pattern which fortunately is still clearly visible and understandable round the perimeter of the settlement.

The 'fermtouns' such as Scotlandwell were as late as the 18th century the home of ninety percent of the population of Scotland, but were gradually 'improved' by the enclosure of fields, and the ending of the old communal style of farming. This process was not complete until the 1920's in Scotlandwell and consequently all the constituent parts can still be identified.

These are:

- The Parish Church and the Glebe
- The Peat Moss
- The Common Grazing – Hill and Carse
- The Ploughed Rigs
- The Well and the Green

The Well, Green and Wash House are currently being restored by the local efforts of Scotlandwell in Bloom (with various outside bodies assisting). As these are central to the village in every sense, and as the buildings were designed by the architect David Bryce, this is seminal to the idea of conserving the other historic features of the village.

Unfortunately there is development pressure on the areas above listed, though there is space within the footprint of the village to allow for new housing without obscuring the land use pattern around it.

Perth & Kinross Council have already completed a Conservation Appraisal; designated a Conservation Area; and are currently carrying out a consultation on the Local Development Plan. The above matters have been called to their attention in Representations.

However, the historical character of Scotlandwell is not widely known, and although cherished locally – Scotlandwell is a winner of Best Kept Village awards, and has twice won Britain in Bloom Silver-Gilt Awards – there is a great risk of gradual erosion of this character, and of this nationally significant historical record.

This obviously has a cultural importance which translates into an educational and recreational value to local people and visitors alike.

Milnathort Futures Trust

I'm writing to inform local people about the plans of Milnathort Futures Trust, a company limited by guarantee, set up last year to benefit the Parish of Orwell. The company has aims to relieve fuel poverty, improve the energy efficiency of housing, enhance flood protection locally, and ultimately cut our local carbon footprint. These aims are a positive response to local needs and national imperatives, where the community itself is taking matters in hand because public resources to address these needs simply don't go far enough in these straightened times.

To deliver these aims we have agreed to become a partner in a proposal for a wind farm development, comprising three medium scale wind turbines, located approximately 3km north-west of Milnathort on Tillyrie Hill.

The Trust would receive approximately 20% of the profits generated by the turbines resulting in potentially £50,000 per annum coming to the community annually, increasing considerably once finance has been paid off. Additionally, we are investigating the possibility of local people and businesses having the opportunity to invest in the project, ensuring that the benefits of the project are retained as far as possible within our area.

We expect a planning application would be lodged at the beginning of August 2012, but only after there has been full consultation and feedback from local communities to help shape and inform the project.

The current directors of the Trust are local people, including Sandy Smith, Colin MacAlpine, Dr McCracken and Grant Simpson and we welcome more local people becoming members. We will be working closely with the Thomson family who are the landowners for the site and the development company behind the project, Lomond Energy. Together we are planning to hold local exhibitions to allow people to find out more and input their views on the project. Full information will be circulated in the weeks ahead, but in the meantime any general queries can be addressed by contacting me (details below).

We sincerely hope that following the consultation, a final proposal can emerge that is appropriate for our local community, while helping to tackle the important energy and climate change related issues we all face.

David Sands, Director
Milnathort Futures Trust Ltd.
2 Greenburnfield
New Road, Milnathort
Tel: 01577 865069
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Answers please?

On 7 March I tabled a letter to Kinross Community Council (KCC) which asked for information on how KCC arrived at a view on zoning land for inclusion in the Perth and Kinross Development Plan which identifies future development sites in Kinross-shire.

On 3 April I again wrote and asked for details relating to this topic.

My requests for information relate to a private meeting held by KCC members in August 2009 which formulated the KCC input to the Development Plan and a following meeting in the same month at which amendments introduced the inclusion of additional sites.

I have asked for copies of letters and minutes of meetings but without explanation these have not been supplied.

Two and a half years have elapsed since these meetings.

Although ample time and opportunity to do so, KCC made no serious attempt in that period to engage and inform the public of the Development Plan process despite the significant impact it will have upon the community.

It is only very recently and by chance and word-of-mouth that some members of the community have learnt of these proposed development sites.

These sites could result in multi-million pound housing and industrial developments which would have implications for the whole community.

As KCC Chairman, Campbell Watson stated his interest as agent for landowners who are seeking development of two sites by Wallace Land.

Mr. Watson chaired a meeting previously held with these developers.

He has been criticized by me and others for failing to stand down and take no part in the discussion due to his interest.

Mr. Watson has now stepped down from his post as Chairman of the CC at the AGM on 2 May but remains a KCC member.

On 2 May a further, very short letter from me to KCC pointed out that the matters raised in my previous letters had still not been answered and stated:

"Councillor Watson has stated his interest in the proposals by Wallace Land at sites H46 and E17 at previous meetings. Does Mr. Watson have interests in other sites proposed in the Development Plan or sites previously proposed by Kinross CC?"

I attended the meeting and the new Chairman, Mr. West, suggested that he, Mr. Watson and I should discuss these matters over a cup of tea and not in a public forum.

As my letter was short, simple and uncomplicated I advised them that I was seeking a straightforward answer and that the appropriate place for discussion was in the public forum that the evening provided, however no adequate answer was given to my question.

I requested that their reply be in writing to me but have had no response to date (18 May).

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Turffhills House, Kinross

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In memory of Charlie Cranston

Kinross-shire has lost one of its life-long, much loved and respected residents. Sadly, Charlie Cranston passed away on Thursday 3 May 2012, following a short illness. Charlie was born on 11 August 1927, and with the exception of a period of two years while he was carrying out his National Service in India, Charlie resided in Milnathort all his life. He attended Milnathort Primary School and then Kinross Secondary School. Charlie was an exceptional student and gained the prestigious award of Dux of the School.

Charlie was a very much loved and respected member of the community and this was evident from the amount of people who attended his funeral service.

On leaving school, Charlie began work as a message-boy with the Co-operative in Milnathort. This was to turn out to be his chosen career for over forty years. Charlie worked for a period in Milnathort and then he was transferred to the Co-op in Alloa. His daily journey to Alloa was by train from Kinross. Charlie was obviously well suited to work with the Co-op and was soon transferred back to Kinross where he took up the position of Manager with the Co-op Grocery on High Street. Here he was to remain until he retired many years later.

During his time with the Co-op, Charlie was very well liked and respected and made countless friends. He was so much in tune with his customers that on one particular day, whilst walking through the local cemetery with a friend, he was able to quote the Co-op membership numbers of a large number of his sadly departed customers.

Charlie had long had a great interest in antiques, and so, on his retirement from the Co-op, he opened the Portcullis Antique shop at 76 High Street, Kinross. Charlie developed a sound knowledge of antiques, resulting in his shop being a great success. The secret of Charlie's success was due to a combination of his knowledge of antiques and his great personality and welcoming smile for everyone who visited the shop. It was often remarked upon that there were more customers going to Charlie's for coffee than to Bayne's tearoom across the road. Charlie soon became a very much respected authority within the antique trade and was a well recognised dealer around the antique salerooms in the area.

I first met Charlie about twenty-five years ago, after he opened his antique shop. I too had a love of antiques and I began to spend most of my spare time with Charlie, either in his shop, or going to various salerooms around the area. As time went on Charlie and I became very close friends and I began to realise just how special Charlie was. I would go so far as to say that Charlie was quite unique in today's world and just a wonderful human being. He was a humble, private man, who was kind, gentle, and was never known to say bad about anyone.

Charlie had the ability to make friends easily. A visitor to his shop, or a chance encounter with someone while walking his dog on the Kirkgate, often led to a lasting friendship. He was just that type of person and had a vast amount of friends.

Charlie continued trading at his shop until finally retiring in 2000. The closure of the shop was a big loss to Kinross as it was well known and attracted visitors from all over the country.

Charlie enjoyed the simple things in life, like going out for a meal with friends or family. He loved the theatre, in particular, musicals. He could also be seen on a daily basis down at the Kirkgate walking his dog.

Nothing can compare with the terrible loss that Charlie's family have suffered, but I just hope they can take some comfort from the knowledge that Charlie was a very much loved and respected member of the community and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

On a more personal note, Charlie was a much loved friend of mine and I would just like to say that it was a privilege and an honour to have known you, Charlie. I will miss you but will cherish the memories I have of you always.

George Reid

3 Bruce Road, Kinnesswood



Edinburgh Moonwalk



Saturday 9 June

My name is Anne Robertson and I have lived in Kinnesswood for 21 years. I recently lost two very dear cousins, Pat and Marie, to breast cancer, so I have decided to take part in the Moonwalk to raise money for breast cancer research and also to do something in their name.

Two of my daughters, Kathryn and Louise, are supporting me and are "walking the walk" too. We will be walking a half-marathon through the streets of Edinburgh at night wearing a personally decorated bra outside our clothes and on full display!



I have set up a fund raising page as we must raise a minimum of £100 each:

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News & Articles

New Councillors for Kinross-shire

Following the local government election on 3 May, the line-up of councillors representing Kinross-shire on Perth & Kinross Council has changed.

Kathleen Baird and Sandy Miller lost their seats. There are two new councillors: Joe Giacopazzi and Dave Cuthbert. Both have served at least ten years as community councillors, on Milnathort and Kinross CCs respectively. Mike Barnacle and Willie Robertson were both returned to serve another term.

The result means that ward 8 (Kinross-shire), which includes Glenfarg, is represented by one SNP member, one Liberal Democrat and two Independents. Mike Barnacle had been a Liberal Democrat Councillor since 1999, but resigned from the party in November 2008. He continued to represent constituents as an Independent member and stood for the 2012 election on that basis. Dave Cuthbert is the other Independent; he campaigned principally on the poor state of public buildings in Kinross.

9796 people were eligible to vote and turnout was 47.8%. There were 4645 valid papers and 37 rejected papers.

Voting was by Single Transferable Vote, where voters can indicate their preferred order of candidates. These preferences are used to deliver a proportionally representative result. Under STV, a candidate is elected when he or she reaches a certain number of votes known as 'the quota'. This figure is calculated according to the number of valid papers and the number of vacant seats. There were nine candidates, and in this election the quota was 930. No one reached that on the first round of counting. Under STV, what happens next is that the lowest placed candidate is excluded and his votes are redistributed to his voters' next preferred candidates. When a higher placed candidate reaches the quota (i.e. has received enough votes to be elected), his surplus is redistributed and further rounds of counting and redistribution take place until all vacancies are filled.

The chart below shows the votes for candidates at the first round of counting and the stage at which they were elected after the redistribution process.

Name of candidate	No. of first preference votes	Stage at which elected
Russell Auld (Lib Dem)	87	
Kathleen Baird (Con)	696	
Mike Barnacle (Ind)	802	8
Simon Bramwell (Lab)	230	
Dave Cuthbert (Ind)	897	4
Donald Fraser (Green)	81	
Joe Giacopazzi (SNP)	652	6
Sandy Miller (SNP)	411	
Willie Robertson (Lib Dem)	789	6

A full breakdown of the result, including every stage of vote redistribution, can be found on the council website, www.pkc.gov.uk

The membership of Perth & Kinross Council is now 18 SNP, 10 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 4 Labour and 4 Independents.



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Sunday 10th June

Kirkgate Park, Kinross 11am – 4pm
RSPB Loch Leven 10am – 4pm



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* Kids' activities & games * Tasty food & drink *

A free bus service will be running between RSPB & Kirkgate Park throughout the day, with the newly renovated RSPB visitor centre open for all to enjoy!

For more information please contact SNH Reserve office on 01577 864439,
or RSPB Loch Leven on 01577 862355

www.nnr-scotland.org.uk



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Kinross Parish Church supports Christians in Moldova

Kinross Parish Church continues to forge strong links with the church in Moldova, the ex-Soviet Union country situated between Romania and Russia. Rev. Alan Reid of Kinross Parish Church has helped in the country on a number of occasions and in 2010 Moldovan pastor Fyodor Lupanciuc visited Kinross.

This year the retiring offering from the Communion services at Kinross Parish Church on 3 June will go to help the Moldovan church in its own outreach work, supporting newly-planted churches. The Kirk Session has also agreed to set up a Moldova Fund which will enable the church to build on its links for the future.

The first project for that fund is to bring three Moldovan students here to Kinross to help with the church Family Week this summer. The students – Nina, Alexander and Michaela – are from the town of Nisporeni near the Romanian border. The fund will support their travel costs of a total of around £1,000 and volunteers in Kinross will offer accommodation and evening meals.

Looking further ahead it is hoped that a group from Kinross can be part of a short-term mission team to Moldova in October. The team will have the opportunity to be part of church life in the capital Chisinau and to live and work in a Moldovan village for five days providing help for the elderly and for young people.

Olympic Torch Relay, 13 June 2012

Co-ordinated by the Senior Community Capacity Building Worker and Supported by a Committee of Local Services and Community Members

All Community Members Welcome

Please come out to line the streets to help support and cheer on the Torch Bearers selected for Milnathort, Kinross and Crook of Devon.



08.03am Milnathort (New Road, South Street)
Kinross Pipe Band

Live Active Leisure (Muirs)

During the Torch Relay Live Active Staff will have 50 complimentary vouchers available for anyone who is there to watch the torch relay going past. The staff will be situated around the front of the leisure centre.

08.18am Loch Leven Community Campus

A display by Loch Leven Diamonds
Olympic Badge Making

Summer of Song Community Singing Group
Breakfast Rolls and Tea/Coffee deal available at the Campus

Kinross Boxing Club demonstration, come and try session during the morning.

08.39am Crook of Devon
(from town sign to West Crook way)

Kinross Churches

Free tea and Coffee outside St Paul's Church, The Muirs
From 7.30am – 9.00am

Family Film Night starting at 7.00pm

to show images of the torch going through Kinross-shire
AND the movie "Chariots of Fire"

Free entry - Kinross Parish Church, Station Road

To make the showing of the images possible please can anyone who takes digital recordings or pictures of the torch passing through Kinross send in their images either by email to
kinrossolympicflame@gmail.com
or on a disk or memory stick to
3 Muir Grove, Kinross

Tracey Ramsay tramsay@pkc.gov.uk 01577 867124
Senior Community Capacity Building Worker

Jayne Ramsay jsramsay@pkc.gov.uk 01577 867177
Clerical Assistant

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

For further information for the Olympic Torch Relay please visit official website:

<http://www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay>

Local swimmers make a splash for cash

On 28 April over 70 people descended on Live Active Loch Leven to take part in the Swimathon charity swim. Many of the participants were inspired by Olympic medallist Duncan Goodhew's visit in March and the swimming pool hosted an impressive range of ages and abilities over the weekend.

One of the youngest swimmers of the day was five-year-old Isabel Gray, who tackled the team mile with her two big brothers and her Mum and Dad.



Issy (5), Thomas (10) and Angus (7) of the Gray family team

Loch Leven pool regular Gordon Hay completed his seventh consecutive yearly 5km swim. Local lady Lisa Robertson took up the swimming challenge for the first time. Several regular 'Day Break Dippers' enjoyed a relative lie-in before tackling their charity swim, including Kerry Tuffee, who will swim the channel as part of a relay team later this year.

Local swimming club, Kinross Otters, produced several swimming stars yet again and gained the top six times for the 5km challenge. (See Sport for more on the Otters' participation.)

Youth walk for Christian Aid Week

The outstanding annual effort for May's Christian Aid week in Kinross-shire was given a great start on 28 April when the Crossfire Youth Group of Kinross Parish Church raised well over £200 in a sponsored walk across the Forth Road Bridge. The day included a piece of special anniversary cake for the 40th year of Christian Aid's Forth Bridge Cross and the magic of a steam train crossing over the railway bridge.

Church congratulates Queen

The congregation of Kinross Parish Church is to send a card to Her Majesty the Queen offering congratulations on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee. The decision by the church's Kirk Session was in recognition of Her Majesty's long and loyal service and of its importance as an example to us all. The special card has been hand-made by Anne Sutherland.

Sun, snow and missing signs

Sportive Kinross 2012

The 2012 Sportive Kinross in association with Alpine Bikes brought over 600 cyclists to the roads of Kinross-shire, Fife and Perthshire on 28 April. With clear skies and sunshine, the area was shown literally in its best light.

The clear skies, however, almost posed a problem. Paul Zarb, Event Director, said: "Reports of snow in Dunning Glen caused initial concerns until we were able to assess the extent of the snow fall. Fortunately the sun came to the rescue cleared the roads for us".

Event organisers, Kinross Cycling Club, expect over £10,000 to be raised for partner charity CHAS once all the money is in.

The event was led off by Charline Joiner, Scottish Commonwealth silver medallist in the Team Sprint, using the 44 mile Blue route as a short training ride. With no delays, the riders set off into a bright sunny morning with good support from local people out to see them off. The organisers then received reports of signs having been systematically removed as marshals moved into place. The loss of signs caused some confusion, resulting in a number of riders taking slightly longer routes than planned. Despite the attempted disruption, there were no serious injuries or calamities affecting riders.

A member of the SK team commented: "The signs are put up and taken down within accepted time frames. They are there for the safety of all road users. We are disappointed that unidentified parties would want disrupt such an event which is in part designed to promote the area." The organisers are hoping anyone who objects to the event will come forward with their concerns in order that they can try to address them.

Riders enjoyed a rousing reception in Abernethy where locals took to the streets to cheer on the participants.

Next year Kinross Cycling Club will support the Kinross Day Centre in addition to CHAS. An event spokesperson said: "Next year we intend to sell five places a £100 each and all of this money will be donated to the Day Centre".



Local GP Roddy Pattison was one of the riders in the event
Photo: Cycle Sport Photos

Family cycle fun raises over £1,000 for Cot Death Trust

The day following Sportive Kinross brought a different type of cycle event to Kinross – the KCC Family Cycle Challenge, which took place on the Heritage Trail.

Kinross Cycling Club (KCC) teamed up with the Scottish Cot Death Trust, local Trust representative Wilma Carragher and the Kinross-shire Round Table to organise the event, which was part of Bike Week 2012.

Organiser Paul Zarb, KCC Chairman, said: "I am delighted with the support given by local businesses. Fast Forward Electric Bikes sponsored the rider numbers, Loch Leven Cycles provided mechanical support and Baynes the Baker helped supply our food station. We could not have managed without the support of the Green Hotel who let us use The Boathouse Bistro car park to stage the event."

123 cyclists, ranging in age from under 3 to over 60 from more than 20 families, participated in the event. Each family paid a £10 entry fee and was set a target of £20 sponsorship.

Gillian Galbraith's latest novel

Local author Gillian Galbraith has published her fifth novel. In *The Road to Hell*, the latest in the Alice Rice detective series, DS Rice's career is hanging by a thread, as is her personal life, but this is just the start of a downward spiral of alcoholism, broken relationships and murder which brings death to Alice's very own doorstep. Alice faces her darkest, most difficult case yet.

The Road to Hell was published in hardback on 10 May. The four previous Alice Rice mysteries are available in paperback.

Gillian Galbraith is a former advocate specialising in medical negligence and agricultural law. She is now a full-time writer of fiction and lives in Kinross-shire.

Wristband scam warning

Those in the Park fans who have bought festival wristbands via social networking sites could be the victims of a scam. The wristbands, which say VIP, are fake and will not provide access to the festival.

In April Strathclyde Police arrested two men in connection with selling counterfeit wristbands.

Anyone who has bought these wristbands should contact the Major Crime and Terrorism Investigation Unit of Strathclyde Police on 0141 800 4621 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if they wish to remain anonymous.



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Kinross High School

Young Persons of the Year Award 2012



The Kinross High School Parent Council is inviting nominations from persons or organisations for their annual Young Persons of the Year award for 2012.

These awards are presented to pupils of Kinross High School, either as an individual or a group or team, by the Parent Council. The award is for outstanding achievement, service or contribution in any area, including for example: sports, arts, drama, music, education, community service, charity work, dealing with adversity or any other feats. Nominations may come from any individual, group, business or organisation in the community.

Awards may be made in the following categories:

- 1st & 2nd year pupils
- 3rd & 4th year pupils
- 5th & 6th year pupils

Nominations should be made by completing the nomination form below and sending it to the Parent Council Clerk, Sheila Herron, either via email (clerk@khspc.org) or through the School Office at the Loch Leven Community Campus.

All Nominations received by 1pm on **Wednesday 13 June 2012** will be considered.

Nomination forms are also available from the Clerk or from the Parent Council website www.khspc.org.

HAVE YOU NOMINATED YET?

If the answer is NO, please contact
Sheila Herron for nomination at
clerk@khspc.org

Please Nominate!

Kinross High School Young Persons of the Year Award 2012

Nomination Form

Name of person, persons or organisation making the nomination:

Contact postal address and telephone number of person, persons or organisation making the nomination:

I/We wish to nominate the following Kinross High School pupil (or pupils) for the award of the 2012 **Kinross High School Young Persons of the Year Award 2012**

Pupil/Groups of pupils full name:

School year category (Circle as appropriate):

1st & 2nd

3rd & 4th

5th & 6th

Reason for nomination:

Please return your completed nomination to

Kinross High School Young Persons of the Year Award 2012. Sheila Herron clerk@khspc.org or to Kinross High School Parent Council, care of The School Secretary, Kinross High School, Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross. KY13 8FQ. Nominations should arrive no later than 1.00 pm on 13 June 2012.

portmoak festival, 24 june ~ 1 july

This year's Portmoak Festival promises to be another fun packed week of entertainment and community based events. We are delighted that this year we will return to our full quota of venues, with the church back in use and housing our "Nostalgia" exhibition as well as the classical and children's concerts. The Kinnesswood bus shelter is also getting in on the act this year – check it out during festival week!

There will be something for all ages including the regular favourites such as the Pudding Club (due to popular demand dessert wine will be available for purchase this year), Cream Teas, Jazz Night (with the Batchelors of Jazz), Family Ceilidh (featuring ceilidh band Fit & Able) and the School Prom. We also welcome some

fresh events to the marquee this year including CHAS with an accessories show and the Light and Life Fair. The classical concert this year features a cornucopia of local talent co-ordinated by Alex Cant.

Local talent will be on display at our Art Exhibition, with local craft work being demonstrated at the cream teas and a variety of additional crafts on sale each night at the pudding club.

There is an assortment of events organised for the children this year including: Ceilidh Kids, Junior Football, Zumbatomic, A Stars (both regular classes and an Olympic themed Camp), Dance a Story and an Under 5s party. In addition to this, all the craft demonstrations at the cream teas throughout the week are suitable for children so come along and make some jewellery, turn a polished stone into a work of art or have a go at clay modelling!



The Portmoak Festival is based in local venues including the church, village hall, pubs, school and the Festival Marquee. The marquee will be sited at the Old Bee Garden, Main Street, Kinnesswood (east side) – the same site as last year.

The Festival starts with the Grand Opening of all the exhibitions in the Portmoak Village Hall at 2pm on **Sunday 24 June**.

For the majority of events, entry is paid at the door or by donation. Tickets for the Jazz night and the family ceilidh events may be bought at the village shop Kinnesswood or the Church Office Milnathort. Tickets will also be on sale during festival week at Portmoak Hall during exhibition hours. Alternatively, call 01592 840655.

We are always looking for helpers before and during festival week for numerous tasks including pudding donations, electrical work, hanging of bunting, marquee field preparation, selling raffle tickets, recycling, set up of marquee between events..... the list is endless! If you can help in any way please call Elizabeth (01592 840655) or Kathrine (01592 840767) or email us on the address below. For additional information, and a full timetable of events, please visit the website www.portmoakfestival.org.uk or email prtmkfestival@googlemail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook: Portmoak Festival

We look forward to welcoming you all to this year's Festival.

See next page for a timetable of Portmoak Festival events

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Portmoak festival ~ 2012

	Sunday 24th June	Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th	Saturday 30th	Sunday 1st July
hall	Grand Opening of Exhibitions in Hall, Church and New Rooms, 2pm - 4pm	Art Exhibition Mon. to Fri. 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm	Cream Teas Glass Pendants Mon. to Fri. 2pm - 4pm	Polished Stones Clay modelling				
		Happy Hookers						
		Anything Goes Sylvia - Cards	Men's Night Lizzie Meg	World Puddings Integro - Jewellery	Nostalgic Puddings Glass Station	Chocolate Temptation The Fabulous Jewellery Co		
church	Family Service 10 am	Exhibition:- Nostalgia Mon. to Fri. 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm (Closed Tues. evening)	Children's Concert 6pm					Michael Bruce Service 6.30pm
	Classical Concert 8pm Donations							
marquee	To buy tickets call in at :- Village Shop, Main St. K'wood Church Office, Milnathort During the Festival they are also available at:- Portmoak Village Hall 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm Or phone 01592 840655	Under 5's Party 10am - 11.30am £1.50	School Assembly 1.30pm	Ladies Night Doors Open 7pm CHAS Accessory Show 7.30 pm £2.00	A Stars 1pm - 4pm Class times below £3.50	Zumba 7pm - 8pm £3.50	Pub Quiz Marquee 9pm	Prise Band Service 11am
other venues		Children's Artwork Kinnesswood Bus Shelter	Junior Football Challenge Portmoak PS 6.30pm	Pub Quiz The Well Inn 9pm	Adult Football Portmoak PS All abilities welcome. 7.30pm	A Stars Wednesday 27th Age 2.5 - 4 1pm - 1.45pm (P1 - P3) 2pm - 3pm (P4+) 3pm - 4pm A Stars Olympics Camp Age 3 - 10 years One child - £12 Two children - £20 Three or more - £25		

Facebook:- Portmoak Festival

www.portmoakfestival.org.uk

Grants for local good causes

Surpluses have been building up in the charitable company set up to disburse profits from the Newsletter – Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (KCCNL). Kinross CC is therefore in a position to accept applications for grants to support local causes.

The applications need to fit the charitable purposes, which, in brief, are set out below:

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

More information will be available via the website www.kinross.cc where an online form can be accessed. Forms and information will also be available on the counter at Hunters the Butchers, and offices of Macbeth Currie, both on the High Street. (Our thanks to both.)

We welcome applications for all types of funding, but it is not intended for use where central or local government funding could otherwise be used, nor is it intended to support general running costs of an organisation. If we need more information we may ask for it before taking a decision.

The total amount of funds potentially available are in excess of £30,000 but it is not intended to deplete the funds entirely and we would like to support lots of projects all across Kinross-shire in the coming years.

Kinross CC can consider applications at any of its meetings but the intention is to batch together responses to this advertisement for consideration at a meeting during the summer.

David West, Kinross CC Chair

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross
Tel: 01577 867205

Forthcoming events

Alex Gray, author event: Crime author Alex Gray visits on **Thursday 7 June**, 7.30pm-8.30pm. Tickets cost £5.

Bookbug Rhymetime Teddy Bear Picnic: Bring your teddy bears and enjoy our imaginary picnic! Meet Bookbug!

Wednesday 13 June, 2.00-2.30pm – Bookbug Rhymetime.

Sensory Evening as part of 'Make a Noise in Libraries' Week: Free evening of entertainment to stimulate your senses. Ms Irma Brown, Relaxation Techniques. Seonaid Birse, Celtic Harp. Miss Pauline Murray, Textiles/ Textures with Felt Making. **Thursday 21 June**, 6.30- 8pm.

'Living Painting' Scottish Collection Art Display as part of 'Make a Noise in Libraries' Week: **Monday 11 June** to approximately **Sunday 24 June**. 3D paintings will be on display for visually impaired individuals and the Kinross-shire community.

Loch Leven Olympic Torch Treasure Hunt

Come and join the fun at this free event! Take part in the Olympic-themed treasure hunt in the library – suitable for all ages. **Wednesday 13 June**, 10am -7.30pm.

Kinross cycle shop expands

Lochleven Cycles is one of Kinross's business success stories. Founded in 2008 by John and Shona McKay to provide accessible, affordable and local bicycle supply and repair, the business has steadily developed over the past few years.

Recent movements in the High Street created the opportunity for them to secure new, larger premises at 207 High Street. This has meant the creation of new post and the appointment of Donnie MacLeod as shop manager.

Donnie, who is a professional snow boarder as well as an expert bike mechanic, told the Newsletter: "I am very excited about working with Lochleven Cycles. We have plans to expand the range of suppliers for road, mountain, BMX, hybrid and family bikes."

There will also be a new, professional workshop in which to service and maintain customers' bikes.

John McKay said: "The business has been very well supported by the people of Kinross and the surrounding area and that support is very much appreciated. Whilst we are growing the customer service focus and ethos of the business will remain as it was."

The new premises are located at the bottom of the High Street adjacent to the carwash.



Donnie MacLeod, new manager at Lochleven Cycles

Solo Art Exhibition & Sale

Something to look forward to in June is a Solo Art Exhibition and Sale by **David Cochrane** to be held in Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross. The Rev Jan Steyn has been invited to open the Exhibition on **Thursday 7 June** at 7pm and it will be open until 9pm. It will then be open on **Friday 8 June** 3.30 - 8pm and **Saturday 9 June** 10.30am – 4pm.

This Exhibition is a celebration and thanksgiving for 30 years of art and my way of thanking God for this talent.

On offer will be a wide range of framed and mounted watercolour works and some limited editions and other watercolour prints, along with acrylics, charcoal, pastel and pencil sketches. Loch Leven tea-towels and Kinross-shire notelets will also be available for sale.

The Exhibition part will consist of past tea-towel designs (eight in all), over 200 pen drawings done for Kinross-shire Day Centre Art Group to help with their painting, also folders of other works painted, drawn and sketched over the last 30 years.

All money raised, less expenses, will go towards Parish Church Projects.

Please come and join me in this Celebration and bring some friends. I am sure you will enjoy it as much as I have enjoyed painting over the years and I look forward to seeing you there.

David Cochrane

Please mention The Newsletter when answering advertisements

Victim Support Perth and Kinross: Opportunities for Volunteers

Victim Support Scotland provides support for anyone affected by crime. We are an independent voluntary organisation and our local Perth and Kinross office is based at the Gateway, Perth and our local Witness Service office is based at Perth Sheriff Court. We are looking for new volunteers from all over, but especially in Kinross, Crieff, Aberfeldy, Pitlochry and Blairgowrie to work within our communities and at our local Court.

The Victim Service provides practical and emotional support to victims of crimes. Volunteers provide this support, meeting with victims or talking to them over the phone. People can suffer greatly in the aftermath of a crime and many benefit from talking about how they have been affected. They often need help with practical matters such as information on the criminal justice system and compensation claims.

The Witness Service provides support and information for anyone who has to attend court, which is often a very stressful experience. Volunteers help by giving information, emotional support and practical advice and also showing people round the courtroom so they know what to expect.

We provide support, advice, guidance and on-going training for all our volunteers. Whether you want to work directly with people or use your skills in fundraising and publicity, we are keen to involve you. If you would like to learn new skills or build on ones you already have, we can offer you many opportunities to stretch yourself, meet new people and develop your interests. We will provide you with training and the support you need, involve you in our national and local activities and reimburse legitimate expenses.

The time a volunteer needs to give depends on how you choose to be involved and the work needing done. We agree the time commitment with each volunteer. Typically we ask volunteers to spend a minimum of two to three hours a week with the Victim Service or at least one day a week with Witness Service.

You do not need specific skills as we provide comprehensive training. Our volunteers come with a wide range of skills and experiences. We are looking for flexible, adaptable and non-judgemental individuals who are able to get on well with people of all ages and backgrounds.

Interested in volunteering with us? Get in touch and be inspired to help those in your community affected by crime. Please phone Victim Support Perth and Kinross and speak to Jo or Kirsty 01738 567171. Alternatively, email victimsupport.perth&kinross@victimsupportscotland.org.uk



Banks promoted to front bench

Gordon Banks, MP for Ochil and South Perthshire since 2005, is to join Labour's shadow Scotland Office team and will have specific responsibility for campaigning, messaging and strategic political issues.

New name, new look for Vane Farm reserve

by Colin Shaw

The new RSPB Loch Leven Centre is open for business after its recent refurbishment. Some of you will still be tempted to refer to it as Vane Farm, which has been the name for the last 40+ years since the reserve was bought by the RSPB.

Why change the name after all this time, you may ask? A good question. After consultation with the local tourism focus group, we have changed the name to give a more consistent approach from local business and tourism providers in the area to promote the "Loch Leven" brand so that visitors to Kinross and the loch will see the name Loch Leven as a fantastic place to visit, with lots of quality shops and attractions to visit on a day out, all located round the "Jewel in the Crown" that is the loch itself.

As well as the new name, we have also improved our visitor centre facilities, totally refurbishing the reception, shop, café and toilet area to make it more customer friendly and a lot more inviting. The new colour scheme has certainly provided a talking point, receiving good comments from visitors and is certainly a lot more eye-catching than the old style centre.

The shop has seen a massive change, with the whole area looking a lot more spacious and new lighting making it a brighter, more welcoming place to visit. The new layout has been designed with the customer in mind and allows visitors to easily browse our selection of quality products, whether it's food for garden birds or our range of gifts. An extra till point has been added to a new counter to speed things up at busy times.

The very popular "View Café" has also seen a huge change, with the area opened up by removing walls, and the kitchen area has doubled in size. The fabulous panorama over the loch and reserve remains, of course. The larger kitchen is allowing staff to provide more home made and home baked produce, maintaining and improving the fresh organic approach to the menu. Again the design is very eye catching, making it a vibrant place to come and relax over a coffee and cake or enjoy something a bit more substantial.

To celebrate the completion of the new centre, we will be holding an **Open Day on Sunday 10 June**, which will run in conjunction with Discovery Day at Kirkgate Park. Open from 10am - 4pm, we will have lots of exciting activities and events throughout the day, from pond dipping and forestcraft to bird box building and games, and, for one day only, reserve entry will also be free. A free shuttle bus service will operate between The Pier and the reserve throughout the day, giving visitors the double bonus of being able to visit both events.

If you have never visited before, or perhaps you have just not visited for a while, then why not take this opportunity to re-acquaint yourself with your local nature reserve and see what we have to offer?



Pond dipping, one of the activities on offer at the Open Day

Police Box



T in the Park

A T in the Park community forum was held on 22 May to which all the CCs were invited. This provided them with an opportunity for the community to voice any concerns to representatives from Big Day Out, Perth & Kinross Council and Tayside Police. If anyone still has any issues that they wish to have discussed, they should raise these with their local CC in the first instance. If these issues are related to local policing, please contact any of the local community officers (details listed below) or the Community Sergeant, Sandra Williams by email at sandra.williams@tayside.pnn.police.uk

Street Sports

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, the above football based activity for children (particularly those aged from 7 years upwards) will take place, weather permitting, at Donaldson Park from 6-8pm on **Friday 8 June**. Come along and practise your skills!

Dog Fouling

This subject may be a rather unpleasant one but one that many of you will have an issue with – dog fouling. The Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 makes it an offence for anyone in charge of a dog to allow it to foul in any public place which the public has express or implied permission to have access over. This includes any common passage, close, court, stair, back greens, garden, yard or other similar common area without lifting it immediately and disposing of it properly.

This may seem a minor issue in the grand scale of things that the police have to deal with, but nevertheless is one of the most regular and emotive complaints raised by the public and can bring down the general feeling and pride in an area.

Whilst the majority of dog owners are responsible and do take bags out with them when they walk their dogs, there are some dog owners who do not take the responsibility of having a dog seriously and neglect this aspect of it. If you own a dog and you walk it in public places then you must pick up the faeces your dog leaves behind. It is completely unacceptable to allow a dog to foul pavements, parks and open spaces where the public have access. It not only brings down the general standard of an area but it is extremely unhygienic. How many parents have had the disgusting job of cleaning dog excrement from their children's shoes, bicycle or pram wheels?

This problem exists in all the towns and villages of Kinross-shire and I urge members of the public to report dog fouling to the dog wardens at PKC (01738 476476) who can issue £40 fixed penalty notices (which rise to £60 if not paid within 28 days) if the dog owner has failed to pick up their dog's mess. This can be issued if either one of the dog wardens, or two independent members of the public, witness the offence and they know the identity of the dog owner. The police can also report persistent offenders to the Procurator Fiscal.

It is not an excuse to be unaware of your dog committing the offence, so make sure you know where your dog is at all times. Please have pride in the area you live in and keep it free from dog mess.

Isolated Car Parks

These are popular with people who enjoy a walk in the country, particularly to exercise their dogs. Unfortunately cars parked at these locations are occasionally broken into and items stolen from within. We strongly advise people not to leave any valuables within their vehicles, unless they can be locked in a boot. Although it is good practice to keep valuables out of sight, previous experiences have shown that this is not entirely effective. Once a car is broken into, thieves will look under seats, inside glove compartments and lift parcel shelves to look into tailgates. Unless you have a lockable boot, do not leave valuables inside your car.

We would also ask persons who visit these places to be aware of suspicious persons or vehicles. If you see a car or person acting suspiciously, report it to the police and whenever possible remember to note vehicle registration numbers.

Ask the Police website

The Ask the Police website is an official police website that contains comprehensive answers to over 700 of the most commonly asked police related questions.

The aim of the site is to help you find the answers to your questions quickly and directly, without having to call Tayside Police to ask for the information. The site contains answers to a wide selection of nationally-asked questions. Information that is specific to Tayside is being added to some answers, where appropriate.

The website address is:

www.askthe.scottish.police.uk

If you cannot find the answer to your question and still need help, please call our non-emergency number 0300 111 2222, or in an emergency, call 999.

CRIME STOPPERS - Tel No 0800 555 111

This telephone number is a free phone number, unless you are using a mobile phone, which any member of the public can contact at any time, if they have information relating to criminal activity of any sort. It is, if you wish, confidential and you cannot be contacted if you choose to remain anonymous.

Local Community Officers

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

Constable Sadie Allan

Kinross & Milnathort

Constable Victoria Riches

Kinross Landward

Constable Euan Mitchell

Abernethy, Bridge of Earn & 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 AGM and May Meeting

Present at the meetings held on 2 May 2012 were: CCllrs Watson, D West, B Davies, D Colliar, W Freeman, D Cuthbert, D Mackay and M Scott. Also present were P&K Cllrs K Baird and W Robertson and many members of the public. Apologies were received from: CCllrs L MacKay, M Blyth, I Jack and P&K Cllr Barnacle.

Chairman's Report (Campbell Watson)

"The report covers my second year as Chairman of Kinross CC. In fact the report covers just over a year due to the constitutional rearrangements made at the end of last year. I will be standing down at this AGM consistent with our practice of rotating the Chairmanship every two years but I have enjoyed my time as Chairman very much.

"Inevitably, over the last year there has been the regular receipt of planning applications. I think there have been signs that there might be a recovery taking place in the economy and the property market generally because there has been more activity involving builders. Of course, also this year, we have had the discussion about the proposed Local Development Plan which has generated a lot of interest and controversy especially the H46 Site immediately to the east of the M90 and north of Springfield Road.

"The Newsletter has once again gone from strength to strength. Its format is always changing and the content expanding and, to its and our credit, it continues to generate a substantial income which is disbursed for local charitable purposes.

"The Swansacre building which attracted our attention for the best part of 20 years, has thankfully been modernised and hugely improved and that blight on the landscape has disappeared. Sadly, that has not yet happened in relation to the Town Hall although a planning application has now been submitted in respect of the Town Hall. There are concerns about the application but we must hope that eventually the Town Hall will be involved in a manner that has the approval of the community. There is also, we are advised, an offer being discussed for the former High School site, for residential housing, and we will see how that develops. Our CC has been involved since the closure of the County Buildings in attempts along with the Kinross-shire Partnership to broker a solution for the future that will keep the County Buildings in some sort of community involvement. That involvement would be assured, I think, were the interest of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club to proceed. They hope to have the County Buildings as their Head Office but some of the space available would be for community use. We need to move quickly on this because the deadline we have with the Council expires in May when they could conceivably take this matter into their own hands and put the property on the market for sale and we await a final verdict from the Royal Caledonian Curling Club once they have completed their costings and confirmed their interest. I was disheartened, in relation to the future of the buildings in Kinross, to hear a criticism made from the floor

at our last CC meeting that the CC had effectively ignored the problems with the various buildings in Kinross and bore responsibility for the state of some of these buildings. This comment came from a gentleman at the April meeting who, so far as I am aware, had not been at our meetings before. Criticism is easy of course, particularly when buildings have lain empty for some time but I am proud of the efforts that this CC, and those of many members of the CC in previous years, have made in the fight to preserve the town centre of Kinross and its buildings. We have had an involvement with the Town Hall almost exactly since the building was first closed to the public. Indeed, I remember our being invited to join a User Group that would have been responsible for running the Town Hall, an initiative that failed because of the lack of funding from the Council and the perceived risks to be run by the User Group. Given the discovery of the dreadful condition of the Town Hall, that was a narrow escape. We had had a huge involvement with the High School, both the new site and the old site, and of course when the County Buildings were closed just over a year ago we were immediately at the forefront of attempts to try to save the building for the community and as a community resource of one sort or another. We should never be exempt from criticism of course, but to blame us for the condition of buildings owned, operated and ultimately neglected by the Council is simply unrealistic.

"Our new Constitution was brought in at the end of last year and this AGM is held under the auspices of that new Constitution.

"We remain interested in and committed to T in the Park and liaise with T in the Park and the Police in relation to traffic management and other issues that arise from time to time and that is an ongoing process. In relation to T in the Park, at our December meeting, there were a number of comments about the extended numbers that T in the Park were applying for and to the level of complaints now being made by the public in relation to the proposed increase in numbers and the noise, and a reminder made to the public generally that if they have complaints about T in the Park, those complaints need to be made at the time.

We are absolutely delighted to see the progress now being made with the link road, a subject that we have been pressing for, for many years now.

My thanks go to all of my colleagues on the CC for their time, commitment and support and particularly to Margaret Scott, our Secretary, who puts in a huge amount of time as our Secretary with the Minutes and the correspondence she deals with on our behalf. I am proud of the effort that we all make in our different ways in showing an interest in and fighting for the community, the whole community and the whole of our area, even if we do not always succeed."

Treasurer's Report

Apologies were received from the Treasurer, CCllr Jack. The CC receives a very modest annual grant from PKC in the sum of £635.85, an increase of £31.00 from last year. Bank interest of £0.14 was recorded and other income in the sum of £185.00, which includes payment of wreaths. Secretarial

expenses amounted to £164.60, poppy wreaths £189.03 and hall hire of £240.00. The accounts record a surplus of £177.56 with the net cash at £909.81.

Office Bearers

Chairman: CCllr Watson nominated CC West, seconded by CCllr Cuthbert. Agreed. CCllr West took the Chair at this point. Vice Chairman: D Colliar. Treasurer: I Jack. Secretary and Data Controller: M Scott. Planning: W Freeman.

News from the May Meeting

Previous Minute corrections: (i) Under "Regeneration of the Town Hall" - amended to read that the application has not yet been lodged. (ii) CC Agenda - The Newsletter Editor pointed out that there is no deadline mentioned in the new Constitution. (iii) Replacement of east with west in submission on Local Development Plan.

Police Report: No representative was present but report provided: Theft of a purse in Avenue Road, house-break from Balado Fishery and vandalism to a car. All are under enquiry. Local residents are still using Swansacre as a shortcut, despite running the risk of receiving a £30 ticket for failing to comply with a lawfully placed traffic sign. Vehicles are also parking on (grass) verges within the Sutherland Drive area. Anyone witnessing such, should note the registration number and contact PC Allan with details.

Newsletter Annual Report and Accounts: CCllr Cuthbert presented the accounts for Kinross Newsletter Limited. They record a profit of £19,000. Currently £17,000 sits in the charity account and the profit for this year will be added.

Provost lamp: The lamp was damaged in a recent storm and repaired by Mrs McBain's family. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs McBain.

Representations (LDP): Cllrs Robertson and Baird had no success in obtaining an extension to the deadline or any positive comment in relation to the problems being experienced online. This was a pilot scheme. Should our Councillors be re-elected, they will ask the Chief Executive for a report on how the system worked. A member of the public added that Scottish Government Guidelines mention the avoidance of holiday periods in relation to consultation on the Development Plan.

Future of Kinross Buildings

County Buildings: See Chair's report.

Former Victoria Bar: The Conservation Officer has written to the owner of the property requesting an update on the proposed works.

Planning: CCllr West stated that the CC would arrange a meeting (outwith the monthly meeting) to discuss planning applications which fall within a certain deadline.

12/00477/FLL Kinross Town Hall: Alterations and change of use of Kinross Town Hall and related buildings to Class 1 (shops) and Class 2 (offices), erection of an apartment block (9 dwellings), formation of access, parking and amenity space. Notification from the Council received 11 May. It was necessary for the application to be re-advertised in the local paper and, as such, the consultation period was extended. The expiry date is now 25 May 2012. Nick Brian also confirmed that our request was passed on to the Case Officer. This was discussed. This is separate from the Listed Building Consent to demolish the old snooker hall although we are treating the two as linked. The application is to make the Town Hall "wind and water tight" and to erect 9 retirement apartments to the rear on ground which is owned by the applicant. There are no plans available for the proposed development of the Town Hall to shops/offices. Not enough information is available at this present time to make a reasonable assessment of the developer's proposals for the Town Hall site. The CC strongly object to the application as it stands and would wish sight of further evidence and plans in support of the proposals for the entire site. Until these are available we also object to the demolition of part of the building. One concern we have is if approval is granted for this application then the developer can remarket the Town Hall site. Another question raised was if a "longstop date" was imposed in relation to payment of the purchase price. To be discussed at meeting to be convened for wind turbine and a letter of objection in relation to both applications to be lodged with the Council.

12/00478/LBC 108-114 High Street (Kinross Town Hall):

Alterations and partial demolition. (See above.)

12/00703/FLL Land 2800 metres southeast of Lochleven Mills by TRACKS: Formation of walking/cycling trail and construction of associated bridge. The owners of two properties affected by this proposed route were present. One of the deputation provided photographic evidence of the layout of the track. He stated that the route has been determined and the track is immediately behind their properties. They have discussed this with TRACKS and are not happy at the outcome. They are not against the Heritage Trail, only this final route. They ask for a postponement to negotiate on this further. Cllr Robertson stated that Neil Kilpatrick had assured him that the RSPB and TRACKS would consult with the property owners on where the path should go and try and resolve their concerns. This particular area is not under Kinross CC jurisdiction. We sympathise with the owners and recommended that they approach Portmoak CC.

12/00671/FLL Plots 1 - 84 Station Road: Change of house type at Plot 61.

12/00679/FLL 197 High Street: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/00691/FLL 16 McBain Place: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/00630/FLL 13 Springfield Road: Alterations to dwelling house.

12/00625/FLL 47 Lathro Park: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/00819/FLL Chance Inn Farm: Installation of a wind turbine. This was refused previously. A meeting to be convened to discuss this application.



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Applications approved by PKC: 12/00433/FLL Kinross House: Alterations to gate pier; 12/00435/TW 20 Mavisbank: Removal and trimming of trees.

Report from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Robertson has written to PKC in relation to the High Street asking if a temporary surface could be laid to make it more acceptable. The Council were not planning to expend any monies on resurfacing until the renovation of the town centre.

CCllr Davies mentioned the pothole at the school. Cars avoiding the pothole drive near to the pavement and create a dangerous situation for children walking to school. This was reported to the Council previously and apparently is the responsibility of Scottish Water. They are aware of this but have yet to deal with the situation.

A member of the public suggested a traffic island be erected at Sainsbury's as a number of accidents have occurred in this area.

Correspondence

CC training on 2 June covering Scotland's planning system.

Convention of P&K CCs meeting on 16 May.

RSPB Loch Leven: Invitation to CCllrs to attend launch of new look and name on 12 June.

KCLD: Sub-groups have been formed.

Courier newspaper: There will be a new regular section featuring insertions sourced directly from CCs.

Mr Miles: A communication was received from Mr Miles making further comment in relation to CCllr Watson and CCllr West. The Chair suggested that he and CCllr Watson meet with Mr Miles to discuss the points raised and the matter would be minuted at the June meeting. Mr Miles answered that the letter should be dealt with this evening. CCllr West answered that they only received this at tonight's meeting and had not time to read the content. However, as requested, the Chairman read out the letter. Mr Miles stated that he had not received all information requested and that our minute did not state the reason CCllr West took the Chair at the last meeting. Mr Miles questioned whether CCllr Watson had clients whose land may have been mentioned in the Plan. CCllr Watson replied that this was possible and he could not give an assurance that some land somewhere might not later involve him. Mr Miles also questioned CCllr West chairing the meeting in relation to H46 when he had been involved with the Action Group. CCllr West answered that we all live in Kinross and have an interest in the

Development Plan and had indeed considered the relevant paragraph before offering help to the group after the first meeting, and considered that in being opposed to H46 he was reflecting the views of the community and there was no issue of personal gain. His children are grown up and he does not live as close to H46 as implied in the letter. The offer of a meeting was declined by Mr Miles.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 6 June at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for Meeting on Wednesday 6 June

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of meeting held on 2 May.
3. Police report.
4. Matters arising from minutes of 2 May.
5. T in the Park presentation (invited to give an update).
6. "No to H46" Action Group (seeking an update on Local Development Plan)
7. Charitable activity: Arrangements for dispersal of funds from Newsletter surplus – update from CCllr Davies.
8. Priorities for 2012 and lead roles.
9. Future of Kinross buildings.
10. Planning matters – update from CCllr Freeman. Planning applications received, applications determined, other planning correspondence.
11. Reports from P&K Councillors.
12. Miscellaneous correspondence.
13. Other competent business.
14. Date of next meeting (4 July 2012).

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

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the AGM and May Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, chairman, welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Bennet, Milne-Home and Halford to the meeting held on 10 May. Also in attendance were minute secretary E Rougvie, P&K Cllrs Cuthbert, Robertson, Barnacle and Giacopazzi and six members of the public. PC Sadie Allan joined the meeting at 8pm. Apologies were received from CCllrs Smith and Thomson.

Annual General Meeting

Chairman's report: CCllr Hamilton reported as follows: "Another year has passed with your Community Council trying its best to represent the local residents with a view to improve our village and surrounding area.

During the year our monthly meetings finally found a permanent home in the Orwell Church Hall. This is so much better than moving round every time the school was not available. Meetings are structured to enable all Community Councillors to air their views as well as members of the public. They have recently become rather interrupted by noisy debate, however I would hope that we can revert back to calm and orderly meetings which are far more productive. Attendance has improved over the past year with up to a dozen members of the public attending meetings. We want to encourage even more people to attend so that we can be as representative as possible.

Joe Giacopazzi will still be attending CC meetings but will be representing the Council now. I am not sure if this is poacher turned gamekeeper or the other way round! Kathleen Baird not being re-elected is a sad loss as I cannot remember a meeting she has missed and always came back with a Council response when asked for one. Willie Robertson will continue to represent the Council for another term.

34 planning applications have been discussed and commented on during the year. Of these, nine have been for wind turbines; however the absurd and unsustainable local Council position of refusing almost all of them is clearly in breach of Central Government's guidance on renewables.

Placecheck changes are ongoing; the South Street Crossing is complete - we successfully got it moved from Heaven Scent where it would have hurt three local businesses and remove parking spaces, up to the war memorial, where it will be just as useful. We now have a safe route for children to get from the north end of Milnathort to the primary school. We would encourage parents to use this safe South Street route instead of the current Stirling Road route that crosses three roads and a busy garage.

The 'improvements' to Donaldson Park have been a public relations disaster by PKC in that it could not have been made clearer to the Council both from the CC and from direct communication from members of the public that leaving the

grass long was not wanted, was not going to ever improve the look of it, as the fertility was too great for the wild flowers, and simply increased dog fouling.

The jury is still out on some of the other Placecheck changes to the village and we will be discussing them during the coming year.

The benches in the Tillywhally Wood and round the Golf Course path are finally in place and looking good.

Thanks to all the other Community Councillors for their efforts, the P&K Councillors for feeding back our comments to the Council and Liz for doing the minutes."

Treasurer's report: CCllr Bennet reported as follows: Opening balance: £699.94. Grants and donations: £1798.49. This includes the standard grant from PKC and donations from Kinross Road Runners and the Kinross-shire Fund to pay for benches. Expenditure so far: £520.88, leaving a closing balance of £1907.55. Once outstanding accounts are settled the balance will be £831.55 and it was agreed to discuss how best to use this at the next meeting, once costs for the Jubilee celebration events had been finalised.

Office-bearers for the coming year were appointed as follows: chairman/secretary/data controller – CCllr Hamilton; vice-chairman – CCllr Milne-Home; treasurer – CCllr Bennet. CCllr Cottingham will again assume responsibility for planning matters.

News from the May Meeting

Planning matters

Applications submitted: Alterations to house at 3 Morton Wynd – noted; alterations and change of use from commercial office to dwelling-house at 28 New Road – noted; erection of a garden room/office at Ashley House – noted; erection of two houses and garages at Mawcarse Crossroads – noted after brief discussion; installation of replacement windows at Ballingall House – noted; installation of biomass boiler and associated store and erection of greenhouse at Newhill, Glenfarg – noted. CCllr Hamilton declared an interest in this item.

Applications determined: Alterations and extension to 6 Auld Mart Lane – refused; erection of a house on land 30m north east of 25 Victoria Road – refused; formation of a new vehicular access at Hillside House – approved; alterations and extension to the house at 2 Greenburn Field – approved.

Placecheck: CCllr Hamilton advised that the CC had asked for someone from the Placecheck team to attend the meeting, but no-one was available. A representative will attend the June meeting, which was considered to be more appropriate as the work would be complete by then.

A progress report was received from Diane Cassidy of Placecheck as follows:

- Wester Loan: work will be complete once the tree pit has arrived.
- The new 20mph zone will soon be in place. Signs are going up. Where possible these will be put on to existing posts and unused signs such as the one for the pottery will be removed.
- The official consultation on the proposal to make Victoria Avenue a one-way street will take place later this year.
- The improvements to the pavement and bus stop at Burleigh Castle are in the work programme for later this year.
- A June edition of the Placecheck Newsletter is planned; this will include an evaluation survey which everyone is being encouraged to complete. The Placecheck team are keen to hear both positive and negative comments.

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The Placecheck team apologise for the disruption caused to residents and appreciate their patience about the works taking longer than expected. Unfortunately some people were woken early one morning as the line painting had to be done before the morning traffic started.

A discussion followed during which members of the public raised a number of issues. As previously noted, a Placecheck representative will attend the next meeting and it was agreed that it would be more appropriate to raise these matters then.

Police matters: PC Allan reported as follows:

Theft from a garden shed in Viewfar Road.

Olympic Torch relay: As there were a number of large corporate sponsors involved in this and there was a risk of protests, Tayside Police had set up Operation Meteor and would welcome any intelligence from the public regarding possible planned activity. PC Allan will report back to the CC on traffic arrangements for the day.

CC attendance: It is the intention of the local police to attend every other CC meeting but members of the public are always welcome to contact them directly.

Drop-in vehicle: This is used on an occasional basis by the police, primarily in outlying areas. PC Allan will liaise with colleagues with a view to taking the van to the school fête.

Speed limits: There is now a 30mph speed limit in place for the length of the road between Milnathort and Kinross and the 40mph signs have been removed.

Jubilee Celebrations: CCllrs Bennet and Milne-Home gave a comprehensive report on the arrangements for the fancy dress parade on 2 June:

- Leaflets will be inserted in the June Placecheck newsletter promoting the fancy dress parade and scarecrow festival.
- Stewards wearing tabards will accompany the parade and it will be led by a rickshaw operated by CCllr Cottingham.
- Special constables may also be on duty and a briefing for all will take place prior to the event. CCllr Bennet will source a megaphone.
- CCllr Milne-Home will order small Jubilee mementoes for every participant.
- Judging will take place during the parade and prizes will be awarded later in the afternoon. Mrs Anne Giacopazzi will be invited to be the judge.
- Following the parade a ribbon will be cut to open the school fête.
- CCllr Bennet will make enquiries about first aid provision.
- The minute secretary will prepare a press release for distribution to relevant local newspapers.

The Olympic torch passes through Milnathort at 8am on 13 June and Kinross Pipe Band will be in attendance.

Burleigh Road parking and drains: Cllr Robertson will pursue the matter of a blocked drain just before Burleigh Castle with PKC and report back to the next CC meeting. CCllr Hamilton will e-mail the police about vehicles being parked on the pavement on the north side of Burleigh Road, causing difficulties for pedestrians.

Four benches have been installed in the village, one funded by Kinross Road Runners and three by the Kinross-shire Fund. They all feature recessed plaques. The CC had received a request for a memorial plaque to be put up on one of the benches in memory of a former Milnathort resident killed in a road accident, but following discussion it was agreed that while acknowledging the tragic nature of the event, this would not be appropriate. However, the CC would

provide advice should any bereaved families wish to provide their own benches. CCllr Hamilton will write to the family concerned.

New matters and correspondence

T in the Park Community Forum, 22 May: Cllr Giacopazzi will attend and report back to the CC.

A CC training session is to be held on 2 June. No CCllrs can attend because of the fancy dress parade but will attend future sessions.

Tayside Fire & Rescue Service is setting up a **working group** looking at how communities can work together to reduce flooding. It was only running in Perth at present and it was felt it was too early in the process for the CC to become involved.

An incident was reported in which an **ambulance** was stuck behind a bus in New Road. Anyone aware of any similar incidents is asked to report them to the CC.

Tillywhally Wood: CCllr Halford advised that he had met with Gosia Stanton with regard to native planting. She has applied for funding and will be seeking volunteers to help.

Litter clean-up: This had been planned 19 May but it was noted that members of Milnathort in Bloom would not be available to assist as it was peak planting time. It was agreed to liaise with Milnathort in Bloom and offer the CC's services, if required, during their annual clean-up later in the year.

CC vacancy: There is now a vacancy on the CC following CCllr Giacopazzi's election to PKC. Anyone interested in being co-opted should apply to CCllr Hamilton. CCllr Cottingham is to replace Cllr Giacopazzi as ex-officio member of the Kinross-shire Fund.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 14 June at 7.30pm in Orwell Parish Church Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the May Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 May were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), R Cairncross, T Smith, R Williamson, S Forde, M Strang Steel and J Bird; P&K Cllrs W Robertson, M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi and 12 residents. No apologies.

Police report (by email): Speeding continues to be monitored.

Treasurer's report: £904 in the CC's two accounts.

Roads and paths: CC members are meeting with PCK on 11 May to discuss core path issues.

Planning

12/00537/FLL Alteration and extension to house, 1 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood.

12/00605/FLL Alteration and extension to house. 28 Gamekeepers Road, Kinnesswood.

12/00658/FLL Land south west of Newlands Farm; erection of three wind turbines.

The CC would not be objecting to these three applications, but would be making comment regarding the erection of the wind turbines.

CCllr Cairncross made the point that approximately a third of the planning applications in Portmoak were in the three conservation areas, and the area available in Portmoak for windfall housing was significant.

CCllr Cairncross also reported and that his attendance at the PKC Planning forum held on 2 May had been very informative.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Robertson gave an update on the problems of finding the owner of **Well Road** in Scotlandwell, and subsequent negotiations regarding the access to the Wash House.

Cllr Robertson also reported that **TRACKS** were working with Sustrans to consider the options for a link between Easter and Wester Balgedie.

Cllr Robertson described the problems associated with identifying the continuing route of the **Heritage Trail**, especially in the area between RSPB Vane Farm, heading towards Kinross. The RSPB preferred route was close to the B9097, and approximately five metres from residents' back gardens at New Hall cottages. This was of concern to the residents, who had come to the CC meeting, and they expressed their concern. Proximity to the B9097 also made the Heritage Trail easily accessible from the B9097, and it was thought that vehicles stopping to allow walkers to access the trail in this area would be a problem, due to the speed and

volume of vehicles on this stretch of road. A local farmer also spoke of the danger of vehicles stopping on the B9097, where there are a number of hidden dips.

A representative of the Ramblers Association referred to their preferred route for this part of the Trail, which would bypass New Hall Cottages, and there appeared to be general agreement among the residents present that this route would be preferable. Cllr Robertson pointed out that at this stage, the adoption of the Ramblers Association route, as an agreed alternative, would be unlikely, because of time constraints surrounding funding and planning consents.

Cllr Robertson went on to say that TRACKS are under pressure to achieve planning agreement for the project before the funding decision deadline in June this year, and he would attend a meeting on 11 May with the RSPB to discuss a modified route that might overcome the proximity to New Hall cottages, as well as the B9097 issues previously mentioned.

It was also noted that Portmoak CC had not been given information regarding the planning application for this Portmoak part of the Heritage Trail, and CCllr Cairncross undertook to investigate this omission.

In answer to a resident who asked if the CC was actually going to object to the proposed TRACKS route, the Chairman said that this was a matter for discussion by the CC when in possession of the full facts, and following the outcome of Cllr Robertson's meeting with the RSPB.

It was noted that these issues had been discussed between various parties over the past two years, but this was the first time that the CC had been involved, and the CC would have welcomed an earlier opportunity to discuss plans for the Portmoak section of the Trail.

Cllr Robertson agreed to notify a number of groups, including the CC, regarding the outcome of his meeting with the RSPB on 11 May.

Cllr Barnacle had written to PKC requesting a review of the **20 mph area** around Portmoak Primary School, and had suggested a 20mph flashing sign operating at school opening and closing times.

Wellside Park: PKC were investigating the situation regarding the obligation of the Wellside developer to construct a mini roundabout at the Wellside Park entrance. The CC will monitor this.

It was noted that the 30mph signs on the B920 had been moved further south to accommodate both the Wellside Park development and any likely future southerly development beside the B920.

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Kinneswood bus shelter: PKC had promised to consider some remedial and maintenance work on the bus shelter and a site visit is awaited. The Chairman had spoken to Kinnesswood in Bloom, who had suggested that PKC could usefully screed the floor, which was badly eroded.

Blocked drains at Newlands Farm: Chairman to contact PKC.

Flash flooding at Wester Balgedie is still a concern. The provision of proper drainage between Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie is being investigated by CCllr Caimcross.

Soft verge signs at B920 Scotlandwell: The Chairman is to contact PKC Roads Department.

Gritting: A gritting lorry had dealt with roads in Kinnesswood, but not Bishop Terrace. PKC were asked why Bishop Terrace had been omitted, and the reason was that the lorry had been required to refill with grit. When it returned, conditions had improved, and gritting of Bishop Terrace was no longer required.

The Courier had written asking if the CC wished to be involved in a proposed new section involving news sourced directly from CCs. It would have to be determined which edition(s) of the Courier would be involved. The Chairman will progress this.

Gritting and snow clearing: PKC Roads had written asking the CC for a report on these services during the previous winter. A report will be sent.

Hedges: CCllr Forde noted that the hedge alongside the access road adjacent to area H54 at Scotlandwell required attention; she would contact Clarence to report.

A resident also raised the problem of an overgrown hedge that blocked the line of sight for vehicles leaving Bruce Road in Kinnesswood. The Chairman will deal with this.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held on Tuesday 12 June at 7pm in the Primary School.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the AGM and May Meeting

In attendance at the meetings held on 7 May were: CCllrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, H Somerville, R Jeffrey and Fiona MacGregor; associate members Catriona Culley and James Moore; P&K Cllr D Cuthbert and five members of the community. Apologies from P&K Cllr M Barnacle.

Chairman's Report (Ron Kitchin)

At the EGM, held in Cleish Village Hall on 7 November, within the required 28 days of the election of the CC 3/11/11, there were three CCllrs who had registered and qualified for election. Ron Kitchin was elected as Chair, Patty Fraser as Secretary and Hugh Somerville as minute secretary.

Two further members were co-opted under the Rules of Scheme of Establishment of CCs in Perth and Kinross Area: Fiona MacGregor as Vice Chair and Richard Jeffrey as Treasurer.

Catriona Culley agreed to be appointed as an Associate Member (without any voting rights) to share her particular skill and knowledge gleaned during her many years as chair person of the CC with particular emphasis on Code of Conduct and Data Protection Officer.

As there was no representation from Blairadam, minutes were circulated seeking applicants and James Moore from Blairadam has now also been appointed as an Associate Member (without voting rights) representing Blairadam community.

The CC now feel it is 'Fit for Purpose' to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to our local authority and to public authorities, the views of our community which we represent, in relation to matters for which our authority are responsible and to take such actions in the interest of our community as appears to us to be expedient and practicable.

We therefore aim to act as a voice for our area and articulate the views and concerns expressed to us by people within our community which accurately demonstrate the feelings of the community.

Treasurer's Report

For the period 1/4/11 to 31/3/12 the CC spent £264.00, and at the end of the period had a bank balance of £998.96. There was no income for the year (apart from 24 pence in interest) as there was a delay in applying for the grant. This will be accounted for in the accounts for 2012/2013 once it is received. The accounts are prepared on a cash basis. Full audited accounts will be produced in due course.

News from the May Meeting

Speed limit: Acknowledgement of CC's letter to roads dept regarding review of speed limit between Maryburgh and Keltiebridge.

Crime prevention: No police officer present (apologies had been sent.) There had been an attempted break-in at a farm, interrupted by the occupants.

Correspondence

Roads: PKC requests feedback on winter service. There is currently no service past the Boreland Farm junction, towards Meadowhead and out to the Fife border. There are 21 properties not being serviced – and this is also on the route for the school bus. The Council depot (M90 Jct 6) is also a concern: if there are still plans to close this, it would clearly reduce our current level of service.

What is the position with farmers assisting with clearing roads?

Courier: There is to be a new section about local CCs. CC happy to be involved with providing information.

CC training in Perth on 2 June (Jubilee weekend!)

Windfarm: SPOT, a Fife-based awareness group against windfarms, request attendance to discuss the Blairadam application. CC happy to listen to a representation but feel for balance the developers should be invited and given similar time to present their side. This could be later in the autumn when representations are being sought by PKC.

KCCN meeting proposed for July. We had agreed to attend if there is a firm agenda holding to original principles.

A CCIr from Stanley wrote to us requesting our views on the empowerment of CCs. We tend to agree with him, but do stress that we are here to represent our communities' views.

Wheelchair users: EBIS HSE - a booklet is available about assisting wheelchair users.

CC Website

Fran Gillespie owns the domain name Cleish.org. He advised that we could either use this or purchase a new domain name incorporating Cleish and Blairadam. He is happy to host the site and help set up and maintain it. We discussed possible uses of the site, including an interactive forum or postings, however there are issues relating to both Data Protection and the need for forums to be moderated. These can be addressed by allowing only people who have registered and been accepted to be allowed to post comments.

We would like to be able to: put notices of meetings, agendas, minutes and local events on the site; list the new planning applications for our area, along with links to the PKC planning portal; diary of local events; enable an opt-in for e-mails of the newsletter, and notifications of site changes; have a generic e-mail address to pass on comments to CCIrs; promote greater interaction with our community. We will also ask for local photographs to be submitted for a photo gallery on the website.

Report from Blairadam

Road conditions are again poor and deteriorating further. Fly tipping has started (Environmental Health will not move waste if it is tipped onto private land). More pillars or gates could possibly be used to restrict access, whilst still allowing access to keyholders.

The quotes for three notice boards was received (£530.30 + VAT). The CC is happy to provide part funding and support this – there are other possible funding sources including the Hall Fund, Kinross Newsletter etc.

A developer has stopped development on a site, but without providing sufficient strength to the part-finished boundary walls, leading to concerns about land slippage. There is still fencing in place. This is likely to be a legal issue between adjacent landowners rather than a PKC or CC matter.

The weight restriction on the listed bridge between Kelty and Keltybridge has been questioned – it is a Historic Scotland listed structure, and as such should be protected.

Planning

There have been two screening requests for single large wind turbines at Hardiston and Mawmill. PKC have ruled that EIA is not required, and therefore full applications are likely to follow. We have already written to PKC requesting clarification on the cumulative assessment of multiple single wind turbines, and included it in our TayPlan submission.

Planning applications

12/00566/FLL Alteration to Shepherd's Croft (pending). There have been no objections from neighbours.

12/00268/FLL Sub-division of gypsy/traveller pitch to form two separate plots, Greenacres (pending). We should again write expressing concern about phosphate mitigation at this site and the lack of any clear boundary.

12/00333/FLL Erection of detached garage to replace steel container, 1 and 3 Kinnaird, Blairadam (pending).

12/00621/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Geanlea, Blairadam (pending).

RJ reported that he will be putting in an application for change of use for a small section of his field to become a garden.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration

RK reported on the plans that the Cleish Village Hall committee are making for the Jubilee weekend. Invitations have been sent out to the local community.

Other business

Cleish and Fossoway Community Office require a member from Cleish Community as part of their constitution. Patty Fraser has been representing both the community and Cleish Church up until now.

The C&B Newsletter will be sent out after every second meeting, and will include an introduction by Catherine Erskine, and Catriona will summarise the two meetings.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 2 July 2012 at 7.30pm at the Cleish Village Hall.

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the April Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 3 April were: CCllrs S Morrison, K Borthwick, T Duffy-Wigman, A Lavery and A Cheape; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, K Baird and W Robertson and eleven members of the public. Apologies were received from R Paterson and S Anderson.

Minutes of March meeting: Mr Carmichael felt his point that the planning consent was only for 15 children at Seamab should be recorded. The Chair pointed out that the minutes recorded that the numbers stated were in accordance with the planning consent as reported by Joanna McCreadie. However, the minutes were adjusted to record Mr Carmichael's point.

Local Development Plan: Update on CC's actions.

Gartwhinzean fire: Fire authority says water pressure was normal.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Barnacle reported regarding the Cambo post box.

The "loop road" was discussed.

Cllr Robertson congratulated the community on its efforts regarding Dunning Glen. A decision on Glendevon Quarry had been deferred.

Planning Matters

12/00487/FLL Erection of house with associated office studio, Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge: Recommend reject, as contrary to policy 82 of the KALP.

12/00490/PN Erection of agricultural building, Cairnfold Farm, Blairingone. 30m by 12m general purpose agricultural shed. Permission issued 3April.

12/00367/FLL Modification of existing consent (11/01810/FLL) to amend position of house at Plot 1, land west of Station Road, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

12/00553/IPL Erection of house and garage (in principle), Craigielin, 14 Gartwhinzean Loan, Powmill. No CC comment.

12/00546/FLL Formation of five permanent traveller pitches (partly in retrospect), land 300m south east of Fossoway Garage. Recommendation: Object, as contrary to Policy 81 of the Kinross Area Plan and Policies RD5a, d, f of the proposed PKC LDP.

There was considerable discussion on 12/00546/FLL and the following points were made: The site was outwith the current and proposed village plan; it was wholly in retrospect; there were now seven caravans, not five; there were other sites locally. It was agreed there should be a special meeting of the

CC to discuss this and a representative of the Planning Dept should be asked to attend. [Meeting subsequently arranged for 12 April.]

Other Business

Queries raised regarding Rights of Way and Core Paths.

Member of the public asked if the speed warning signs on the A977 were now all activated. Mike to investigate.

News from the AGM and May Meeting

In attendance at the meetings held on 1 May were: CCllrs S Morrison, T Duffy-Wigman, S Anderson, K Borthwick, A Lavery and R Paterson; P&K Cllr K Baird and eight members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr A Cheape and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson.

Chair's report

PKC produced a Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils in the PKC area to implement the Scottish Government's proposals regarding CCs. The Scheme included a Constitution for CCs, Standing Orders and a Code of Conduct for Community Councillors.

This meant elections had to be held in November and a new CC was formed in December. There were five nominations for eight places but two existing councillors were co-opted. They had been unable to be nominated because they were on holiday when nomination forms were issued. These had to be signed by the person being nominated and this was not possible in their case.

The elected members of the CC are as follows: Trudy Duffy-Wigman, Rod Paterson, Kevin Borthwick, Alistair Lavery and Sandy Morrison. The co-opted members are: Sheila Anderson and Angus Cheape.

The main changes in the new constitution are: Councillors are elected for a four year term; all CCs have their AGM in May; the financial year is 1 April to 31 March; elections for CCs take place in November and are organised by PKC.

Blairingone War Memorial now progressing with some assistance from PKC staff.

Fossoway Church car park progressing slowly through Church procedures. Good assistance has been provided by PKC Planning Department.

Dunning Glen clean up achieved and sign erected. Thanks to Kevin for all of his efforts.

Local Development Plan: The CC has been involved in the Strategy Group and has assisted Cllr Barnacle with his meetings. Many thanks to him for his considerable efforts to provide information on these matters and engage with the community. The CC also organised forms for residents to sign if they agreed with the village plan for Crook of Devon.

Community Speed Watch Programme has been introduced and is strongly supported by the CC, because there have been a number of serious accidents recently in Crook of Devon and Drum.

Crook Moss Planning Application for a travellers' site. The CC has been very active on this issue and has responded to community concerns by holding a special meeting of the CC. The issues were explained along with how and on what grounds individuals can object to the application if they so wish. A detailed objection has been lodged by the CC.

Apart from these specific issues, there have been numerous planning applications to consider, presentations by developers and a significant number of meetings to attend. These have included the T in the Park Forum, the Kinross-shire Forum, Kinross-shire CC Network, Outdoor Access Forum etc.

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I wish to record my thanks to my fellow councillors for their support and the considerable efforts they have made in attending external meetings and dealing with the areas they have accepted responsibility for. Thanks also to Councillors Barnacle, Baird and Robertson for their support in taking up issues raised by the CC.

Secretary's report: Trudy gave a short report. She announced her resignation from the post due to work pressures, thanking the committee for all the support she had received. Sandy thanked Trudy for all her hard work.

Treasurer's report: The surplus for the year was £219.84 mainly due to reductions in the cost of hall lettings. The closing balance for the year after all payments had been made was £547.96.

Office-bearers: Chair: Sandy Morrison. Secretary: Kevin Borthwick. Treasurer: Angus Cheape. Planning: Alastair Lavery. IT: Rod Paterson. Minute Secretary: Sheila Anderson. Deputy Secretary: Trudy Duffy-Wigman.

News from the May Meeting

Policing: The police are continuing their speed checks and it was hoped that a safety camera might be able to be used in Drum, but this is not possible due to poor sight lines. A bus stop is not considered a suitable site.

If the public have any information about any potential protest during the Olympic flame run through Crook of Devon, could they please contact the police.

Seamab: A member of the public was concerned about the number of pupils at Seamab School, stating that according to planning consent there should only be a maximum of 15 children in the school at any given time. Cllr Baird said she would investigate the situation.

War Memorial, Blairingone: There has been helpful correspondence from PKC, and OS maps of the site have been obtained. A Lavery will make the application to obtain planning permission to move the memorial.

Community Speed Watch: This is proving very useful and there has been a noticeable slowing down of vehicles through Crook of Devon. The project will be monitored by the police and if it is a success, equipment may be purchased by the community, and checks could be carried out throughout the Fossoway area. The aim of the project is not catch people speeding, but to change their behaviour, and to observe the speed limits.

The Olympic Flame will pass through Crook of Devon at 8.15am on 13 June. The runner will start in Drum.

Crook of Devon Church car park: The church has provided a cheque for the planning application. The CC will submit the application.

Development plans: The results of the consultation are due in Sept-Oct.

Core Path signposting: There was concern that landowners should be consulted about signage and it is hoped that David Stubbs would contact them. Requests may be made for new gates. PKC will try to maintain the signs, but this will be subject to budget constraints.

Travellers' site: There were 44 objections to the site and the application is due to be heard by 27 May.

CC business: Kevin attended the Outdoor Access Forum in Crieff. The main topic was the core path network.

P&K Councillor report: Cllr Baird stated that in general the Local Plan was favourably received by the public.

Planning Applications

12/00564/FLL Alterations and sub-division of existing house to form two dwellings. Schiehallion, Crook Of Devon. No CC comment.

12/00655/IPL. Residential development (in principle). Former Church, Main Street, Blairingone.

12/00654/FLL. Erection of triple garage with ancillary accommodation above. Recommendation: Refusal as contrary to the Kinross Area Local Plan and the proposed Local Development Plan as outwith a settlement boundary and not fitting with any of the Houses in the Countryside policy categories.

Other Business

As the next meeting is to be held in Blairingone, it is hoped that someone from the Forestry can attend to update the residents on the Lambhill Forest development.

Rod Paterson brought to the meeting's attention that the length of time between uplifts of brown bins over the Christmas period was too long because of excessive food waste at that time of the year. Clarification was sought as to whether food waste could be put in the green bin.

The Next Meeting will take place on Tuesday 12 June at 7.30pm in Blairingone Primary School. All welcome! (PLEASE NOTE the changed date!)

Draft Agenda: Welcome and apologies, Declaration of interest, Minute of last meeting, Matters arising, CC Business, Councillors' reports, Planning Applications, Correspondence, AOCB.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross Museum



During late April and early May, Kinross Museum's collections were augmented with a number of interesting acquisitions, including the loan of minute books by St Serf's Masonic Lodge and the discovery of a piece of 1953 coronation glassware in an antiques mall in San Juan Capistrano, southern California. Colin Downie, visiting Kinross from Canada, donated some silverware and a lock of hair that had belonged to his ancestors, the Downies of Lochleven Inn. With generous support from Kinross-shire Historical Society, an important group of eleven agricultural medals were bought from Charles Riley Coins and Medals in Aylesbury. All the medals were awarded to the Black family of Tillywhally near Milnathort between 1853 and 1934. Amongst the collection are several medals presented at shows held by the Kinross-shire Agricultural Society.

Progress is being made with new exhibitions marking the Diamond Jubilee, the making of the burgh of Kinross and the Crook of Devon Witchcraft Trials and the Museum has assisted in preparing a Jubilee display on show in Orwell Church and Church Hall, 1-3 June.

Look out for Kinross Museum at the Loch Leven Discovery Day in the Kirkgate Park on **10 June** and at a **Perthshire Archaeology Month event**

at the Kirkgate Churchyard on **19 June** in collaboration with Kinross-shire Historical Society and the Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust.



Medal awarded to J Belfrage Black of Tillywhally at Kinross Show in 1922 for his Clydesdale filly Queen.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. Walks are led by volunteers from our group and new members are made very welcome.

Saturday 2 June: Loch Turret, 8 miles, 5 hours. Walk alongside Loch Turret to end of track & return. Some ascent/descent, overlooking the loch. No dogs please.

Sunday 17 June: Birnam Hill, 5 miles, 4 hours. A short hill walk with good paths and views. Involves a fairly strenuous ascent and descent.

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 and warm drink should be brought.

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

Kinross & District Rotary Club



Last month, mention was made of the intended club visit to the new Transport Museum in Glasgow. Although the attendance could have been greater, those who went found the visit highly successful, including the incredible Museum building itself. There appear to be no long-lasting ill effects from the visit, particularly the trip in the Clockwork Orange (the Glasgow subway, for those who didn't know!) and the 'cruise' across the river to reach the Museum.

On 23 April the Rev. Angus Morrison, the new minister of Orwell and Portmoak Churches, gave us a fascinating insight into his life as the parish minister in Stormoway, on the island of Lewis, where he served for a number of years before accepting the call to our local churches.

At our next meeting, we were very ably addressed by local girl, Emily Wood. Emily was successful in gaining one of the positions in our Rotary district as a Euroscola candidate. Funded by local Rotary clubs, these young candidates are taken for a day to Strasbourg where they then visited the European Parliament. When Emily addressed us she clearly proved her worth as the Kinross candidate and demonstrated the great boost which she has gained to her confidence from the experience.

The Club meeting on the first Monday of May was a Business meeting and so there was no guest speaker. Members were brought up to date on Club, District, National and International Rotary matters. A wide range of subjects were covered, including ways of attracting some more members, both ladies and gents. In particular, members were told of the progress being made by our Interact Club at the High School. They had recently held a Beetle Drive to help spread interest in their activities and they are preparing to hold a recruitment drive for 4th and 5th year pupils shortly.

On 14 May, members were addressed by Rotarian Ian Gow, a member of one of the Fife Rotary clubs, following his visit to Uzbekistan. Ian started off by telling us that he was NOT going to give us a show of holiday snaps. Wow! He certainly didn't. He had done a huge amount of research about that country, starting before 300BC. He started off by listing many of the main conceptions most of us have about that country and then proceeded to prove them wrong. His story started off by reminding us that Uzbekistan is on the old Silk Route from China to Europe. Accordingly, it got rich and so became attractive to invaders such as Genghis Khan and, more recently, Russia, who tried to eliminate the Uzbek culture but failed.

On the social front, the club held its annual 'Rusty Putter' putting competition at the beginning of May and this was won, for the first time, by Cliff Megginson, one of our newer members.

Looking ahead, the Club will help out at T in the Park once again to raise funds for various local and international charities. Members and friends man the Left Luggage facility on the main site and also provide the food and drinks facility at the Lethangie Camping and Caravan site.

If you have had your interest stirred by any of the above and you would like to find out more about Rotary, why not visit our web site at www.kinrossrotary.org for further information?

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

Common Grounds

Here at the Guide and Scout Hall we are heading for a massive clean up as a needful task to prepare for a sleep-over weekend. We have now started to cut the grass and tidy up our log pile, which reminds me – we are still taking wood that was mostly blown down during the gale. In anticipation of a good summer we hope to put tables and chairs outside in the garden.



Project: Our project for May is WaterAid. In the last 30 years WaterAid has brought clean, safe water to almost 16 million people. This year on 8 March it was International Women's Day and was focused on the theme of empowering rural women through water and sanitation. A total of 40 billion working hours every day are lost to water collection; with this responsibility usually falling to women and girls, gender inequalities in employment and education are reinforced. Meanwhile, the ill health associated with a lack of access to water and sanitation undermines productivity and economic growth. For young girls, the lack of basic water and sanitation services translates into lost opportunities for education and empowerment. Women are at the heart of everything WaterAid does.

Project lunch: Some thirty people were present at our project lunch on 24 April to hear Keith Bradshaw from the charity Village Aid give an enlightening talk on the work done by them over the last thirty years. After the talk Keith was presented with a cheque for £800 from Common Grounds to help VillageAid continue their work in four Western African countries: The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Ghana and Cameroon. The objective of the charity is to sustain and increase the ability of the people to have a prosperous and healthy life style. Theirs is a "bottom up" approach, working with grassroots partner organisations, African led, local groups. VillageAid and its partners' work is built around "Reflect" literacy, a participatory approach

originally developed by Action Aid. Our sincere thanks to all who took part, especially Claudia, Flora, Betty and Linda for making the soup and bread and to everyone else who made all the other goodies. Over £200 was raised that will go towards a future project. Our next project lunch should be in July depending on when we can find a speaker; more of that next issue.



John Colebourn and Pat Payne talk to Keith Bradshaw of Village Aid

Website: Our new website address is:

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe/

Now to finish on an upbeat note, our thanks go to all our new Volunteers and the fresh thinking they bring and to Elspeth for finding them. Also thanks to Maureen and Phil for refurbishing our A-frames and finally, due to the weather, our log fire is still burning brightly.

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.

Seamab learning and care services

Spring has finally arrived at Seamab and we marked this with our Daffodil Tea and Easter Egg Hunt a few weeks ago. This event was attended by members of our board and our patrons, the right honourable George Reid and Daphne Reid. The children really enjoyed the event, and had prepared entries for our decorated Easter cake and Easter card competitions. George Reid very kindly presented the prizes and certificates to the children.

While the weather has been highly variable, the children have been able to go outdoors and play at break times. We have recently added to playtimes with space hoppers and a trampoline for the children. These have made playtimes a lot of fun - and the adults have been able to play on them too! Our new physical education teacher has settled into his work with the children. The focus in physical education is on improving skills and co-operation and we are using the indoors and outdoors for these lessons.

Another exciting development at Seamab is our use of outdoor education. Last week all the children had the opportunity to participate in kayaking. Some of the children showed a natural ability in this water sport and we hope to do more of these kind of activities. A small group of the children are going on an outdoor education trip near Aviemore. Activities on this challenging trip include rock

climbing and mountain biking. This will support children to work toward achieving nationally recognised awards.

Over the next few months, Seamab is leading workshops at two different conferences on our work. At the first, a Scottish conference on residential child care, we will be presenting on both our assessment framework for children and our approach to staff development. At the second conference, which is European wide, we will be leading a session on leadership and governance. Participating and presenting at these conferences demonstrates the quality of the work we do with the children at Seamab.

We continue to welcome support of all kinds for our work at Seamab. If you feel you would like to be involved, please contact Joanna McCreadie at the school.

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Milnathort Primary School

Competition winner: Eleanor Jessiman of P3/4 entered a Tayside Contracts competition as part of a Healthy Lunch promotion and came first from entries across the whole of Perth & Kinross! Eleanor won a brand new BMX bike, presented to her by Radio Tay and Tayside Contracts with proud mum and dad and class looking on!

Primaries 1 and 2 display gymnastics skills: a group of nearly 60 of our youngest pupils attended an event at Kinross High School and were able to show how supremely confident and in control they were on gymnastics equipment and at floor work!

Bringing learning to life: P6 have been engrossed in learning about the life of Mary Queen of Scots and visited Falkland Palace at the start of term.

Bikeability: we are delighted to have the support of a group of parents who are delivering cycle training to P6 & P7 stages. As part of developing our travel plan we had a visit from SID (the Speed Indicator Device). The children in the Transport Responsibility Group spent a morning with the speed camera monitoring speed in a 30mph area next to our school. (Sadly several cars were travelling in excess of 30mph, with one driver speeding and using her mobile phone at the same time - details were given to the police.) The results of their work will inform activities that school can take on board to help make travelling to school safer.

Diamond Jubilee play: P5 stage performed to an audience of appreciative parents and carers in celebration of our monarch's time on the throne! The event was a joint venture with the Gannochy Trust Heritage Project and involved the children appreciating life in Kinross-shire across the decades of her reign.

String performance: children who participate in musical tuition with our

School becomes a Book Crossing venue. We'll keep you posted on this community initiative and how you can take advantage of it!

Heritage Walks: ever keen to ensure our learners are interested in and keen to take responsibility for their community as they grow up, we have had walks around our village led by Mrs Eadie, an active member of Orwell Parish Church. Our P7 class is also



Eleanor Jessiman receives her new BMX bike from Radio Tay and Tayside Contracts

Visiting Teacher Mrs Doyle prepared and performed an Afternoon String Concert in front of friends and family in our Assembly Hall.

Book giving: a group of parents/carers who came to our World Book Night session expressed interest in getting back together, using school as a meeting place, to review the novel and it is hoped that Milnathort Primary

creating a heritage linked silk artwork for display in our Assembly Hall.

Wider community: we are keen for local people to share local traditions/history as well as practical help such as maintaining our school grounds to include playgrounds and gardens. Feel free to contact us as we would dearly like to hear from you.

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Club Correspondents

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Probus Club

The speaker scheduled for 18 April was unable to come, so Bill Connolly, a member of the Probus Club, gallantly stepped into the breach.

As the talk for the afternoon had been advertised under the title "Titanic", Bill decided to call his talk, "Safety at Sea", with reference to the sinking of the Titanic. Bill is a Master Mariner, and has spent most of his life in the Merchant Navy. As far as the Titanic was concerned, the most damaging mistake was that there were too few life boats for all the passengers and crew on board. According to the Board of Trade regulations in force at that time, the maximum number that any liner needed to carry was sixteen, and the Titanic carried sixteen, but there were 2,224 souls aboard on this fateful journey. The ship only had one row of life boats on the promenade deck. A second row, below the promenade deck, would have required a different block and tackle on the lowering and hoisting mechanism. In 1912 none were manufactured. Oddly enough, Bill was asked a question on the modern efficient block and tackle in one of his first exams in the Merchant Navy.

The AGM of the club followed immediately after the talk. The following office bearers were elected President: Roger Bromley; Vice President: Bill Michie; Secretary: Harry McLennan; Treasurer: Jim Ritchie.



Orwell Rainbows

On 7 May the 1st Orwell Rainbows were lucky enough to receive a visit from Lyn Haworth, our local Hedgehog Street Co-ordinator, along with Milly the hedgehog who Lyn rescued from Milnathort Primary School almost 18 months ago. The girls were very interested to learn about what hedgehogs eat, how far they travel, when they sleep and what to do if they find a hedgehog who is out through the day.

This term our Rainbow Unit is taking part in the Rainbow's Big Birthday Challenge to celebrate 25 years of Rainbows which will involve completing five activities under the headings Look, Learn, Laugh, Love and Celebrate and if we are successful each Rainbow will receive a Rainbows Big Birthday Challenge Badge. The Rainbow Birthday celebrations will culminate in a Rainbow Sparkle Party with all of the other Rainbow units in the County at Bells Sports Centre on 19 May; both the girls and leaders are very much looking forward to the party.

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Swansacre Playgroup

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our 40th Birthday Gala Day at Market Park on 29 April. Thanks also to all of the vendors who participated and to all of the volunteers who pitched in to make the day run smoothly – it would not have happened without you! The Gala was a rousing success, with even the weather cooperating, and we are very appreciative of everyone who contributed towards this. Please give us a call if you would like your child to come join us at playgroup, the Inbetweeners Club, or Rising 5's! Tel: 01577 862071 or 07807 908833 or email: enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com



Swansacre Playleaders Julia Cormack, Jayne Mackay and Ali Skea have fun with the children at the Teddy Bears' Picnic

Kinross & District Inner Wheel



Unfortunately our President Linda Hegarty was unwell and unable to attend the May meeting; we all hope to see her fully recovered next month. Elaine Mathews ably conducted the meeting.

Elaine introduced the speaker, Alison Dunn on behalf of LemonAid, a charity based in Dunfermline in a disused Lemonade Factory. In 2007 Justin Dowds visited Lagonave, a small island off Haiti. The level of poverty and depravation he witnessed caused him to found the charity.

Alison's obvious enthusiasm for the voluntary work she and the rest of the team do and her compassion for the unfortunate people living in such dreadful conditions shone through her talk. Assisted by some wonderful photographs and a moving video, the hearts of all the ladies of the Inner Wheel were touched. Christine Maclure gave the vote of thanks for a very moving and thought provoking talk.

The group then discussed the dispersal of the charity funds we have raised throughout the year, the lion's share of which was raised by the very successful bridge afternoon and was donated to Chest, Heart and Stroke. Several other charities will also benefit.

The next meeting is our birthday anniversary, to which other local Inner Wheel groups are invited. As it coincides with the Queen's Jubilee there will be a celebratory cake and a red white and blue theme.

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Kinross High School



June, and here we are at the end of yet another session in Kinross High School. As always there has been much to celebrate and we will be doing quite a bit of this over the next few weeks.

June also sees the end of the exams and the departure of pupils for the last time. Many will be leaving us suitably prepared for their next step and some will still be finding their feet, perhaps, in the big wide world outside our campus. Whatever they are off to do, we always wish them success and hope they will be able to look back on their school days with some affection and some cherished memories.

June also sees us welcome our new first year pupils as they join us for two days of school activity as their first introduction to the 'big school'. An exciting time for all, especially exciting, perhaps, for around 50 pupils who have chosen to come to us from school outwith our catchment area. This is an unusually high number of such pupils this year and one which reflects the high regard our school is held in for all of the right reasons.

Uniform – a thought on all of those new pupils' and parents' minds. The closure of Sporting Chance recently left us with a problem in terms of sports kit and our ties. I am happy to say that we now have a solution for both. Ties can now be bought directly from the school. To all of you new fifth year, there is a good stock of Senior ties waiting for you. We also have plenty of our normal ties for every other pupil. So if it is 'lost', now might be a good time to replace it.

In sourcing a supplier for our sports kit we are working with a local business and have generated an e-commerce solution. A link to this will shortly be placed on our website where you will be able to view recommended sports kit and be able to purchase in this way too. I trust that this will be something which you can make use of and I would be interested to hear your views on any aspects of this service.

Uniform is important to us as it forms a significant plank in the security systems within the campus. Once again I note some increased activity in the press with regard to this matter. I am always interested in your views on this.

The Parent Council are also interested in your views and this might be the time for parents to consider becoming involved. They too have a dedicated website which can be accessed via the school site.

We are working to develop our electronic communication and hopefully the regular viewers of our website will be beginning to see some of the changes. It is always a challenge to be up to date, but one which we are tackling.

Next, the summer break and a time for us all to recharge our batteries, hopefully under a Scottish sun!

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A full copy of all Parent Council meeting minutes can be requested by contacting the Clerk or by visiting our website. At the meeting held on 17 April 2012, the KHSPC discussed the following items:

- HMIE – Ways to Engage Parents.
- Head Teacher Report - included School Budget for 2012-13, abuse by pupils of social media, two additional in service days next year.
- Events and Fundraising Team – 10k Road Race
- School uniform update – **Blazer Sales evening 12 June.**
- KHSPC Financial Report
- Concerns of disconnection between split teaching class.
- Citizenship Quaich – **See main advert for this item (page 17) – All nominations to be with the Clerk by 13 June**
- AGM

The last meeting for this academic year and AGM was held on 29 May (after this article had been sent to print). Should you wish to see a draft copy of these minutes, please contact the Clerk. The next meeting of the KHSPC will be held sometime in August 2012.

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

Light Up Kinross

DO YOU WANT TO SEE A CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY? Then come along and offer your services, whether as a member of the committee or a welcome body to assist us where and when required. We urgently need additional people to help us to carry on with this work. Do you have some spare time? Do you want to help the community? Then please either email Margaret at mbs21@btinternet.com or phone 862945.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



PAM Event, Kirkgate Cemetery

Tuesday 19 June

The committee of Kinross-shire Historical Society are very pleased that, for the fourth year running, the Society is taking part in PAM (**Perthshire Archaeological Month**) which is organised by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust. **On 19 June**, Professor Munro is leading the event in the Kirkgate Cemetery from 2pm - 4.30pm. If you would like to be part of a very interesting afternoon, please contact Professor Munro directly at: davidmunro@kinaskit.co.uk

Kinnesswood in Bloom

Kinnesswood in Bloom members have decided not to take part in competitions this year except for the "Best Kept Village". This means we will be able to concentrate our efforts on planting, maintenance, and making the village look its best as usual. Hopefully we will be taking part again next year. The group spent Saturday 12 May taking part in a litter pick around the village and adjacent roadsides and working on maintenance of the school garden. As usual the village is mostly litter free but the roadside verges between the villages is where most litter is found, mostly thrown from vehicles.



Members carried out a litter pick in May

Since they returned after Easter, the children have been working on the school grounds. The Eco Committee have helped fill some of the raised beds and Primary 1 and the Health Committee are now planting vegetables, hopefully to taste later in the year.

The theme at the Portmoak Festival is "Nostalgia" and Kinnesswood in Bloom will be making a "Now and Then" display of pictures showing the village in the past, especially relating to the garden areas developed in the last few years. Do go along to Portmoak Church during the Festival and see the displays.

Once again we will be appealing to residents of Kinnesswood for support in keeping the village looking good throughout the year. Please support us if you can. All contributions are very welcome.

The next meeting is at Norma's house, 56 Whitecraigs, on **7 June** and all are very welcome.

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40g cornflour
300ml milk
75ml dry white wine
salt and pepper
90ml cream or crème fraîche
225g cooked salmon (2-3 fillets)
2 hard boiled eggs
25g grated cheese
350g boiled and mashed potatoes

Method

Cook the onions in butter till soft. Stir in the cornflour and cook for 2 minutes longer. Gradually add the boiling milk and wine and season with salt and pepper. Simmer for 3 or 4 minutes till thickened. Add the cream or crème fraîche. Add the wine or alternatively more milk.

Fold the salmon into the sauce together with the quartered hard boiled eggs. Turn into a fireproof dish, sprinkle with cheese then cover with mashed potato. Heat through in a hot oven, 220 degrees for about 10 minutes.

Serve with seasonal vegetables or a salad.

Kinross Bridge Club

The Club autumn/winter season has now come to an end with an encouraging increase in membership again.

The Championship Quaich for best individual over the season was the won, for the second year running, by the ever-youthful Madge Malcolm. Runner-up was Patricia Forrest. The Quaich has been further engraved to include the name of Peter Stirling, our past president, who sadly died last year.

Winners at the end of season party night were as follows:

	<i>North-South</i>	<i>East-West</i>
1st	Jim Lawrie and Jock Taylor	Madge Malcolm and Patricia Forrest
2nd	Sandy Greenhill and Helen Todd	Sandra and John Fullarton

We look forward to the next season which starts on **Wednesday 3 October**. New members always welcome.

Milnathort Bridge Club

The winter sessions, held in Milnathort Bowling Club, finished on Monday 23 April. A most enjoyable supper was followed by the annual prize giving.

Zandra's Quaich (best individual score): **Willie Young**
Baxter Trophy (highest up lady): **Pat Forrest**
Pairs Trophy (highest scoring pair): **Willie Young & Jim Harley**

The Club continues to play Bridge during summer months, meeting every Monday evening at 7pm in ORWELL CHURCH HALL where visitors will be most welcome.

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Ladies Circle

We are now into a new Ladies Circle year. Our AGM was held on 19 April and a new Chair was selected. It is the responsibility of the new chair to nominate a charity to benefit from fundraising and this year it will be C-R-Y, which stands for Cardiac Risk in the Young. Every week in the UK, twelve apparently fit and healthy young people die from undiagnosed cardiac conditions. CRY aims to raise awareness, promote and provide equipment for screening, counselling and research. CRY's vision for 2012 is to work with cardiologists and family doctors to promote and protect the cardiac health of our young by establishing good practice and screening facilities devoted to significantly reduce the frequency of young sudden cardiac death throughout the UK. This is currently a very topical subject and Kinross Ladies Circle would like to raise as much money as we possibly can for this worthwhile cause whilst also helping to raise awareness. For further information on the charity, visit their website www.c-r-y.org.uk.

Looking back to our previous year, events held ranged from a movie and wine night, dinner out at the Thistle and Kirklands, necklace making, nights at the pictures, a visit to Cairn o Mhor winery, a visit to Parliament hosted by Willie Rennie and these were the quiet ones!

We also enjoyed some events in collaboration with the Kinross Round Table, which always go well, including Eurovision song contest BBQ, helping at the Beer Festival, and not forgetting our shared Christmas night out. We also hosted a Ladies Circle function at Edinburgh Zoo, which was attended by over 100 other ladies from around Scotland, so many a night was spent arranging that and creating a lot of animal themed décor accompanied by a wine or two! The day itself went very well and we were lucky enough to be featured in the No1 magazine for our outfits.

Then we come to our fundraising for the year. We hold a Comedy night every year around the end of February at Milnathort Town Hall; this is very popular and tickets always sell out quickly. We have comedians from the Glasgow and Edinburgh comedy circuit and each year our cheeks hurt with laughter. Other fundraising events include a food-stop for the Lepra organisation Bike Ride that goes through Kinross every June and helping out at T in the Park by running the refresh area and a bag pack. Last year we raised £2593.47 for our nominated charity, Myeloma UK. We also donate to local organisations or groups that write with requests for donations, and last year we helped the 1st Orwell Brownies, Kinross Curling Club, Chernobyl Children's Life Line, PKVAS, Parkinsons and PLUS and gave away a total of £1200.

So if you don't want to sit and watch TV every second Thursday and would like to join us in some of our planned events for 2012 like a car treasure hunt, land hovercrafting, curling, tubing, cocktail making, meals out and whatever you might suggest as well, then call Yvonne on 07845791318 or look us up on our website www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross



Blairingone Primary School

What's been going on at Blairingone Primary School?

This term we are really busy learning about the Queen's coronation, organising a Jubilee Party, and learning about the Ancient and Modern Olympic Games. The children have also been busy getting the school garden ready for the summer and planting their vegetables in the raised beds. However, the weather has not been kind to us and everything is growing very slowly this year! As part of our garden work, local resident Shelia has been out to the school to help the children with their planting. She is keen to get the school involved with the local Bloom group and the children will soon be planting pots in the village. Blairingone School currently has its 4th Green Flag in recognition of its whole school Eco work. If any local residents would like to help us to develop this work further, please contact the school on 01577 867190.

Recently there has been a focus on increasing physical activity in the school and the children have had many opportunities to work with pupils from other schools. They have taken part in a gymnastics festival, orienteering, cross-country, racket sports, cricket and weekly swimming lessons. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed bringing their bikes to school and learning about bicycle maintenance and safety through the 'Skinny Tyres' workshop. We were very lucky that the sun shone that day!



Pupils have been learning about bicycle maintenance and safety

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Thinking of Volunteering? Consider Girlguiding

The local community in Kinross may be aware that **Volunteers' Week** takes place from **1-7 June**. The week is a chance for us to recognise the huge impact that volunteers make to our community and society in general. As a volunteer led organisation, Girl Guiding is made up of a huge network of volunteers who run activities, manage accounts, advise on adventure and organise large scale events – to name only a few roles!

In Kinross there are many girls and young women who are part of guiding and experience the excitement, adventure and fun that we can offer in a special girls-only environment. Recently, girls have been working through the Rainbow 25th Birthday challenge. Made pancakes and pizzas. Made their promise at Burleigh Castle. Guides made theirs outside the hall by candlelight. Brownies and Guides had a sleepover in the guide hall. Rainbows who cannot go to camp have their own one indoors, so they are not left out. They had hot chocolate and marshmallows. Brownies are having a celebration with the Kinross Brownies on 4 June. These kinds of invaluable opportunities would not have been possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of our adult volunteers.

First and foremost, guiding is of course about providing fantastic fun for girls and young women. However, volunteers themselves get a huge amount out of it as well. I have been involved with Girlguiding UK for 20 years and have gained so much from it.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all volunteers in the Milnathort and Kinross area who make guiding possible. For anyone who is curious to see how volunteering could make a huge difference to their lives, I would encourage you to get in touch. Not only could you make a difference to local girls and young women but, believe me, you will gain just as much.

Alison Hamilton, District Commissioner
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Girlguiding - Kinross

Are you a girl aged between 10 – 14? Then please accept our invitation to join our Guides. We have spaces available in both Guide units meeting either on a Monday or Tuesday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Our Guides like to eat (preferably chocolate or chips) but we have a wide and varied programme and we are certain there will be something that every girl can enjoy. Recently we visited Pop Party, spent an afternoon ice-skating in Perth and events over the next few months include an activity day at Fordell Firs, the Queen's Parade at Perth and a sponsored walk over the Forth Bridge. Some Guides have been working on their Parties Go For It, which involved Fruit Kebabs, Smoothies, Limbo Dancing and making paper palm trees. Another Patrol have been busy in the kitchen creating a delicious curry amongst other recipes. The girls working on Glamorama made soap on a rope and a nail balm as well as Indian hand design.

Interested? Then please come along and try it one evening. Contact Margaret at mbs21@btinternet.com or 862945.

Kinross Camera Club



The speakers due on 19 April were unable to attend, but we are looking forward to welcoming them during the 2012/2013 season. The opportunity was taken to show DVDs of the most recent Scottish Photographic Federation's Digital Image Competition and also that of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain, between them showcasing some of the finest photography being produced in the UK at this time. A library of these images is being compiled and these are available for members to hire.

On 26 April our President hosted the presentation of the images produced by the four teams who had participated in the Treasure Hunt. Although the photographs had been taken on an unseasonably dark and snowy day, the results were surprisingly good. She chatted about them before getting the teams to judge one another and also encouraging those who had not taken part in the Hunt to participate in this. The competition was won by the team who had named themselves "Stewie's Angels". It was an excellent evening with much lively banter.

On 28 April the Annual Prize Giving Dinner was held at The Thistle Hotel, Milnathort with Sandy Cleland FRPS, our Honorary President, and his wife, Cathy, as guests of honour. That evening also was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The formal season has now come to an end but the first of the summer outings has already taken place with a group going to the "Romantic Camera" exhibition at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh. A rich variety of activities will be publicised over the summer months. This weekend the annual "Weekend Away" takes place and the venue is Keswick.

The new season begins on 13 September with our usual Welcome Evening at Kinross Church Centre and an entertaining programme has been devised for our members. We look forward also to welcoming newcomers, be they be experienced photographers or those to whom a camera has recently come as an entertaining novelty.

For further details please contact the Secretary: alisonbradley101@btinternet.com or via the web site www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



Visit to Gacé, summer 2012

The official town twinning visit to Gacé this summer will now be a fly-drive rather than coach and ferry due to advantageous flight fares. The party will now leave Kinross on 29 July and fly from Prestwick to Beauvais where they will take hire cars to Gacé, arriving late evening. The Monday will be free with their host families with other visits planned throughout the week, including a tourist visit to Paris. There will be an official dinner and music evening with exchange of gifts before the party departs on 6 August for the drive to Beauvais and the flight back to Scotland.

Anyone interested in sampling Normandy life, culture and delicacies as well as visiting local attractions should contact chairperson Jeannie Paterson (01577 862159). The only cost is the travel cost, with accommodation, food and visits all covered by our hosts.

Kinross and District Pipe Band

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who helped make such a success of the first ever Loch Leven Pipe Band contest, held alongside the Half Marathon and the Feel Good Fair on a surprisingly sunny Saturday 12 May, sandwiched between lots of lousy weather days! We had well over 20 performances from a dozen different bands on the day, which is better than some far more established contests, and particularly gratifying considering this was on the same day as a much bigger contest down in Dunbar. So many people and organisations helped, but we want to particularly express our gratitude to all those local businesses and individuals who either donated money towards the prize fund, donated trophies or provided assistance in kind – or in some cases all three – and we would also like to make a special mention of the Round Table and Ladies Circle who staffed the Beer Tent for us, and for the Scouts who sold programmes. Finally, of course, thanks to both the Kinross Road Runners and KLEO for allowing us to muscle in on an already popular day, and also to the Loch Leven Community Campus for providing the excellent new venue. It was also very nice, as always, to see Jacqueline Crawford's ever-growing group of Highland Dancers out on display. This new Pipe Band contest will be back next year, hopefully even bigger and better!

Band news: We said in the last issue we had been taking part in our local branch Mini-Bands contest up in Forfar at the end of April, but didn't have the results yet. Well we fielded two mini-bands in Grade 4, and managed to pick up both 2nd and 3rd places respectively out of some 17 bands competing, showing a very encouraging level of consistency in the band. Since then we competed, of course, in the Loch Leven Pipe Band contest, and managed to take first place in

the Grade 4 March, Strathspey and Reel. We only managed 4th place in the other Grade 4 contest, which we will put down to having too much on our minds with organising the event! (That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it!) Lots more contests coming up over the summer, and the band will once again be appearing every day at T in the Park in July, welcoming the campers into the arena.

For youngsters interested in learning the pipes or the drums, there are classes at the campus every Tuesday at 4pm, run by Grade 1 instructors – this is an excellent opportunity to develop a talent and become part of something special. For all other band information or queries, visit www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk or contact Nigel Kellett at nigel.kellett@talktalk.net or tel 07948 714293.



P/M Leon Murphy receives the Chief Steward R. Barnes Shield from Bert Barnes himself

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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What a fantastic day for both dogs and people at the fifth Greyhound Rescue Fife Dog Show, sponsored by Moffat Catering Equipment, which took place on 13 May at Caldwell's farm near Colleslie.

There was a family friendly atmosphere. Although the show had a predominantly greyhound slant to it, raising awareness of the plight of greyhounds, many other breeds of dog were represented and a special class for not greyhounds was won by a dog named Izzy, owned by Shirley.

Classes started with Junior Handler, won by a lovely greyhound called Boots owned by Callum. Best male greyhound was won by Bloo, a lovely "blue" Greyhound owned by Linda. There was a break in the judging classes to have a look at some of the homeless hounds currently resident at the GRF kennels, and draw a special raffle for a wonderful handmade rocking horse, won by Peter Clark from Dunfermline.

The show had an assortment of stalls which include tombola, kids' corner, trophy pet foods, Funky Scottish Sabrin Miller art work, Fly Collars, Phoenix trading, dog crafts and – not forgetting the busiest stall – the home baking. Something for everyone, I think you will agree.

Our show ring began its judging with the Best family of dogs won by Boots, Eddie, Wisp owned by Jen, followed by

the best golden oldies won by Frank owned by Lucy, who went on to win the best in show 2012.

We then went on to best female greyhound won by Sophie, owned by Catrina. We had our second raffle and another chance to see our homeless hounds, whose number was reduced as two of the homeless hounds had found their forever homes on the day of the show. The show climaxed with the crowning of our best in show, Congratulations to all our winners.

More information is available on our website. Thanks to all for making it a great day to remember.

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Portmoak Primary School

Glow is the intra-net for Scottish schools. It enables teachers to set secure web links for their children to access as well as games and activities they can log in and complete at home. There are resources for teachers and parents too. Portmoak has now gone live with parental access to Glow. There was a session in April to set parents up with usernames and passwords and we have arranged another date for 13 June. As well as finding out more about Glow, this gives parents a password so that they can see more of their child's learning and can access Glow parent sites.

Orienteering: Portmoak Primary chalked up another sporting success on Friday 4 May, as pupils from P6 and P7 from across the Kinross cluster battled it out to be in the top 12 teams for the cluster orienteering championships. Being in the top 12 teams earns pupils a place at the Perth and Kinross event at Scone Palace, where they will be up against top teams from across the authority. Portmoak grabbed the top slot, with the "Fast and the Furious 3" team coming in first. The boys were congratulated by the event organisers for having one of the fastest times ever recorded at the annual event. Fossoway Primary was 2nd and Arngask came 3rd.



The winning orienteering team with their medals: Jamie Greensields, Lewis Morton and Andrew Thornton, all P7, Portmoak.

The Wrinkly Rabbits, Banana Boys and Fashion Fans all came in the top 12 too, meaning that Portmoak will be taking an impressive four teams to the Scone event.

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Sports Relief: Thank you to everyone who sponsored our children in their running a mile and zumbathon. We raised a fantastic £814.90 for charity. We would also like to thank Mrs. Spowart for her groovy input at the zumbathon.

Portmoak Gala: Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Eadie for once again conducting the draw for the royal party for the Gala. This year's gala queen is Jenna Wilson. The queen's escort is Sam Law and the flower girls are Niamh Brown and Kiera Robertson. The gala is on **23 June**.

M&S Uniform: After a lengthy process and parent led consultation, we are pleased that Portmoak are the first school in Scotland to go live with the new Marks and Spencer's online school uniform service. Thank you to everyone who took the time to give us their views.

Travel Plan: Mrs Simpson and Ms Gibbon are working hard on this year's school travel plan. Our P6 JRSOs are also helping them with this. We currently have two areas of concern, which the community can support us with. These are by not parking in the bus bay for drop off and pick up and travelling at a safe speed up Bruce Rd. Several parents have concerns about the speed vehicles are going up Bruce Rd. There is a '20's Plenty' sign there already, please do stick to this limit.

Euroquiz Final: A team from Portmoak Primary School won a coveted place in the grand final of the Scottish European Trust's Euroquiz, held on 14 May in the Scottish Parliament Debating Chamber. Thirty-one primary schools from around Scotland took part.

Euroquiz is a competition for Primary 6 pupils which helps them develop their knowledge of Europe and the European Union, as well as core skills such as communication and teamwork. All the pupils, parents and staff at Portmoak are so proud of the team's achievement. Their work in class with their teacher, Miss Lindsay Kettles, paid off as the children were a credit to the school.



Sylvie, Max, Cameron and Duncan on the parliament steps

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Piping Competition and Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon

We hope you enjoyed the Piping Competition and Feel Good Fair at the Loch Leven Half Marathon. We were very lucky with the weather! Many thanks for those who helped out and for everyone who attended. Special thanks to the Road Runners who organised a great event again and kindly allowed us to join in the fun of the day with our fair. We would also like to give our thanks to the Round Table who helped out with the marquee and the bar and the Army Cadets who helped to erect the street football. The pipe bands were excellent and we all enjoyed the show from Mrs Crawford's Highland Dancers!



The Tug'o'War at this year's Feel Good Fair

Free taste of the Music Festival

On **18 August** we will organise a free music event so that you can have a taste of the Kinross-shire Music Festival which will happen this year over two weekends (16-18 Nov and 23-25 Nov).

The bands/musicians GillyShack, Sienna and Dirt Road Blues will perform at The Boathouse at the Pier. It will be your last chance to buy early bird tickets for the festival so come along and enjoy! Further details will be confirmed at a later date.

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Children in Need Charity Concert

Our Music Festival this year will open with a Charity Event on Children in Need day (16 November). This will be held at the Community Campus. It will be a fun evening with a large variety of acts from the Kinross-shire's Got Talent Competition and the evening will finish with a Lady Gaga Tribute Act (previously seen at our 2010 Gazebo Gathering!).

Under 18's can take part in the Kinross-shire's Got Talent Competition. You can download an entry form on www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk. The auditions will be held at the end of October, so enough time to get your act together!!! Tickets for the concert are available on the same website, Adult £10 (£7.50 early bird) and Under 18 is £5 (£3 early bird).

Rover Tickets

We are still finalising the music programme for our Festival, which will include a wide variety of acts and workshops at different venues in Kinross and Milnathort. Some of the acts will be free, others will be for a £5 entrance fee (which you can pay at the door). You can also buy a **Rover Ticket** which gives you unlimited access to all the £5 events. Early bird Rover tickets will be £7.50 for one weekend and £15 for two (Full price is £10 one weekend, £20 for two weekends). Rover tickets are also available online at www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk

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

Kinross Potager Garden



At the time of writing, the schoolchildren have completed half of their **learning programme at the garden**, and by dodging the showers, they have planted potatoes and onions, but most of the other young vegetable plants are still keeping cosy in the greenhouse and cold frames. Hopefully, some warmer weather soon will enable us to progress with the planting.

We have also been preparing plants for the sale at the school at their coffee afternoon on 1 June, and we made some good sales at the Feel Good Fair. We are grateful to Hunter's Butchers, and the Store in Crook of Devon, for making our plants available for sale locally. **For other plant sales**, please call at the garden on a Monday from 10.30 to 12, or Thursday 3-4pm, or contact Amanda to arrange a time on 840809.

We hope that our new, more **wind-proof fence** will be erected by the end of the month. In **June** we are expecting a visit from a gardening club in Dunfermline, and will be hosting a networking meeting of workers from other community gardens in the County, and telling them about our work with the children.

The garden is open daily now, and you are welcome to have a look around, and maybe even have a sit down in the sunshine!

I also present the **Dobbies Children's Gardening Club**, which is fun and free, and we learn about plants and the environment. It is open to children from age 4 to 10. The next meeting will be at Dobbies near Kinross, at 11am on **Sunday 10 June**, when we will be playing some garden games. I look forward to seeing some of you there!

For further details contact Amanda James at amanda@tyafon.plus.com or phone (01577) 840809.

1st Kinross Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association Awards 2011-2012



The Company's Annual Display and Presentation of Awards was held in Kinross Church Centre on 18 May. Former Junior Section Officer in Charge, Mr Eddie Gordon, was inspecting officer, with his wife Ishbel presenting the awards. There was a good turnout of parents and friends who enjoyed a varied programme which highlighted the talents of the boys and girls within the company. The following awards were presented:

Anchor Section Awards

Best P1: David Savage

Best P2: 3rd Kyle Nicholson, 2nd Grace Bland, 1st eq Sean Michael & Ruairidh Sturgess.

Best P3: 3rd Dylan Davidson, 2nd Jack Bland, 1st Jane Baillie.

Best Squad: Squad 2 Andrew Slaven, Fearnie Nelson, Arran Ferguson, Sean Michael, Charlie McCaffrey, Indiana Philp.

Promotion to Junior Section: Jane Baillie, Jack Bland, Dylan Davidson, Arran Ferguson, Fearnie Nelson, Andrew Slaven.

Junior Section Awards

Best P4: 3rd Thomas Caldwell, 2nd Matthew Dunn, 1st Andrew Clark.

Best P5: 3rd Rory Ferguson, 2nd Amy Wilson, 1st George Milne.

Best P6: 3rd Callum Jack, 2nd Abbie Watson, 1st Claire Wilson.

Overall Best Junior: Claire Wilson

Promotion to Company Section: Claire Wilson, Abbie Watson, Callum Jack.

Company Section Awards

Promotion to Staff Sergeant: Jennifer MacKessack, Matthew MacDonald, Matthew Campbell, Jack Finnie.

Promotion to Sergeant: Lewis McKenzie, Douglas MacKessack, Andrew Jack.

Promotion to Corporal: Billie McGregor, George Dick, Geordanne McLaren.

Promotion to Lance Corporal: Mitchell Brown, David Chalmers, Ami Smith, Adam Sweeney, Mark Cathro, Michael Ferguson, Francesca Fiorentini, Andrew Beveridge, Christina Webster.

10 Pin Bowling Challenge: Matthew McDonald

Officers' 10 Pin Bowling Challenge: William Constable

Most Improved Volleyball Player: Mark Cathro

Peth Recreational Volleyball League Championship: Mitchell Brown

Battalion Awards

Drill Medal: Jennifer MacKessack. **Volleyball Cup:** Adam Sweeney, Mark Cathro & Mitchell Brown. **Swimming Cup:** Tina Webster.

Swimming Shidd: Cameron Nelson & Faye Mathieson.

Pullar Inkstand (4 X 2 length relay): Faye Mathieson & Ewan Thomson.

Table Tennis Cup: Murray Raeburn. **Basketball Cup:** Matthew Campbell.

5-a-side Football (<15): Adam Sweeney & Andrew Beveridge. **Scripture Search (Battalion winners):**

Intermediate – Andrew Jack.

Company Section Awards (continued)

Best Youngster at Camp: Jennifer MacKessack

Best Squad: 3rd Squad 3 (2035 points), 2nd Squad 4 (2040 points),

1st Squad 2 (2050 points). Squad 2: Jennifer MacKessack, Aimee

Smith, Michael Ferguson, Adam Sweeney, Douglas Mair, Katy Bell and Jack Watson.

Neale Trophy (Citizenship): Jack Finnie

Best Recruit: 2nd Jack Watson; 1st Ewan Thomson

National BB Award

UK Table Tennis bronze medalists: Murray Raeburn, Mitchell Brown, Mark Cathro & Matthew McDonald.

Best member (Melville Trophy): 3rd Michael Ferguson, 2nd Billie McGregor, 1st Lewis McKenzie.

Presidents' Badges: George Dick, Lewis McKenzie, Andrew Jack & Joshua Roe.

Queen's Badge: Jennifer MacKessack (second girl in Scotland to be awarded the Queen's Badge).

Report by David Munro, Company Captain

Anchor section numbers are down from previous years but the section has enjoyed a range of varied activities over the session. We had a fancy dress Hallowe'en Party and a pantomime visit to the campus. We also managed to include "real music" thanks to Mr Boyter and Mr Campbell.

Although Junior Section has only 12 members, they have shown excellent skills and determination throughout this year. Kinross have entered various Battalion competitions, such as volleyball, badminton, football, bible quiz, potted sports, marching and singing (receiving a very good report for such a small group). The children have completed all their work for their various year badges, which included sports, music, community and craft.

We had our annual visit to the pantomime at Loch Leven Campus and will be going 10-pin bowling to finish off the year.

Our Annual Camp was to Dalguise this year, where events were all organised by the team leaders. They went on nature trails, climbing, inside games and were also entertained in the evening. They had lots of fun and obviously late nights, as everyone was very quiet on the way home.

We have already started planning for September so we hope to see everyone back at Juniors as well as all their friends for another exciting year. Thanks to all who help out with the Juniors but there is always space for anyone wishing to come along!

Company Section summer camp last summer was in Northumbria at Broomley Grange and the first four days were wet. Thankfully from the Wednesday onwards the weather was dry for our visit to the beach and the Lightwater Valley theme park. As well as taking part in the BB national competitions, we have again participated in most battalion events and again won a number of trophies and awards. In the BB national competitions our chess team reached the semi-final stage, our 5-a-side football team lost out to the eventual runners up by one goal of a difference, also at the semi-final stage. Our band also deserves a great deal of credit for their work over the session highlighted by performing at the Church Easter Service and competing, for the first time, in the National Band Competition at Dundee's Caird Hall. Thanks also to Alex Cant for his tuition and support over the session. Special mention must be made to our Table Tennis team who reached the UK finals for the first ever time and conducted themselves admirably, reaching the semi-finals and finishing in bronze medal position. Our "M" team (Murray, Mitchell, Mark) are only 14 years of age so hopefully they can go at least one better next year.

We were privileged to receive a visitation from Steve Dickinson, the Brigade Secretary, who spent a Friday evening with us and presented members with commemorative "Jubilee Badges."

We will continue to meet in the Company section (without uniform) from 7 till 9 until mid-June. We are also looking forward to our summer camp at Noordwijk in the Netherlands.

It is particularly rewarding for the officer staff to see the number of Presidents' Badges and another Queen's Badge being awarded to our members.

Thanks to parents for your support and to all staff members from the three sections for their enthusiasm, commitment and dedication throughout the session.

Kinross Primary School Parent Council



Feel Good Fair: Thanks to all who supported our stall on Saturday 12 May. Thanks to everyone who donated, baked and volunteered and helped raise an amazing £514.50 for the school.

Summer Fayre: This will be held on **Saturday 9 June** from 12pm until 4pm in the school grounds. Lots of stalls and activities for all the family including a bouncy castle, slide and bungee, a BBQ and refreshments. There will be Highland Dancers, a display by The Majorettes, Pipe Band, Bokwa Class for adults and children and a 'Birds of Prey' Display. Admission is free so please come along, have fun and support Kinross Primary School. Any offers of help, including donations, volunteering on the day and anything else would be most gratefully received - contact Kath Davis on 07976919694.

Raffle Tickets: 1st Prize - Ipad Touch 4, 2nd Prize - £60 Dobbies Vouchers, 3rd prize - Family Day Pass to Fife Deer Centre. These will be on sale at the Summer Fayre and prizes will be drawn that day. However if you are unable to come along to the Fayre but would like to buy tickets (£1 per ticket), then please contact Kath Davis on 07976919694.

School Summer Fayre

Free Entry

At: Kinross Primary School
Date: Saturday 9th June 2012
Time: 12 noon - 4pm

There will be a bouncy castle, face-painting, lots of stalls, games, a raffle and the tombola!

Fun for all the Family!

Kinross Primary School

Headteacher update: Our children have participated in many events this term: they have been to Chambers Street Museum, taken part in Kwik Cricket and had author Stuart Reid of "Gorgeous George and the Giant Generator" in to speak to them.

All of our P7 pupils have passed their "Bikeability" assessments this month too.

At KPS we are all very proud when members of our school community achieve well and we would like to give a special mention to some pupils who have excelled in various events recently.

Stirling University's annual Maths Challenge: Nicholas Baughan, P7 was awarded Top Gold, Flora Caldwell - Gold, Ellie Nicholson - Silver, Katie Douglas - Bronze and Derek Sneddon - Bronze. Children from all over Scotland participate in this event so this is a wonderful achievement. Well done!

Also, congratulations to our children who took part in the **Cross Country Championships** recently, especially Iona Crawford who was awarded 1st Girl medal.

Perform in Perth and District Rotary Quiz For the second year running we achieved first places in both of these. Perform in Perth: Infant choir - First; Boys choir (P4-P7) - First; Girls choir (P4-P7) - Merit. We thank Mr Young and the staff and parents who went along to support our children.

Rotary Quiz: P7 team - First.

Finally, we wish all our P7 pupils every success as they move on to high school in August. Good luck and best wishes from all of us at KPS.

Fairtrade Community Coffee Afternoon: We are hoping to become a Fairtrade school and are holding a community coffee afternoon on **Friday 1 June** from 1.45pm in the school gym hall. Everyone welcome.

Hotshot Soccer Challenge: On 2 May the children took part in a football challenge to measure the strength of their shots on goal. Dunfermline Athletic community team helped us and we raised £2000. This money will go towards purchasing outdoor equipment for our playground and garden area. Well done to all our pupils and many thanks to everyone who sponsored them.

School Uniform: This is now available to purchase from Cashmere at Lochleven (formerly Todd & Duncan) in Kinross. Please visit their store or contact them directly regarding uniform items.

Summer Fayre: See left for details. Please do come along and support us.

Olympic Theme Day: On **Wednesday 13 June** our pupils will be encouraged to come to school dressed in yellow or gold. We are going to hold our own Olympic torch relay around the school grounds to celebrate.

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The June meeting will be held on **Thursday 7 June** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker will be Ken Reid from the R.N.I.B.

At the May meeting the speakers, Ann and Tim gave an interesting presentation on the work of the "Samaritans".

Away Days June

Thursday 14 June: Dundee

Thursday 28 June: Broughty Ferry Castle

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. Contact Mary Muirhead on 01577 863564.

Annual Summer Excursion: This excursion will take place on **Sunday 8 June** and will be to Royal Deeside, including Ballater and Braemar, with high tea being provided at a suitable hotel. Further details will be available at the June meeting. The cost inclusive of high tea will be approx £23 per person dependent on the final numbers booked on this trip. Contact Pat Crawford 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

June 8: Elie to Ruddon's Point and back - a circular walk with a steep climb from the beach near Elie, with a mainly level path after that. This was a regular walk in the early days of the club.

June 22: Glendevon Wind Farm from the Glensherrup car park - another new walk along roads created for the construction of the windmills. After a steep initial climb the road is fairly level and we walk along the line to the far end and back again. This is a walk with great views and about our usual distance of 5 miles or so.

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

Friday Hill Walkers

June 15: Torlum near Crieff led by Anne Milburn. This is a new to us route so hopefully a good turnout will encourage the leader.

June 29: A walk led by Robin Eadie to take in Driesh and Mayar, two Munros approached from Glen Doll. This is a tough day's hill walking with fine vistas from the summits, so here is hoping for a decent weather window.

For both of these walks we meet outside the Green Hotel on the Muirs at 8.30am sharp.

Activities

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

Carpet Bowling: The season will start again during late September or early October. Contact Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

The Craft Group has finished until probably 12 September. Contact Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387.

Fly Tyers: This group has both men and ladies within its membership. It has now closed for the summer. Contact Ian Campbell for details of venue 01577 830582.

Keep-Fit: This activity is now closed for the summer and will re-commence provisionally on 4 September. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

Kinvest Investment Club meets once a month. New members, who need only a general knowledge of investments, will be made most welcome. 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 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 and District Art Club



Our final month of the club for this session has been a busy and productive one. Club members have worked on their paintings for our forthcoming **Exhibition and Sale** in September. The exhibition runs from **5 to 8 September** in the Parish Church.

As a boost to our enthusiasm, we had a visit and demonstration from accomplished Artist Allan Perera-Liyanage in May. Allan is President of Perthshire Art Association. He is based in Auchterarder but his paintings are exhibited throughout the UK. You can check out his work at www.perera-liyanage.co.uk

This month (**7-9 June**) Club Member David Cochrane will be mounting a solo exhibition in the Church, with proceeds of sales of his paintings going to Church funds.

Our Outdoor Painting Co-ordinator, John Tydeman, has now finalised the details of our outdoor painting days during the summer recess of the club. If you would like to join us for a 'taster' of the club's activities, the dates and venues are:

Wednesday 20 June South Queensferry & Dalmeny

Tuesday 26 June Blair Adam House & Gardens

Tuesday 3 July Sluice House, Loch Leven

Please contact me, Sybil Galbraith, Club Secretary on 01577 830347 to arrange a visit and for more information about the club, see our web site at www.kadac.co.uk

Kinross in Bloom



What a strange spring this has turned out to be; after a week of exceptionally warm and sunny weather in March, it has been followed by wet and windy one day, cold and frosty the next.

The poor plants are completely perplexed, and don't know what to do.

All our summer plants have now been delivered, and with a good team effort, and two nice sunny days joined together, they were all transplanted into bigger containers, and despite the lack of a polytunnel, are now coming on nicely in various members' greenhouses and conservatories. The next step is planting out into baskets, barrels and planters, sometime in June.

We again apologise for cancelling the quiz night, but as we explained in the previous Newsletter, by the closing date we did not have one entry, so the decision was made to cancel, rather than having to try and contact all potential teams. If you were intending to take part - sorry, maybe next time.

The winners of the 200 Club draw for May were:

1st Elizabeth Harley	2nd Margaret Carling
3rd Susan Montgomery	4th Paul Baughn

Congratulations to all.

Our next meeting will follow our AGM which will be on **Wednesday 13 June** in the Garden Room, Kinross Church Centre, High Street, Kinross at 7.30pm.



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This Year's Programme

Midsummer Event 2.30pm, Sunday 17 June

A Visit to Historic Blair Adam House

Blair Adam House is an important part of the history of the Adam family, as well as the history of Kinross-shire. 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. Entrance will be £11 per head. Please book with Bridget Lindsay, Balgedie House, Easter Balgedie, KY13 9HQ, with remittance. There are still places left, so be sure to book early. Contact Bridget Lindsay 01592 840252

The Best Kept Village Competition

The Trust will be organising the Competition again this year and 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.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust website

www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org

We have created a new website 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.

Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire Blairingone Church

As you sway round an S-shaped bend heading into the village of Blairingone from the east, you will catch sight of a random rubble church-like building on an elevated position looking down on the road from the right. Converted into what is described as a four bedroom "super sized contemporary home", this was indeed a church for over a century and a half.



Blairingone Church

With the steady growth in the population of Kinross-shire in the late 18th and early 19th centuries and the extension of the county boundary westwards, a decision was made in 1836 to build a new church to serve this remote corner of Fossoway Parish. The building of the new church was made possible by the donation of funds and the gift of "half-a Scotch acre of land" by local landowner Mark Watt. Opened in the spring of 1838, Blairingone Church was initially established as a preaching station or extension church attached to Fossoway Parish Church. It gained its autonomy in 1860, continuing to serve the local community for nearly a century before being linked with Saline to the south in 1958. In 1993 the two churches were eventually united to form a new parish and finally Blairingone Church was deconsecrated in 2004 and the building sold for development.

Built in the form of a T-plan with a porch in the right hand angle of the T, Blairingone Church retains many of its original features including its slated roof, the date 1836 above the south gable window and the colourful stained glass windows designed by James Ballantyne (1807-87).

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Sports News

Kinross Road Runners



Here's just a snapshot of what Kinross Road Runners have been up to recently:

London Marathon 2012

April 22nd saw six KRR members tackle the famous London Marathon course in near perfect conditions. The overwhelming support of the enthusiastic thousands who lined the streets seemed to bring out the best in Jillian Gordon who gained an astonishing 21 minutes on her personal best in a time of 3:00:15. Allan Kemp was second home for Kinross in a time of 3:07:13. Maureen Hill (3:24:21), Trish Milne (3:29:01) and Julie Rose (3:54:34) rounded off a memorable occasion for the girls, each running very impressive PBs. Alistair Black completed this KRR contingent and finished in a time of 3:25:19.

Loch Leven Half Marathon 12 May

An alteration of the route, approved by Scottish Athletics, gave an exciting new finish to our half marathon, bringing runners along the old railway track in Milnathort and ending at the campus. We were unbelievably lucky with the weather, with race day being dry and sunny, in between two very wet and cold days.

Out of nearly 500 runners, Andy Laycock was the first KRR to cross the line in a time of 1.20.27. Our own Jillian Gordon was the first lady over all in a time of 1.24.13. Jillian just goes from strength to strength! Kinross Road Runners also won both

Runners' feet always get wet! It is a very popular race and the 700 entry places fill up very quickly. The cheers from supporters along the course encourage runners up the steep hill towards the finish line and a bottle of beer. This year's race took place on



*They're off...some of the 500 runners at the start of the Loch Leven Half Marathon on 12 May
photo courtesy of Roadrunpics.com*

the female and male team prizes. It was fantastic that we did so well on our own turf! The full results can be found on our website, and there are some great photos on Roadrunpics.com.

Black Rock 5

The Black Rock race is a quirky race which starts in Kinghorn and goes out along the beach, around the Black Rocks and back into the town.

the evening of 4 May and 16 of our members took part.

New members

As always, we welcome new runners to the club. Join us for a few evening sessions before you commit to membership. Visit our website for more details:

www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



All at Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club have been very busy lately. Our under 14 boys recently took part in three blitz tournaments at DISC, Dundee, competing against clubs from all over Tayside & Fife. Some of our girls teamed up with Perth Phoenix Club to enter a combined team. Everyone had a great day and enjoyed the experience.

Fraser Notman, our coach, is currently undertaking his UKCC Level 1 coaching, and Ian "Spike" Kenny has joined us again, after returning from his skiing season in Canada. In August, we will lose our young coach, Andrew Carscadden, who will be leaving to spend some time in Thailand and then Australia. Good Luck, Andrew, and many thanks for all your help over the past few months!

Cath Devanny, Active Schools Co-ordinator, recently arranged 'taster sessions' at several of the local Primary Schools. Jack Nicholson and Katy Brown were coaches for the sessions, and since then, we have welcomed a number of new members from Primaries 6 and 7.

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

Our weekly training sessions cost £3 each and, if you want to join the club, there is a one-off annual payment of £10. The one-off payment includes the loan of a club strip for the season.

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

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Orwell Ladies Curling Club



Members held their Annual General Meeting, Dinner and Prize Giving on Thursday 19 April at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross.

One of the club's founding members, **Janie Buchanan**, was made an Honorary Member, and was presented with a commemorative scroll by outgoing President, Susan Scougal.

The committee for 2012-2013 is as follows:

President: Angela Wilcox; Past President and Representative Member: Susan Scougal; Vice President: Eileen Thomas; Treasurer: Hester Niven; Secretary: Maggie Saunderson; Assistant Secretary: Kathleen Brown; Representative Member: Karen Lindsay; Committee members: Jane Drysdale, Gay Deas and Maggie Scott.

Winners of club trophies for the 2011-2012 season were:

Thomanean Plate (opening bonspiel): Laurie McKerrow, Sue Cameron, Alicia Hay and Christine Taylor.

Thistle Cup: Grace Paterson, Sue Cameron, Bridie Graham and Kathleen Brown.

Jubilee Plate: Gay Deas, Angela Wilcox, Caroline Liddle and Jackie McQueen.

Wooden Spoon (sporting losers, Jubilee): Laurie McKerrow, Leslie Brown, Marion Forbes and Fiona Doig.

Gairney Rosebowl: Valerie Inglis, Allison Pirie, Anne McGrory and Margaret Nelson.

Cuthill Salver (points winner): Susan Scougal.

Kay Quaich (points runner-up): Edna Nelson.

Jessie Baillie Rosebowl (most points by a lead or second): Caroline Liddle.

Kirkforthar Cup (pairs): Grace Paterson and Joan Foster.

Scougal Vase (pairs runners-up): Sue Cameron and Marion Forbes.

Wharlawhill Cup (closing bonspiel): Wilma Brownlie, Liz Glennie, Nancy Gibb and Joan Foster.

Mixed League Salver (with Orwell Curling Club): Iain Robertson, Gay Deas, George Skea and Eileen Thomas.

Paterson Rosebowl (cumulative): Grace Paterson.

Kinross Badminton Club

www.kinrossbadmintonclub.co.uk



The committee would like to thank all members for making our second season at Loch Leven Community Campus a successful one. This was achieved by the consistent attendance of members, which kept the club going strong throughout the season.

With the annual tournament coming to an end, we would just like to thank everyone who took part and also congratulate all of the winners and runners up:

	Winners	Runners-up
Gents Singles	Rory Muir	Dennis Sweeny
Ladies Singles	Alison Scott	Gwen Tate
Gents Doubles	Rory Muir & Rory Cooper	John Mahoney & Charles Mackinnon
Ladies Doubles	Alison Scott & Maureen Macpherson	Gwen Tate & Laura Dalgleish
Mixed	Gwen Tate & Rory Cooper	Alison Scott & Charles Mackinnon

This year's tournament produced a lot of high quality matches and we had a successful finals night with some of the matches stretching to three sets. Everyone played well and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. The presentation of the trophies will be held at the annual summer barbecue, which will be held at Bill Macdonald's house on 9 June from 4pm onwards.

We hope that all the members make the most of their summer and enjoy their time off. The first senior session of the next season will be August and the first junior session will be September. (For exact dates keep an eye on the website.) Next season the mixed singles ladder system will be set up again after being corrected over the summer break. There will also be more focus on training for the league teams to strengthen them to improve our chances in next seasons Perth and District League.

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.

Orwell Bowling Club

One of our better spring days, Sunday 29 April, saw Orwell's four mixed rinks win against Strathmiglo at home, 64 shots to 60.

Thursday 3 May seemed a perfect evening for a game of bowls, when four mixed rinks vied with Kinross on our home green. Then the sun disappeared and it could easily have been a winter's evening. With hands and fingers numb, bowling became more of a trial as each end was completed. "How many ends now?" the cries went up, when at last we could retire to a warm clubhouse, where sandwiches, delicious baking, and pots of steaming tea and coffee soon thawed our bones, and a winning Orwell score of 58 shots to 41 added to the cheer.

However, a hat trick was denied when four mixed triples visited Alloa Co-op on Saturday 5 May; Orwell succumbed to the home team 87 shots to 57.

The Dave Scott Tournament, when drawn pairs play drawn opponents, each half of the duo then plays a single hand and finally skips become leads, then vice-versa, was won by Gordon Morton and Maureen Allan. Mike Thorn and Sandra Fullerton were second, and Vic McKechnie and Janette Tomney third – a fun day all round, by all accounts.

At last a competition uninterrupted by rain, sleet, hail and more rain, was played on Saturday 12 May with four teams taking part in the 2 x bowl Club Triples. Maz Thorn, Betty Hamilton and Jean Jackson won the day and will play in the County competition later in the year.

The Seniors are looking forward to the time when they can actually complete an afternoon's play – inundations have so far prevented a game starting, or rendered conditions unplayable after only a few ends. The Bowling fraternity is nothing if not optimistic!

We now have three coaches and new members are always welcome, when equipment can be loaned to them. Come along and try your hand!

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Kinross Otters

F.I.R.S.T. Open Meet

Carnegie Leisure Centre, Dunfermline

21 April – 22 April

This quality annual Open meet was organised by Scotland's premier club (F.I.R.S.T.) and drew entries from mainly Central and East Scotland with some competitors coming from as far as Stranraer and Carlisle.

In a continuing trend, it was **Cameron Nelson** (13) for the Kinross Otters, fresh from his National triumph in Sunderland, who produced the biggest medal haul in the 12-13 year old category. Once again, he was simply superb in the 50m Butterfly winning by an enormous 3 seconds in 29.70, which now ranks him number one in Scotland. Other gold medals followed in the 100m and 200m Breaststroke (1.18.33 and 2.48.42) and the 50m Backstroke (32.19), where he had a tremendous battle with fellow Otter, **Aaron Gillon** (see below). **Cameron** also won bronze medals in the 200 Individual Medley (2.31.96) and 200m Backstroke (2.27.22 – a new Club Record at 13!).



Medallists from the F.I.R.S.T. Meet. Left to right - Kirstin Haig, Rachel Brisbane, Cameron Nelson, Finlay Nesbitt and Aaron Gillon

It wasn't just the **Cameron** show, as rising star, **Finlay Nesbitt**, demonstrated in the 8-11 year old category. He also won six medals: gold in the 200m Breaststroke (3.35.01), four silver medals in 50m and 400m Freestyle (32.85 + 5.24.80), 200m and 400m Individual Medley (2.57.78 + 6.16.85) and bronze in the 200m Freestyle (2.33.66).

It was **Aaron Gillon** (13), who perhaps produced one of the biggest shocks of the whole meet in the 50m Freestyle (12-13 year old category). Taking a quite ridiculous three seconds off his personal best, he destroyed the cream of sprinting to clock 27.58, winning by a substantial three quarters of a second and racing up the national rankings to 5th quickest. Where did that come from?! He continued the surprises in the 50m Backstroke, where he gave **Cameron Nelson** a fright, coming a close second and taking over a second off his personal best in 32.65. This will be one of the most anticipated re-matches in the up coming Midland District Sprint Championships. **Aaron** finished off his weekend with another silver in the 100m Backstroke (1.10.24).

Keeping the girls' side up was **Rachel Brisbane** (14) in the 14-15 year old category, who won a gold medal and a bronze medal in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke

respectively (40.13 and 1.25.18) and **Kirstin Haig** (11) who won a silver medal in the 50m Backstroke (40.12) and a bronze medal in the 100m Freestyle (1.14.99) in the 8-11 year old category.

So, all in all, a very successful meet and further proof that the Otters have some very special swimmers at present.

Swimathon 2012 Update

The Swimathon took place at Loch Leven Leisure Centre over the whole day of Saturday 28 April and several Otters took part as usual, intent on not only raising money but trying to be the quickest (typical!).

Cameron McCloskey (14) certainly achieved this in the 5kms by being the quickest person at the Centre over the whole day for the 3rd consecutive year in 1 hour 11 minutes and 5 seconds. With almost all the results in across the country, it looks like he was the fastest in Scotland in the 13-15 year old age group and the 6th quickest in the UK in his age group and 22nd overall out of over 3800 swimmers who took this challenge across the UK.

Next quickest was Otters coach and Loch Leven life guard, **Simon Metcalfe** (23), in 1.13.14. His stated intention was to "beat Cameron" but after he left the pool he described himself as "burst" trying to achieve this. This still ranks him quickest in Scotland in his 19-24 year age group and 56th overall in the UK.

Very impressive was young **Finlay Nesbitt** (11) in 1.15.50 who was also quickest in Scotland and 5th in the UK in his 10-12 yrs age group and 99th overall.

Next came **Conor McCormick** (12) in 1.19.22 and **Vicki Reid** (14) in 1.30.44.

Otters coach, Fiona Crawford and her Otters children, Duncan (10) and Iona (11), teamed up with dad Stephen to form the "**Crawfords**" in the Team 5km and achieved an excellent 1.32.29 which ranked them 223 out of 1471 teams across the UK.

Of course, this event was not about times, it was about raising money for an excellent charity and there is still time to donate by choosing any of the names in bold above. The money raised goes to the Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Swimathon Foundation. Your fundraising will allow Marie Curie Nurses to provide more care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses. **Please give generously.**

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Kinross Ladies' Hockey Club



On 14 April the 1sts played Brechin with only ten players and still managed to win 9-1, a very good result. On the same day the 2nds drew 2-2 with Susie and Dr Gail converting penalty flicks to win this cup-tie.

The following week saw a rather momentous occasion in the history of Kinross Ladies' as both teams were involved in cup finals. The 2nds had won through to the final of the Midlands Plate and the 1sts to the final of the Midlands Cup. Both games were played at Dawson Park where unfortunately the 2nds were beaten by Perthshire by 4 goals to 2 in a very closely fought game. In the other final the 1sts beat Grove by 4 goals to 2 in an exciting match in which they always seemed to be in control.

The 1sts had two outstanding league games to play, both of which they won, thus retaining the league title. Well done, girls. The team went on to represent Midlands at the Inter District Tournament where they came 2nd having won 1, lost 1 and drawn 1.

Our AGM was held in April and although we are short of one or two positions on the committee, the meeting went fairly well. Player of the Year for the 1sts was **Gill Robb** and for the 2nds **Chantal Guillot**. Young Player of the Year was **Robyn**, but I think all our young players deserve a mention as they have contributed so much this season. So well done **Maeve, Megan, Lucy** and **Emma**.

Unfortunately our coach Ryan is intending to concentrate on playing hockey again next season so will be unable to coach for us. We must thank him for all his time and effort and wish him luck with his own game.

Training is finished for the moment but will resume in August. In the meantime mixed hockey is played on a Tuesday evening and everyone is welcome (see right).

For any other information please call Morag 01577 863356 or visit our website.

Kinross Kobras (junior hockey)

Kinross Kobras were represented in this month's U14 Scottish Inter-District Championship held at Strathallan. David McIntyre played in the Midland District B team which came joint third behind Midland A, who won the tournament, and East A, who were runners up. Midland B won all but one of their group matches before losing to Midland A in a close semi-final.

Other Kobras have participated over the past month in matches hosted by Perthshire HC in Perth. All teams have had good victories and gained valuable match experience. Training continues at KGV on a Thursday evening, 6.30pm till 7.30pm, until the end of June.

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

With both teams promoted at the end of last season, this year was going to be a test for both teams with the 1st XI in East District Division 1 and the 2nd XI in East District Division 3.

Kinross 1sts finished fifth: played 18, won 8, drawn 4 and lost 6.

Kinross 2nds also finished fifth: played 18, won 7, drawn 4 and lost 7.

A great season and result for both teams and well done to captains Ross Turbet and Andrew Getley and also secretary Gordon Balfour.

At the AGM the following office bearers were elected:

President: Douglas Ogilvie, Secretary: Gordon Balfour, Treasurer: Ollie Volland, 1st XI Captain: Hamish Donaldson, Vice Captain: Dave Goodenough, 1st XI Captain: Graeme Malcolm, Vice Captain: Ian Clark, Social Secretary, Paul Hartmann, Kobras Co-ordinator: Andrew McIntyre.

Mixed Summer hockey has started at KGV on Tuesday nights and all are most welcome (see below).

There are also "golden oldies", six-a-side tournaments and other social events throughout the Summer.

For further information either contact Hamish Donaldson on e-mail: captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk or Gordon Balfour: secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk or visit our website at www.kinrosshockey.co.uk

Summer mixed hockey at Kinross

As the competitive hockey season for both the Kinross Ladies' and Men's clubs has now finished, the more relaxed informal mixed summer hockey has started. This takes place at the astroturf pitch at KGV from 7.30pm to 9pm on a Tuesday evening and runs from now through to mid-August. It takes the format of a gentle warm up followed by a relaxed game; it is suitable for hockey players of all ability from age 14 upwards and is a good way to keep fit and develop your skills over the summer months. There are a variety of mixed hockey tournaments that crop up over the summer and teams will be entered in these for those that wish to play.

Kinross Cycling Club



With the cycling season and our new year underway, club membership continues to grow steadily, including, we are delighted to say, new females joining the club.

We have had a successful start to the year with two events of our ten-event TT series completed. Whilst it is not clear who is going to win this year (Roddy Pattison is the reigning champion) early contenders are Andy Bruce, our computer geek, and Donnie Macleod, our professional snow boarder and now mechanic in the local bike shop, Loch Leven Cycles. Andy broke the club record for ascending Cleish Hill with a time of 7m 44s in the opening event which saw 23 riders competing. In this, his first season of competitive road racing as opposed to time trialling, Donnie missed the opener as he was working in Switzerland (someone has to do that) but pipped Andy by three seconds. The event had a fantastic turnout of 27 riders with the podium positions separated by just 13 seconds!

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Kinross Volleyball Club

In the final fixture of the Central Scotland Regional League, Kinross travelled to Motherwell with a minimum six players and unfortunately suffered their one and only defeat of the season. Despite this, they qualified for the Scottish Regional League play-offs involving the top teams from Central and North Scotland. This took place at Wishaw Sports Centre in mid May. Kinross defeated Linlithgow Hornets in the semi-final to meet Dundee University in the final. In a close fought encounter, the University youngsters just pipped the Kinross side to become Scottish Regional champions with Kinross finishing as runners-up.

In the Perth District League, Kinross BB won the Recreational League Championship winning their final two games comfortably. This means Kinross teams are champions of both Premier and Recreational Leagues in the Perth District League.

The club is also preparing for the forthcoming Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament over the Jubilee weekend in June with two teams being entered and also for the 39th De Haan International Tournament in Belgium in mid-August again, with two teams being entered.

Fun volleyball evenings continue at King George V Park, Kinross on Monday evenings from 7 till 9 pm – just turn up and play – simple and fun! The fun sessions will continue throughout the summer months (weather permitting)!

During the Olympics, take time to see the game being played at the top level whether it be 6 v 6 or the beach version of the sport. Once you have savoured the fun you can then take the health benefits of playing by coming along to your local club.

World title for Kinross Curler

John Kenny, a member of Kinross Curling Club, skipped Ireland to the Gold Medal in the World Senior Men's Curling Championship in Copenhagen in April.

John, who is property manager at Anderson's the solicitors, Kinross, is Ireland's most capped curler.

The Irish rink won all their round robin matches, and then beat Finland in the quarter-finals. In the semi-final an extra end was required against Norway, and again in the final against Canada, with the Irish curlers emerging unbeaten throughout the tournament and deserved gold medal winners.

Speaking after the tournament, John said: "For Ireland, a country of fewer than 100 competitive curlers, to become only the eighth country to win a gold medal in the entire history of men's curling, whether at Junior, Men's or Senior level, is almost unbelievable."

The other team members were Bill Gray, David Whyte and Tony Tierney. David Hume was the alternate and Gordon MacIntyre was the coach.



John Kenny, World Senior Curling Champion

Kinross Golf Club

The Men's Mail on Sunday Team were beaten at Caird Park, Dundee 3½ - 1½ having previously won against Ballingry and Dollar to set up the third round tie.

In the Coronation Cup, Kinross will play Alyth away and meet King James at Kinross in the Bell Trophy.

In the first Senior Medal of the season, played over a wet and windy Montgomery Course, first place went to George Thomas with a net 71. George also achieved two 2s during his round. Second place went to Bill Smart with a net 72.

In the second round of the SLGA foursomes, Heather Gough and Lyn Murray have been drawn against Taymouth Castle at Kinross.

In the Ladies' Invitation Greensomes, played over the Montgomery course, first Scratch went to Lyn Murray and Joyce Smith from Dunfermline and first Handicap to Ann Smith and Elma McCulloch from Milnathort.

For the junior section the season has started well with approximately fifteen juniors turning up to play each week.

Ogilvie Robertson qualified in the top 16 of the County Strokeplay to go through to the match play stage but unfortunately lost in the first round.

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Milnathort Golf Club

The hardy souls at Milnathort Golf Club have managed some good scores in the last month. The greens are in excellent condition and the greens staff has done some excellent work over the winter improving the bunkers.

The Jubilee Mixed Foursomes is a very popular event played on the first Saturday of the month and 28 players had an enjoyable meal together after the nine-hole event, won by Ron Macdonald and Rosemary Braid.

The National Nines is a Competition between other 9-hole courses in the UK and we are pleased to report that we have two teams going through to represent us at the next round in Gifford in August. Team 1 was D Mitchell, K Duncan and S Duncan and Team 2 was M McHardy, N Duncan and K Webster. Good luck to you boys!

Our mid week medal is proving popular again this year and lets those who are working have a medal game after they finish work on a Tuesday while others can play earlier in the day. On 8 May this was won by David J Malcolm (Division 1) and Roy Stevens (Division 2). On 15 May it was won by Neil Barlow (Division 1) and David Duncan (Division 2).

The President's Cup Round 1 was played on 5 June and is also for the Monthly Medal. Jim Strathie was 1st in Group 1 and David J Malcolm was 2nd. In Group 2 Alex Moffatt was 1st, Harry Brown 2nd and Frank Gallacher 3rd.

We've now made an arrangement for any **used golf balls** to be refurbished with the proceeds going to club funds, so if any members are having a garage or shed clear out, please take your trawl along to Milnathort Golf Club.

Senior Section

Thursday 19 April saw the summer programme off with a good turnout for the first round of the Charlie Macari Trophy. Unfortunately, the weather gods were not told and we suffered a fair degree of dampness during the game. This did seem to hamper some of the participants, however, and at the end of the day, Jim Johnston ran out the winner with Phil Leiper second and Frank Gallagher, third.

On 26th we opened the Senior Quaich competition on another day of inclement weather. Nevertheless, a reasonable turnout of stalwarts participated and some reasonable scores were returned. It was also very gratifying to see some of our new senior members joining in the competition. Leading the field home was Billy Kay, closely followed by Phil Leiper with Sandy Fleming in third place.

Thursday 3 May saw the first of our informal Sweep days when there was a good turnout in reasonable weather. First home on the day was Frank Gallagher with a very creditable 65, followed by Donald Brown in second, and Jimmy Johnston in third place.

On 10 May, we held a non-medal game with a turnout moderated by the weather conditions. This did not stop Ian Macmillan coming home with very handy 65, followed by Charlie Payne with a 67.

Dates for your diary: 21 June is the day of our Four-ball Tournament, so if you haven't got your name down yet – now's your chance! There are still vacancies for 2-man entries! Then in early July, we have a home match against Dunning GC on the 12th. The Entry Sheet will be on the Noticeboard shortly – enter early to avoid disappointment!

We are collecting old golf balls (see Club report above).

Junior Section

Despite the poor recent weather, Milnathort Golf Club juniors have been busy over the last month. Six took part in the Perth & Kinross County Golf U14 Championship at Dunning with David McIntyre the highest placed at sixth, with Gareth Hutchison close behind.

In the first round of the Junior & Committee Shield, Ryan Brown came first playing over nine holes with Gareth Hutchison coming first in the older section playing over 18 holes.

The May Stableford was held in torrential conditions and all those that took part are to be commended for their commitment and have hopefully dried out by now. Coming up in May are the Perth & Kinross Mini-Foresomes tournament held at Pitlochry and there are three teams from Milnathort entered who are hoping for better weather than last year when the event was abandoned halfway through due to high winds.

Junior memberships are available for those looking to play golf over the balmy summer months, please contact the club for details 01577 864069.

Ladies Section

Although the weather has been awful with thunder and lightning causing us to abandon a game and flooding causing the abandonment of another game, the stalwart ladies section have managed to complete our twice weekly competitions. We have tee times morning, afternoon and evenings on a Monday and Wednesday each week.

The results are:

9 hole Stableford	M Fleming (18pts)
Macmillan Cancer Relief	M Fleming (71)
Montgomery Medal Rd 1	B Brannan (70)
SLGA Medal	J Sneddon (68)
9 hole Stableford	K Allan (22pts)
Scratch & Handicap Rd1 qualifier	K Flockhart (67)
Scratch & Handicap Rd2 qualifier	L Arthur (72)
Scratch & Handicap Rd3 qualifier	B Brannan (73)
Stark Quaich Rd 1	M Johnston (71)
Stark Quaich Rd 2	J Gibson (66)
Stark Quaich Rd 3	M Read (67)

50 Pairs took part in our Ladies Open Two Ball Foursomes on Sunday 6 May.

The Jim Greig Targe (h/c) was won by D Stevens/E Forrester 69 (72); 2nd E Caldwell/G Hoskins (72); 3rd L Arthur/A Thomson (73); 4th S Jones/M Johnston (74) 1st Scratch D Watson/J Whiteford (81); 2nd L Bennett/J Robertson (82); 3rd L McInlay/M Curran 83.

Milnathort Ladies Senior Open is on **Wednesday 25 July**.



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Kinross Tennis Club

June is a busy month at the club with the added injection of Wimbledon fever – talking of which, 11 lucky members obtained tickets to attend Wimbledon through the club ballot.



The current block of **Junior coaching** completes on **29 June** and all the children are having fun and improving their tennis with coaches Alan, Laura and Alessia. Some spaces are still available if your child is interested.

Junior summer camps: We will be running two tennis summer camps this year from **16 to 20 July** and then from **6 to 10 August**. Camps are open to members and non-members alike and there's nothing stopping your child attending both weeks if they wish to aspire to become the next Andy Murray! The camps will be a mix of coaching, skills, fun games and competitions: Ages 5-8 from 9 till 10.15am; Ages 9-10 from 10.30am till 12.30pm; Ages 11-16 from 1pm to 4pm daily. Enquiries for all junior coaching should be sent to Helen Buchanan at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Mini Red tournament: On **Sunday 3 June** Kinross will be hosting a tournament from 1pm till 3pm. Any players born 1 September 2003 or earlier are eligible to enter. Entries can be made online at the LTA and cost £7 – further details available at the club. The tournament is part of the Central Tournament Circuit and should be great fun for those participating and the results also count towards your player rating!

Adult coaching: the next block of improver coaching commences on **5 June** at 7pm for 5 weeks, and further to feedback we have also introduced **Doubles Clinics** on Tuesdays at 8pm. Subjects so far have included “serving for success” and “a question of balance” – both members and non-members welcome and the sessions are proving very popular.

Leagues: the ladies team have played four matches so far, beating West End and St Andrews and drawing against Broughty Ferry and Duffus. The gents team have played and won two matches beating Games Club 2 and Perth 2. We are very pleased that some of our young players rose to the challenge of the Perth & District U14 league and despite tough opposition at Darnhall and Strathallan our juniors are still enjoying their tennis. Upcoming home fixtures:

Mon 4 June	Ladies v St Andrews 2
Mon 11 June	Ladies v Duffus 1
Thur 14 June	Gents v Glenfarg 1
Thur 28 June	Gents v St Andrews 2

Unfortunately the Primary Schools Competition planned for 9 May had to be cancelled as the schools were busy, however we look forward to sharing our facilities with Kinross Primary School on **20 June** as part of their Olympic celebrations.

Further information can be found on our website www.kinrosstenniscub.org or by contacting our secretary Susan Malcolm on 01577 863774 or by emailing kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Kinross Cougars Rugby Club



This year has been a magnificent season for the minis from Kinross Rugby Club. The club, which coaches children from P1-P7 in the minis section and secondary children in the midis, has seen increased numbers at training and playing standards hit new heights.

Throughout the season matches are played against other teams, and this season the Kinross team has come home as tournament winners on many occasions. Highlights include: the micros team playing all season with only one loss and winning the Perthshire tournament; the P4s winning the Glenrothes tournament; P6s winning at Glenrothes and the P7s winning at Crieff.

The P5 team have been particularly impressive this season, winning no less than four tournaments at Blairgowrie, Crieff, Glenrothes and Perthshire.

The end of season fun day was held at the KGV at the end of April, where parents v kids matches, a barbecue and fun activities rounded off the season, followed by the annual end of season awards. The winners were all awarded their trophies and medals from club president Ollie Cox in front of a large crowd in the clubhouse.

Award winners for the 2011-12 season:

Micros (P1-P3): *Player of the Year* – Moray Sturgeon; *Players' Player of the Year* – Ramsay Scott; *Most Improved player* – Angus Hunter

P4: *Player of the Year* – Finbar Dumbreck; *Players' Player of the Year* – Charlie Hogg; *Most Improved Player* – Kai McLean

P5: *Player of the Year* – Marshall Smith; *Players' Player of the Year* – Bruce Smith; *Most Improved Player* – Jamie Wight

P6: *Player of the Year* – Jamie Glasgow; *Players' Player of the Year* – Shea Butler & Jamie Roberts; *Most Improved Player* – Cormac Douds

P7: *Player of the Year* – Derek Sneddon; *Players' Player of the Year* – Gregor Smith; *Most Improved Player* – Kane Holden



P7 award winners

For more information on Kinross minis or midis please contact Kelman Chambers, Youth Convenor for more information on (kelman_chambers@hotmail.com).

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News from the Rurals

MILNATHORT – President Fiona Hynds welcomed members to our April meeting and introduced our guests for the evening. The Glenfarg WRI Ladies. Andzia Scott started the entertainment off with a lovely song, then Margot Moran told us all about the joys of buying a new swimsuit, then a story from Ursula Stewart, a poem from Lesley Muirison, then to round off with the aforementioned plus Linda, Susan, Liz, Catherine, Maureen and Lillius who treated us to a hilarious alternative fashion show. Vote of thanks Lorna Douglas.

Competitions:

Sewn bag	-	Senga Marshall
Chutney	-	Cathy Cochrane
Flower of the Month	-	May Paterson

President Fiona Hynds welcomed everyone to the AGM. Mrs Ann Munro and Mrs Ann Petherick from Carnbo acted as tellers. Yearly reports were read. Cups were presented. Points cup: Fiona Hynds; Flower of the month cup: Nan Paterson; Best trier: Cathy Cochrane. New committee members elected were: Ann Reid and Margaret Patrick. We then had a beetle drive and the winner was Mrs Ann Petherick, Cambo.

Competitions:

Beetle any craft	-	Nan Paterson
Sultana cake	-	Ena Thomson
Flower of the Month	-	Nan Patrick

BLAIRINGONE – Mrs Sheena Cruickshank gave a fascinating talk of her work over her ten years service as Lord Lieutenant for Clackmannanshire. It was fun, interesting and she had the opportunity to meet wonderful people and participate in the daily life of the local community. She recalled a funny incident when Prince Andrew was asked to the opening ceremony on the completion of the restoration work of Alloa Tower. A plaque had been placed on the ground and was covered with gravel and he was given a brush to sweep the gravel away. He commented that it was a “first” that a member of the Royal Family had been given a brush as an opening tool and what was he to do with it when a wee voice from the gallery shouted “Gie it to me Sir” and so it came to pass. Perhaps one of the most exciting moments of her term of office was an invitation to the Royal Wedding. It proved to be a breathtaking and memorable occasion and provided an excellent closure for her years of service to Clackmannanshire.

Blairingone President Joyce Petrie welcomed a good turnout to our AGM.

Fiona Mathieson and Jean Broome were voted on to the committee to replace the two coming off.

The votes were counted by Mrs Elsie Johnston from Powmill WRI, assisted by one of our own members.

After all the reports and business was done, Mary Ramsay gave a demonstration of sugarcraft and made a lovely flower arrangement with sugarcraft flowers.

The points cup was won by Mary Ramsay, runner up was Agnes Murray. Flower of the Month points was won by Jean Broome.

BISHOPSHIRE – At the Annual meeting the committee was elected as follows:

President Norma Smith; Vice-President Avril Rogers; Secretary Joanne Cowan; Treasurer Jeanette McLennan; Assistant Treasurer Marion Sutherland; Committee member Sylvia Herrington.

Cup winners for the year were: Most points Joanne Cowan; Runner-up Norma Smith; Most entries Sylvia Herrington.

The winner of the Curtis Quaich for a pair of knitted mitts was Norma Smith.

The tellers from Crook of Devon WRI were thanked, and tea was served.

CROOK OF DEVON – Vice President Mrs Alice Johnston welcomed our members and two tellers from Bishopshire WRI to our AGM. After business was concluded, Alice presented the Competition Cup winners: Most Points, Jean Jackson; Rose Bowl, Jean Jackson.

Alice then introduced Evelyn Crichton who is a Pilates instructor. Evelyn got us all doing exercises whilst sitting on a chair and also standing, using the chair as a support. It was enjoyed by all and hopefully no aches and pains the following day.

Vote of thanks was given by Alice Johnston.

Competitions:

Low Fat Fruit Loaf	-	C Bennett
Flower of Month	-	A Johnston

CLEISH – President Mrs Dorothy Morris presided over our business meeting and AGM. She welcomed the two tellers from Blairingone WRI. After the new committee was announced we all enjoyed a delicious supper.

Points prize trophy winner	-	Mrs Alison Morris
Flower of the month	-	Faye Gibb

GLENFARG – Glenfarg held its AGM on Thursday 10 May, celebrating the occasion with a buffet supper. Federation Chairman Mrs Margaret Folan, and Mrs Wilma Scott were honoured guests and acted as tellers for the election.

Mrs Ursula Stewart and Mrs Maureen Lambie demitted office and Mrs Margaret Scott was welcomed as the new President and Mrs Linda Stuart as the new committee member.

Competitions:

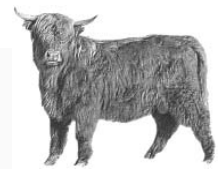
“Join the SWRI” Slogan	-	Catherine Fairweather
Party Punch	-	Margot Moran
Flower of the Month	-	Liz Yull

Prize Giving Winners were: Jubilee Cup - Catherine Fairweather; Helen Quartermaine Quaich - Margot Moran; The Jenny Adam nee Rose Bowl - Catherine Fairweather.

CARNBO – President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed the members to the AGM. Following the business we then played a variety of games with plenty of laughter. After tea the new Committee was announced. Elizabeth thanked so many members for coming and wished them a safe journey home.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	-	Frances Drysdale
Victoria Sponge	-	Anne Petherick



Out & About

RSPB Loch Leven



Well, whit kin ye say? Efter a miserable few weeks weather wise, the sun is finally oot! Well it is as am sittin here writin this. Will it last? Whaw kin tell. Onywey at least a bit o' heat is here at last!

Disnae matter whit the weather diz, the birds jist hey tae keep on gawn, rain or shine. Still a pickle summer migrants tricklin in. Swallies are back nestin in the toilet passageway as it is noo, tho they are richt up in the tap o' the roof instead o' above the toilet doors. They hiv rebuilt a nest that must be at least 20 years auld, bit o' restoration wark, 'n' nae Geordie Clark in sicht (he's the architect aff the "Restoration Man" TV programme if ye hivnae seen it). Onywey, I digressed a wee bit – they seem happy campers. Lapwings hiv also taken a likin' tae the new wetland areas wi 30+ nests fund so far – guid stuff. Folk keep askin if the local sea eagles are still aboot but Rhian, oor new East Scotland sea eagle project officer, thinks they hiv gone up tae Glen Almond area fur the summer hols. Keep yer keekers peelt tho, cos wi wings that size it's no awfa far tae flee back fur the day.

Things are beddin in fine wi the new centre and we will be runnin an **Open Day oan Sunday 10 June** tae gie folk a keek at the new facilities. Runnin fae 10am - 4pm, it's the same day as The Big Discovery Day 11am - 4pm and we will hae a free charabang runnin atween the twa events tae shuttle folk back 'n' forrit. It will also be free tae visit the reserve that day as weel, tho some charges might apply tae cover costs oan sum o' them. Fur mair details, contact SNH reserve office oan 01577 864439 or RSPB Loch Leven oan 01577 862355

Shop offers fur this month: jees, there's loads o' them! Too mony tae list them awe here since Mrs T keeps me tae a strict word coont 'n' since ah dinnae want tae upset the Ed, I comply wi she wha must be obeyed cos she gits the final say. In short, selected feeders fur a fiver, well less than half price oan sum o' them. Birdcakes, coconut tubs 'n' a few ither bits 'n' boabs. Best thing is tae come in 'n' hiv a gander fur yersel.

We hiv also been buildin a new kids' activity area oot the back o' the centre up the hill above the picnic tables. It is bein built by Glynn, Dave 'n' Arthur, wi a bit o' help fae some o' oor ither volunteers, so thanks tae them fur awe the hard work howkin, sawin, hammerin, chacked fingers blisters 'n' the like, awe athoot ony naughty words within hearin distance. Weel done, guys! It is still an ongoin project wi mair things gettin added awe the time tae mak Vane Farm – oops, sorry, faux pas there – get it richt Shaw! Start again: "RSPB Loch Leven" a bigger 'n' better place tae come. Hope tae see ye oan the Open Day!

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



We've had a busy month on the reserve despite the poor weather for May. Thanks to the volunteers that helped out with the gull counts on St Serf's Island, and to our regular team for their continued hard work from week to week. We saw an exciting rarity in the form of a Blue-winged Teal at Levenmouth Pools, presumably blown off course from North America. You may have noticed the large influx of Swifts, Swallows and Martins as they feed on hatching insects from the loch. We're also beginning to see the first duck broods around the loch shore, so look out for them, particularly from the new Mill Hide overlooking Factory Bay.

The Big Discovery Day 2012

With RSPB Loch Leven's Open Day, Sunday 10 June

June sees the return of our annual Discovery Day in Kirkgate Park, this year running in conjunction with RSPB Loch Leven's Open Day to officially open their new visitor centre. Now in its 7th year, Discovery Day brings together more than a dozen organisations involved in research and management of Loch Leven NNR, and gives the public the opportunity to learn more about what goes on here, both from a scientific and a practical viewpoint.



Try out willow-weaving at Discovery Day

Organisations confirmed so far include Fife Amphibian and Reptile Group, Fife and Kinross Bat Group, Perth and Kinross Council, TRACKS, Perth and Kinross and Fife Red Squirrel Groups, Butterfly Conservation and Kinross Museum. There's a load of free stuff to see and do, from willow-weaving, aquatic displays and bird watching, to storytelling, pond dipping and a wide range of kids' activities, as well as food and drinks from the Boathouse Bistro.

TRACKS will also be hosting the opening ceremony of the National Cycle Route diversion in Kirkgate Park at 2pm. The diversion follows the Heritage Trail from the Mill in Kinross through to Channel Farm at Loch Leven's Larder.

A free bus service has been arranged to shuttle people between Kirkgate Park and RSPB Loch Leven, so you will be able to take part in a wide range of activities on both sides of the loch.

The regular Loch Leven circular route will also be running through the day, enabling you to access both events wherever you happen to be. More information on this bus service is available through the Perth and Kinross Public Transport Unit on 0845 30 111 30.

For more information on the event, or how to get there, please call either the reserve office on 01577 864439, or RSPB Loch Leven on 01577 862355.

Craig

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Farming



Well I told you it would snow while we were lambing, and didn't it just! Ten days into the job and white-out Tuesday came along and dumped a good four inches of snow on us. Fortunately just at that time we had an empty shed which allowed us to bring the ewes and wee lambs in for a couple of days, while the conditions settled down. Our neighbours at The Swamp Farm had cattle in the shed until two days beforehand and although other near neighbours, the Deutz Drivers, were due to be re-filling the shed with their cows, they kindly agreed to delay for a few days to allow our sheep to take refuge. The timings and flexibility of both our farming colleagues was much appreciated as I shudder to think how many lambs would have died of hypothermia if we hadn't been able to give them shelter. But that's the lambing finished for another year and although it had its ups and downs we are pleased with how it went. The sheep lollipops seemed to do the trick as the lambs seemed very vigorous when born and although we did seem to have to give assistance to quite a large number of ewes, we did have a relatively high proportion of first-time mothers which often need more attention. One thing we did notice, though, was that George the tup must have gone AWOL at tupping time. He shared a batch of ewes with 'Angry Tup' and they produce distinctly different types of lambs. There was a definite lack of white-faced Texel type lambs compared to the abundance of dark-faced Suffolk types. Sadly, it must all have been a bit too much for Angry as he is now 'potted heid' but we can take solace in the fact that he evidently enjoyed his final weeks roaming the fields. Elsewhere, here at Backward Farm, we are getting through the jobs in hand, but to describe things as up to date would be slightly optimistic. I eventually managed to get the spring barley sown and it is mostly through the ground but its growth, along with that of the grass, is very slow. After the weather in March being so nice, April and May up till now have been terrible, being so cold and wet. We are never usually too early in letting our cows out to the grass but they would normally be out by now. The way things look at the moment, they will just be out by the last few days of the month. Fortunately we started the winter with a reasonable stock of feed and bedding, so we haven't had to buy too much to keep the cattle going until their grazing is ready. We are just waiting for the last two cows to decide to calve, and the rest of the recently born calves are growing well but it would give them a boost to get out to grass with the sun on their backs. There's an old saying that goes 'The rain in May makes the hay'. Well there should be plenty of hay this year.

John

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Weather



April Weather Report From Carnbo

For most of us, this is a month we will want to forget, much more like a Winter month, especially compared with March. The weather was cold throughout and very unsettled at times. The mean temperature was some 6°C lower than March!

Total rainfall	91 mm (158% of normal)
Heaviest fall	13.0 mm (16th)
Rain days 20, trace days 6, dry days 3	
Snow days 2, lying days 2, total depth 8cms	
Highest temperature	15°C (1st)
Lowest temperature	-4°C (5th)
Average temperature	5.5°C
Ground frost on 12 nights, lowest temp -5°C (5th)	
Air frost on 8 nights (March 5 nights)	
Cloud cover	75% 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: (includes boat trip)	Adult £5, Child £3, Conc £4. HS members free.

Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

A fascinating tower house dating from around 1500. The grounds are open during daylight hours. The keep can be opened on request. Please follow signs on site for key.

Balvaird Castle

A late 15th century tower on an L plan. Refined architectural details. View exterior only. Near Gateside and Glenfarg. Grid ref NO 169 115.

Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

A 16th century fortified mansion, five miles NE of Bridge of Earn, in a tranquil setting. It has an orchard and dovecot. Opening times: 1 April to 30 September, daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Admission prices: Adult £4, Child £2.40, Concessions £3.20.

Abernethy Round Tower

One of the two round towers of Irish style surviving in Scotland dating from the late 11th century. Good views of the Firth of Tay. Follow signs on site for key (not Mondays).

Gardens Open

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



Gardens, and some properties, open regularly not too far from Kinross				Admission		Disabled	Contact
Opening Arrangements				Adult	Child	Access	Number
Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	to 31 Oct	Mon-Sat	1100-1700	£11.50	£8.50	gdn only	0844 4932186
		Sun	1300-1700				0844 4932186
Hill of Tarvit mansion & gdns (NTS)	1 Apr-29 Oct	Thu-Mon	1300-1700	£9.50	£6.50	partial	0844 4932185
Hill of Tarvit grounds only (NTS)	all year	daily	to dusk			yes	0844 4932185
Kellie Castle & garden (NTS)	28 May-2 Sep	Daily	1230-1700	£9.50	£7.00	partial	0844 4932184
Kellie Castle garden & estate only (NTS)	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	1000-1800			yes	0844 4932184
Culross Palace, study, town hse and gdns	1 Jun-30 Aug	daily	1200-1700	£9.50	£7.00	no	0844 4932189
Culross Palace gardens only (NTS)	all year	daily	1000-1800			difficult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gdns, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£6.00	£5.00	partial	0844 4932193
Scone Palace grounds only	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£5.80	£4.00	yes	01738 552300
Botanic Garden, Canongate, St Andrews	Apr-Sept	daily	1000-1900	£2.00	£1.00	yes	01334 477178
Pittentcreiff Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 720285
Barham, Bow of Fife, KY15 5RG (SGS)	25 Apr-26 Sep	Weds	1400-1700	£3.00	free	no	01337 810227
Braco Castle gardens, Braco (SGS)	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.50		partial	01786 880437
Cambo House, Kingsbarns, KY16 8QD	all year	daily	1000-1700	£5.00		yes	01333 450313
Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff	1 May-31 Oct		1300-1800				

Gardens open by arrangement

Briglands House, Rumbling Bridge	on request			£4.00	free	partial	01877 840205
Glassmount House, by Kirkcaldy	19 Mar-30 Sep	by arr		£3.00		no	01592 890214
Arndean, by Dollar, FK14 7NH (SGS)	mid May-mid Jun	by arr		£5.00	free		01259 743525

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

Scotland's Gardens Scheme: SGS, a registered charity since 1931, organises the opening of hundreds of gardens, ranging from formal castle gardens to small cottage gardens, to raise money for charity while giving pleasure to garden lovers. 60% of entry fees to gardens in this scheme benefit SGS's charities, which include: The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres and The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society. 40% of entry fees goes to a charitable cause chosen by the garden owner. For more information, see the book "Scotland's Gardens: Our Guide for 2012" or the website www.scotlandsgardens.org

Special Days Open in June under SGS

Designed by Sir Robert Lorimer, the garden at **Earlshall Castle, Leuchars**, is open on **Sunday 3 June**, 2pm to 5pm. Topiary lawn, rose terrace croquet lawn, borders, box garden, orchard, kitchen and herb garden. Admission: £5, children free. 40% to RAF Benevolent Fund. Wheelchair access difficult but possible. Homemade teas and plant stall. On Earlshall road, ¾ mile east of Leuchars village (off A919).

The most local garden open this month is at Greenhead Farmhouse, **Greenhead of Arnot**. It is an open garden surrounding a renovated farmhouse and steadings. Mixed borders, rose trellis and kitchen plot. It is open on **Sunday 10 June**, 2pm to 5pm. Admission: £3, children under 10 free. 40% to St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kinross. Homemade teas and plant stall. No disabled access. On the A911 between Auchmuir Bridge and Scotlandwell.

A recently restored walled garden with lime walk, herbaceous borders, knot garden, rose gardens, gravel garden and fruit trees is open at **Old Inzievar House** near Kincardine on **Sunday 10 June**, 2pm to 5pm. Other attractions include Hebridean sheep and Highland cattle. Admission: £3.50 (40% to Holy Name Church restoration fund). On A985 heading west for Kincardine Bridge, turn right at sign to Oakley 2 miles after Cairneyhill roundabout.

After ½ mile take a right turn to Linvid Pet Hotel. Follow SG signs. Wheelchair access, homemade teas and plant stall.

Falkland's Small Gardens – a wonderful selection of small, secret and private gardens – are open on **Saturday 16 June** (11am-5pm) and **Sunday 17 June** (1pm-5pm). Admission: £4.50 (20% to Alzheimer Scotland and 20% to British Heart Foundation). Wheelchair access and plants stalls. Refreshments available in village tearooms. On A912 and B936.

The beautifully maintained garden at **Glenearn, Bridge of Earn**, is open on **Sunday 17 June**, 2pm to 5pm, with wonderful views of the Tay and the Ochils. Walled garden with sweet peas, roses, fruit trees and herbaceous borders. Tea served in the impressive restored fortified 17th century Tower House, which nestles beside the loch. Admission: £4 (40% to Rachel House, Kinross). No disabled access. Dogs on leads welcome. In Bridge of Earn, take B935 (Forgandenny Rd) for one mile, left to Pitkeathly Wells then ¾ mile to Glenearn gates on right.

Admissions to **Kellie Castle** on **Saturday 30 June** (12-5pm) benefit SGS charities. Nearby Balcaskie is also open in association; access is via a free minibus from Kellie Castle. Admission is £6 for both.

Blebo Craigs Village gardens near Cupar are open on **Saturday 30 June** and **Sunday 1 July** (both 12-5pm). Admission: £4.50 (40% to village hall fund). Partial disabled access, homemade teas, plant stalls.

• Gardens info on our website •



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

Congratulations



George and Frances **DRYSDALE** of Warroch Home Farm are delighted to announce the marriage of their only daughter, **ALISON JAYNE**, to **STUART CHRISTOPHER**, elder son of Gordon and the late Dorothy **SMITH**, Glasgow, on Friday 6 April 2012 at Kinross Parish Church.

Proud parents, Sarah and Craig are delighted to announce the birth of their son **SHAY CRAIG MacDONALD** on 18 April 2012, a brother for Jake and Robbie.

Community Police Officer **EUAN MITCHELL** was named Western Division's Police Officer of the Year in May. Euan is the community officer for the Abernethy, Bridge of Earn and Glenfarg area.

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I would like to thank the **KINROSS ROAD RUNNERS** and the **KINROSS-SHIRE PARTNERSHIP** who have each provided a seat up in Tillywhally Woods. A very pleasant surprise for an elderly dog walker! – *Sheila M Wardell*

We would like to thank **GIACOPAZZI'S**, Milnathort, for nominating us as their charity through Nisa's 'Making a Difference Locally' scheme.

We have recently received our first cheque from Joanna Giacopazzi for £210 from the 'Guess the Bunny's Birthday' Competition held over Easter.

We are very proud to have been chosen as this year's charity. All money received will go towards the renovation of our Town Hall which will hopefully be starting next year. – *Milnathort Town Hall Association*

SAINSBURY'S would like to thank all customers and colleagues who joined in the **Sports Relief** events in store and out and helped to raise another £800 for worthwhile projects in Scotland.

Also a huge thank you to all of Sainsbury's small customers who joined in the Bunny Hunt with the store's over sized Bunny, Jane and raised more funds for the **Scottish Cot Death Trust**.

Store Manager Alan Cammock said: "Without the support of our generous customers and our enthusiastic colleagues, we would not be able to give so much valuable funding to such great causes."

CLEISH VILLAGE HALL has recently received a £4523 Awards for All grant from Big Lottery Fund, which will enable a programme of community activities to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Local people will meet in a social setting and the grant will fund jazz band costs, street entertainers, bunting, marquee hire, marquee floor hire, marquee lights, table hire, chair hire.

Kids swim for wildcats

Four children from the world's biggest wildlife club for young people did a sponsored swim to help Scottish Wildcat Conservation on 27 March.

AILSA BENNET (8), **STRUAN BENNET** (7), **SARAH COUTTS** (8) and **ANDREW CLARK** (8) of Lynne Bennet's Childminding in Milnathort swam for the Scottish Wildcat Association by swimming as far as they could in one hour at Loch Leven Leisure Centre in Kinross. Between them they swam 230 lengths (over 3½ miles). This is part of the Wildlife Action Awards Scheme run by RSPB Wildlife Explorers. All four children are doing this so they can get their Gold award.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8QR (Charity number SC012555)

Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952

Reader: Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

Church E-mail: kinrossparishchurch@hotmail.co.uk

Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

Church open for visiting or quiet contemplation Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon (But note Pram Service on Tuesday mornings).

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

To Lease Church or Church Centre: Helena Cant (01577) 862923
helenacant@aol.com

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

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

Regular Services and events

Sun 10.30am Morning Service, includes a crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and Jam Pact (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

June

Sun 3 10.30am Morning Service with Quarterly Communion

6.30pm Evening Communion Service (Common Cup)

Mon 4 8.00am: Time for Prayer - Silent Meditation (30min)

Tue 5 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court

Thu 7 7.00pm-9.00pm Solo Art Exhibition by David Cochrane, for church funds

Fri 8 3.30pm-8pm Art Exhibition by David Cochrane

Sat 9 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office)

10.30am-4.00pm Art Exhibition by David Cochrane

Sun 10 Crossfire end-of-term BBQ and outing to Aberdour Beach (details: Jenny Masson: 865387)

Wed 13 8.00am outside St. Paul's Episcopal church, Join Kinross-shire Churches Together in celebrating the Olympic torch passing through the County

7.00pm 'On Your marks': Family Film night with an Olympic theme as an introduction to Family Week (see below)

Sun 17 10.30am: Elder-led Morning Service: Talents

Thu 21 9pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline (20min)

Sun 24 10.30am Morning Service, including Junior Church prize giving

6.30pm Informal Evening Service

Tue 26 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court

8.00pm: Monthly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Future Events

Sundays 8 July- 5 August Informal all-age service at 9.15 am for 30 mins in addition to the regular 10.30am service

Mon 30 July - Fri 3 August 'On Your Marks': Family Week with an Olympics theme

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

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.

Guild meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Orwell Hall

7pm between September and March.

Dates for your diary - Everyone Welcome

Saturday 2 June Milnathort Summer Fayre at the school

Diamond Jubilee Flower Festival

Friday 1 June 6-8pm, **Saturday 2 June** 10am-12 noon
and 6-8pm, **Sunday 3 June** 2-5pm

In Orwell Hall, an Exhibition of 60 years of Parish Memorabilia. Diamond Jubilee Teas will be served.

Sunday 3 June 6.30pm service in Orwell.

Friday 8 June - Oasis - Ladies' Festival Work Morning in Portmoak New Room 10-11.45am.

Sunday 10 June - Communion in both churches

Saturday 30 June - 10.30am, Culdees Celtic Service in Orwell Hall.

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

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

Need Equipment for a Community Event?

Marquees, Gazebos, Chairs, Tables and more available to hire (or sometimes borrow).

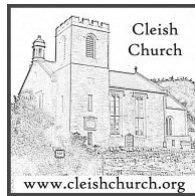
Items are listed on www.kinross.cc at:

www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm

If your community group has items it would be prepared to lend or hire out, please add them to the list.

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

Minister: Rev Joanne Finlay
Telephone: (01577) 850231
E-mail: joanne.finlay196@btinternet.com
Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie
Telephone: (01592) 840823
E-mail: brian.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com



Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am
Crèche and Junior Church 11.15am

June

Sun 3 11.15am Sacrament of Holy Communion.
Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay.
Sun 10 11.15am Morning Worship.
Preacher: Rev. Ian Alexander.
Sun 17 10.00am Early Birds Worship for all ages.
11.15am Morning Worship.
Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay.
Sun 24 11.15am Morning Worship.
Preacher: Rev. David Reid.

Saturday 2 June and Monday 4 June: Diamond Jubilee Flower Festival in Church. Cream teas to be served in Cleish Village Hall. All welcome.

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

June Services

Sun 3 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.
Sun 10 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.
Tue 12 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.
Sun 17 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 24 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
2nd Tuesday of month 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.

Everyone welcome at all services

Sunday School and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

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

PLEASE NOTE: The installation of Rev Valerie Walker, has been POSTPONED until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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.

Fossoway Parish Church Church of Scotland

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

Sunday Services at 9.45am

Wrigglers Group (0-3 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, 9am

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

Yoga classes: Mondays 7pm - 8.30pm

Joint Choir: Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm.

June

Sun 3 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay.
Sun 10 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay.
Sun 17 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay.
Sun 24 9.45am Morning Worship, Rev. Joanne Finlay.

Follow weekly events on the church Facebook page.

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

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

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

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

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

Obituary

See letters for a memorial to **Charlie Cranston**.

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

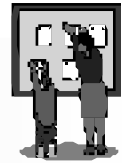
Coffee/tea & biscuits for carer

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

Milnathort Summer Festival

Friday 1 June – Sunday 3 June

- Saturday **Fancy Dress Parade**, 12 noon-1pm (see separate notice below).
Summer Fair, 1pm-4pm, Milnathort Primary School. Stalls, bouncy castle, face painting miniature steam train, barbecue.
- Fri-Sun **Diamond Jubilee Flower Festival**. Floral arrangements and exhibition of memorabilia relating to the Queen's reign. Orwell Church Hall. Friday: 6pm-8pm. Saturday: 10am-12 noon and 6pm-8pm. Sunday: 2pm-5pm.

Milnathort Primary School Summer Fayre

to be held at Milnathort Primary School on
Saturday 2 June
 1pm - 4pm
 Everyone Welcome

Milnathort's Fancy Dress Parade is back

To Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
 and the Milnathort Festival

Saturday 2 June
 12 noon to 1pm

Starting and finishing at Milnathort Primary School

Prizes for Best Jubilee Themed Costume
 Judging at Milnathort Summer Fete

Organised by Milnathort Community Council

Jubilee Celebration Flowers

By Claire Paton

In Cleish Parish Church
Saturday 2 June 2– 5pm
 and **Monday 4 June** 2– 5pm

Afternoon Teas will be served in the Village Hall 2 – 5pm
 both days

Cubs and Scouts Barbecue and AGM

It has become a tradition in recent years that the Committee (which exists to help the scout and cub leaders to provide the activities) lay on a barbecue on the evening of the AGM. This year is no different and we will be holding our AGM (and Barbecue) from 7.15pm on **Thursday 14 June**, at the Millbridge hall.

This year we welcome also a newly-formed Beaver group (ages 6-8) which is already fully subscribed with 26 youngsters currently enrolled.

Dear Kinross Day Centre Users, Friends and Family

We cordially invite you to celebrate

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

TUESDAY 5 JUNE

2pm – 4pm
 at

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

Cakes, Entertainment and Fun Activities await you

(Please can friends and family make
 their own way to the campus?)

Organised by: Community Capacity Building Worker, Perth and
 Kinross Council and the Kinross Day Centre

For further information contact:

T Ramsay, Senior Community Capacity Building Worker
 Tel: 01577 867124 Email: tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

The Thursday Group

7 June:

Annual General Meeting

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.

Volunteer Fayre

Thursday 7 June 6.00pm – 8.00pm
 at Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross

Volunteering, ever considered it?

It can be very rewarding:

Perhaps gain training/qualifications. Feel part of the community. Meet people, make friends. Help others in the community. Gain work or life experience.

Build confidence and learn new skills.

Come along and get advice, look around, explore the range of opportunities with local charities, voluntary organisations, services and community groups.

Drawing area for children.
 See you there!

For further information contact Tracey Ramsay, Senior
 Community Capacity Building Worker
tramsay@pkc.gov.uk or tel: 01577 867124

Perth & Kinross Library Service

BOOK SALE

Saturday 30 June
 10.30am – 2.30pm

Sale of withdrawn books, CDs etc. Admission £1
 North Inch Community Campus, Gowans Terr, Perth

Milnathort Scarecrow Festival

To celebrate the
Olympic Torch Relay
which passes through Milnathort on

Wednesday 13 June at 8am.

Decorate your window or adorn your garden with a
scarecrow to celebrate.

Sports Themed Scarecrows or Displays
Bring your scarecrow to the torch relay route on the day
Organised by Milnathort Community Council

Talk by record breaking Norwegian explorer

Run Gjeldnes

Beyond the Poles

Thursday 14 June

at 7.30pm in Perth Concert Hall

Glenfarg Village Fête

Wallace Park

Saturday 16 June 2– 5pm

Where else can you see a hot air balloon, a sky diving
display and a falconry show in one afternoon?

Plus enjoy live music, cream teas, beer & wine tent,
dancing, craft stalls and much, much more!

Raffle prizes include a luxury hotel break in Edinburgh, a
day for two at Perth Racecourse, and a hot air balloon ride.

This year's fête will have a royal theme to reflect the
Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Please note only alcohol purchased in the Beer & Wine tent may
be consumed there, and visitors should not bring their own alcohol
to the event.

Michael Bruce Trust

Annual Service of Commemoration

Sunday 1st July

Each summer the Michael Bruce Trust invites people from
Kinross-shire and beyond to celebrate in a service of
commemoration the life and work of the "Gentle Poet of
Loch Leven", Michael Bruce (1747-1767). This year's
service, which rounds off the annual Portmoak Festival, will
be held in Portmoak Parish Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 1st
July. The service will conclude in the churchyard with the
laying of the wreath on the poet's grave by the Trust
Chairman.

The Michael Bruce Service of Commemoration will be
conducted by the Rev Dr Angus Morrison, Minister of the
Parishes of Orwell and Portmoak and the guest speaker will
be the Rev Duncan Stenhouse. Tea will be served after the
service and donations will contribute to the upkeep of the
poet's birthplace in Kinnesswood. All are welcome.

Orwell Old Folks' Association Annual General Meeting

Monday 11 June

at 7.30pm

in Milnathort Town Hall ante-room



Volunteers Wanted

Do you have a couple of hours to spare?

The Scottish Cot Death Trust have a number of events
coming up this year within the Kinross area, including a
Garden Party being held at Dobbies, Kinross on **16 and
17 June**. We would really appreciate your help, even if
you can only spare an hour or two.

If you can help in any way, please contact us at Scottish
Cot Death Trust, Royal Hospital for Sick Children,
Yorkhill, Glasgow, G3 8SJ. Tel: 0141 357 3946 email:
contact@scottishcotdeathtrust.org

Portmoak Gala Day

The Well Green, Scotlandwell

Saturday 23 June

Please join us for a fantastic family day out.
Gala Parade starts at 1.45pm, Church Car Park
Children's Fancy Dress Competition
Cup Cake Competition - enter your cakes
Races, Displays, Barbecue, Stalls and Activities
Donations would be welcomed for our
Bottle Stall, Bric à Brac and Baking stalls
also

Portmoak Hill Race

- up Munduff Hill and return to Well Green
Entries being taken for race, over 16s only.

Contact Sandra Davidson, 07900 196742

Loch Leven Community Campus

The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8TL

presents



Farmers Market

Saturday 17 June

10am – 3pm

Free Public Entry

For more information on above events or to book a stall
please contact Campus reception tel: 01577 867200
Email: lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk



HELP WANTED

Brownies

in Milnathort are looking for a unit helper.
If you have a couple of hours to spare, give us a
call
Alison 01577 864262



**This Summer
'Long to reign over us'
The Diamond Jubilee of
HM Queen Elizabeth II and
her visit to Kinross in 1960**

*And the history of
Kinross-shire Witches*

Kinross Museum, Loch Leven Community Campus
Kinross, KY13 8FQ kinrossmuseum@live.co.uk
We also have a Facebook page,
www.facebook.com/Kinross.Museum



**youth
services**

'Neon school of rock'

Friday 22 June

On Friday 22 June there will be a 'neon school of rock' themed evening of acoustic music and dance performances by young people from the Kinross-shire Area. There will be non-alcoholic cocktails and neon face painting.

To include performances by Rachel Prior, The Kinross High School Rock Challenge Group, Part Three and many more.

When is it: Friday 22 June 2012, 7.00pm until 9.30pm

Where: Assembly Hall at Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross

Who for: All young people aged 11-18 years

Cost: Tickets will be £3 and be on sale at lunchtimes in Kinross High School from Wednesday 6 June or contact Clare McCance, cmccance@pkc.gov.uk Or phone 01577 867177 to request tickets or more information.

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

Look on our Website www.greyhoundrescuefife.com
or contact us to arrange a suitable time to come along
and see them for yourself find **your** perfect hound
Mob: 07826244765 Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings)
email us on ferniejimmyf@aol.com

Volunteers needed for our Kennels

16 years and over please

Please call or email for details



Greyhound Rescue Fife
Thank everyone who contributed
to make our 5th Annual Dog Show
such a Success

BISHOPSHIRE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Best Kept Garden Competition

Judging during the first week in July



More information and entry forms can be obtained from

Lorna Ainsworth 840571

Janette Gardiner 840352

David Martin 840216

Sylvia Herrington 840519

Shelagh Goudie 840200

Eleanor White 840681

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.



Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

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



THE
TALKING
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring 07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is

FREE!

🍲 Soups 🍲

🥪 Snacks 🥪

☕ Hot Drinks ☕

🥤 Cold Drinks 🥤

🍲 Home-cooked lunches 🍲

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need



Monthly Reiki Share Group

Second Tuesday of the Month, 7pm - 9pm

Venue: Green Hotel, Kinross (Gairney Room). To enrol, email Susan King: sking77409@aol.com or telephone 01577 865533

Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun. All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides. Just come along - the more the merrier. No age limit.

Kinross Recycling Centre, Bridgend

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

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

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

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

Tuesday 19 June
between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Milnathort filmhouse

Alvin and the Chipmunks

chipwrecked



sunday june 24th 3pm

CHIPWRECKED (U) tickets available on the door and in advance through our Facebook page. Family £15 (2 ad + 2 chd) Adult £5 (OAP & Student concession £3), Screening 3pm at Milnathort Town Hall, doors open 2.15pm. Tuck shop available.

2012 Forthcoming Programme

Rio	Sun 26 August, 3pm
Facebook Vote Winner!	Sat 8 September, 8pm
<i>(We will be getting YOU to vote for what film will be shown in this slot on our Facebook page so join us!)</i>	
Breaking Dawn 1	Sat 27 October, 8pm
Monsters vs Aliens	Sun 28 October, 3pm
Arthur Christmas	Mon 24 December, 5pm

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

Community Councils

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KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
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Kinross Community Councillors

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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: **13 June**

Week 2: Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlond, Kinnesswood,
Scotlandwell, Hatchbank and Cambo
every second Tuesday. Next visit: **5 June**

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

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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 June

Drama Workshop
Diamond Jubilee Party
Drop in - Advice & Information

Monday 4th 1.30pm
Tuesday 5th 12pm - 4pm
Friday 29th 11 am - 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

Funding Alert!

P&KC produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of Trusts and Foundations giving away grants.

The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or go to www.pkc.gov.uk and look for the voluntary sector page.

Contacts:

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000
Steve MacDonald, P&KC External
Funding Officer 01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to P&KC's regular e-funding bulletin.)

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
July	Friday 15 June	Saturday 30 June
August	Friday 13 July	Saturday 28 July
September	Friday 17 August	Saturday 1 September

School Holidays, Academic Year 2011-2012

Academic year Tue 16 Aug 2011 - Wed 27 Jun 2012

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:

12 & 26 June

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.

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

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Classified Adverts

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

Items for Sale

JVC Micro Music System £40.00
With CD player, AM/FM radio cassette deck and speakers. Excellent condition.
Seller details: Dougie Buchanan 01577 864332
fourbuchanan@aol.com

Bargain – ELC Red Retro Wooden Kitchen & Extras £70.00
Wooden red kitchen from ELC in excellent condition. Also included pots and pans, toaster, kettle, utensils and play food. Used only by one child.
Seller details: L Ray 07790 230036

Car Rooftop Box and Bars £100.00
Black. 48" x 32".
Seller details: Dave Fowler 07718 210072
djmfowler@hotmail.com

Sky+ box £20.00
Sky+ box, very good condition, 12 months old. Includes remote control, scart lead and mains lead.
Seller details: Ann 07851 758853
annnicoll36@btinternet.com

Baby Bath, Top and Tail Bowl and Bath Stand £15.00
Creamin colour with Pooh Bear motif, soft seat area and plug hole with stopper, excellent condition together with a tubular white metal bath stand which folds away for discreet storage.

Bumbo £10.00
In excellent condition. Aqua colour.

Moses basket £10.00
Moses basket with white waffle linen and original plastic coated mattress. Also included is mattress with breathable, removable cover in excellent condition, and two white fitted sheets in good condition.
For above items contact: Tracy Mould 01577 865870
tracyfrost@btinternet.com

Land Rover Discovery Alloys with Tyres £400.00
Four 18" Series II Hurricane Alloys with Grabber AT2 Winter tyres. Will fit Land Rover Series II. Tyres used last winter. Great for winter use especially in the snow. Cost £1200 new.
Seller details: David Hutchison 07710 898579
Dhutchison@btconnect.com

Vanity Wash Basin and Unit £60.00 ono
Althea Vanity Wash Basin with chrome mixer tap and connections fitted on a white gloss vanity unit. Included in price is 50cm x 97cm wall mirror with two downlights mounted onto wooden board for easy wall fixing.
Seller details: David Madeod 07889 857198
davephl@aol.com

Children's STOMPA pine bed £45.00 ono
Children's single bed with mattress, good condition, solid pine with cream headboard and tailboard.
Seller details: Jane Brown 01577 863556
gamesdeuch1@btinternet.com

Jane Churchill Quilt and Curtains £100.00 ono
Jane Churchill king size quilt and curtains (tulip design in yellow and blue). Curtains 34" by 64" drop.
Seller details: Charmian Reid 01577 865316
carriages@freeuk.com

Classified Adverts continued...

Exercise Equipment £20.00
Twist Stepper with Bungee Cords.

Exercise Equipment £15.00
Reebok step and workout video.
For above items contact: Alan Briscoe 01577 840680
alanenby@fsmail.net

Cuban Heel Tap Shoes £15 each pair
3 pairs of Cuban (high) heel black tap shoes ranging from size 5 to 7. Hardly worn.

Clarks Black Leather School Shoes £15.00
Size 2E, hardly worn.

Curtain Poles & Large Mirror £10.00
Two black wrought iron curtain poles and large mirror.
For above items contact: Yvonne Wardrope 07738 218650
yvonne@myrepark.plus.com

Drum Kit £125.00 ono
Mapex 5-piece drumkit with Solar cymbals. Very good condition. Kit comes complete with Hi-hat stand, bass drum pedal, snare stand and ride cymbal. Ideal for beginners or playing in a band.
Seller details: James Ross 07725 554270
jjmusic@hotmail.co.uk

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').

**No new vacancies are being advertised
at the time of going to press**

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

newbies

Every Monday, 2- 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether,
whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

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