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Letters

Editorial

There have been a lot of changes to Kinross High Street in a short space of time. The Studio Hair Company has moved from the south end of town to the former Sporting Chance shop. This gave Loch Leven Cycles a chance to move to larger premises where the Studio Hair Company used to be. As reported in last month's Newsletter, a stamp dealer has moved into the premises recently vacated by a photographic studio, and Shoppextra has closed as Jim Whittet retires. Commenting on the latter, one regular Newsletter contributor said: "After 16 years I will miss my Sunday morning chat, 'putting the world to right' and 'Saturday sports review' when I collected the Sunday papers and monthly Newsletter. Change is necessary but not always for the best."

Major changes to the High Street, hopefully for the best, are expected to begin in the next two to three years. Councillor Dave Cuthbert writes about the town centre regeneration project and other local matters on page 8.

Note to Contributors

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

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

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Tillyrie Turbines

Last month's Newsletter included a letter from Gillian Galbraith on the subject of the Tillyrie Turbine proposal. This was written before we all received the marketing brochure which has been distributed widely by the promoters of the project. That document is full of the "soft" words used in any public relations exercise (e.g. grateful; family; consult; hope; heart; sincerely) and its authors insult us further by entitling the document "Milnathort Community Wind Cluster", to imply that it belongs to us rather than to the developers. The concerns which Mrs Galbraith expressed are well founded.

Two previous applications for turbines on this site have been rejected. The applicants have now decided that a different approach should be tried. I estimate that they will receive some £420,000 p.a from these turbines; every year for twenty years. By giving a small portion of this income away they hope that they will obtain our support, or at least reduce the number of objections.

In the brochure they make much of the fact that the turbines they propose are smaller than those applied for previously (i.e. they will now be *only* one and a half times the height of the power pylons which already stalk over our hills). And that they will be smaller than those already installed locally at Lochelbank and Burnfoot. But that is not the point! 74, 91 and 102 metres look much the same to the observer from a distance. The issue is the proliferation of turbines along the Ochils and quoting Lochelbank and Glenfarg just brings that more clearly to the fore.

I have no doubt that many others are queuing up to follow this development if it is successful. And why wouldn't they when the returns are such that would make a banker blush? The hills of South Ayrshire show us where that might lead – there, 140 turbines are already installed; 132 are applied for; a further 146 are being scoped. Is this what we want for the Ochils?

The developers suggest that we should abandon our beautiful countryside for thirty pieces of silver. Shame on them; and shame on those in the Futures Trust who have chosen to join them in this quest.

John Bryson

Nether Craigow, Milnathort

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Do you know the origins behind Davies Park?

We, the Kinross Action Group against H46 have drawn a blank with a Freedom of Information request to PKC on the level of community involvement in the creation of Davies Park. If you were around Kinross at the time and have any information, please get in touch either by phone or email.

We are looking for this information to support our efforts to persuade the Council NOT to allow a road through the park, as part of our wider campaign to stop this proposed development west of Kinross.

Some of you will be aware of our campaigning efforts on this issue and the good news is that our campaign has been extremely successful in mobilising residents to protest against this development. All of our four newly elected councillors are firmly on board against this proposal and, between them, have representations on all the relevant committees surrounding the planning process.

Over 2000 people have visited our blog and hundreds have put their objections in writing to PKC.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has taken the time to support this campaign, and although we have made significant progress, our fight is not yet over, so we cannot become complacent.

For those of you who would like to support our campaign going forward you can do this by visiting our blog noroadinthepark.wordpress.com or our Facebook page 'NO ROAD IN THE PARK' which currently has 374 members. Alternatively you can sign our Online Petition:

www.change.org/petitions/no-road-in-the-park

If you wish to become involved, have any comments, or require further information, then please contact Moira on 07939973239 or email mmbrady1710@tiscali.co.uk

submitted on behalf of Kinross Action Group

by Joan Cornwall

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Our project will not only restore the fabric of both structures but through a range of associated activities will assist in improving understanding of the significance of the Well and Wash House within the wider history of Portmoak Parish.

Under development is a website which we will use to communicate information relating to the project and to showcase information gathered from people who have memories of the Wash House in use and who have visited the area over the years.

We are keen to hear from readers of the Newsletter whether you have memories of the Wash House in use, recall visiting the Wash House and Well area between the 1920s and the 1960s, or indeed own any items which would have been used at this time to wash clothing. The information gathered will be collated and used to create a virtual memory bank which can be shared by visitors to our website.

If you have information you want to share, please contact Karen McDonnell on 01592 840 379.

Karen McDonnell
Scotlandwell in Bloom



Help Hannah Feed

A friend and I have organised a series of charity events, supported by Cash for Kids, during the summer, one of which is a golf event at The Green Golf and Leisure Resort on 22 July 2012.

The final event is a 200-mile hike and bike, taking place 13-17 September 2012, from Fort Augustus to South Queensferry, via Kinross.

This is in an effort to raise funds for Hannah Gould who was born with an extremely rare, as yet undiagnosed, eating disorder, which prevents her from being able to consume any food or fluid orally. Since birth, Hannah has suffered from severe reflux causing her extreme pain and suffering. Currently she can only be drip-fed via a gastric tube, which has greatly hampered her growth and development.

Hannah has received fantastic support and palliative care from specialists at The Royal Hospital for Sick Kids in Edinburgh; however, they are currently unable to find a cure for this rare condition.

To seek the necessary psychological care required to hopefully cure her, Hannah's parents have sought specialist help at a clinic in Germany. The cost of the treatment is anticipated to be in excess of £20,000.

To help raise funds, different events, including the golf outing, will be held in Kinross.

Please have a look at Facebook Page **HelpHannahFeed** and Radio Forth Cash for Kids web pages for more information.

We are currently being supported by the Green Hotel, Loch Leven Cycles, Kinross and Rattray's Bar and Restaurant, Errol and would welcome any other offers of support.

Thank you.

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News & Articles

Kinross-shire Day Centre is Sainsbury's new local charity partner

A local charity is set to benefit from a year's fundraising thanks to Sainsbury's Kinross customers and colleagues. The Kinross-shire Day Centre has been chosen as Kinross Sainsbury's new local charity partner for 2012-2013. The announcement comes after the store asked customers which local charity should receive a year's support.

The charity was founded in November 1983 and helps the elderly by collecting them from their homes in one of their two minibuses and taking them to the Day Centre. There they are welcomed into a safe and homely atmosphere where they can have lunch and join in a full range of activities. The Day Centre also provides services such as personal care, chiropody and form filling.



*The Day Centre in Kinross High Street
Photo: Pauline Watson, www.kinross.cc photo library*

During the next 12 months, Sainsbury's colleagues will be providing fundraising support for the Day Centre and raising awareness of the charity within the local community.

Store manager Alan Cammock said: "The Day Centre is such a worthy local cause and we're pleased and proud to be supporting it over the next 12 months. We'll be letting our customers know of our fundraising plans in-store and we hope they can join our colleagues in helping support them".

Nan Cook of The Day Centre said: "I'd like to thank everyone who nominated us to be the store's new Local charity partner. I hope this partnership will raise awareness to Kinross-shire residents about the work we do and the impact it has in the community."

Details of the Day Centre's regular programme, together with contact details, are published in every issue of the Newsletter (see page 100).

The Kinross Hub A Café For Carers

On the first Monday of every month between 10am and 12 noon, starting on **Monday 6 August**, The Kinross Hub will be open at St. Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

The Kinross Hub is a drop-in café for carers, those who are cared for and family members of all ages. It is somewhere to talk, laugh, relax and have a break. The café will have information stalls to browse with details of local services, groups, events and plenty time for a relaxing chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

If you are a carer, The Hub is for YOU. Come along and we will create an informal meeting place that will support you in your caring role.

Every month there will be an opportunity to speak to Social Work staff and Health professionals from NHS Tayside. There will also be opportunities to experience complimentary therapies. A guest speaker will also give a brief talk each month and be available for one to one advice.

There's no need to book - just drop in. Plenty of parking is available and the venue is wheelchair accessible.

For further information about The Kinross Hub, please contact Gail Boath, Community Support Worker or Elaine Kincaid, Social Work Assistant on 01577 867310; alternatively please email gboath@pkc.gov.uk or emkincaid@pkc.gov.uk



THE KINROSS HUB - A CAFE FOR CARERS

St. Pauls Church Hall, Kinross
First Monday of Every Month 10—12 noon

GRAND OPENING
6 August 2012

GUEST SPEAKERS

3rd September 2012
Fiona Matthews
(Alzheimer Scotland)

1st October 2012
Rhona Garrad
(Occupational Therapist)

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, people being cared for and family members.



Contact Gail Boath
or Elaine Kincaid
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310



Improved access ladder proposed for local swimming pool

by Neil Johnston, Live Active Loch Leven

Live Active Loch Leven is considering installing a ladder system that will make it easier for elderly or disabled swimmers to get in and out of the swimming pool. The ladder would be installed at scheduled times throughout the week and would benefit anyone who has problems with mobility. The staff at Live Active Loch Leven would like to hear from local residents as to whether this is a facility that customers would find beneficial. The times this could be accommodated (depending on term time education use) are: Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 12 noon and 1pm. Please contact centre reception on 01577 867230, leaving your name, contact number and the days you would find suitable. We encourage local residents to get in touch so that we can develop this project.

Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 17 August
for publication on Saturday 1 September

Kinross Show

Kinross Show will be held this year at the exciting new venue of RSPB Loch Leven, Vane Farm on Saturday 11 August. The Show Committee have been working hard to ensure the move to the new show ground will run as smoothly as possible. Roddy Baird, President of Kinross-shire Agricultural Society commented: "The whole committee have really pulled together to ensure that the first show at RSPB Loch Leven will be one of the best. We have lots of exciting attractions for the whole family. We have also organised FREE buses running from Milnathort and Kinross and FREE parking this year. All in all it should prove to be a great day out!"

Along with the great new location, which has stunning views over Loch Leven, one of the exciting attractions this year is The Jamie Squibb Freestyle Stunt Team. All the way from Devon, Jamie and his team display internationally and Kinross Show are thrilled he will be part of the main ring entertainment. Other main ring attractions include Alloa & District Pipe Band, Vintage Tractor Display, Pony Club Games and the very popular Children's Fancy Dress Parade, which is open to everyone (entrants can be with or without a pony).



The Jamie Squibb Freestyle motorcycle Stunt Team will be at this year's Kinross Show

The Flower Show includes new classes for fruit and vegetables, Hen and Duck egg classes and the Floral Art Section, which this year has the inspirational theme of "2012 Celebrations". Entries for the Flower Show are accepted at the Show Field until 9pm on Friday 10 August and between 8am and 9.30am on the Show day itself.

Of course visitors can also expect to see various farm animals such as dairy and beef cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, Clydesdale horses and ponies, along with the various Trade Stands, SWRI and Craft Tents. Kinross Show really is the perfect day out for all the family.

Saturday 11 August 2012
RSPB Loch Leven, Vane Farm, Kinross

FREE Parking – Entry through Gate 3.

FREE Buses

Free buses will be running every 30 minutes (approx) from Milnathort and Kinross starting at 10am, with the last bus leaving the show ground at 7.30pm. The buses will start at South Street, Milnathort and pick up points will be at the normal bus stops throughout Milnathort and Kinross.

There will also be a FREE bus service running every 30 minutes (approx) from 11am to 6.30pm from Loch Leven's Larder, picking up at the bus stops in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell.

Please note that the drop off and pick up point for the free buses will be at **RSPB Vane Farm**.

Show Ground Entry

Adult tickets £10, concession £5 and children under 16 FREE.

For the latest Kinross Show news, please log on to www.facebook.com/KinrossShow or

www.kinross-show.co.uk

Don't miss out on a great day on Saturday 11 August!

Kinross Group SWRI Show Preview

The ladies of Kinross Group SWRI are once again busy preparing for the annual Kinross Show.

Prizes in several classes are again being sponsored by local firms this year. In the Handcrafts Section, David Sands Ltd are sponsoring a 'Christmas Stocking – Any Craft'. In the Produce Section, Loch Leven's Larder are sponsoring the 'Jar of Raspberry Jam'. Williamson Design Florists Ltd are again awarding their prize in the Floral Arrangement Section, 'An Exhibit Depicting "Diamond Jubilee – all white"'. Jimmy Smith of the Kilted Christmas Tree Company is again sponsoring the now famous 'Ecclefechan Tart' in the Baking Section. He is also sponsoring 'Three Scotch Pancakes' and, in the Novice Class, the 'Fruit Loaf'. In the Gents' Section, the Edrington Group is again donating a special personalised bottle of the Famous Grouse Whisky. So come on gents, get your entries in!

In the SWRI Marquee there will be a wonderful display of entries from members of Crafts, Needlework, Baking, Produce and Floral Arrangements. Also entries from husbands and partners in the Gents' Section, and entries from children and grandchildren of members in the Children's Section. Judges this year are from Blairgowrie Group SWRI. There will also be demonstrations going on in the tent during the day of the Show on several crafts, including 'Beadwork', and 'Flower Arranging'.

There will also be a Sales Table selling Baking and Produce, and SWRI goods. We also have a wonderful raffle with super prizes, the First Prize being £50. Make sure you get your tickets! They will be on sale in the tent during the day and will be drawn at the close.

There is no entry charge (but donations are welcome at the door) so please come along and view the wonderful work of the SWRI. Open 10am - 4pm on the day of the Show.

Update from Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Month three of being a councillor and it feels to me as if the election was years ago, rather than only ten short weeks.

The workload for new councillors has amazed me as there have been numerous forms to fill in, training sessions, systems to learn, meetings to attend, buildings to navigate...

I am currently receiving about 75 emails a day, all of which require reading, absorbing, researching and replying to.

On top of this I have been attempting to meet as many officers as possible in order to get to know them on a one to one basis.

So I apologise if my responses to the many emails I get from constituents have been a bit tardy.

I thought I would update you on some of the things I have been getting involved with.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

There is a team of dedicated local groups who are working with Council officials to develop a plan for the regeneration of Kinross town centre. These local groups include the Kinross-shire Partnership, Kinross CC, Kinross-shire Civic Trust and others.

You may have noted the colourful paint which was left on the High Street as part of this work. The lines were to indicate the existence of pipes and other services buried underground with the intention that these would not be cut during building work.

The plan is to submit a bid for Heritage Lottery funding later in the year with a view to further planning, leading to building work taking place in 2014-15.

There will be public consultation once something has been put on paper – watch this space.

Kinross Link Road

(Sainsbury to Bridgend Industrial Estate)

The construction of this project is almost complete. The new road is finished but junction improvement works have still to be carried out at the Clashburn Road / High Street junction.

I suggested to the Roads Department that the road should be opened immediately but they have advised that if it was opened without the junction improvement works, it would need to be closed again to carry out these works. Needless to say, I am keen to see this work completed as soon as possible.

Once it is complete, I am hoping that the business land will be released for sale and we will see much needed jobs coming to Kinross. I am asking that this be done sooner rather than later.

High Street, Kinross

I have had several discussions with the Roads Department about the condition of Kinross High Street and I have been advised that a budget will be set aside in 2013/14 to undertake resurfacing works which will tie in with the proposed Kinross Town Centre Regeneration.

Parking in Kinross Town Centre

I have received complaints from several residents over illegal parking making access to their properties difficult or impossible. As a result I asked for the yellow lines to be repainted on the High Street and parking attendant visits to be increased.

If there are any yellow lines which you feel should not be there I would be interested to hear about them.

Potholes and Road Surfaces

I have had complaints about road surfaces from dozens of you. As a result I have had several meetings with the Roads

Department and a number of telephone and email conversations with Scottish Water.

It turns out that there is more than one type of pothole! So, for example, if the pothole is due to a collapsed manhole cover, it is probably the responsibility of Scottish Water. If it is a pothole in the road, it is probably the responsibility of the Council. However, if the road is not adopted it is unlikely to be the responsibility of the Roads Department.

Anyway, reports on potholes and failed surfaces have been submitted by me from Scotlandwell to Glenfarg and a lot of places in between.

I have also been on a drive around Kinross with PKC Roads Engineers who have agreed to come up with a priority schedule for repair of the many potholes and failed surfaces on the back streets of the town. I will keep you informed on the progress of this.

Dropped drains in Lathro

During our trip around town, we carried out an inspection of the drains in Lathro, as a resident had pointed out to me that theirs was in danger of dropping. We agreed that something would need to be done about these drains urgently, as some of those we inspected were in danger of dropping.

Athron Hill Core Path

Residents reported to me that the core path up Athron Hill above Tillyrie had been blocked for months. Investigations revealed that there was confusion within the Council over who was dealing with this.

I am pleased to say that the bottom part of the path has now been opened up and the top section should be opened soon.

Dave Stubbs, the land access officer, has asked that I encourage people to walk this path, as it needs establishing.

Myre Play Park

Money has been found in the PKC budget to improve the play park in the Myre. Currently Steven Kane, the landscape architect, is looking for feedback on whether the play park is in the right place and ways to improve it.

He is also looking for a local group to lead on raising funds by way of grant applications and the like to increase the budget available. His hope is to produce a vibrant park with improvements to the whole area.

Personally I would like to see the Myre car park improved and the only way to do this looks to be by public subscription through raising additional finance from grants.

If you are interested in helping on this, please contact me either by email on dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk or telephone 01577 861681.

If you have anything you want me to get involved with, please email me on dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

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FETA: Not so cheesy

by Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

In addition to the more obvious tasks of dealing with complaints and requests from constituents, being a councillor also involves serving on various committees. Some of the more obvious ones, for example, are Community Safety, Enterprise and Infrastructure and Development Management. So far, so obvious. What I didn't expect was to be asked to serve on the board of Forth Estuary Transport Authority, which is tasked with supervising Scotland's iconic Forth Road Bridge. The board is constituted of Fife and Edinburgh councillors, with a single representative from Perth and Kinross Council – in this case, me!



Cllr Joe Giacopazzi (front left) at the top of the south tower on the Forth Road Bridge, 15 June 2012

The business session which I attended at bridge offices at the South Queensferry end lasted a couple of hours and covered financial and maintenance issues. Last year the cost

of maintaining and generally running the bridge came to £16 million; ouch! An unexpected bill for £4 million came out of the blue in the shape of cable band bolts, of which 944 need to be replaced. This comes on the heels of last year's work to dehumidify the main cables, which were showing some signs of corrosion. The measures taken appear to have worked.

The reason that bits wear out is that, far from being a rigid structure, the bridge moves constantly. It expands and contracts with heat and cold; it swings in the wind (7 metres in wind of 120 mph); and it moves with the weight of traffic crossing. Although designed to last 120 years, the bridge is carrying 24 million vehicles a year against a projected figure of 11 million. Clearly, the opening of the new bridge will give the existing one a chance to recover!

For his next trick, the Bridge Master and Chief Engineer, Barry Colford, invited us to don luminous green overalls ('easier to spot a floating body from the air', he assures me) and safety harness, and follow him to the top of the south tower. The lift goes most of the way up; the last sixty feet are up a vertical steel ladder. None of this is recommended for those with a fear of enclosed spaces or heights. At this point I was through a trapdoor and atop the narrow spar connecting the two towers, each of which carries a main cable, 500 hundred feet above the Forth, in the face of a bracing 45 mph wind.

Once back down on the deck, Barry delighted us with an excursion **under** the carriageways, to experience the sound of 44-ton lorries passing a few inches above our heads as we were shown the main expansion joint.

After spending a memorable day, I came away with the impression the Forth Bridge, worth billions annually to the Scottish economy, could not be in the hands of a more dedicated or professional group of people. Cross it with confidence.

The Listening Bus – Kinross Roadshow

The National Deaf Children's Society Listening Bus will be visiting Kinross in August. The bus is a purpose-built information roadshow. It features a wide range of information on childhood deafness. Why not come and have a look at examples of all the latest equipment designed to assist in communication and learning and try out the equipment for yourself?

Everyone is welcome to visit the Bus – children, their families, friends, and interested professionals.

You will be able to find out about the NDCS and the services they offer. Equipment to try out includes alarm clocks, flashing doorbells, amplified phones, listening aids and much more.

The Listening Bus is accessible for people in wheelchairs and will be situated in Loch Leven Community Campus on **Wednesday 22 August**. Please visit to the Bus from 1.30pm to 3pm.

If you can't come along to the Bus but would like more information about the NDCS, please call the Freephone: 0808 800 8880 or email helpline@ndcs.org.uk or have a look on the website: www.ndcs.org.uk



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News from the Health Centre



Electronic Display Board for the Waiting Room

We have had many comments from patients about the Waiting Room since we moved into our new building and one thing which has been suggested is an electronic display board to provide information and entertainment to those waiting for appointments. We have now installed a large flat screen and are in the process of developing the system. We will be able to show health promotion videos or posters, specialist clinic information, information on new services, public information and even news headlines or the weather forecast. The information comes from a variety of sources including the NHS Choices website (www.nhs.uk) which has a wide range of information on health conditions, living well, carers and NHS services. We will also prepare our own content and will try to keep it up to date and relevant to clinics which are running in the Health Centre. We will try out different materials some of which will have a sound track and others may not. We would welcome feedback from patients on this new service and any suggestions for changes, additions, deletions or improvements should be made to the Practice Manager. This can be done via the Contact Details page of our website www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk or by writing to or calling the Practice Manager, Jane Macnaughton.

New ECG Machine

We would like to express our thanks to the Whyte Trust for their very generous financial donation which has enabled us to buy a new ECG machine. This is an essential piece of medical equipment and is used daily. It is used to measure

the electrical activity of the heart and records any problems with the heart's rhythm and the conduction of the heart beat through the heart which may be affected by underlying heart disease. It is used if patients have chest pains, feel faint or have palpitations. It can show evidence of coronary heart disease and show whether a patient has had a heart attack. Our current machine is some years old and is large and cumbersome to transport around the building. It also does not link to our computer system and produces non-standard sized printouts which are hard to scan. Advances in technology have led to the development of very small and light ECG machines which connect to the clinical software. The software produces information for the user on the connection quality from each of the 12 leads, thus ensuring the highest quality ECGs. On completion of the ECG, the image is downloaded directly into the patient's electronic clinical record. It can be viewed instantly by a GP for interpretation and can be sent electronically to secondary care departments if the patient is being transferred for further investigations. The machine has now arrived and been installed and clinical staff have been trained in its use. It will be in constant use and we are very grateful to the Whyte Trust for enabling its purchase.

Road Closure

We have been advised by Scottish Water that Lethangie Road will be closed along part of its length for 4 weeks at the end of July for the installation of a new sewer. The dates currently planned are **27 July to 20 August** though this could be subject to change. The closure will be just to the east of the entrance to the Health Centre and will extend to the car park at Burleigh Sands. Anyone travelling to the Health Centre from the east will have to allow extra time for their journey as a diversion via Milnathort will be in operation. There are posters in the Health Centre showing the location of the road closure and a map on our website.

(See also notice on page 95)

Local band to perform at King Tut's

Kinross band 'Sienna' will be playing support to Deer Lake at King Tut's Wah Wah Hut on 7 September, as part of the Americana themed "No Mean City Festival". Band members Danny McAtear, Ross Mathieson, Andy Clarke, Ben Watt, and Stella Reilly are delighted to have been asked to perform at the Glasgow venue.

Sienna's musicianship, quick wit and repartee, along with compelling arrangements, flying tempos interspersed with a cappella interludes and hoedown, foot-stomping dance rhythms are all elements of a live show that is joyous and vibrant. The poetic delivery of their hypnotising harmonies and fresh songwriting sets Sienna apart. Audiences of all ages are surprised and delighted by this exciting new band. Sienna's many influences range from the folk stylings of Mumford & Sons, The Leisure Society, Kassidy and Benjamin Francis Leftwich to the upbeat melodies of The Guillemots and Noah and the Whale.

Further information can be made by contacting Sienna's Management at: landdrostmusic@gmail.com

You can hear Sienna by linking to one of the following:

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Soundcloud: <http://soundcloud.com/siennamusicUK>

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Kinross Cycling Club to donate £500 to Kinross-shire Day Centre



The local cycling club has announced that it will donate £500.00 to the Kinross-shire Day Centre and provide five charity rides to the Sportive Kinross.

The money comes from the surplus generated by the club's supremely successful sell out cycle event Sportive Kinross, in association with Alpine Bikes.

Club Chairman and Event Director Paul Zarb explains: "We are very grateful to the people of Kinross who support the club and our events. Last year we were able to buy the local Police two new bikes supplied by Loch Leven Cycles. This year we are delighted to be able to assist the community in another area with this donation."

Local solicitor Campbell Watson, a Trustee of the Day Centre, said he was "...delighted to have the support of the club for the centre".

Sportive Kinross donates £5.00 from every paid entry to the Children's Hospice Association and has raised in excess of £15,000 for CHAS after two events. CHAS will continue to be the principal charity partner and beneficiary but the event organisers are seeking to utilise the event's popularity by further expanding the local community benefits.

Don't lose your vote

Voter registration forms will soon be dropping through letterboxes across Perth & Kinross and you are being urged to return yours as soon as possible to make sure you don't lose your vote.

Each year the Electoral Registration Officer must produce a list of names and addresses of people eligible to vote in local and Parliamentary elections. This is called the register of electors. The register is the basis of our democracy, so an accurate register is very important.

Your local Electoral Registration Officer, Mr John Galbraith and his staff will be sending forms to households in Angus and Perth & Kinross over the coming weeks to compile the electoral register. If you haven't received your form by 3 September 2012, you can contact your Electoral Registration Officer on 01738 630303.

Mr Galbraith said: "Registering to vote is very simple. All you have to do is update the annual canvass form with the details of everyone in your household who is eligible to vote and is resident in the household as of 15 October 2012.

"If your details haven't changed you can simply reply by text, internet or by phone.

"You can also return the form to us as soon as possible in the pre-paid envelope provided.

"You do not have to wait until 15 October to return the form but should your details happen to change after you have already returned the form, you should call or write to The Electoral Registration Officer to let him know of the change.

"Young electors are sometimes missed from the Register so householders should remember to include the names and dates of birth of residents who are currently only 16 or 17 years old to ensure that they will be eligible to vote as soon as they reach their 18th birthday.

"There was a lot of interest in this year's local government election and we were pleased with the increase in registration shortly before polling day. However, some people may not realise that they have to register every year.

"It is important that you complete and return the registration form so you're able to take part in any upcoming local and national elections or referendums."

It is the law that every house must complete the form.

On your electoral registration form you can opt to have your name and address excluded from the edited register. This will mean your details cannot be bought by individuals and commercial organisations.

For more information contact your local Electoral Registration Officer on 01738 630303.

Portmoak Gala 2012

The sun shone (unusually!) on 23 June for the Portmoak Gala. A great day was had by all, and a large crowd enjoyed the many stalls and entertainment. Local business owner Mr Tom Buchan did a great job of crowning the Queen, and after Jenna officially opened the Gala Day, spectators could enjoy the Pipe Band, dance displays, and lots of other activities throughout the afternoon. The Committee would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the event, by contributing prizes, donations and helping on the day.



Gala Queen Jenna Wilson, Escort Sam Law, flower girls Keira Robertson (left) and Niamh Brown

Portmoak Gala Hill Race

This year saw the first Munduff Hill Race, which will become an annual event. This race was hailed as an excellent course by those who entered, and congratulations to Gordon Pryde who won the race, and Jean Bowman being the first lady home.

Homecoming gig

A band originating in Kinross, but now based in Edinburgh, returns to its roots in August to play at Backstage at the Green.

Katy bar the door is a five-piece Scottish indie band, three of whose members – Richie Walthall, Stephen Mackay and Roger Adams – grew up in Kinross.

It is some years since the band played locally – at T in the Park – so they were delighted to be asked by Mundell Music to play at the Green.

David Mundell has been bringing live music to the Backstage venue since autumn 2010 and although perhaps best known for booking singer/songwriters of yesteryear, Mundell also likes to showcase young, upcoming talent.

Katy bar the door are currently working on their debut album 'Orienteering', which will be released later this year.

You can hear a couple of the songs from the album on their website, www.katybarthedoor.co.uk

Katy bar the door will play at Backstage at the Green, the Green Hotel, Muirs, Kinross on **Saturday 25 August** at 9pm. Tickets are £8 (includes a support band).

Tickets are available online at wegottickets.com or from Backstage at the Green, telephone 01577 863467.

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Summer activities at Loch Leven Community Library

Over the summer the younger members of the library are proving themselves great readers by joining the Story Lab reading challenge! Over 100 children have joined the reading scheme, aiming to read six books by different authors over the school holidays. Lots of goodies based on a story lab are available as they achieve each stage of the challenge. To complement the scheme, craft sessions with an Olympic theme were held in the library on a weekly basis. Among the items created were bookmarks, origami Olympic rings and Greek shields.

Still to come are craft activities run by Active Arts. There are still spaces available for activities on **Monday 6 August**:

10.45 – 11.45am Olympic Crafts with Active Arts

1.30 – 2.30pm Hovercraft Balloons with Active Arts

Tickets are available from the library at a cost of £3.50 per child per session. These are suitable for ages 4-12 years and under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. For further information phone 01577 867205.

The summer reading challenge finishes on 17 August and a medal ceremony will be held at 4pm on **Thursday 30 August** for all the readers who have completed the challenge. There will be a guest appearance by Children's Author, Margaret Ryan.

Bookbug Rhymetime for pre-school children continues every Wednesday at 2.00pm and every Saturday at 10.30am. Story telling sessions for under 5s take place every Monday at 10.15am and every Thursday at 2.15pm

Library card design challenge

Budding young artists are being asked to come up with imaginative designs for new children's library cards.

The Council's Libraries Service is challenging local youngsters to come up with ideas for two new library cards that will be issued to children when they join a library.

There will be two age groups in the competition – under 5s, and Primary 1-7 – and judges will select one winning entry from each section.

Children who want to take part can pick up an entry form from their local library. They will be asked to draw their design on the form, using bold colours. Entries should be handed to any PKC library by Saturday 11 August 2012. Children can submit as many entries as they like.

The winners will be announced at this year's Summer Reading Challenge medal ceremonies, and then will be reproduced on the new library cards - one card for under 5s and the other for primary school aged children.

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Barbara Foote retires

by Tracy Gow

Esteemed yoga teacher, Barbara Foote, is now retiring after eleven years teaching yoga classes at Loch Leven Leisure Centre. Barbara was given a wonderful send off by devoted members of her weekly classes, with gifts, tokens, flowers and cards – most special of all was a beautiful bird bath presented to keen gardener Barbara at a gathering of yoga class members at the Green Hotel.

Former teacher and nurse, Barbara started attending yoga classes on advice from her physiotherapist. After a number of years attending classes, she decided to train as a yoga teacher, starting her teaching initially at Westbank Healing Centre in Strathmiglo. Subsequently teaching in Auchterarder, Gleneagles, Muckhart, Crook of Devon and most recently Kinross, Barbara has loved teaching yoga and sharing with her 'yoga family' the physical, mental and spiritual benefits it conveys.

Barbara may have retired from teaching yoga, but will continue to practise yoga in her everyday life. It's entirely possible that you might come across her at the top of a hill doing the 'Salutation to the Sun' or in a meadow doing the 'Maltese Cross' – it has been known to happen!



Barbara (second from left) with bird bath gift. Also pictured are Claire Paton, Patricia Penn-Low and Mary Macari

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Time capsule 'a window on our world' *by Eileen Thomas*

A time capsule has been buried in the grounds of the community campus with the intention that it should lie undisturbed for 200 years.

The capsule burial was part of a project at Kinross High School, which saw pupils suggest and collect suitable memorabilia over the course of the last academic year in order to paint a picture of life at Kinross High School in 2012.

Items buried included: a letter from Mr Keatings, samples of pupils' work, photographs of pupils, staff and the campus, timetables, the Parent Council Newsletter, the KHS Year Book, newspaper reports, Kinross Museum items, exam papers, an interview with Community Link Worker Pat Doran, a school tie and a copy of the Kinross Newsletter (of course!).

Items from a previous KHS time capsule, buried in the 1960s at the former school site in the High Street, were also reburied. These had been found when the school bell was moved to the new campus on the northern edge of the town in 2009. The 1960s items were coins of the day and a national and local newspaper.

At the burial ceremony on 22 June, KHS Head Teacher and Campus Leader, Dick Keatings, said how fascinating he found the 1960s items, particularly the descriptions and cost of goods advertised in the newspapers. He hoped the 2012 capsule would provide "a window into our world" and posed some questions. Would the campus still be standing in 200 years' time? Would the people of the future be able to read the items in electronic format that had been buried?

Gordon Sime of facility management company MITIE, having dug the hole,

was given the honour of placing the substantial capsule in it.

The ceremony was attended by various community representatives, who were entertained to a programme of poetry and music performed by pupils, including Megan Beattie, Jennie-Lee Green, Emily Bell, Holly Scott, Mabel Duncan, Demi Morran and Billie McGregor.

The school had set a poetry competition on the theme of 2012 and the top three poems were read out by their authors: Cameron Donnelly with 'Kinross 2012', Scott Wyllie with '2012 Olympic poem' and Rosie Cormack, first-placed, with '2012'.

The programme ended with an impressive piano solo 'Storm', composed and performed by Mikey Lawrence.

Special mention must be made of the beautiful invitations to the event, designed by second year pupil Lauren Miller, who managed to include imagery relating to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Euro football tournament, the French and US elections and the Olympics into her design. A copy of the invitation was buried in the capsule.

2012 has certainly been an inspirational year for Kinross High School.



*Pupils and staff prepare to bury the time capsule
l to r: Rosie Cormack; Cameron Donnelly; Gillian Reid, Geography Teacher (slightly hidden); Elaine Cormack, Pupil Care and Welfare Officer; Gordon Sime, MITIE; Dick Keatings, Campus Leader; Lisa Megginson, Support for Learning Assistant; Rachel Calder; Pat Doran, Community Link Worker and Scott Wyllie.*

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T in the Park

The music festival is over for yet another year. Thankfully, overall it would appear to have been a huge success, despite the weather. I know that there are a few local people who may have experienced some problems and any complaints are being collated for a full debrief. If you are one of the unlucky few who have experienced problems and have not been in touch with us, please contact our Community Sergeant Sandra Williams on 0300 111 2222. If it caused you concern, we want to hear about it.

Poor driving

Surveys conducted by Tayside Police have shown that poor driving is a concern for many residents in the Perth and Kinross area. As a result the South Section of the Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area have launched Operation Tupelo to target irresponsible driving within the section.

This operation will run between 11 and 23 September 2012. To assist in the campaign, it is asked that members of the public who have concerns regarding irresponsible driving within South Section contact the Police with details of the problems.

A dedicated team of officers will thereafter plan their duties in response to the complaints in order to tackle the issues which affect the local community.

If you wish to highlight any issues, please email details, including location, nature of problem and time of day to the following email address: kinross@tayside.pnn.police.uk

Child car seat checking

Is your child's car seat fitted properly?

An incorrectly fitted car seat can cause death or serious injury. Tayside Police Road Safety Officers are available to assist you fit your child's car seat on the following dates at Divisional Police Headquarters, Perth: 28 August, 25 September, 30 October, 27 November and 18 December. Please contact Rachel Ewins on 01738 892888 for an appointment.

Parking outside schools

The new academic year will soon be with us and we would like to remind those people who take children to and from school in vehicles to be considerate about how and where they park when doing so.

We understand that parents want to see their children, particularly the younger ones, safely on to school premises

and on wet days ensure that the youngsters are as dry as possible when they arrive. However, in doing so, many people park their vehicles in a manner that compromises the safety of others. We have encountered, among other things, cars parked on the zigzag markings, obstructing the school crossing patroller, and on pavements whereby pedestrians are forced to walk on to the road to get past. Regrettably we have found that the attitude of a small number of parents appears to be that they don't care what happens to anyone else as long as their child arrives at and returns home from school safely. We all have a duty to ensure that everyone, particularly the children, are safe at all times.

We would also ask that parents who are walking to school with their children cross at, and when directed to do so by, the school crossing patroller. After all, it is their function to ensure that the children cross safely and allowing the youngsters to think they can cross where and when they want is not a good example to set.

Motorists taking children to and from Kinross Primary School should ensure they do not obstruct access to or impede the view of residents emerging from Douglas Crescent and to remember there is a one way system in operation at the west end of Bowton Road.

We intend to monitor the situation at all our schools and where there is evidence that offences are being committed, drivers will be issued with Fixed Penalty tickets or reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

CRIME STOPPERS - Telephone 0800 555 111

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

Community Officers

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

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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 July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 July 2012 were: CCllrs M Blyth, D Mackay, M Scott (Secy), L MacKay, D West (Chair), C Watson, W Freeman and B Davies; P&K Cllr Giacopazzi; Kirsty Magahy of Victim Support and eight members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs I Jack and D Colliar and P&K Cllr Cuthbert.

June minutes: Corrected to read that play equipment at Green Park playground has not been removed.

Police report: There was no police representative in attendance and no email report.

Queen's Crescent: PKC have offered two 12ft trees, however the CC has to arrange collection and planting. CCllr Colliar is dealing with this.

Victim Support Scotland (Perth and Kinross): Representation from Kirsty Magahy, Assistant Service Delivery Officer. This is an independent voluntary organisation providing support for anyone affected by crime. They are currently seeking to encourage volunteers from Kinross to join their service. (*See p. 23 of June Newsletter for more information.*) Kirsty answered queries and was thanked for her presentation.

Newsletter funds distribution: CCllr Davies explained that these funds were the profits made from the Kinross Newsletter. Until now these funds have been dispersed once a year. A notice stating criteria and inviting applications appeared in the June Newsletter. It had been suggested that the CC repeat this exercise three or four times a year, however CCllr Watson commented that this would block up meetings. CCllr West countered that dispersing funds once a year would exclude some worthy applications. Glenfarg is excluded from applying at the moment and we would require to legally change this in the documentation. It was agreed that CCllr Davies would continue his good work in progressing this issue and bring forward for consideration any applications along with a proposed timetable for considering applications.

Future of Kinross Buildings

County Buildings: CCllr Davies gave an update. The district valuer has stated a figure of £165,000, which is over the amount the Royal Caledonian Curling Club can afford to pay. CCllr West asked Cllr Giacopazzi if he could approach PKC and ask if they could offset this money. The district valuer is to receive copies of the survey reports commissioned by the RCCC.

High School: Cllr Giacopazzi advised that missives were about to be concluded.

Town Hall: This is going through the planning process. CCllr Watson enquired if anything can be done to ensure that should an application be approved it encompasses the Town Hall development. The application lodged was to make the Town Hall "wind and water tight" and we would prefer to see some proposals for development. Unfortunately, it was confirmed that the planners are quite happy with the application, however the Councillors are not.

Planning

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

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

12/01070/FLL 2 Easter Cockairney Cottage: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/00967/FLL Scottish Motor Auction Group: Modification of existing consent (11/01014/FLL) to erect covered canopy extension and partial re-cladding of building.

Applications Refused by PKC

12/00619/FLL Chance Inn Farm: Erection of a wind turbine. Notification was also received from the Council in relation to this application.

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

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

Applications Approved by PKC

12/00783/FLL 10 Hatchbank Lane, Gairneybank: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/00802/FLL Kinross House: Erection of an outbuilding.

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

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

Loch Leven Heritage Trail: Cllr Giacopazzi advised that the extension to the trail has been approved. Mention was made of the negotiations between TRACKS and the householders of two properties. The proposals have been modified and the track is to be constructed 30 metres to the north of their gardens and will include screening.

Link road: construction ongoing.

High Street regeneration: Cllr Giacopazzi reported that he has viewed the plans. They are unable to include any cycle lane due to the width of the roads. £1.2 million has been proposed for this programme. Consultation will be offered on the proposed plans later this year.

Report from P&K Councillors

Park and Ride: Cllr Giacopazzi reported that he has approached Andrew Warrington regarding the school trip departing from the area at the Park and Ride.

Kerbs: Cllr Giacopazzi was unable to identify the kerb mentioned at the previous meeting (opposite Clydesdale Bank). However, he and Cllr Cuthbert propose to have a walk around the town later in July with a view to identifying such matters.

Mill Street: As previously mentioned, the building is to be demolished and turned into a car park.

Drains: Cllr Giacopazzi commented that there are three choked drains in Kirkgate/Burns Begg Street. Cllr Cuthbert is to raise this at his next meeting.

Co-operation: CCllr West added that the Councillors were to be applauded for co-operating in a more constructive way and working together for the good of the town.

Correspondence

Parking/Council house upgrades: Email received. The writer was present. The first subject was the inconsiderate

parking of vehicles in the vicinity of the Primary School. Parents dropping off their children park on both sides of Ross Street. Some vehicles drive on to the pavements. There is congestion in this area and in Bowton Road. Residents in Ross Street also park on both sides of the road, rather than their drives (should they possess one). This subject has been raised on numerous occasions and we believe that registration numbers are being noted with the information being passed to the police who monitor the situation on a regular basis. Various methods of preventing this practice were commented on, e.g. the inclusion of double yellow lines in Ross Street. It was also commented that the one-way signs are ignored and some may require refreshment.

The other matter raised was in relation to the upgrade of the heating service in Council properties. A question was raised as to who was to receive the revenue from the old copper pipes; the contractors are removing these and the writer believed that the scrap value of these should be returned to the community rather than the Council. Concerns have also been raised regarding the refurbishment works being carried out. The contractors are not adhering to the contract that PKC agreed with the tenants and there were added concerns in relation to redecoration following on the works, especially in the case of the elderly. Cllr Giacopazzi will look into these matters.

Kinross-shire CC Network meets on 18 July.

Sunnypark: Email received from a resident in Sunnypark. The writer commented on: the danger of traffic speeding in this very narrow road; the state of the wall and the condition of the tree opposite number 11. He added that all the issues raised have been notified to PKC and the landowner with the following outcome. He has been informed by PKC that the police do not consider speeding a problem. PKC believe that the tree poses no danger at present. There has been no comment from the landowner. This was discussed further. Traffic speeds along this road and creates a danger to children in the area, pedestrians visiting the cemetery, as well as those entering or exiting the Heritage Trail, which does not have a barrier at its entrance. Traffic measures in this area should be introduced before any accident occurs. This stretch of road is currently 30mph. The CC has raised this matter with PKC previously. CCllr West is to approach Cllr Robertson in relation to this matter. The CC will also approach TRACKS to ask if it would be possible to erect a safety barrier at the entrance to the Heritage Trail. It was mentioned that an area of wall collapsed and the debris was removed by the residents in the area. The tree in question impacted on the condition of the wall and is in need of attention. The CC will write to the landowner to raise these matters and ask if he could reinstate the wall and make any necessary steps to restore the tree. It was commented that the remainder of the wall may be in a dangerous condition.

Myre Park: Notification received of Mini Funday at the Myre Park on 13 July. PKC is proposing to upgrade this park and have asked for feedback from the community as to what play facilities they would prefer. The Secretary offered to attend this event.

Insurance: Summary of Insurance Cover received from PKC for period Oct 2011 to Sep 2012.

Gritting and snow clearing: The Secretary to respond that under the circumstances the CC was content with the level of service offered last winter.

Bus shelter advertising: PKC working towards installing the display board in the shelter at the Town Hall.

SNH advise that they have recently confirmed the denotification of a small part of Loch Leven SSSI.

TAYplan: Publication of the proposed TAYplan Strategic Development Plan 2013 - 2032. This is a new publication which incorporates modifications made by Scottish Ministers on approval of the Plan.

Other Business

Speeding: A member of the public raised the subject of traffic speeds along Station Road, Springfield Road and Sutherland Drive, a route used by school children. Cllr Giacopazzi will look into this.

Another matter commented on was the speed of traffic leaving the motorway and that a system should be introduced to calm and control the traffic in this area.

Overgrown hedges: PKC has enforcement rights in relation to these. Hedges on the pavements in the area facing west leading to the junction at Station Road are overgrown. Cllr Giacopazzi will speak to PKC.

A member of the public commented that the path leading from the junction at Sainsbury's is overgrown with vegetation. It was mentioned that this was closed sometime ago.

Cemetery grass cutting: CCllr Mackay said a complaint was received from a member of the public as to the state of the cemetery. The grass should be cut within the next few days; the weather has caused a problem. The grass is left lying once cut, apparently due to the cost of removal.

T in the Park: A member of the public commented that the writing on the leaflet is illegible to the elderly. The method of circulating these leaflets was raised. They were inserted in the Newsletter and included in a local newspaper. We also understood that they were to be delivered to various houses.

Olympic torch: CCllr Davies commented on a very successful event through Kinross.

Travelling people were moved from the Health Centre and took site in the former High School. It has been suggested that a low barrier be placed at the former High School to avoid this. Cllr Giacopazzi will find out if this proposed barrier is to go ahead.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 1 August in the Masonic Hall at 7.30pm.

Apologies have been tendered in advance by CCllrs Blyth and Freeman.

Agenda for the Meeting on 1 August

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July
3. Police report
4. Matters arising from minutes of 4 July
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Milnathort Community Council

News from the July Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, chairman, welcomed CCllrs Milne-Home, Smith, Halford, Bennet, Cottingham and Thomson to the meeting held on 12 July. Also in attendance were minute secretary E Rougvie; P&K Cllrs Cuthbert, Barnacle and Robertson; three representatives from Lomond Energy and 26 members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllr Giacopazzi.

Police matters: The police apologised for not being in attendance but hoped to be at the August meeting. They reported that speed checks were currently being carried out in the village and warnings or tickets were being issued if appropriate.

The minutes of the June meeting were adopted with the following amendment: The 2nd Orwell Guides had requested funding for a new Guide unit.

CCllr Hamilton apologised for having misread a letter from Mrs Helen Barrie. She had referred to Tillywhally Wood, not Donaldson Park.

An apology was issued to a second correspondent who had objected to her name being recorded in the minutes.

Matters arising: CCllrs Hamilton and Thomson had met with PKC roads officials to discuss 15 issues of local concern, particularly holes in the road in some locations. It was a positive meeting and an assurance was given that most of the works will be carried out within the next few months. The CC will be kept informed as improvements progress.

Planning applications submitted to PKC:

Erection of an infrastructure building, stables, equine area and entrance feature at the site of the former Ochil Hills Hospital. CCllr Cottingham advised that due to time constraints he had already lodged an objection to this on the CC's behalf. The main concern was the use of boreholes, which it was felt would impact on the water supply of existing householders.

Alterations and extension to house, formation of a self-contained flat and vehicular access at 50 New Road. Noted.

Extension to house at 16 Curlers Crescent. Noted.

Alteration extension and erection of a garage at Touchie Farm. Noted.

Erection of an anemometer mast for 24 months on land 700m north west of Ledlation Farm. Noted.

Planning applications determined by PKC:

Erection of two houses and garages at Muir Cottage, Mawcarse. Approved.

Erection of two wind turbines at Bloomfield, West Netherton. Refused. This decision has since been appealed.

Erection of a garden room and office at Ashley House. Approved.

Installation of a biomass boiler, associated store and erection of a greenhouse at Newhill, Glenfarg. Approved.

Display of advertisement on land 230m west of the Mill House, Tillyrie. Approved.

Placecheck: Kyle Murray of PKC provided an update via e-mail as follows:

The Placecheck works are almost finished except for the tree in Wester Loan and the clean-up to the "sett" areas in Wester Loan and at Victoria Avenue/New Road junction.

The 20mph roundel signs on Stirling Road, South Street and Wester Loan are to be re-positioned to make them more conspicuous. Traffic surveys are scheduled throughout Milnathort in the autumn.

There has been a formal request for double yellow lines at the junction of New Road/Victoria Avenue and the procedure for this has started.

The new zebra crossing on South Street is being monitored, with the possibility of extending the "zig-zags" on the north side of the crossing to improve pedestrian and driver sight lines.

The CC noted that one of the beacons on the new crossing was partly obscured by a tree. It was agreed to try to identify the tree's owner.

Co-option of CC member: There were three candidates, one of whom withdrew at the meeting. Mr Martin Pettinger was unanimously elected and will complete the necessary PKC checks. Cllr Milne-Home's co-option has now been finalised.

PKC wind turbine policy: CCllr Hamilton had ascertained that PKC did not have a policy but were using SNH guidelines. However, a consultation is to take place imminently with a view to formulating new guidance. Cllr Barnacle intimated that he was pursuing this issue as the perceived lack of clarity was not good either for applicants or objectors.

Tillyrie Wind Cluster: Steve Macken of Lomond Energy outlined plans for a community wind cluster at Tillyrie comprising three 74m turbines generating an estimated £24,000 per annum for the community. The community would have the option of owning one of them, thus increasing the income to help relieve fuel poverty. Questionnaires have been distributed and there will be public exhibitions on the project prior to a planning application being lodged, probably in September. Mr Macken then answered questions from members of the public.

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20 mph speed limit in South Street: CCllr Hamilton reported that PKC had carried out a speed limit review and felt that the reduced speed limit should remain in the centre of Milnathort, although this will be reviewed in the autumn once data from the scheduled traffic surveys has been analysed.

Donaldson Park: It was noted with regret that PKC still want to retain the wild areas, but the CC and Cllr Cuthbert will continue to pursue the matter.

Former Ochil Hills Hospital site: CCllr Thomson reported that access issues for walkers had been resolved through a number of measures, including the installation of a kissing gate. A core path is also being developed from Athron Hill to Tillyrie.

Tillywhally Wood: CCllr Halford reported that Gosia Stanton had submitted an application for funding in order to enhance the biodiversity of the woodland.



Tillywhally Wood

Photo: M Szarska-Stanton, www.kinross.cc photo library

Website: CCllr Hamilton reported that the CC website had now been updated and members of the public are encouraged to submit items for the agenda. This is finalised on the Monday preceding the meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of each month.

Scottish Water kiosk: CCllr Bennet advised that the dangerous kiosk in Burleigh Road was currently being moved, and that Scottish Water would endeavour to remove a brick kiosk that had been vandalised.

Speeding in Burleigh Road: Members of the public are encouraged to note vehicle registration numbers and report them to the police. This is a particular problem between 6am and 7am and the CC will advise the police accordingly.

Refurbishment of war memorial: Graeme Stewart of Milnathort in Bloom was in attendance to outline proposals for refurbishing the War Memorial and garden. Following discussion, the CC unanimously agreed to support the plans. Details are to appear in the August Newsletter.

Seats at Burleigh Sands: It was noted that the seats had been damaged. Cllr Robertson is to contact TRACKS.

Members of the public: Bend at Tillywhally: Concern was expressed about the danger posed during icy conditions. CCllr Robertson said that PKC had been extremely shocked by the terrible accident that had taken place last winter and were looking at ways of warning drivers about the bend. This road was unlikely to be salted or gritted since, as a side road, it is of low priority. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Robertson will write to the appropriate department to ask if this stretch could be gritted or, failing that, ask for salt and sand bins to be installed for local residents to distribute themselves.

Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle advised that there was a KCC network meeting on 18 July.

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that he had been pursuing the issue of access at Athron Hill and that he would feed back the CC's comments about the need to de-nude the soil in Donaldson Park if wildflower planting were to be successful.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 9 August 2012 in Orwell Parish Church Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the July Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 10 July 2012 were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), R Cairncross, T Smith, S Forde and J Bird; P&K Cllrs W Robertson, M Barnacle and D Cuthbert and four residents. Apologies were received from CCllrs R Williamson, M Strang Steel and P&K Cllr J Giacomazzi.

Co-option: The Chairman welcomed Mr Bruce Calderwood to the CC, as a co-opted Cllr, and gave him the good wishes of the CCllrs and Portmoak residents. He hoped that he would enjoy the work of the CC. Cllr Calderwood replied that he was delighted to join Portmoak CC and confirmed his commitment to work for the benefit of the community. Portmoak CC now has a full complement of eight CCllrs.

Mini Roundabout and build-out, B920: There had been a productive site meeting on 4 July with PKC Roads Dept, and the following had been agreed:

- A mini roundabout at the junction of Wellside Park and the B920, as required by the planning consents for Wellside Park, will be built by the developer before May 2013.
- A build-out (same design as those already in place throughout Portmoak) will be built on the west side of the B920, between the 30 mph signs and the entrance to Wellside Park. Scotlandwell street lighting might be extended to the position of the build-out at the same time. It was hoped that work would be completed by September this year.
- The soft verges on the B920 would be identified by roadside poles fitted with reflective strips, and warning signs would be erected.
- The surface painted road speed signage on the A911 would be refreshed.
- Cllr Barnacle reported that a traffic survey would be undertaken in the 20 mph areas in the Bruce Road and Bishop Terrace area of Kinnesswood.
- The speed limit and road signage at Pittendreich would be reviewed when plans for the Kinross Cricket Club pavilion and facilities were approved.

Kinnesswood bus shelter: The agreed improvements are delayed by the PKC licence application for the replacement of defective asbestos sheeting on the roof.

It was agreed that the artworks made by the pupils of Portmoak Primary School that had been displayed in the shelter had been very well received during the latest festivities, but it would now be appropriate to return them to their owners prior to work starting on the shelter, or before the regular visit by the PKC cleaner. The Chairman would contact the Secretary of Kinnesswood in Bloom.

Courier: Since contacting the paper, the Chairman had received no further news. Item closed.

Flooding on road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond: Cllr Giacomazzi had agreed to help with this problem but was currently on holiday. Cllr Cairncross had submitted a comprehensive report of the situation to him. It was noted that water was presently not flowing on to the road. A local resident said that this could be because he had temporarily redirected the flow of some water on his land, to provide for livestock. Cllr Cairncross agreed to discuss and investigate this situation with the resident.

Blocked drain at Newlands Farm: Work to remedy this has been completed.

Stephen's Field: No further progress to report.

Police report: The Police were in attendance and gave their report. On the previous Friday night there had been a break in at a chalet at Lochend Farm. There had also been a theft of a horsebox in Scotlandwell. Similar thefts of horseboxes had also been reported in Fife.

There was no information about the detection of previously reported crime.

Speeding on local roads continues to be monitored, and there would be a speeding initiative by the Police in the first two weeks of September.

The Chairman asked the Police if the community based speed watch programme, whereby residents could operate speed guns was still in effect, as a Portmoak resident had expressed interest in doing this.

There was a similar programme being undertaken in the Crook of Devon area and the Police undertook to let the CC have the results of this exercise.

A request was also made for some form of flashing speed sign. A moveable flashing sign had been used in Portmoak some time ago. A permanent type of signal was becoming more and more popular in many parts of the country. These signs are available from PKC.

With the Kinross Show being staged near Vane Farm, there would be a Police presence at the show, especially around the entrance and exit to the car park.

The Chairman thanked the officer for her much appreciated attendance.

Treasurer's report: £1396.34 in the two accounts.

Roads and paths: The Secretary had reported via the PKC website that the bend sign on the Scotlandwell to Leslie road was obstructed by undergrowth. He had also commented on the website form that some road verges had been cut in Portmoak, but others had not.

The Secretary had previously reported (June 2009) the need to clean the verges and gulleys of the B9097 Vane Farm road. To date this has not been done. In 2010 it was then promised by PKC that the road surface would be repaired, and that this would be completed in 2011. Cllr Barnacle agreed that this road required maintenance, and outlined his own attempts to get signage for the blind summits, and also speed limit signs erected.

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

12/00943/IPL, Erection of a dwelling house in outline at Balneathill – Objection made.

12/01047/FLL, Land 20 metres west of Climpy Cottage, Scotlandwell, Erection of a dwelling house. – No comment.

12/00843/FLL Gairney Bridge Farm Cottage, Erection of a poultry breeding facility (this item shared with Cleish and Blairadam CC) – No comment.

The CC was in process of considering:

12/01192/FLL Iona, Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood, Alterations and extension to house.

12/01139/FLL Greenburn, East Brackley, Alteration and extension to house.

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

Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle had written to PKC Planning, to ask for a discussion on their policy for small cluster wind turbines.

Cllr Cuthbert advised the meeting that bus services from Portmoak to the High School could be reduced, and he would welcome notice of any problems arising from this.

Cllr Robertson advised the meeting that TRACKS had succeeded with their recent application for the RSPB part of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, which had been approved at a Development Management Committee meeting on 4 July, and that he would do everything in his power to minimise the impact that this application would have on local residents, and that the final screening of the path for the residents, would be agreed between TRACKS, the RSPB, and those residents.

TRACKS would learn within six weeks if their Lottery Fund application for this final part of the Heritage Trail had been successful. A local resident affected by this TRACKS application thanked the CC for their assistance during this application process.

Other Business

Planning compliance: CCllr Cairncross raised the issue of how required standards for landscaping, where they were a condition of a planning consent granted by PKC, could be assured. This did not appear to be happening. This would be considered further when more information was available.

Communications/consultations: The Chairman said that there had been a lack of communication and consultation during this last exercise involving TRACKS. The CC felt that there was a requirement for a more pro-active approach to communication and consultation with residents and landowners and with CCs, and this was especially needed in another venture that involved TRACKS - the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership (LLLP). *Post-meeting note. The following is taken from the LLP website:*

What is the Living Lomonds Project?

The Living Lomonds is a landscape conservation project being developed by the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership (LLLP), an association of local organisations.

The Living Lomonds area includes the Lomond Hills Regional Park, Lochore Meadows Country Park, Loch Leven, and surrounding areas. The LLLP has received financial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to develop the Living Lomonds project during 2012 under the Landscape Partnerships Grant Programme.

At the end of 2012 the LLLP will submit a full HLF application which, if successful, will provide funding for a range of projects that will benefit the people and landscape of the Living Lomonds area.

The LLLP is bound by a Partnership Agreement signed by each of the member organisations. Towards the end of the development phase (2012) the membership of the LLLP will be reviewed and revised accordingly to the expected needs of the delivery phase (2013–15).

The current members of the LLLP are as follows:

Benarty Community Forum Group, Centre for Stewardship at Falkland, Fife Council, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, Kinross Museum Trust, Lomond Hills Regional Park Partnership, Markinch Heritage Group and TRACKS (The Rural Access Committee Kinross-shire).

Although the principle of the LLLP was accepted, there were a number of questions as to how the project was being communicated to those people in Portmoak who would be directly involved. The early signs were that little involvement or communication had taken place in Portmoak, and an example of how a resident land owner had been refused information at the recent Portmoak Festival was not considered appropriate, and did not indicate well for the future communication process.

A resident pointed out that this project was being managed by a group in Fife, not involving the people of Portmoak, but

using the natural assets of Portmoak, such as Loch Leven, in their advertising material, and in their application for Lottery Funding.

It was also suggested by a resident that disenchanted farmers in Fife, who had also not been involved with any communication/consultation process, were threatening to boycott the whole idea by detailing their complaints to the management of the Lottery Fund.

Cllr Robertson responded by saying that the application for funding must contain information of what the project was about, and be sufficient to attract the funding. However, it was not possible at that stage to cover every detail on the ground. Once the funding had been allocated, then the detail of the project could be determined.

Overall there was a lack of a proper mechanism for including people who have an interest in what may happen.

Cllr Robertson agreed, through his association with TRACKS, to properly consider the feelings of the Portmoak residents, and to consider the issues raised, and what could be done to deal with those issues.

He suggested that TRACKS, and representatives from the LLLP, should attend the next CC meeting in September to explain their purpose and proposals. This was agreed.

The Lomond Country Inn closed some time ago and is currently for sale. It was last offered by auction in March 2012 but remains unsold. This long established Inn is sadly missed by residents. There are signs of deterioration to the exterior of the building, and the CC is concerned that this should not continue to a point where the building becomes unattractive to potential purchasers, or detracts from the appearance of the village. The Chairman agreed to contact the owner to ascertain the position.



The Lomond Country Inn, Kinnesswood

Kinross-shire CC Network meeting on 18 July.

'Question Time': The Voluntary Action Perthshire Group have organised a 'Question Time' type event with elected politicians, and the Chairman will attend this to represent Portmoak CC on 14 September.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 11 September 2012 at 7pm in Portmoak Primary School.

(Please note, there will not be an August meeting.)

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the June Meeting

The meeting held on 12 June 2012 was attended by CCllrs S Morrison, A Lavery, S Anderson, K Borthwick, R Paterson and A Cheape; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, W Robertson and D Cuthbert and 14 members of the public (abbreviated to MoP). Apologies were received from CCllr T Duffy-Wigman and P&K Cllr Joe Giacomazzi. There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: Report received: No Police meetings will be held regarding T in the Park so issues should be raised via this CC and hence to the T in the Park Forum. MoP noted that most verges had been cut around Cambo, but not on back roads used by locals to avoid closures. Sandy said that this had already been requested at the recent Forum meeting. Cllr Robertson says that local farmers have asked for this too, and he has asked for more cutting to be done. Cllr Barnacle reports that this issue was also raised at Kinross CC where T in the Park representatives were present and they said that they were liaising with PKC.

Recent crimes: Motorbike stolen - under enquiry.

Speed checks continue to be made on trunk roads.

Lambhill Forestry Development: Colin Peacock (Forestry Commission) reports: Things have been frustratingly slow, but are now on the move. Forestry plan is now in place and planting (by a contractor currently being appointed) is to start this year (hopefully in July.) There are a couple of areas where ground needs some remedial work. Some new (deer) fences will be erected and others removed as planting takes place. Current access is not ideal with machinery in use and unclear legal position – so discussions with Oran and Mr Snowie taking place to establish new access by acquiring land or getting permission to cross it. Meanwhile gate has been installed for temporary access. MoP asks if access could be made opposite school, but again problems with land ownership. MoP asks about existing willows. They were planted by the previous owner but not subsequently cut at the right time, and not on right soil, so didn't flourish and have been mostly removed. Colin will return again in October to update this meeting on progress.

War Memorial, Blairingone: Site meeting with developer took place on 11 June. They have agreed to take over the entire application process to speed it up. Cllr Barnacle had previously spoken to John McCrone on 8 June who had agreed to support this CC's application.

Community Speed Watch: Rod reports: This is on-going, but disappointingly the number of offenders is not reducing, including some very excessive speeds. Ultimately some permanent engineering solution will be required. Hope to continue activity until after T in the Park. It's been worthwhile but it needs a large number of trained volunteers. MoP wonders why PKC didn't install signs that show actual speed. Cllr Barnacle opines that the reason is likely that they would have been more expensive.

Crook of Devon car park: Map now acquired, so application will be submitted this week.

Travellers' Site, Crook of Devon: Briefing note from PKC Planning (Nick Brian) available: SEPA would object if not on main drains; note says that Scottish Water would connect to Glendevon system, however in fact it would need to connect to Drum system which does not take surface water and was specifically installed to deal with environmental problems at Loch Leven. Cllr Barnacle reports that Scottish Water has not received an application to connect.

Why was hardstanding created if landowner only intends to keep horses on land?; Concern over Planning Department receiving pressure about not discriminating which would cause the application to be referred to Scottish Government; There's no clear policy on locations for traveller sites, so they appear at random. There are already two sites at Gaimeybridge and Greenacres within six miles of Crook Moss, which are more than adequate to deal with local families. MoP stated that the applicants for Crook Moss were not local families.

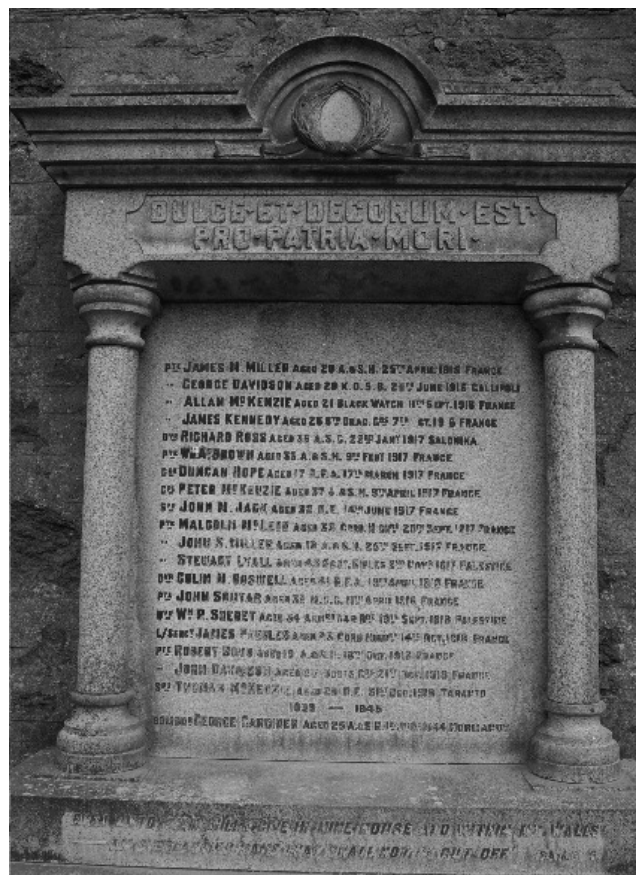
MoP reports that generators are running on the site until late at night – not yet reported to Environment Services. Cllr Robertson says that Environmental Services have not received any noise complaints – residents must report these to PKC hotline at once.

MoP asked the question: "Where was grey water and surface from roofs etc. currently going?" and also where was the waste from current port-a-loos being processed.

Cllr Cuthbert suggests that the issue of possible contamination on the land (since it was previously used as a dump) be raised with Environment Services in order that they might rule the land is not suitable for habitation.

This CC will write to PKC again to clarify all these issues. Meanwhile the CC encourages everyone to write to PKC and their MSP with any comments.

Core Path and Rights of Way Signposting: Cllr Barnacle reports that there will be an initiative in September to sign any core paths not already signed. MoP asks whether these signs can be erected on private land. Cllr Robertson suggests that there will be consultation with landowners in that case. MoP says that in some cases there hasn't even been contact with the landowners about the paths being defined. Cllr Barnacle agrees to look into this.



The War Memorial at Blairingone

Dates of 2012/13 meetings now defined: 2012: 7 August at Carnbo; 4 September at Fossoway; 2 October at Blairingone; 6 November at Powmill; 4 December at Fossoway. 2013: 8 January at Blairingone; 5 February at Fossoway; 5 March at Blairingone; 2 April at Carnbo; 7 May at Fossoway (AGM) and 4 June at Powmill.

CC business: Angus attended the **Kinross-shire Fund Meeting** on 30 May, where purchase of laptops was discussed.

Sandy and Kevin went to the meeting of the **Convention of Perth & Kinross CCs**. The organisation continues to struggle for membership and office bearers. Fossoway CC continues to believe the organisation should be wound up but will assess the position when current membership is known.

At the **T-i-t-P Liaison meeting:** Usual time for fireworks, curfews on noise will be imposed and sound level will be adjusted if needed; Local phone number will be used for complaints this year. MoP asks whether the pipeline across the site will restrict the future of site. Although its location is currently restricting how some areas are used, there is a licence for at least another two years.

Sandy attended **Planning Users' Forum:** Section 75 agreements will in future be made public; Landscape plans must be included at start of application rather than being supplied later; Gypsy and Renewable Energy sites will be discussed in future meetings of this forum.

Co-option: Sheila and Angus need to be "properly" co-opted as CC members as they were on holiday when normal elections were held.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Barnacle is pursuing issue of residents' only access to Drum. Four applications have been made for "green" roads – more friendly to cyclists. Carnbo Post Box replacement is on-going. Passing places on road near Blairingone to be chased. Rural Scotland AGM attended and this CC should consider joining this organisation as it could be very useful. Cold callers seem to be increasing – can Cold Caller ban be implemented as a part of Neighbourhood Watch? Cllr Robertson says that anyone receiving a cold caller who won't go away or is aggressive should call Police at once.

Cllr Robertson: there is a proposal to make Planning Applications pay for themselves, which might quadruple initial costs, and remove free re-applications.

Planning

Application submitted to PKC: 12/00807/FLL: Partial change of use of chalet development to mixed use development comprising 13 dwelling houses and a pre-school nursery with associated landscaping and infrastructure, Land 100 metres west of Braehead Farm, Rumbling Bridge: CC suggest rejection on grounds of application would allow further development outwith village boundary and also five chalets to 13 houses is significant change. Note that the original application was under Clacks, not PKC.

Application approved by PKC: 11/00325/FLL Erection of five dwelling houses, Pitcarrie, Carnbo. (The CC recommended refusal.)

Application rejected by PKC: 12/00487/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and associated office studio, Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. (The CC recommended refusal.)

Snowie site in Blairingone: Currently running bio-mass site with permission for agricultural use, however a large stockpile of building waste timber, which could be chemically contaminated, is forming on the site. If this timber was to be mixed with forestry timber then chipping could release contaminants into atmosphere. An application for change of use to industrial processing has been submitted, but this was rejected due to incomplete data, and is still outstanding – how long will this continue? MoP suggests that in fact the building waste is currently just being stored and is not actually being processed yet. A further concern is that a change to an industrial use would then be a small step away from the site becoming a Combined Heat and Power installation. Additionally, the plant's chipping machinery has been heard running both early in the morning and at 22:15 – this has been raised with PKC Environmental Services, who have been to the site.

General Correspondence

All outgoing and incoming correspondence was available for viewing.

Other Business

Millennium Walk: Countryside Ranger had contacted Sandy with regard to the notice board at Harelaw entrance – agreed removal. Also the picnic table at the bridge end of the gorge – agreed retaining it and having it refurbished.

Devon Lade: The CC thanks the Scouts for clearing part of the river.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 7 August 2012 at 7.30pm in Carnbo Hall. All welcome!

Draft Agenda: Welcome and Apologies, Declarations of Interest, Minutes of Last Meeting, Matters Arising, CC Business, P&K Councillors' Reports, Planning Applications, Correspondence, AOCB.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 2 July 2012 at Cleish Village Hall were: CCllrs Patty Fraser, Hugh Somerville, Richard Jeffrey and Fiona MacGregor; Associate Members Catriona Culley and James Moore; P&K Cllr Mike Barnacle and six members of the community. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Ron Kitchin and P&K Cllr Dave Cuthbert.

Gritting and bins: Reply received from PKC; no further feedback yet.

Crime prevention: No crime to report in our direct community, however some caravan break-ins further north (Dunkeld) and bogus callers reported. More information on handling bogus callers is available at the local police station, and check the Kinross Newsletter.

Correspondence: Traveller site: Cllr Barnacle had written a letter to PKC regarding the traveller site at Crook of Devon, and had asked for clarity in Planning Policy as a whole. It was questioned whether it is the current Policy that is ineffective or the application of the Policy by the Planning Officers. It was felt that there is unlikely to be any further changed in the new Development Plan after the Proposed LDP was published. It was suggested that this could be a topic for discussion at the next KCCN. There has still been no answer from PKC regarding the absolute capacity at Greenacres (asked originally by Cllr Barnacle).

KCCN is meeting on 18 July and we have requested an Agenda to be agreed on before the meeting.

Convention for PKCCs: The minutes were sent to us. Particular points raised were the concern about weighting of comments and/or objections to planning applications by a CC and individuals within a household. Cllr Barnacle agreed that the CC shouldn't just have the same weighting as a household within their community, but not necessarily automatically requiring an application to go to committee, unless it can be shown to have the support of the community behind the CC's views.

Cleish & Blairadam CC website: Fran Gillespie reported on the updated website. It is now www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk. The website has been updated, with excellent new information, links, photographs and further improvements to allow planning applications to be directly linked to the PKC planning portal. There are RSS feeds that can be subscribed to so that when the site is updated, these additions can automatically be sent to individuals. This is especially useful for both planning applications, the Newsletter and Minutes. Many thanks to Fran for his work on the website.

Finance: The Grant for 2010-11 has been received, and the accounts for the year ending April 2012 have been prepared but need to be signed off by an Accountant.

Report from Blairadam: There has been little change in the condition of the roads, with both potholes and verge damage being a problem. A traffic survey was undertaken but the results haven't yet been released.

There was a question raised from the floor asking whether the bus service (56b) is being withdrawn just during the school holidays or withdrawn completely.

The Noticeboards: Tabernacle Hall Committee are not able to contribute towards the new noticeboards. It was suggested to see if a part contribution could possibly be applied for from either the Kinross-shire Fund of the Kinross Newsletter Fund.

A recent planning application in Blairadam was missed during our weekly look at the planning list. It was discussed how this could be prevented from happening again. The application was commented on, and the late objection from the CC was accepted by PKC.

Planning: There have been three applications approved: Alterations to Shepherd's Croft, Cleish; Alterations to dwellinghouse, Grenlea, Blairadam; Erection of garage, Kinnaird, Blairadam.

New applications:

12/00802/FLL Change of use of field to garden ground, The Paphle, Cleish.

12/00935/FLL New Vehicular Access to Plot 1, Nivingstone, Cleish.

12/00851/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land north of Winchester Main Street, Keltybridge.

12/00846/FLL Erection of a poultry breeding facility, Gairneybridge (There appears to be no requirement for sewage output in the application. Obviously within the LL catchment area, it is important to ascertain if this is the case.)

Diamond Jubilee celebration: The weekend was a huge success with over 150 people enjoying the hog roast, 230 people at the street party and a superb play on Monday by the Cleish school children.

Other business

The road verges have not been cut recently, this is particularly a problem at certain junctions – even more so with the extra T in the Park traffic. The junctions of the B9097 with the North Road (by Junction 5); the Coldrain junction and the Cleish junction are all very overgrown with poor sight lines on what is now a fast road.

It was requested last year before T in the Park that the white lines at the Cleish bends could be re-painted to help keep the extra traffic on the correct side of the road. This still hasn't been done.

Cllr Barnacle reported on the request for a reduced speed limit, or the Green Road Initiative for the Keltybridge and Maryburgh road. Clackmannanshire Council currently have this on several of their rural roads. PKC have agreed to 'trial' a similar initiative before possibly using it at this location.

Cllr Barnacle also reported on his lack of progress having asked for meetings with Nick Brian regarding the lack of policy for assessing the cumulative impact of multiple small scale windfarm developments.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 6 August 2012 at 7.30pm at the Tabernacle Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk

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Club & Community Group News

Milnathort Primary School

Milnathort Design Team: Pupil involvement is key to us "Making it Happen!" so three of our P6 pupils took part in briefing PKC's Design Team on artwork for the refurbishment of our Dining Centre. Euan, Rebecca and Amy spent a morning meeting the Creative Team, discussing possible options for designs and have come back to school with plans to run a design competition. We can't wait to see the improvements to our Dining Centre in the autumn!



Euan, Rebecca and Amy with PKC's design team

Garden Party: 23 June saw a "Garden Party" with a difference in Milnathort School grounds! The Gardening Club, run by a group of "green fingered" mums, organised an ECO Work Day with a steady stream of families and friends coming along to help give our gardens a pre-summer maintenance! There was plenty of weeding, planting, pruning and digging done and the end result is a well-tended green space: all we need now is some sunshine!

Glorious Games: There has been an Olympic theme to Milnathort Primary these last few weeks. Our very own closing ceremony took the form of our school show, "The Glorious Games". The final production of the session was by our P3 and P4 children, who performed to packed houses, raising £296.55.

P7 Leavers: We joined together in celebration of our outgoing P7 learners in the last week of our summer term. There was a school P7 Presentation of book tokens and a trip down memory lane, with our current P6 learners providing a lighthearted tribute to them with their own version of the Proclaimers' "Letter from America": theirs was "Letter from the High School" and so much more appropriate! The traditional Leavers' Church Assembly provided one last opportunity for our fabulous P7s to demonstrate why they have been a special bunch and also to show just how prepared they are for High School. They will do Milnathort Primary proud in S1 and beyond!

Next session: We trust that all our families and children are having a well deserved summer break and look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of session 2012-13: Primary school term starts Tuesday 14 August.

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council will be meeting on the following dates in the 2012-2013 academic year:

2012: 27 August, 1 October, 26 November.

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

Meetings will be held at 7.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus in ICT Room 1.

The Parent Council AGM and Parent Forum will be held on **Tuesday 11 September** at Milnathort Primary School at 7.45pm.

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

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

elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk

Cleish Primary School Living Communities project

In the summer term, pupils from Cleish Primary School created an embroidered work of art which explores the influence of the Jubilee in Cleish.

Supported by funding from the Living Communities initiative, the children worked with local textile artist Sherri Conn to produce a wall hanging for Cleish Parish Church.

Their artwork will go on show as part of the Living Communities exhibition at Perth Museum and Art Gallery in November.

A joint initiative between PKC and the Gannochy Trust, Living Communities is a heritage project aimed at supporting schools and communities throughout Perth & Kinross during 2012. Young people are exploring the rich cultural identity of their own communities, and using this as inspiration to produce a broad variety of creative work.

Kinross Guides

There are places available at Monday and Tuesday Guides. We meet in the Millbridge Hall at 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Girls aged 10 to 14 are welcome and there is something for everyone. Want to try? We invite you to come along one evening to see what is on offer. The Guides enjoy a varied programme, which includes activities both in the hall and at outside venues. They recently walked over Forth Road Bridge in their nightwear to raise funds for Sea Life Rescue and celebrated by a visit to Macdonald's. Some girls will be taking part in an activity day at Fordell Firs in July. Amazing smoothies and tropical drinks, limbo dancing, glass decorating, baking and decorating cupcakes, face and hand painting, jewellery creations and making donuts have all been enjoyed by the Guides either as part of an evening's activities or in some cases as a challenge towards a Badge or Certificate.

Interested? Get in touch by emailing mbs21@btinternet.com or phoning 862945 and asking for Margaret. Our new terms starts on 20/21 August and we look forward to welcoming you to our Units.

Kinross and District**Junior Agricultural Club**

Tea convenors, Mr Angus Nelson and Mr Patrick MacDonald of Kinross Junior Agricultural Club, hosted a charity coffee morning on Saturday 30 June at the Kinross Day Centre. With the help and support of the club and community, they raised a fantastic £216.30 for CHAS.

While Paddy served teas, coffees and cakes inside, Gus was out on the streets charming the residents of Kinross and encouraging them to come in for a brew. Over a coffee and a cake people were given the chance to find out more about CHAS and to engage with the members and activities carried out by Kinross JAC.

Kinross JAC is a dynamic and welcoming young farmers group that anyone aged 16 to 30 can get involved in. Alongside the more traditional stock judging meetings and root and grain competitions, members are offered the opportunity to try activities such as Clay Pigeon Shooting, Water Sports and to join in on community charity fundraisers.

As the morning came to a close, stocks of home baking were still running high so in an effort to sell, the cakes were taken out into the street where Gus's slightly unconventional means of selling entertained the community and greatly helped to increase the final sum of money raised.

Chairperson of Kinross JAC, Miss Gayle Bennie commented: "The effort shown by our two tea convenors and the club members was fantastic. It was great to see the community of Kinross engaging with the event and having a good time. I am delighted with the money we have raised and sincerely hope that it will help to benefit the residents of CHAS Rachel House."

If you would like to get involved in Kinross JAC then please contact our club secretary, Mr Richard Harvey (07568075898/ rwh_v8@hotmail.co.uk), or come and visit us at our stand at Kinross Show.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

It's summertime – whatever the weather! Make the most of it by walking in our beautiful countryside. Walking is one of the easiest ways to improve general health and fitness so whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. Walks are led by volunteers from our group and new members are made very welcome.

Sunday 12 August: Path of Condie. 7½ miles; 4 hours. Figure of eight around Stronachie Woods and open pastures. Fantastic views in all directions at various points throughout the walk. No dogs please. Accompanied children welcome if fit.

Saturday 25 August: Loch Skiach. 7 miles; 4 hours. An open moorland walk to Loch Skiach, returning on a different track. Some ascent but mostly on good landrover track. Good views if weather is fine. No dogs please.

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

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

Common Grounds

"Rain! Rain! Go away!" Sadly it did not work for T in the Park or was it T in the Mud. Remember the song "Mud, mud glorious mud, nothing quite like it for cooling the blood"? All very well for hippos but not so good for humans. The last time I hear that summer was a wash out you would have been around 60 years younger. Unfortunately though it has been very good weather for weeds, snails and slugs. Please, please can we not have a nice dry August for everyone at the very least?

Project Lunch: I am pleased to inform that the Project Lunch with Louise Magill from Eden Mozambique was a great success. Louise updated us on the progress of her charity with lots of wonderful photos and a short "Thank you" film from some of the pupils at her school. Louise was presented with a cheque from Common Grounds for £800 which it is anticipated, amongst other things, will go towards installing much needed electricity at the school. Many thanks to all the Volunteers for donating the food and serving it and to the members of the public for attending and giving so generously, raising in excess of £250 towards our next project.



James Henry presents a cheque for £800 to Louise Magill of Eden Mozambique

Project: Our projects for August and September will be chosen at the Volunteer's meeting on 27 July. More news on those in next month's newsletter.

Website: Our new website address is:

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

Our opening hours are still 10am to 1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

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

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

The winners of the June draw:

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| 1st | No. 79 | Isobel Baird, Righead House |
| 2nd | No. 72 | Janette Gardiner, Kinnesswood |
| 3rd | No. 10 | Greta Hogg, Scotlandwell |

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



Free Summer Gig at the Bistro

On **18 August** there will be a free music event so that you can have a taste of the coming Kinross-shire Music Festival which will take place at a variety of venues in Kinross and Milnathort on 15-18 November and 23-25 November. The bands/musicians GillyShack, Sienna and Dirt Road Blues will perform at The Boathouse at the Pier. Music starts at 7.30pm.

This will be one of your last chances to buy early bird tickets for the festival, so come along and enjoy!

This year's Kinross-shire Music Festival includes Blues...

We are delighted to announce that Baby Isaac, a seasoned festival band, will headline the Blues evening at the Kinross Music Festival. Their style is best described as 'good-times blues'. This Fife based band has everything from blistering smokey guitar work, dynamic emotive vocals and the most genuine Chicago style blues harp playing in Scotland today. Come along and enjoy Baby Isaac at the Kinross Music Festival and catch the 'Blues Epidemic'. Find out more about Baby Isaac at www.babyisaac.co.uk



Baby Isaac

and Classical...

As with last year's festival, we are again including a wide variety of Classical Music acts in the Kirklands and the Parish Church. The concerts will include Simon Chadwick who plays the Clarsach/medieval harp and a "Home Bru Concert" in the Parish Church which will be a programme of immense variety by local musicians. Come along, relax and enjoy!

and of course, our Headline Act, Barbara Dickson

As announced in last month's Newsletter, we are delighted that Barbara Dickson will perform at the Kinross-shire Music Festival on **Saturday 24 November** at 8pm at the Loch Leven Community Campus.

Tickets are £22 for this and for sale through our website www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk and TicketWeb. For up to date info about this, and other ticket outlets, go to the same website.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Headline Acts

Apart from Barbara Dickson, we have the following headline acts:

- Iain Hunter & Friends
- Gaberlunzie
- Kinross-shire's Got Talent Show & Lady Gaga Tribute Act for Children in Need
- Woodenbox

Ticket prices for these headline acts to be confirmed shortly. Many other acts and workshops will be confirmed at a later date.

Early Bird Tickets for sale

Early Bird Tickets will go on sale from **1 August until 1 September**. These tickets are for sale through www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk, the KLEO stall at Kinross Show (**11 August**) and the KLEO stall at the Summer Gig at the Bistro (**18 August**).

Apart from tickets for the headline acts, you can also buy a **Rover Ticket** of £10 (£7.50 early bird) for one weekend, which gives you unlimited access to all the £5 events. You can also buy a Rover ticket for two weekends for £20 (£15 early bird).

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



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Kinross Camera Club

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We have had some planned activities, and the torch was seen to make its early morning visit to Kinross. The Highland Games, as usual, offered excellent photographic opportunities when the weather allowed, as did the "Fly-in" organised by Balgeddie Aero Modelling Club. Although a number of members were disappointed by the cancellation of the Game Fair at Scone on the Saturday, a couple who were able to go on the Friday enjoyed some good photographic opportunities, though even then the parking area was becoming a sea of mud.

Club members are at present also enjoying photographing Portmoak Moss in all its aspects for a project arranged by Portmoak Community Woodland Group and if any had tickets to T in the Park we can look forward to some exciting images.

Still to come are visits to Linlithgow Palace, the Edinburgh Fringe, Burntisland Regatta, Blair Castle International Horse Trials and Kinross Show among others, though some must be weather dependent.

Not weather dependent, and eagerly anticipated, is the 150th Edinburgh Photographic Society Annual International Exhibition. This prints exhibition, held at 68 Great King Street, Edinburgh, the Society's premises, is open during the Edinburgh Festival from 5 August to 2 September. It is a highly prestigious exhibition featuring the work of photographers from all over the world and judged by photographers drawn from various countries. One of our members, Stewart Niven, has succeeded on four consecutive occasions in getting prints accepted, and as there is an entry each year of well over 2300 prints from which only a maximum of 204 can be hung, our congratulations go to Stewart.

The new club season starts on **13 September** and for further details of membership, please contact the Secretary: alisonbradley101@btinternet.com or via the club website.

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Kinross and District Art Club



Although the club takes a break from meeting during June, July and August, members have been busy with three highly successful outdoor painting days, organised by committee member John Tydeman. The first of these, a visit to South Queensferry, resulted in some impressive paintings of the harbour and the two Forth Bridges. Later in the day we were guests of the Dalmeny Art Group for afternoon tea and animated sharing of ideas about painting styles and mediums.

On our second painting day we visited Blairadam House and grounds, by kind permission of its owners, Keith and Elizabeth Adam. This venue was an artist's delight and it was difficult to choose a subject from the glorious views, the colourful and impressively maintained gardens, or the many period features of this grand, historic house. This visit turned out to be the best attended ever outdoor painting day and we hope to have several paintings as a result, for our forthcoming exhibition.

Unbelievably, in spite of this being overall a very wet summer, our third outdoor painting day turned out to be as fine a day as the others and members were able to set up their chairs and easels overlooking the Loch Leven Sluice House, by kind permission of Mrs Wilson. This idyllic spot, just a short distance beyond Vane Farm, with its fine stonework and rushing waters, provides a wealth of aspects for the artist's eye to translate into lively, colourful paintings and several were produced on the day.

This wealth of material has provided the inspiration for us to prepare now for our **Annual Exhibition** in Kinross Parish Church from **5-8 September**. Further details of opening times, etc., will be given in the next edition of the Newsletter and we shall be circulating leaflets throughout the town and district nearer the time. You will also find more information about it at our web site: www.kadac.co.uk. We will be participating again this year in the larger event of **Perthshire Open Studios**, an event where artists and craft makers throughout Perthshire and Kinross-shire open their studios to the public from **1-9 September**. Look out for notices and brochures in the town or check out the web site at: perthshireopenstudios.com. For further information about our club, contact Sybil Galbraith, Club Secretary on 01577 830347 or via our web site.

The picture below is of a group of members showing their morning's work on a visit to Dalmeny Art Club.



Left to Right: Jackie MacPherson, David Cochrane, May Drysdale, John Tydeman, Jacqui Peden, Glenys Andrews, John Platt

Kinross-shire Historical Society Perthshire Archaeological Month Event



On 19 June, Professor David Munro and photographer George Logan ran this event at the Kirkgate Graveyard, Kinross. A group of local people and some from further afield learnt the history of the graveyard, were shown some particularly interesting gravestones and were shown how to get the best results when recording the stones by photographic means.

In the Watchtower, there was a display of maps and artefacts from Kinross Museum relating to the graveyard. It was a very interesting and informative afternoon.



Professor David Munro (centre - left) speaks at the event in Kirkgate Graveyard

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



Visit to Gacé, summer 2012

By the time of printing, the official Town Twinning Twenty Twelve visit to Gacé will have taken place with preparations now focusing on the visit of our Gacé friends to Kinross next summer.

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Kinross Museum



In association with the Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and Kinross-shire Historical Society, Kinross Museum took part in a Perthshire Archaeology Month afternoon event on 19 June exploring the Kirkgate Churchyard (*see article at left*). A small exhibition drawing on items from the Museum was mounted in the Watch Tower and Museum Chairman Professor David Munro pointed out some of the more interesting memorial stones in the churchyard to a group of 15 participants. With more and more people walking the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, this historic site is being visited much more than in the past. Recording, interpreting and looking after the churchyard and its memorials were all issues that were discussed.

The Museum is working with researchers at the University of Glasgow in a project researching the place-names of various parts of Scotland including Kinross-shire. Funded for three years by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, *Scottish Toponymy in Transition: Progressing County Surveys of the Place-Names of Scotland* will research and publish three survey volumes of the place-names of Kinross-shire, Clackmannanshire and Menteith (a region within the historical county of Perthshire), along the lines of the *Place-Names of Fife* volumes (2006-12).

The research team will be holding an event at Kinross Museum, Loch Leven Community Campus, on **Thursday 13 September**. Members of the public are invited to drop in at any time between 2pm and 8pm to learn about the project and its findings for Kinross-shire place-names, and to contribute their own local information. The team is especially keen to hear how the place-names of Kinross-shire are pronounced by local people and also to learn of any unusual names that do not appear on maps. Short talks will be given at 3pm and 7pm. For further information contact Kinross Museum or Dr Simon Taylor at Simon.Taylor@glasgow.ac.uk.

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

The display of children's artwork in the bus shelter during the Portmoak Festival has been much admired. Thanks are due to the "Happy Hookers Crochet Group" for providing pieces of crochet, knitting and bunting and to David Buchan for looking after the larger items at night.



Children's artwork in the bus shelter during the Portmoak Festival

The cart has been moved to the lower part of Gamekeepers Road, rubbed down and painted. It will be filled soon with compost and planted with appropriate and sustainable plants. Despite the rain, work parties have been out weeding, planting and trying to deal with the problems of such a wet summer.

"Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom" sponsorship letters have been distributed to all households in the village and some very generous donations have been handed in. This is particularly appreciated since there has been less opportunity to fundraise since the Lomond Hotel closed. It's hoped to have a fundraiser in the hall later in the year. The bonus ball is still producing income.

Unfortunately weedkiller has been used inappropriately by contractors in some parts of the village and KIB would once again be writing to PKC to remind them of assurances given last year.

The only competition which Kinnesswood in Bloom took part in was the Best Village and we were delighted to hear that we had won this year. Thank you to all who have worked hard in their own gardens to help achieve this award.

Work parties are as usual displayed on the village notice board. The next meeting will be on Thursday 2 August at 7.30 in Carol's house.

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Spinach, courgette and leek quiche

A quiche is an easy way to make use of the variety of vegetables available during the summer season. If you use your oven to make several at the same time, they will freeze well. You may want to make your own pastry.

Ingredients 1 sheet of shortcrust pastry
A large handful of spinach
1 leek, chopped
1 medium courgette, chopped
1 red onion, chopped
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 tablespoons crème fraîche
3 large eggs
200g cheese (any combination of grated hard cheese, ricotta or cream cheese)

Method

Heat the oven to 220 degrees. Roll out pastry to fit a 23cm flan tin. Heat the oil on a medium heat and cook the onions till soft. Add the other vegetables and cook till lightly browned. Put the mixture into the flan case.

Whisk together the eggs and crème fraîche then season and add your cheeses to the flan case. Bake in the oven till a skewer comes out clean, about 30 minutes.

Milnathort in Bloom

We completed our new poly tunnel in time for the delivery of our plant plugs. The baskets were slow to start due to the cold weather but caught later on and they are now up round the village and looking good. Other plants didn't come on so well and as a result of this and the poor weather in June and July the plants in the tubs haven't developed as well as previous years. Also the bed at the Cross, which we normally struggle to keep damp enough for the plants, has had standing water on it.

Despite these challenges, we hope that the planting has brightened the appearance of the village and that people are enjoying them. We still have some plants growing in the poly tunnel and these will be put out later. The judging for the Take a Pride in Perthshire will be on **14 August** so we will be doing a weed, tidy and litter pickup on **11 August**. Meeting at 10:00 at the Cross, everyone is welcome, so please come along and help if you can.

We have two major projects in hand at the moment. The first is at Tillywhally Wood and there was an excellent article on it in the July Newsletter and it can also be viewed on the Kinross-shire website*. The second is the refurbishment of the War Memorial and the area round it. This would involve refurbishment of the stonework of the monument and the plaques plus improvements to the bed edges and paths followed by new planting. We intend to add a link on the Kinross-shire website which will have more details.

If you would like to help with any of these projects or with our planting in any way then please get in contact with Graeme Stewart, 01577 864357. To continue what we do we need new helpers coming forward.

*www.kinross.cc/milnathort/milnathort_info.htm

Kinross BB & Scouts Summer Camp in Holland

Forty-eight members of 1st Kinross Boys' Brigade and Scouts left on Friday morning by coach and travelled to Hull for the overnight crossing to Rotterdam. On board the ferry the group enjoyed a buffet meal before listening to the live four piece band followed by a disco.

On the Saturday morning the group enjoyed a full breakfast on board before disembarking and driving to Amsterdam where they spent the morning in the Resistance Museum finding out just what conditions were like during the second world war under Nazi occupation. From there the group travelled to the NEMO Science Museum and enjoyed lunch on the rooftop viewing gallery before exploring the five floors of exhibition and hands on learning stations.

They then left Amsterdam, driving to Hotel de Ossewa in Noordwijk An Zee for room allocation and evening meal.

On Sunday morning the party visited the Atlantic Wall bunker system which was captured by the Germans and used as part of their defence system against the British and American forces following the Normandy landings. After lunch the youngsters visited a very windy Noordwijk beach with large waves where they spent the afternoon before

returning to de Ossewa for their evening meal followed by watching the Euro 2012 Football final.

Monday saw the party return to Amsterdam, taking in Madame Tussauds, the Amsterdam Dungeon, Dam Square, shopping and a canal boat trip. Following the evening meal, the group took part in a crazy golf competition.

Tuesday was probably the highlight for the youngsters as they spent a full day at de Efteling Theme Park before returning to their hotel for evening meal, traditional camp concert and presentation of awards. Mr Boyter's fun awards were followed by best squad and best member. Stuart Fairbairn's squad won the team award with Jennifer Mackessack retaining the best member competition.

Wednesday saw the group pack up before driving to Bruges for lunch by the famous canals, a walk to the town centre, climbing the 266 steps to the top of the clock tower to savour the view across the famous town. This was followed by a shopping expedition and a canal boat trip before the short drive to Zeebrugge for the overnight crossing to Hull.

Another enjoyable evening meal was followed by the live band and disco before bedtime.

Thursday morning breakfast was followed by disembarkation and the long drive back to Kinross.

David Munro, BB Captain



Members of the Kinross BB and Scouts who attended summer camp in Holland

Boys Brigade

The Company operates in three sections, which resume on the first Friday of September:

Anchors: For boys and girls in primaries one, two and three, meeting on Friday evenings from 6pm till 7.15pm.

Juniors: For boys and girls in primaries four, five and six, meeting on Friday evenings from 7 till 9 pm.

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

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

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.

Kinross & District Pipe Band

T in the Park once again contracted the band to play all three days at this year's festival, which we were delighted to do, as always, despite first travelling up to Perth on Friday 6 July to play in the massed bands for Her Majesty the Queen as she officially gave Perth its city status.

The massed bands played in front of an excellent turnout for the Queen, despite a heavy downpour just before it started. But otherwise the weather remained clear for the rest of the day, allowing the revellers at 'T' later in the day to "vigorously" enjoy the pipe band's performance on the Friday evening!

Overnight the heavens opened and the rain came down in buckets more or less all day on the Saturday. This made the

band's Saturday morning performance very waterlogged, but still much appreciated by the few festival-goers who braved the elements to watch.

By Sunday, the ground across the whole campsite and arena had turned into rivers and lakes of mud, but the band (albeit mainly in jeans and boots by this point) turned up nonetheless and provided a very much appreciated final performance, while standing inches deep in goo!

Forthcoming events include the World Championships in Glasgow and Cowal Championships in Dunoon, along with three other contests, all in August!

As always, for any information, visit the website at www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk or contact Nigel Kellett on 07801 182283.



Kinross Pipe Band brave the mud at T in the Park

Kinross & District Rotary Club

Well! It has come and gone again – 'T in the Park' (or the Musical Mudbath!) – but more of that later.

Firstly, at our meeting on 18 June, we had another excellent talk, this time from David Oliver, a bird ringing expert. We were told all about the reasons for, and techniques of, bird ringing. In particular, we were given evidence, resulting from ringing, of changing patterns of the bird population including the increase in predators. For example, because there are fewer gamekeepers, there are more carrion crows, resulting in fewer blackbirds.

Our next meeting was our annual Handover Dinner, when we were joined by wives/husbands to welcome our club president for the ensuing year, Sandy Pottie, and to thank John Matthew for his leadership over the past year. A very enjoyable evening was had by all, helped by the meal provided by the Windlestrae Hotel. After excellent short speeches by the outgoing and incoming club presidents, one of the members, Ken Paterson, was named a Paul Harris Fellow for service to Rotary International.

On 2 July, we had our first meeting of the new year under our new president, at which a range of club business items were dealt with.



A week later, we were addressed by Margaret Steven on the subject of Law and Science. Margaret is a lawyer who also trained in Forensic Medicine and has served as a Procurator Fiscal (or, as she heard someone say in court, 'a prostitute physical'!) We were given a very clear description of how the law requires appropriate levels of proof for successful prosecution and how science helps the process. To complete the evening, the vote of thanks was proposed by a lawyer member of the club!

To round off the last month, club members, friends and members of our Interact club played their annual part in the muddy 'T' in the Park, all with the aim of raising funds for Rotary Club charities. They manned the Left Luggage facility onsite and also provided burgers, bacon rolls etc. at the Lethangie caravan and camp site. This year, takings were reduced due to the weather and the total funds produced for our UK and overseas charities were slightly less than previously. However, all who helped out all enjoyed themselves in spite of the rain and mud and deserve a big 'Thank you'.

If you would like to know more about your local Rotary Club and the world-wide organisation of which it is part, why not visit our website at www.kinrossrotary.org or come along to one of our weekly meetings on a Monday at the Windlestrae Hotel at 6.00pm for 6.30pm or contact Neil Maclure, our secretary, at neil.maclure19@gmail.com?



The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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Kinross-shire Best Kept Village Competition

Judging of the Villages and Hamlets took place on Thursday 12 July, which fortunately was a fine, dry day. The judges were impressed by how good all the villages looked, in spite of the terrible recent rain.

The results were:

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| Large Villages | 1. Kinnesswood |
| | 2. Scotlandwell |
| | 3. Crook of Devon |
| Hamlets | 1. Easter Balgedie |
| | 2. Keltybridge & Maryburgh |
| | 3. Cleish |

Sir Robert Stewart Cup
for Most Improved

Village or Hamlet: **Blairingone**

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to all those within every community who entered who work hard throughout the year to enhance Kinross-shire.



The Michael Bruce cottage, Kinnesswood

Visit to Blair Adam

Rain failed to dampen the spirits of the members and friends of Kinross-shire Civic Trust who took part in this year's summer outing to Blair Adam on the afternoon of 17 June. Built in 1736 by the noted architect William Adam, father of the equally famous architect brothers Robert, John and James Adam, the mansion house stands in the middle of a designed landscape that includes a walled garden and many fine trees. In addition to seeing paintings and family heirlooms associated with the Adam family, members were treated to a tour of the house, which is in the process of being lovingly restored. Amongst many intriguing items on show were unrealised late 18C plans to build an elegant stately home at Blair Adam, and an intact mediaeval wine jug found in Loch Leven many years ago.

After the tour members enjoyed tea and delicious home made cake by the fire. At the end of the visit Trust Chairman, Alistair Smith, thanked Elizabeth and Keith Adam for their warm welcome and informative commentary on the history of the house and the Adam family.

Next Civic Trust Event – Kinross Show

Come and see us at our stand at the Kinross Show on **Saturday 11 August**. We will be sharing a tent with the Kinross Museum.

Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire

St James Church, Kinross

Half hidden by trees on the east side of the High Street, St James Roman Catholic Church forms a small drydashed rectangle with a brick porch at its south end and a larger two storey extension to the north. Above the entrance doorway in the porch there are decorative features and an image niche.



St James Church, Kinross

The foundation stone of St James Church was laid on 5 March 1955 by the Bishop of Dunkeld and a church was erected here over the next year to a design by the Pollokshields-born architect William Wallace Friskin (1889-1966). Described as a “very able designer,” Friskin spent most of his working life in Dundee in partnership with William Allan and for a time was Chairman of the Governors of Dundee College of Art. He was noted for his use of brickwork and refined Art Deco detail.

In 2006 the Glasgow artist Lorraine Lamond was commissioned to create a stained glass window depicting St James. A graduate of the Glasgow School of Art in 1986, Lorraine Lamond's work includes the 1998 Edwin Morgan window for Glasgow University and the ‘Star of the Sea’ window for the Carfin Grotto in Lanarkshire (1995). Her unique style combines the traditional medieval techniques of etching and staining with her own distinctly contemporary and painterly vision which builds on her strong sense of context, composition and form.

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The August meeting will be held on **Thursday 2 August** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker will be Rhona MacKay from Perth Street Pastors.

At the July meeting the speaker, Craig Nesbitt, from Scottish National Heritage, gave an interesting talk on the flora and fauna of Loch Leven.

Away Days August:

Thursday 9 August: Jedburgh (N.B. earlier time of 9am)

Thursday 23 August: Linlithgow (normal time 9.15am)
The coach leaves from opposite the Green Hotel at 0915 hours unless otherwise stated. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting. Contact Mary Muirhead on 01577 863564.

Friday Walkers: Three walks in August - if the weather is kinder than the last 2 months.

August 3: Going from the Visitor Centre in Crieff along the banks of the River Earn to Dornoch Mill and back again - a 6 mile there and back walk, familiar to most of the members.

August 17: Starting from the car park in Kincardine, going through the grounds of the Police College at Tulliallan into Devilla Woods, and then visiting Moor Loch and Peppermill Dam. This is a circular walk this time, and not much more than 6 miles.

August 31: A return visit to Beescraig Park, near Linlithgow, and the Korean War Memorial where there is a picnic place in the grounds. This is also a circular walk, which is mainly flat, with lots to see. Contact Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

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 with exact date being advised in due course. Contact Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

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

Fly Tyers has both men and ladies within its membership. Please note that this group has now closed for the summer. Contact Ian Campbell for details of venue 01577 830582.

Keep-Fit is now closed for the summer and will recommence provisionally on the 4 September. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

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

The Line Dancers 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 10.30 am. Contact Norma Anderson 01577 863548.

Images of Kinross-shire

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Bishopshire Horticultural Society

Kirkness Trophy

Best Kept Garden Competition - 2012

1st equal	Sylvia & Simon Herrington, 6 Jamesfield, Scotlandwell Diana & Kor Newhouse, 5 Jamesfield, Scotlandwell
3rd	Kate Thompson, 3 Gamekeepers Court, Kinnesswood
VHC	Raymond & Marion Sutherland, 11 Gamekeepers Road, Kinnesswood

Congratulations to the winners. Thank you to all competitors and to the judge.



News from the Rurals

MILNATHORT – President Fiona Hynds welcomed us all to the June meeting which was a very colourful Oriental evening. Most of the members entered into the spirit of things by dressing up in some fantastic costumes. The supper table was groaning with all the lovely food: rice dishes, curries, salads, spring rolls, etc and all sorts of lovely sweet dishes.

Competitions:

Nicest Fan	-	Grace Drysdale
Flower of the Month	-	Grace Drysdale

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Sports News

Kinross Otters

Scottish Schools National Relay Swimming Finals 2012, Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh, Wednesday 13 June



HIGH SCHOOL OTTERS STRIKE GOLD!

The Scottish Schools National Relay Swimming Finals took place at the recently refurbished Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh on 13/06/2012. This superb facility boasted a 50 metre swimming pool complete with eight lanes which had full electronic timing and three giant electronic scoreboards. The pool was set up for short course (25m pool) and this was the scene for the packed arena of spectators to enjoy throughout the day and is to be the venue for the Commonwealth Games diving in 2014.

Kinross High School only sent one team this year, but what a team! The team were reigning National Schools Relay Champions in the Freestyle and Medley events and they were in no mood to relinquish those titles easily. The S2 Boys team comprised **Cameron Nelson, Cameron McCloskey, Aaron Gillon** and **Gregor Malcolm**. The boys all swim for the local **Kinross Otters Swimming Club** based just across the road from the impressive new High School.



Left to right: Cameron McCloskey, Aaron Gillon, Cameron Nelson and Gregor Malcolm

First up in the morning session was the Freestyle relay where the boys qualified fastest with ease, two and a half seconds quicker than near neighbours, Queen Anne High School from Dunfermline. The final was a similar affair with **Cameron McCloskey** leading off and handing over a very close second to **Gregor Malcolm** who managed to keep the team in contention in third until a lightening third leg from 13 year old **Aaron Gillon** (26.55 secs!) shot Kinross into a significant lead and **Cameron Nelson** brought them home safe for a brilliant gold winning by 2.8 seconds in 1.54.29 from Queen Anne and setting a new Otters' club record in the process, despite their ages.

The afternoon session comprised the Medley relay and Kinross again qualified quickest some four seconds quicker than the Queen Anne team. The final was a tumultuous affair as **Cameron McCloskey** again set the team off with the Backstroke and again handed over a very close second

to **Gregor Malcolm** who did his best with the Breaststroke but he was up against another superb Breaststroker from Queen Anne and at the halfway point Kinross were 4.5 seconds adrift. Of course it always helps to have the National Age Group Butterfly Champion at this point and **Cameron Nelson** produced a storming 29.2 second leg to pull Kinross back into it, but still some 2.3 seconds down on Queen Anne. Once again it was left to **Aaron Gillon** to completely change the complexion of the race with another rapid Freestyle leg (26.58) and he brought Kinross home for another gold and another Otters' Club record in 2.10.83, leaving Queen Anne two and a half seconds behind.

The boys even made the Scotsman newspaper which had a reporter there. She picked them out as the story of the whole meet – small rural High School destroys the might of the public schools who pour such resources into their pupils' chosen sport and much larger schools generally across Scotland.

Were it not for the S3 and S4 years competing together next year, this team looked set to dominate the relays for years to come. It won't stop them trying, though!

Congratulations must go to all the Kinross High School swimmers, as winning any sort of medal at this level is a significant achievement. Well done, boys.

Kinross Primary School had Boys and Girls teams qualify for these finals. The Boys team narrowly missed making the final, coming 9th in 2.24.97 in the 4 x 50m Freestyle (Finlay Nesbitt, Jack Watson, Elliot Hogg and Jonny Mullen), whilst the Girls came 15th in the same event in 2.38.49 (Iona Crawford, Claire McIntyre, Hannah Miller and Abbey Watson).

Aquanauts Graded Meet

Bathgate Leisure Centre, 22 and 23 June

Only a few Otters made the journey for this one but it was an extremely welcome return to winning medals for **Mhairi Boyle** (15) in the Girls 15 and over section. She managed to win three bronze medals in the 400m Freestyle (5.11.98 - pb), 200m Backstroke (2.43.88) and 200m Freestyle (2.27.65 - pb). **Conor McCormick** (13) won a silver medal in the 200m Individual Medley in 2.47.66 (pb) in the 13-14 year old boys section.

Scottish Gas National Open Championships

Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh, 28 June – 1 July

This event is the pinnacle of Scottish swimming and had the likes of World Championships silver medallist and Olympic gold hopeful Hannah Miley gracing the scene. The Otters had six swimmers qualify for this event, more than ever before. However only three competed in the "B" pool due to injury and long standing commitments elsewhere (**Mairi Mulhern, Aaron Gillon** and **Cameron Nelson**). **Niamh Mullen** (13) came 21st in the 200m Butterfly in 2.58.37, whilst **Rachel Brisbane** (15) came 22nd in the 200m Breaststroke (3.08.98) and 25th in the 100m Breaststroke (1.27.07) and **Ruairidh Haig** (17) managed 36th in the 50m Breaststroke in a new personal best of 36.62 secs.

Well done to all these swimmers for qualifying for these extremely tough championships.

Kinross Vaulting Group



Normally by this time of year our vaulters and coaches are enjoying some t-shirt time! Not to be this year - it finds us in the arena still wearing winter coats and hats! We've again had a pretty busy few months, with some of our vaulters training up to five times a week.

Four of our vaulters and two horses travelled to Bishop Burton near Hull on 22 April to compete at the 1st selection trial of the year. Results are as follows:

Junior individual female: 6th **Hannah Ballantyne**, on ILPH Islay. *Child individual female:* 7th **Kirstin Henderson**, on ILPH Islay and 8th **Heidi Ballantyne** on Robbie. *Child individual male:* 1st **Atholl Pettinger** on Robbie. All four were lunged by Liz Mackay.

On 12 May we were off more locally to Oatridge college. Results were:

Senior female individual: 4th **Lesley Campbell** on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay. *Junior individual female:* 6th **Yazmin Williamson**, 7th **Hannah Ballantyne**, both on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay. *Junior individual male:* 3rd **Duncan Lewis** on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay. *Child individual female:* 6th **Kirstin Henderson** on ILPH Islay, 13th **Heidi Ballantyne** on Robbie, both lunged by Liz Mackay. *Child individual male:* 1st **Atholl Pettinger** on Robbie lunged by Liz Mackay. *Pre-novice squad,* **Luke Crichton, Robbie Park, Mark Porteous, Laurie Mcfarlane, Louise Scott** and **Hayley Roberts** finished 5th, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne on Robbie. *Walk individuals class B* all on Robbie and lunged by Janice Henderson: 1st **Luke Crichton**, 10th **Robbie Park**, 18th **Mark Porteous**. *Walk individuals class C*, all on Robbie and lunged by Janice Henderson: **Hayley Roberts** 4th, **Louise Scott** 5th, **Laurie Mcfarlane** 7th. *Walk pairs*, again on Robbie and lunged by Janice Henderson: **Louise Scott** and **Laurie Mcfarlane** were 5th.

Well done to all coaches and parents who made this run smoothly.

On 2 June three vaulters and one horse headed off to the Welsh Championships. The results were:

Junior individual female: 5th **Hannah Ballantyne**. *Child individual female:* 5th **Kirstin Henderson**. *Child individual male:* 2nd **Atholl Pettinger**. All three were on ILPH Islay and lunged by Liz Mackay.

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrossstennisclub.org

Hopefully Jonathan Marray and Andy Murray's fantastic achievements at Wimbledon are inspiring you to play more tennis – even in the rain! Please come along and join us at the club sessions on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning; at social sessions, open to non-members, on Thursday afternoon; or to the coaching blocks for juniors or adults which will restart on August 13th and 14th respectively.

Tennis Tayside League: We have had an extremely successful season, winning promotion in both the Gents and Ladies leagues – the Gents having finished as Champions of Division 4 and the Ladies as runners-up in Division 2. We are currently experiencing the standard to be expected in our mixed matches with teams in Divs 1 and 3 for the Henderson Vase competition – so far, both teams are coping very well.

Perth and District League: The club successfully entered an under 14 Junior team and an adult mixed team with varied results when the weather allowed games to be played – most importantly, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and experience of competitive tennis. An inspiration to us to play to the best of our ability but to remember that we are there for fun and the social side also, was David, a well-respected member who sadly passed away very suddenly in June. Many players enjoyed partnering David with his friendly way of relaxing and encouraging them in their tennis.

Summer Tennis Camps: The first camp has been extremely successful for ages 4-16 with other days of competitions and rally awards taking place in July and August. There are still a few spaces left for the camp 6th-10th August, booking for which is through Helen Buchanan at: kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com or 07918055434.

Coaching: Book through Helen for Junior sessions and through Susan Malcolm at kinrossstennis@gmail.com or 01577 863774 for the adult block. All the previous coaching is hopefully going to be put into practice during the Club Championships which will be played through August with Finals Day on Sept 1st, to which all club members are invited to cheer on the players and to have some lovely home-baking!

Non-members and visitors can access the courts with a key collected from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.

Further information about KTC can be found on our website or by contacting Susan Malcolm at the email above.



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Kinross Cycling Club

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The cycling season is progressing well and the club TT series is proving very popular despite the best efforts of the summer weather to disrupt it. The longest day was probably the wettest for a competition night but despite that, people turn out and ride. The event is very close with Andy Bruce, Ken Ogilvie, Donnie Macleod (of Loch Leven Cycles) and Angus McCulloch all in contention for podium spots.

Elsewhere our new club kit has arrived from Endura. We have had it redesigned to give us greater visibility on the road and are really pleased with the results. You'll see us out and about in it.

On 9 September we will be staging our first circuit race series. There will be three races and more information can be found on our website. Why not come along and cheer or photograph the riders?



The new kit in predominantly white and purple (central riders) shows up better than the original yellow and purple (rider on right)

Orwell Bowling Club

On one of the rare beautiful June evenings, Cambo visited Orwell for the annual home friendly, which Orwell won 53 shots to 41 - we **had** to win this one as the last win away at Cambo for Orwell is long forgotten in the mists of time! A reversal of fortunes lurked for our gents in the Balfour, which was lost to Alloa East End 53 shots to 39. The Seniors managed a marginal win overall at Dalgety Bay on the other lovely June day - with three rinks up and one down.

Four mixed triples entertained Menstrie at home on a breezy Saturday 23 June, when Orwell won by 40 shots; Freuchie then promptly brought us down to earth between deluges at their green on Sunday 1st July winning by 35 shots, with only one Orwell rink up.

Meanwhile congratulations must go to our Ladies' Winning County rink: Christine Davidson, Isabel Cheney, Jean Reekie and Rosemary Howie, and the Ladies Scottish rink: Mary White, Diane Foster, Marie Young and Maureen Allan, who will go to the Ayr National Championships for the 4th time - "getting closer" as our Tennis Champion would say.

The Ladies Scottish 2 x bowl Triples should also get a mention: Maz Thorn, Jean Jackson and Betty Hamilton so narrowly missed out in their County Final on the last end. Commiserations to them and well done for achieving so much.

Orwell's Gents Senior Top Six won the day on home turf on a dreich Tuesday 10 July and will go into the semi-finals; we wish them well.

All bowlers and outdoor sportspeople must be wondering if the wretched jet stream will ever manage to elevate itself and create some summer weather; their plight is however, minor compared to that of our farming community - perhaps a post-T in the Park sun dance may help; anything is worth a try.

Kinross Badminton Club

www.kinrossbadmintonclub.co.uk

Senior Club

The annual barbecue and presentation of trophies was held on Saturday 9 June at Bill McDonald's house. Thankfully the poor weather we have been having did not show up on the day. We would like to thank all the members who turned up and had an enjoyable afternoon. The club would also like to thank Grace Moran for presenting the trophies to the winners of the annual end of season tournament. (See June Newsletter for list of winners.)

After the presentation Bill gave a speech thanking all of our members for supporting the club strongly throughout the season and thanked everyone for coming.

The club reopens for the start of the new season on **16 August**. Once again we will be playing at the Loch Leven Community Campus. This season we will have four courts on a Tuesday and Thursday night from 8pm until 9.45pm. As always, we will welcome any new members. All standards of play are welcome, however we always like to encourage strong players to come along for some competitive games.



The committee meeting will be held before the season begins where the committee will discuss the previous season and ideas for the upcoming season. The date for the AGM will also be decided at the meeting.

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.

Junior Club

The first junior session will be held on **6 September** at 6pm until 8pm. The juniors will be receiving the same high standard of coaching that was displayed last season, and will once again be coached by the same professional coaches, Kirsty Flockhart and Gordon Hoggan. The club were delighted to see so many young players showing an interest in the sport last season, and we cannot wait to welcome back all of our keen juniors, and, as always, we will welcome new faces.

For more details about the junior club, log onto the club's website or contact the Junior Secretary, Alison Walker on 01592 840392.

Bishopshire Curling Club



One of the oldest curling clubs in the area, Bishopshire formed in 1867 and was generally made up of members from the Bishopshire area, that being the villages along the Bishop Hill such as Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. You can still see the old curling pond at the entrance to the Tetley Tea Trail at Scotlandwell.

The club now has a broader membership, stretching from Glenrothes to Kinross and the Path of Condie as well as those from the Portmoak parish. We are a mixed club with men and women of various abilities from absolute beginners to international medal winners and junior curlers. We curl primarily in the evenings at The Green Hotel, Kinross and occasional games at Dewars Rink, Perth.

A small but mighty club, we have our place in history as champions of the Grand Match in 1963, when the north of Scotland took on the south on a frozen loch, and as recent as our previous season when we won (for the first time in our history) the much sought after Lomond League, a beautiful trophy played for over the year between 16 clubs. No mean feat for our 25 members!

We are always keen for new members so we can continue to write our place in the history books. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining us, whether they have played before or not. Please contact Michelle McIntyre on 01577 865448 or alternatively ask for Mike Silvera at Lochend Farm Shop, Scotlandwell.

Kinross Curling Club



Although there is no curling in Kinross over the summer months, the Green Hotel is starting to make and prepare ice for the forthcoming season.

The end of August is also the time when Kinross Curling Club picks their rinks for 2012-13 and so now is the best time for new members to express an interest in joining the club. Kinross men play most of their games on weekday evenings between the end of September and March. There are different membership options, depending on the level of commitment a new player is able to give. Please contact Paul Baughan on 01577 863085 if you wish to discuss joining the club.

Kinross Volleyball Club

Despite the poor summer weather, the Kinross Club has been fortunate that Monday evenings, on the whole, have been dryish. Although not particularly warm, members are enjoying playing outdoors at King George V Park on Monday evenings from 7pm till 9pm.

New members are welcome to come along to the informal sessions, which are free of charge. The club will continue to meet outdoors until the indoor season commences after the school October holidays.



Members who have been playing at KGV on Monday evenings

The club is now preparing for the forthcoming 39th De Haan International Tournament in Belgium on 11 and 12 August, with two teams being entered. A travelling party of 16 will leave Kinross on the Thursday prior to the tournament, returning on the following Tuesday.

Brothers John and Jamie Booth have been taking part in Scottish Volleyball's Beach Competitions at various venues around the country, gaining valuable experience in what is a totally different game from the indoor version.

The Olympic games will have hopefully featured both beach volleyball and indoor volleyball at its highest level in both men's and women's competitions.

The Kinross Club's **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Monday 20 August** at 8pm in Kinross Chinese Restaurant, to which all members are invited.

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Milnathort Golf Club

In the Summer Meeting and Hall of Fame held on 23 June, Ian Brown was first in Division 1, with David J Malcolm second. In Division 2, Donald Brown was the winner with Andy Jackson second.

The Monthly Medal due to be held on 7 July was cancelled because of the rain.

There was a lower than average turnout for the midweek medal on 10 July, no doubt because of the adverse weather conditions, so the two divisions were combined, with Jack Mackintosh coming first and John Power second.

The Ochil League is an enjoyable format played between eight clubs throughout the summer but *always* at a neutral venue. Milnathort played against Craigiehill at Muckhart on 2 July and won the match 2 and 1.

Senior Section

Thursday 21st saw our Seniors Fourball tournament take place with visitors from many Clubs in the district and further afield. Amongst the winners were D Thomson, Lochgelly who won the Best Individual with A Anderson, Elmwood GC, second and John Gough, Milnathort, third. John also picked up the Award for the Best Home Individual Score. The Best Team prize was won by S Arnott, Milnathort, and A Anderson (Elmwood). Novelty prizes were won by Bob Duncan, Falkland; D Mitchell, Milnathort; J Power, Milnathort; W Michie, Milnathort, and J Wylie, Lochgelly. A big 'thank you' to all who took part and made it a very successful day.

Thursday 28th was again a dreich day for playing golf, or anything else for that matter. However, the stalwarts turned out and played despite the weather. First home with a creditable 69 was Charlie Payne, followed by Jim Johnston in second and Willie Reid in third place. Well done to all who took part!

On Thursday 5 July, we held the first round of the Seniors

Cup with a reasonable turnout of 'our oldies'. First home was John Mills with a steady 69 followed by Bob Tolson, second and Ian McMillan, third.

Our match against Dunning on Thursday 12th had to be postponed and will now take place on Friday 20th. In lieu of that fixture, the weather being kind to us for a change, we had a friendly bounce amongst those that turned up.

It is gratifying to see the course in the shape that it is, considering all the atrocious weather that's been flung at us this 'summer'. Much credit is due to our green staff who have laboured under such adverse conditions. Let's all hope that from here on in we get some decent weather.

Dates to bear in mind:

Thursday 23 August – Seniors versus The Ladies

Let's have a good turnout – a good match and buffet afterwards!

Tuesday 4 September – Gents Senior Open

Entries are still being taken – see Peter/Carol behind the bar!

Ladies Section

The results are for the games we have managed to play during this prolonged wet season. Congratulations go to:

Donaldson Cup Winner (Scratch): A Houston, runner-up K Flockhart.

Frances Millennium Cup Winner (Handicap): S Jones, runner-up D Stevens.

Leonard Cheshire Stableford: F Smith, 37pts.

SLGA (3) & Golf Foundation Brooch: K Allan (70).

Lady Captain's Cup (reduced to 9 Holes): M Johnston.

The Sporting Chance Foursomes (75) & The Daily Mail Foursomes Qualifying (73): J Sneddon & K Flockhart.

SLGA (4): C Abbott-Smith (75).

Canmore match at home was lost 2 & 1.

The match away at Dunfermline will now be played in September because of the weather.

Kinross Golf Club

Despite the heavy downpours experienced this summer, it hasn't deterred the hardy Kinross members playing competitions. Fingers crossed, though, for some dry sunny weather before the end of the season.

In early June, 124 played in the Men's Open Competition, with Kinross members featuring in both scratch and handicap sections.

In Team matches:

Kinross lost away to Perth Artisans in the Bell Trophy.

In the Scratch League there were wins against Blairgowrie at home and an away win against Murrayshall. The next match will be the first leg of the quarter final against Dunkeld and Bimam.

Kinross are also through to the quarter final of the Coronation Cup with an away win against Comrie.

Congratulations to Keith Paterson on winning the Club Championship. Keith beat Gordon Jackson in the final to win the Montgomery Cup. The winner of the Beveridge Cup is Ronnie J McHale who beat Stuart Simpson in the final.

In the Seniors, their May Medal, played over the Bruce course, saw Ed Wylie wining with a net 66. Jim Hooper was runner-up with a bet 69.

Mixed fortunes for the Senior Section's inter club matches, with one home win against Pitreavie and one loss against Leven G.S.

The Senior Men's Open will be played on **Wednesday 5 September** and spaces are still available.

Unfortunately Heather Gough and Anne Moore lost to Stirling by one hole in their fourth round match of the SLGA foursomes at Kinross.

Betty Brannan won the Ladies Away Day Trophy at Muckhart Ladies Open, with Audrey Thomson the runner-up.

Entries for the **Ladies' Open**, on **Saturday 8 September**, are now being accepted.

Another excellent turnout, despite the weather, for this year's playing of the Millennium Trophy, with Scott Michie and junior member Kyle Perkins winning with a net 64. Ali McGregor and Elspeth Caldwell were second with a net 65.

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

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Kinross Road Runners



Despite the persistent rain in the last few weeks, Kinross Road Runners were still out pounding the pavements, running up hills and competing in races.

Orchil 10k – 17 June

This event is hosted at the activity centre at Gleneagles Hotel, which is a bit more upmarket than most running venues the Road Runners attend. Overall 17 members took part and achieved an impressive number of prizes. Allan Kemp third Male 36:07, Jillian Gordon second Female 38:09, Maureen Hill first FV50 41:18, Roger Stark first MV60 50:42. In addition there were seven PBs by other members, including Sarah Eaton, who achieved her goal of completing a 10K in under 60mins.

Milnathort Dash – 21 June

The Milnathort Dash is a popular race organised each year by Kinross Road Runners. It is an undulating but scenic 5½ mile route starting and finishing in Milnathort and followed by a generous spread laid on at Orwell Church hall. The Road Runners are not just good at running – many can bake as well! This year the weather was not kind and everyone was drenched by the end. However, this did not stop the runners achieving fantastic times. Our fastest male runner was Andy Laycock 31:18, fastest female was, of course, Jillian Gordon 34:33. Peter Edgerton was first MV50 34:43 and Sandy MacCalman first MV70. Overall there were 26 club members running with many more working behind the scenes as marshals and time-keepers.

Barrathon – 30 June

A half marathon with a field of 250 runners on the Isle of Barra was won by speedy Andy Laycock in a very impressive time of 1:20:53.

Brig Bash – 4 July

This was hosted by Perth Road Runners at the Bridge of Earn Institute on a warm wet July evening. A record number of KRR members turned out to compete in this popular event. First KRR lady was Jillian Gordon 30:42, first KRR male, Graham Kemp 31:57.

Hill Races

Durisdeer Hill Race – 16 June

This event was held in Durisdeer Village, Thornhill, Dumfries and Galloway and involves a tough 10½ miles and a total climb of 3800 feet. Two hardy members took up the challenge: Marinos Calothis 2:10:47 (89th) and Andreas Rogowski 2:45:12 (134th).

Maddy Moss – 11 July

A challenging six-mile hill race with 2500ft of climbing organised by The Orchil Hill Runners. The race photos tell the story well: wet, muddy and lots of fun! Anne Macintyre picked up a prize for first FSV 1:38:13 and Sandy MacCalman first MV+60 1:52:44. First KRR lady Sally Kinsell 1:22:46, first KRR male Andy Johns 1:07:59.

New members are always welcome. Information on the club can be found at www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk or on Facebook.

Kinross Cricket Club



2012 Season so far....

The wet weather has caused significant difficulties for all cricket clubs across the UK this season and Kinross CC have fared no better than others. The senior 1st XI are mid table in the first division but have only managed to play five of the fourteen scheduled matches. The Sunday XI have only had two games. The ladies and junior teams have also been severely hit by the rain and we can only hope for improvements as the season continues through July and August.

There have been several highlights of the 2012 season. The U13 team made it to the finals day play-offs in the Scottish Cup. We were drawn against last year's winners, Grange, in the first semi-final. The players worked well but Grange managed to get the required runs and secure a place in the final, which they went on to win. Kinross have made finals day in either the U13 or U15 Scottish Cup on six occasions since we first entered the competition in 2006. We have won it three times and can feel justifiably proud that we are still one of the best juniors clubs in the country. Well done to the players, parents and coaches who keep producing such talented performances.

The club has managed to produce five Scotland players for the 2012 season. Zoe Conway, Claire Jackson and Deanna Green have all been selected for the Scotland U17 Girls Team and were competing in the ECB Women's County Championship in Derbyshire during June. Unfortunately the weather hit hard and the girls only managed one game from the week long event.

Fraser Gosse has been selected for the Scotland U15 team and has played in the Pre-European Championship warm-up games against ECB county sides from the North of England. Fraser was the top Scottish batsman with 39 when they played against Durham and the club wishes him well and hopes he is selected for this the European Championships in Guernsey.

The final Scotland player is Peter Ross, who continues his rise through the Scottish Cricket structure as one of the fifteen players selected to play in the U19 World Cup in Brisbane during July and August. A full month in Australia must seem a joy after the wet weather here in Scotland. Peter has played the early season matches for the MCC Scotland team and notched up two unbeaten 100s and five 50s as he established himself as one of the country's top batsmen. Peter came through the club juniors structure and, although now based in Yorkshire during university terms, he is still a regular coach at the club.

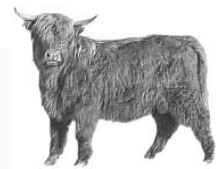
There has been another national representative appointment for the club as coach and former chairman, John Ross, was appointed to the board of Cricket Scotland in April. The role will see John become more involved in the administration of Scottish cricket and he has taken on the remit of developing a strategy for the delivery of Scottish Disability Cricket over the next five years.

The development of the new ground at Channel Farm is progressing well. There are a number of engineer's reports to be submitted concerning various drainage and site location issues for the pavilion, and the club would like to thank local architect, Phil Dean, for all the work he has done moving this forward. The full application and building warrants are expected to be submitted during August. All being well, there will be cricket at the new ground for the 2013 season.

As always, full information on everything that's happening at www.kinrosscc.co.uk

Community Website

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



Out & About

RSPB Loch Leven



Weel the wonderful “summer” weather continues as the raindrops pelt doon fae the heavens again. Whit’s new! At least awthing is lookin fine n green instead o’ parched broon, but, man, wid it no bring tears tae a gless ee.

Wi the breedin season comin tae an end, we are currently takin stock oan hoo things hiv gone. It seems lapwings hiv fared reasonably weel and the new bigger better wetland hiz proved tae be the maist popular area fur breedin attempts. Black heided gulls (which actually hiv broon heads, a miniscule detail) hiv been nestin oan the new shingle island in front o’ the third hide. Lapwing and redshank chicks can be seen scurrying about the reserve tryin tae catch wee bugs n beasties tae fill their bellies. Another interestin bit o’ news is that a very secretive bird called a spotted crake which only calls at nicht so it’s no easy tae see, is hingin aboot at Kinnordy, anither yin o’ the Tay reserves which are noo managed fae Loch Leven. Vicky, wur warden, and yin o’ oor volunteers, Greig, heard an estimated fower o the wee devils callin. That is potentially 10% o’ the British population.

Brace yersels n awfa sorry in advance o’ the shockin news am aboot tae gie ye, but, it’s the middle o’ July, weel it’s no when yer readin this but it is when a typin it. So whit diz that mean? Correctamundo (bit o’ Italian Scots there, multi lingual me, ye ken) if ye guessed – it’s Christmas! Aye folks, the cairds, calendars n diaries ur noo oan the shelves in the shop alang wi the much socht efter “Penguin” racing game crackers. We actually sold oot o’ them throughoot every RSPB shop in Britain by the end o’ September last year and kidnae get wur haunds oan ony mair, ditto the diaries. So if ye want them, come in a bit rapidish and grab them when we hiv them. Dinnae say ah didnae warn ye noo! Ahm no wantin the weans greetin in the Christmas Puddin or Grandad missin oot oan hiz hat. We also hiv a brand new range o’ fabby and funky new kids toys which wid be grand as stockin fillers, even the staff canny stop playin wi them. Nae surprise, really, considerin the mentality o’ maist o’ us but wha says ye hiv tae grow up when ye get alder; ah hinny seen nae written rules aboot it.

We also hiv feeder seed in 2.25kg packs oan offer fur less then hawf price at £2.99 normal price £6.75... bargain stock up fur the winter.

Last but no least RSPB Loch Leven is glad tae be hosting this year’s Kinross Show. So if yev no visited before, come alang n enjoy the fun o’ the show. Lots tae see and dae and watch the birdies as weel. Think that’s it till next time.

Ta ta,

Colin

RSPB Events

Wed 8 August Binocular and Telescope Open Day
10am - 4.30pm. Advice and a chance to try before you buy.

Sunday 19 August Creative Crafts 1pm-4pm
Get creative! Drop in to the ‘Hive’ in the visitor centre for an afternoon of creative crafts using natural and recycled materials. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Free.

Loch Leven NNR



A busy summer at Loch Leven NNR...

There’s something for everyone at Loch Leven over the next few weeks, whether you’d like to meet some of our migrant feathered friends, watch the spectacle of dragons on the wing, or learn more about the area’s rich human history. Read on to find out more:

Dragons and Damsels - Sunday 29 July, 2 - 4pm

Meeting at Burleigh Sands car park.

This is a walk for all you insect lovers, as we take a closer look at a few isolated ponds around the loch shore in search of dragon and damselflies. With insect surveying now in its fifth year at Loch Leven, we have an established group of surveyors collecting a valuable dataset that allows us to assess water quality and environmental changes locally.

With a little luck with the weather, we’ll be taking a closer look at the adults as they perform their aerial acrobatics over the ponds. We’ll also be taking a closer look at their early stages as pond-dwelling predators, so be prepared for a few surprises on this exciting day for kids and adults alike!

International Travellers - Wed 8 August, 6- 8pm

Meeting at Kirkgate Park.

As the summer moves on, and autumn looms large, many of our summer visitors prepare for their long journeys back to their wintering grounds, with Swifts and Swallows congregating in their masses to feed up, and ducks gathering in large numbers waiting for their summer plumage to moult before they set off. August is a great time of year to look out for a wide range of bird life at Loch Leven, so why not come along with SNH staff to learn more about migration routes of our international travellers?

Osprey Walk - Tuesday 14 August, 6.30 - 8pm

Meeting at Burleigh Sands car park.

One of our most charismatic summer visitors is undoubtedly the Osprey. Having recently fledged, the youngsters will spend the majority of August learning how to fish from their parents, so this can be an excellent opportunity to watch Ospreys fishing the loch. With its abundance of Trout, Perch and Pike, and its popularity among anglers of various species, it’s little wonder that we can see them also fishing here, prior to their long migrations back to West Africa.

Historical Walk with Professor David Munro

Saturday 18 August, 2 - 5pm

Meeting at the reserve office, The Pier, Kinross.

With his wealth of knowledge in relation to local history, and his close involvement as chairman of the Kinross Museum, the opportunity to take a walk through time at Loch Leven is one not to be missed with Prof. David Munro. David has previously been kind enough to take part in our evening talks programme, and has also led walks in the past where he has covered subjects as diverse as Kinross House and Loch Leven Castle, St Serf’s Priory, Orwell Church and the creation of the sluice gates.

All our events are FREE and accessible to all, with the exception of some rough terrain to be covered for Dragons and Damsels. Waterproofs, stout footwear and binoculars are recommended. **If you’d like to book a place on any of the four walks mentioned, please contact the reserve office on 01577 864439, or email lochleven_nnr@snh.gov.uk**

Craig

Farming



A bad case of Scottish Dew

As I am writing this article, a notable milestone has just been reached. It has been (almost) dry for 24 hours. Unbelievable is about all that can be said to describe the weather recently, and it is now at the stage where it is seriously affecting farmers (as well as everybody else in the country) rather than just being a convenient subject to mindlessly moan about. As Fiona said last month, we both have a tendency to write about the weather on the odd occasion to satisfy the meteorological appetite of Newsletter readers. At least you will be able to check the accuracy of our comments with Malcolm's very accurate and detailed weather report, usually on the same page. It is true that farming and weather are intrinsically linked. Perhaps we should take a leaf out of the book of actors who, when talking about the Shakespeare play Macbeth, refer to it as 'the Scottish play' due to superstitious belief of back luck striking anyone who utters the word 'Macbeth'. We should stop using the word 'weather' to see if conditions improve. We could substitute it with something like 'The Scottish Dew', although we could end up with a situation similar to the "Don't Mention the War" episode in Fawlty Towers, but probably nowhere near as funny.

Here at Backward Farm, I would say that the ewes and lambs are coping better with the Scottish Dew better than the cows and calves but they would all benefit from some sunshine and dry ground to walk on. Sheep's feet are particularly prone to a sheep version of athlete's foot if they are squelching about in the wet for a prolonged time. But then again, it could be said that sheep are particularly prone to just about anything, given half an excuse!

Silage making is way behind schedule due to the Scottish Dew. Most of the fields earmarked for silage were grazed by the sheep far later in the spring than planned since the grass growth was so slow. This has the knock on effect of making the time when the grass is ready to be harvested later than planned as well. To cut a long story short, a job that should have been finished a month ago has hardly been started. The inconvenience is bad enough, but worse is that the longer the grass is left in the field, its feed value decreases and vitamin and mineral contents will also be lower, so prospective winter feed cost are already spiralling upwards.

We also have had to let the main batch of cows and calves into what should have been a silage field as the grass isn't growing in their own field and the field conditions are so wet. We are quite fortunate that our livestock aren't too heavily stocked and we have some flexibility to move things about when conditions deteriorate. We should still manage to grow enough silage to feed our stock over the winter, but we would have hoped to have some surplus to sell, which will now be less than originally hoped.

Our fields of barley aren't enjoying the persistently wet conditions either. The two fields next to the road aren't looking too bad, but the other two fields are looking terrible. We have less cereal than normal this year and as things stand at the moment, I'm very glad. We sowed 25 acres down to grass instead of barley, so that will hopefully be useful to graze the lambs on after they are weaned.

I hope to be able to write a more positive article next time. Happy summertime – just don't mention the war!

John

Weather



June Weather Report

From Carnbo by Malcolm Smith

Unfortunately, June continued the dismal story of April and May, with very little in the way of settled, dry and sunny weather. In fact June was worse, with heavy falls of rain in short periods of time, leading to local flooding in parts of the country.

Total rainfall	142 mm (189% of average)
Heaviest fall	41.2 mm (21st)
Dry days 6, rain days 19, trace days 5	
Highest temperature	20°C (25th)
Lowest temperature	2°C (4th)
Average temperature	10.6°C
Ground frost not recorded	
Completely cloudy days	11
Total cloud cover	75% (app.)

Wind component Easterly 17 days, Westerly 8 days, this causing the rather strange weather experienced.

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,
www.kinrossnewsletter.org
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	daily	1300-1800	£5.00	£2.00	yes	01764 681433
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

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 August under SGS

The garden at **Cloan** near **Auchterarder** is open from **30 July to 5 August**. The garden and policies extend to around seven acres and date from the 1850s. Castle with magnificent views of the Grampians, ancient trees, walled garden with herbaceous and flowering shrub borders, wild garden laid out as an arboretum, water garden and woodland walks. Partial disabled access, teas, dogs on leads welcome. Opening times are 1.30pm to 5pm. Admission is £3, children free. 40% to St Margaret's Cottage Hospital, Auchterarder. Directions: South out of Auchterarder (Abbey Road) then follow yellow signs.

The gardeners of **Ceres** open their gardens on **Sunday 5 August**, 12 noon to 5pm. Ceres is often described as the most beautiful village in Scotland. A footbridge from Ceres car park leads directly into the museum gardens where tickets with maps showing open gardens can be purchased. Partial disabled access, homemade teas, plant stall. No dogs allowed except guide dogs. Admission: £4.50. 40% to Fife Folk Museum.

On **Sunday 5 August** 40% of admission at **Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff** goes to the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association. The gardens were originally laid out in 1630 by John Drummond, second Earl of Perth. In

1830 the parterre was changed to an Italian style. The formal garden is said to be one of the finest in Europe and is the largest of its type in Scotland. Partial disabled access, raffle, stalls, entertainments, pipe band, refreshments, plant stall. Dogs on leads welcome. Opening hours that day: 1pm-5pm.

Admission: £4, OAP £3, children £2.

www.drummondcastlegardens.co.uk

Thorn tree at Arnprior near Stirling is open on **Sunday 12 August**, 2pm-5pm. It is a charming country garden with flower beds around a courtyard. Apple walk, fern garden and Saltire garden. Lovely views. A local bee-keeper will be present to answer questions and there will be an inspection hive on display. Garden entry £4. Children free. Plant sales, disabled access, no dogs, cream teas. Route: A811. In Arnprior take Fintry Road, Thorn tree is second on right. 40% of admission to Riding for the Disabled.

A garden on the way up to Castle Campbell, overlooking Dollar Glen, is open on **Sunday 19 August**, 2pm to 5pm. It is at **Rowberrow**, 18 Castle Road, **Dollar**. It is a colourful garden with mixed borders, a wildlife pond, two rockeries, alpine troughs, fruit and vegetable gardens and a mini-orchard. The owner is a plantaholic. Rowberrow was featured on Beechgrove Garden in summer 2011. The Hillfoot Harmony Barbershop Singers (HHBS) will entertain you and offer sandwiches, scones, cakes and biscuits for purchase. Teas, plant stall. Admission to garden: £4, children free. 40% to HHBS. No disabled access. Dogs on leads welcome.

On **Sunday 26 August** 10am - 5pm, admissions at **Falkland Palace Garden** will benefit SGS charities. Set in a medieval village, the Royal Palace of Falkland is a superb example of Renaissance architecture. Percy Cane designed and cultivated the gardens between 1947 and 1952. Meet the head gardener at 2pm and 4pm for free guided walks and see the stunning herbaceous border at its best! Admission £5. Partial disabled access. On the A912, 10m from M90.

Congratulations



David and Isobel **SYME**, 3 Fruix, Kinross are delighted to announce the marriage of their son **MATTHEW** to **CHELSEI REYNOLDS**. The wedding took place on 2 June 2012 at the Queensferry Hotel – a great time was had by all.

AMBER AINSWORTH has gained a BA Honours in Retail and Marketing from Stirling University. Well done, and good luck in your new career from all your family.

MICHAEL SHEARER of Crook of Devon has graduated from the Royal College of Music in London with a Masters degree in Composition. Michael is a former pupil of Fossoway Primary School and Kinross High School.

At the Royal Highland Show, **MRS ALEXANDER** of the Hilton Farm, Milnathort successfully competed in the Embroidery Section with her Anniversary Sampler, "Balado Park 1912-2012". The century covered farming before the park was requisitioned by the War Office as an airfield through to outdoor activities and the setting up of a microlight training school.

A & S LAWRIE of Cuthill Towers, Milnathort were successful at the Royal Highland Show with their dairy cattle, achieving champion and reserve in the British Red and White category and reserve in the Ayrshire.

Congratulations to **JOHNNY WILLIS** of South Street Milnathort who took part in the StickItToMS drumming event in Manchester on Sunday 15 July. The challenge was to get together 800 drummers all playing the same set piece - a new World Record. We're delighted to say that the attempt was successful. All proceeds from the event go to Multiple Sclerosis, a disease that Johnny's grandfather, who he never knew, suffered from. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored Johnny; he has raised over £400.

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Thanks



HANNAH CLARKE would like to thank everyone in Kinross and beyond who supported her as she carried the Olympic torch through Milnathort.

A busy few weeks followed with Hannah visiting a number of local schools, groups and business. As a result a fantastic £1,671 has been raised for the various charities Hannah supports:

- Make-A-Wish Foundation – granting magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions
- The Mary Leishman Foundation – encouraging potential and easing distress
- Fight Against Cancer Edinburgh (FACE) – providing comfort to patients and families

Special thanks to the pupils and staff at Torryburn Primary School and Kinross High School, the parishioners of Kinross Parish Church and the staff at AVIVA in Perth.



Hannah Clarke with her Olympic torch

BARBARA FOOTE: Grateful thanks to Neil, the co-operative manager, and staff at the Loch Leven Leisure Centre. Also to all my special Yoga people. I am completely overwhelmed by the gifts, flowers, cards, and the beautiful bird bath, presented to me on my retirement. I have retired after eleven good years as a yoga teacher at the Leisure Centre. (See also page 14.)

JACQUELINE CRAWFORD would like to thank all of her pupils from Lawson's School of Dancing who took part in the recent evening of dance in the church centre. £400 was raised and donated to **CHAS**. Many thanks also to all the mums and sisters who helped back stage to make the evening such a success. Classes will resume in September.



Thanks (continued...)

ANNE ROBERTSON would like to thank everyone who sponsored her participation in the half-marathon Edinburgh **Moonwalk** to raise funds for breast cancer research. She also thanks the Newsletter for publicising her fund-raising. She said: "The walk went very well and was a wonderful experience - I would recommend it! My daughters and I have managed to raise £440, which was well over our target, which is pretty good in the present economic climate. Thanks again, it is much appreciated and went to such a good cause."

KELVIN WHITE, formerly of Kinross, would like to thank all those in Kinross-shire who helped to sponsor his solo cycle ride from John O'Groats to Lands End, raising over £2,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and the British Heart Foundation (BHF). He completed the journey in 5 days, 9 hours and 36 minutes, having set out on Sunday 1 July and been met by his wife Liz and three daughters at the tip of Cornwall on Friday 6 July (no thanks to rain and headwind throughout!)

ISABEL GILLON of Milnathort would like to thank the driver of the blue van and the two lady drivers who came to her aid when she had a nasty fall on 16 July. Their help, particularly with transport to the Health Centre, was much appreciated. Being a tough old bird, she hopes to be on the mend soon.

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE AFTERNOON TEA

Elsa would like to thank all the friends who gave baking for the tea and helped to serve tea and coffee during the afternoon.

To everyone who came to support the charity, a big "thank you". £627 was raised. The money will help to provide overnight care for those who are terminally ill in this area.

KINROSS-SHIRE DAY CENTRE would like to thank everyone involved in the running of the T in the Park Drop in Centre. The support we had was phenomenal from both staff and volunteers. Some people who couldn't give their time that weekend handed in donations of biscuits, bread, milk, cornflakes, bacon, beans etc; this was very much appreciated. We all had a great weekend and raised £735 for our funds.

Also we would like to thank the "T in the Park" revellers – they were fantastic. One young lady who described herself as "the emotional, lost, wet T in the Park camper" sent a really nice card to the Day Centre thanking everyone for their help in getting her back home safe and dry. It was the type of card that makes the whole weekend worthwhile. Thank you all again and roll on next year.

- From all the staff and service users of the Day Centre.

THE LOCH LEVEN LUSHES returned in high spirits after their arduous and gruelling Caledonian Challenge – a 54-mile, non-stop hike starting at Gairloch, near Fort William and ending at Auchtertyre, near Tyndrum. The Lushes were part of 900 participants who took part in the RBS Caledonian Challenge for the Scottish Community Foundation (SCF). The painful feet trudging through the Scottish Wilderness is now a distant memory! The Lushes set out to raise £2,000, but at time of writing their total stands at £3,564 (with more funds still expected to come in). The Lushes would like to thank everyone who helped raise this fantastic amount, whether by supporting their cake sale, the family ceilidh or by donating either on-line or personally to a team member.



The Loch Leven Lushes, l to r: Louise Pryde, Lynn Hunter, Caroline Cowe, Kirsty Higgins, Elaine Carruthers

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please put the name of your community group in the
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KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

SPECIAL AWARDS – WHOLE SCHOOL

Dux of the School: **Abbie Clark**

Leadership Award: **Katy Brown** and **Joanne Myerscough**

S1/2 Citizenship Quaich: **Gregor Malcolm**

S3/4 Citizenship Quaich: **Brentt Conway**

S5/6 Citizenship Quaich: **Emma West**

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Bronze: **Kay Turnbull, Jackson Brown, Mairi Mulhern, Andrew Pool, Rachel Miller, Jenny Creigh, Rebecca Thomson, Carol Andrew, Alex Bird, William Broome, Laura Cheyne, Niamh Colmy, Ellen Corsie, Callum Deas, Paige Duncan, Natalie Firth, Daniel Innes, Claire Jackson, Katie Johnson, Lucy Jones, Jack Kinloch, Lucy McCormick, Callum Purves, Campbell Roberts, Hannah Syme, Chloe Sneddon, Kathryn Spain, Elspeth Young, Callum Cheshire, Hannah Ballantyne, Hollie Lamond, Gemma Matthews, Mhairi Ogilvie, Rachael Pirie, Alex Rennie, Katie Wyllie, Christie McGregor.**

Silver: **Nicola Beveridge, David Black, Robert Blaikie, Emily Bradley-Parrish, Ashleigh Cox, Liam Duffy, Jack Fraser, Duncan McDiarmid, Rebecca McLeod, Laura Muncey, Saffron Nicholson, Charlotte Pattison, Douglas Peter, Beki Ramsay, Sarat Roy, Calum Sneddon, Jane Somervail, Ruairidh Stevenson, Rachel Vaughan, Fergus Malvenan, Bradley Herd, Alanna Hutchison, Abbie Clark.**

Gold: **Thomas Broome, Abigail Corsie, Gregor Dow, Stewart Fairbairn, David Johnstone, Aaron Lockhart, Ross Mathieson, Rebecca Munro, Lisa McGregor, [REDACTED] Joanne Myerscough, Kayleigh Reid, Jennifer Robertson, Christopher Salmean, Fiona Spain, Jill Sweeney, Conal Walster, Douglas Weir, Emily Wood.**

SPORTS DAY CHAMPIONS

Group C boys	Daniel Munro
Group C girls	Niamh Mullen
Group B boys	Jamie Graham / Andrew Sorbie
Group B girls	Vhairi McAtear
Group A boys	Robbie Cuthbert
Group A girls	Clare MacInnes
Overall Sports Champions	Ben Mitchell, Elspeth Young and Mairi Mulhern
Outstanding Performance Award	Erin Graham
House Championship Winners	Benarty

JUNIOR AWARDS

S1 Merit: **Euan Duthie, Emma Hodgekinson, Lauren Miller, Rosie Cormack.**

S1 Effort and Commitment: **Emma Cathro, Rebecca Farmer, Claire Moloney, Hannah Peedle, Nicola Timmons, Eilidh Wallace.**

S1 Merit and Effort and Commitment: **Ben Cormack, Niamh Ironside.**

S2 Merit: **Molly McKenzie, Cameron McCloskey, Gregor Malcolm, Amelia Mah, Andrew Duthie.**

S2 Effort and Commitment: **Hannah Aird, Danid Black, Abigail Coghill, James Davey, Hannah Fernie, Lauren Miller, Shaw Spowart, Eilidh Thomson, Christy Zaremski.**

S2 Merit and Effort and Commitment: **Sophie McKay, Sarah Thislie.**

JUNIOR SPECIAL SUBJECT AWARDS

Scots Verse Speaking (The Gordon George Memorial Prize): **Scott Wilson.**

S2 Debating: **Thomas McCormick and Angus Hutchison.**

S2 Overall Excellence (The Bertie Anderson Award): **Molly McKenzie.**

S3 MERIT AWARDS

Art and Design: **Emily Bell.** Business Management: **Emma Wilson** and **Erica Machan.** Computing: **Edward Wood.** Digital Media Computing: **Kyle Russell.** Drama: **Claire Marr.** English: **Heather Sturgeon.** Geography: **Vhairi McAtear.** German: **Davina Timmins.** History: **Michael Starkey.** Hospitality: **Jenna Mabbot.** Music: **Holly Scott.** Physical Education: **Sam Fraser.** Spanish: **Caitlin Duffy.** Craft and Design and Physics: **Pamela Shah.** Art and Design, Graphic Communication and Mathematics: **Ross Cormack.** Biology, Chemistry and French: **Mhairi Boyle.**

S3 Effort and Commitment: **Heather Sturgeon, Mhairi Boyle, Alana Malkani, Pamela Shah, Holly Notman, Ellen Reith, Holly Scott.**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Art and Design S4 (Rosamund Beveridge Trophy): **Georgie Beavan.** Art and Design (Kevin Kenny Award): **India Malkani.** Business Education (Jean Lamont Award for Overall Excellence): **Russell Malcolm.** Music (Hilary Hawksford Memorial Trophy for outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school): **Joanne Dunne.** RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award): **Aaron Lockhart** and **Douglas Weir.** Rotary Club of Kinross and District Eurocola: **Emily Wood.** The Christina Ryznar Award for Service to the school: **Victoria Bennett.** The Mark Ross Award for Wider Achievement: **Cameron Nelson.** German Award: **Katy Paterson.**

S4 MERIT AWARDS

Business Management: **Callum Purves.** Craft and Design: **Claire Jackson.** Chemistry: **Kirstie Miller.** Digital Media Computing: **Jamie Alexander.** Drama: **Lucy McCormick.** Geography: **Jenny Dunne.** German: **Katie Wyllie.** Graphic Communication: **Jennifer Saxton.** Hospitality: **Ellen Corsie.** Mathematics: **Ben Cooper.** Music: **Cameron McCord.** Physics: **Jack Howley.** Biology and English: **Bethany Grant.** French and Music: **Rachel Pirie.** Religious, Moral, Philosophical Studies and Spanish: **Rachel Miller.** Art and Design, Computing and History: **Gemma Matthews.**

S5 MERIT AWARDS

Art and Design (The John and Marjory Moffat Quaich): **Nicola Beveridge** and **Jessica Ranaldi.** Biology (The Cloan Trophy): **Zoie Ballantyne.** Business Management: **Drake Irvine.** Computing (The Sam Mitchell-Henry Trophy): **Callum Fare.** Drama (Excellence in Drama, Theatre Arts and Performance): **Adam Bissett.** Geography (The Burns Begg Trophy): **Harriet Lloyd.** German (The Bosch-Rexroth Award): **Katy Paterson.** Graphic Communication: **Nicola Beveridge.** History (The Arthur Donaldson Trophy): **Sarah Melville.** Information Systems: **Kyle Crawford.** Music (The Marjory Fyfe Award): **Ian Dunnett.** Physical Education: **Chloe Hamilton.** Product Design (The Bella Anderson Trophy): **Jessica Ranaldi.** Physics (The Probus Club Trophy): **Ben Heidemann.** Spanish: **Joseph Chan.** Human Biology (The DL Chapman Senior Trophy) and French (The Lady Alice Smith Award): **Charlotte Pattison.** Chemistry (The John S Lowe Trophy) and English (The PTA Trophy): **Rachel Vaughn.** Mathematics (The Cordon Trophy) and RMPS (Trefoil Guild): **Abbie Clark.**

S6 MERIT AWARDS

Art and Design: **Alexandra McGregor.** Business Management: **David Johnstone.** Biology: **Thomas Broome.** Chemistry: **Joanne Dunne.** Computing: **Ryan Jenkins.** English: **Joanne Myerscough.** French: **Emily Wood.** Geography: **Rebecca Munro.** German: **Christopher Salmean.** Graphic Communication: **Francesca Prescott.** Higher Physical Education: **Lisa McGregor.** Information Systems: **Rebecca Eadie.** Music: **Ben Watt.** Product Design: **Calum Hill.** Spanish: **Hannah McLeod.** Drama and History: **Andrew Clark.** Psychology and RMPS: **Janek Dyer.** Art and Design and Hospitality: **Oliver Watson.** Mathematics and Physics: **Conal Walster.**

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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

Leasing Church or Church Centre

The church is pleased to host a whole range of community events at both the Church and the Church Centre, High Street. To lease: contact Church Office or Church email (see above).

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

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

Many of the church's organisations are on holiday during all or part of August, so please note the special Summer arrangements below. Restart dates for Wednesday evening house groups will be intimated in August.

Regular Services and events

- Sun** 10.30am Morning Service. **From 19 August the following restart after holiday break:** crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and JamPact (secondary age) during morning service, and, at 7.30pm, Crossfire (S1 upwards) in the church centre.
- Tues** 10am Pram Service (restarts 21 August).
- Wed** 12 noon Mid-week and Mid-day: Time for Prayer.
- Fri** 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

July

Sun 29 9.15am Summer Sunday Service – family orientated.

August

Sun 5 9.15am Summer Sunday Service – family orientated.

Followed by informal Communion.

10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion

Mon 6 8.00am: Time for Prayer- Silent Meditation (30min).

Tue 7 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Thu 9 7pm: Guild: Summer Get Together at Luncarty Church Centre

Sat 11 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office).

Sun 12 10.30am: All-age Service – 'Back to School'.

Thu 16 9.00pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline (20min).

Sun 26 6.30pm Informal Evening Service: Hearing the Word.

Tue 28 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

7.30pm: Monthly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

SUMMER SUNDAYS FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday July 29 and August 5 there will be an early worship service in the church from 9.15am till 10.00am followed by coffee/tea/juice. These are short family services with songs, drama, video and a thought for the day. All ages will be able to share together in thanking God at the start of the week.

Come and Join us when you can

The usual Worship Service will be at 10.30am

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison
 Telephone: 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. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

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

Everyone Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

Kinross Parish Church

FAMILY WEEK: ON YOUR MARKS....

At Kinross Parish Church: For all young people age 3 to S4

Fri 27 July 6pm Opening Ceremony in the church followed by an Olympic picnic in the church grounds, for all the family. Picnic provided for everyone.

Mon 30 July – Fri 3 August: 10am – 12.15pm Daily programme on an Olympic theme

Fri 3 Aug: 7pm Celebration and Family Barbecue
 Other activities during the week.

Further details at www.kinrossparishchurch.org

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Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am
Crèche and Junior Church 11.15am

August

Sun 5 11.15am Morning Worship, Preacher: Brian Ogilvie.
Sun 12 11.15am Morning Worship, Preacher: Brian Ogilvie.
Sun 19 10.00am Early Birds Service for all ages.
11.15am Morning Worship, Preacher: Brian Ogilvie.
Sun 26 11.15am Morning Worship and Sacrament of Baptism. Preacher: Rev. Clifford Hughes.

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

August Services

Sun 5 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.
Sun 12 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.
Tue 14 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.
Sun 19 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 26 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
2nd Tuesday of month 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.

Everyone welcome at all services

Sunday School and Crèche during the 11.00am Services.

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

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

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.

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Every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon
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www.healingrooms-scotland.com

Fossoway Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Locum/Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823
Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01755) 840225

Sunday Services at 9.45am

August

Sun 5 9.45am Brian Ogilvie. Traidcraft and coffee after the service.
Sun 12 9.45am Preacher Brian Ogilvie.
Sun 19 9.45am Preacher Rev Clifford Hughes.
Sun 26 9.45am Preacher TBC.

During School Holidays there is a DVD Club/Creche for all children.

Wrigglers Group (0- 3) Junior Church, Teens group. All resume on 19 August.

Tots Music resumes after the school holidays

Refresh Thursday Church Hall, every Thursday, 2 - 4pm.

House group Resumes again in September. Please contact Fred for details 01577 840833.

Yoga Classes Mondays 7.00 - 8.30pm. Please contact Lucille for details 01577 840683.

Joint Choir Resumes Wednesday 29 August 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

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
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6.30pm	Children's Club (term time)

The Kinross Community Council Newsletter

is available from:

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Obituaries

The Very Reverend Alfred Ian Watt

It is with much sadness that I report the death of our dear friend Ian Watt. Ian was a past Rector of St Paul's who, even though retired, continued to support our worship, providing guidance and encouragement through some difficult times.

Ian was a loyal member of the Church throughout his life; a server and member of the choir at St Oswald's, Kings Park, Curate in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, Priest in Charge at Holy Cross, Dundee, Rector of St Mary's, Arbroath, Provost of St Ninian's Cathedral in Perth and finally Rector of St Paul's in Kinross. Ian Served as Dean of the Diocese and for a number of years Convenor of the Overseas Board. Ian was a gifted speaker, a powerful preacher whose message was clear and unequivocal, and he possessed a fine baritone voice, which we will miss at St Paul's.

When told of Ian's sudden death one of his friends said, simply, "He was a good man", a quotation from the New Testament. Yes, Ian was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. He lived a life well lived, useful in practical things, warm in his friendships, called by God into existence, called by God into the priesthood, now called by God into his nearer presence. He has left us now and we are the poorer for his going. He leaves behind Rita and his family; Fiona and Blue, Moira and John and John and Margaret, and their families. Our prayers go out to them, may the pain of their sorrow be softened and the emptiness they must all now feel be filled with God's love.

Ian was loved and respected by many people and he leaves a huge hole in our lives.

May he rest in peace.

Jon Searle

The Very Reverend Alfred Ian Watt of Milnathort died on Monday 2 July 2012 at Perth Royal Infirmary, aged 78. A service celebrating his life took place at St Paul's Episcopal Church, Kinross on Thursday 12 July 2012.

McMILLAN – Jimmy (Jimmy Mac). Peacefully, at home, surrounded by his family, after a short illness, on Tuesday 5 June 2012, James (Jimmy) McMillan, aged 83, of Cameron Avenue, Kinross, beloved husband of the late Margaret, dear and much loved father to Jimmy, Heather, Catriona, Nelson and Joan, adored grand-father and great-grandfather, and special friend.

He was a well kent face in Kinross.

He will be in our hearts and minds forever.



Rev Ian Watt

Acknowledgements

McMILLAN - The family of Jimmy McMillan would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and cards after Jimmy's death.

Also thanks to Stewart Funeral Directors for their kind words and support and looking after us with professionalism and courtesy at the funeral home.

A very special thanks to Margaret Michie for her guidance, support and a lovely service at Kinross Parish Church.

A huge thank you to Dr. Richmond for all his support over the last few months of Dad's life and a special thank you to the district nurses who were a great support and help over the last few days of dad's life. Jill, Andy and Trudy were brilliant.

A collection for Cancer Research UK at the end of the church service raised £392.18.

Recently bereaved? Needing some support? AMONGST FRIENDS

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Playgroups & Nurseries



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS **Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort**

Milnathort Babies and Toddlers offer a relaxed, friendly environment.

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

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

Thursday & Friday, 10am – 11.30am.

For more information please contact us
on 07989 795259
or e-mail milnathortbt@gmail.com
or facebook [milnathort toddlers](https://www.facebook.com/milnathorttoddlers).

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

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



LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.15, Fridays 9.30 – 11.15

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

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

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 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
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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

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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 **Alison 07885 644448**.

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



Loch Leven
Community
Campus

Loch Leven Community Campus Summer Fun

Wed 8 August Magic Show

With magician Alex Proctor. Magical Fun for ages 0-99. 1.30pm-2.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Prices: £5 for children & concessions, £7 for adults. Family ticket £18 for maximum of four persons. Booking in advance preferred but not essential.



Thu 9 August Animal Man Mini Zoo



Live animal encounters with Petting Zoo educational talks and the chance to get up close and personal with a variety of animals, from the cute and cuddly to creepy crawlies. Two shows: one at 1.30-2.30pm the other 2.30-3.30pm. Price is £5.50 per child (includes a cool animal handling certificate for each child). No age restrictions. Held in the Assembly Hall. Booking in advance preferred but not essential.

Fri 10 August Artistic Fun with Doodle & Splat!

Arts & Crafts fun with various creative play areas. Held in Art Classroom. Protective clothing for the children will be provided. For ages 4yrs-9yrs. Time 2.30-3.30pm. £5 per child. *Only space for 20 children so booking for this activity is essential.*

All bookings and enquires to Loch Leven Community Campus Reception. Telephone 01577 867200 or email lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk.



Bishopshire Horticultural Society

Ninety-second Competition



Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell

Saturday 18 August

Admission: Adults £1 Children Free

Schedules available from

- Sylvia Herrington 840519
- Janette Gardiner 840352
- David Martin 840216
- Eleanor White 840681
- Shelagh Goudie 840200

Doors Open 1.30pm

Opening Ceremony and
Presentation of Prizes at 2.15pm

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.scottishcf.org

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

Annual Flower Show Saturday 18 August

at Crook of Devon Institute
Doors open 2pm

Schedules from: The Shop, Crook of Devon,
Fossoway Garage or tel 01577 840285

Pot Plants	Flowers	Vegetables	Baking
Industrial	Preserves	Children's Sections	

Tullibole Castle Open Days

Open last week in August to 30 September

Tuesdays – Sundays, 1pm to 4pm

Admission every half-hour with guided tours only.

Adults £5, Concession £3.50.

Tullibole is a classic example of a 17th century tower house. In the castle grounds are a historic graveyard and remnants of a ruined medieval church, a 150-yard 'moat' and doocot. Visit the Witches Maze Memorial for the Crook of Devon Witch Trials, also to be found in the grounds.

Free entry on Doors Open Days: Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September, 10.30am-4pm. Facilities: WC.

Tullibole Castle is located on the B9097, one mile east of Crook of Devon.

Scheduled Churchyard and Witches Maze Memorial:
Unrestricted access at all times of the year from Gelvan Road, ½ mile to the NW of the Castle.

The Forth Bridges Accordion Band

This is a community marching band based in the town of Bo'ness. The band currently has 54 members from the age of 3 to 70+ and takes part in many community events over the year. This includes, concerts, gala days, fêtes and Christmas Events. The band plays a variety of Scottish Traditional Music, Old Time Favourites, Christmas Tunes and Hymns. The band is currently taking bookings for winter 2012.

You can find out more information on the band by visiting the website www.forthbridgesaccordionband.co.uk

A Second Girl Guide unit to open

2nd Orwell Guides will start in August.

18h00 - 19h15 and will be held on a Tuesday evening at the Orwell Guide Hall in Milnathort.

For further information, please contact Lesley on 01577 862060 or email orwellguides@btinternet.com

Brownies in Milnathort

SPACES AVAILABLE

for girls aged 7 to 10 on a Wednesday evening.
If interested, give me a buzz: Alison 01577 864262



PERTH HIGHLAND GAMES

Sunday 12 August
North Inch, Perth

Highland Games in the heart of the fair City of Perth, including Heavyweight events, running, cycling, highland dancing, solo piping and pipe band contest.

Events start at 10.30am

Adults £7, Concessions and Children £4 Parking - FREE

A great day out for all the family!

www.highlandgames.org.uk



THE KINROSS HUB - A CAFE FOR CARERS

St. Pauls Church Hall, Kinross

First Monday of Every Month 10—12 noon

GRAND OPENING
6 August 2012

GUEST SPEAKERS

3rd September 2012

Fiona Matthews
(Alzheimer Scotland)

1st October 2012

Rhona Garrad
(Occupational Therapist)

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, people being cared for and family members.



Contact Gail Boath
or Elaine Kincaid
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 12 September
7pm - 9pm

Loch Leven Community Campus,
The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FG



Commonwealth Games Legacy -

what does this mean for Kinross-shire?

More activities and opportunities for all age ranges and abilities in the community?

Only you know - come and tell us!

"An Active Scotland"

We want to inspire the people of Scotland to be more active. To take part in physical activity and sport. To live longer, healthier lives. The Games offer a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get Scotland more active and, by using the power and excitement generated by this landmark event, we will encourage everyone - young and old - to get involved in a wide range of physical activity and sport."

A Games Legacy for Scotland

This is an open evening - just turn up on the night. If you would like further information or are a community group and would like to be involved in the planning for the evening, please contact:

Caroline Ness, Sports Development Officer
CMNess@pkc.gov.uk or telephone 01738 472242

Part of the Commonwealth Games Legacy for Communities Programme with Scottish Community Development Centre

Dunfermline Strathspey and Reel Society

22nd FIDDLERS' RALLY

Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline

Saturday 22 September

Commencing 7pm

Guest Artiste - ALAN ROY, Award winning Accordionist
Conductor - RON SMITH

Tickets £10.00 and £8.00 Concession
Carnegie Hall Box Office, Tel. 01383 602302

Walk Ten Fife at Hill of Tarvit for Marie

Curie Cancer Care

Saturday 4 August

Help Marie Curie Nurses provide more free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes. To register for the walk, or to obtain more information, go to www.mariecurie.org.uk/walkten or call 08700 340 040.

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



Scottish Natural Heritage

Loch Leven

Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Scottish Natural Heritage gives notice that on 29 June 2012, it confirmed without modification the denotification of part of Loch Leven SSSI made on 20 January 2012.

A copy of the confirmation can be inspected free of charge from the address below.

David Bale, Area Manager,
Battleby, Redgorton, Perth, PH1 3EW

Kinross-shire Day Centre

64 High Street, Kinross

VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a
Part-Time Care Assistant / Driver
16 hours per week

Phone 01577 863869 and speak to Nan for further details and application form, or email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

Let's Celebrate 365 Photographic Exhibition by Jeremy Hunter

12 July – 2 September 2012

Monday - Saturday 12.30pm – 4pm

The Fair Maid's House Visitor Centre, Perth

The Royal Scottish Geographical Society will bring a unique photography exhibition to the streets of Perth from 12 July to 2 September. Let's Celebrate 365 is an exhibition of photographs by respected photojournalist Jeremy Hunter. Based in the society's visitor centre, images from the collection will also be spread across 25 venues across Perth, with visitors given a map of the city centre and challenged to find them all.

Let's Celebrate 365 uses global festivals and celebrations, rituals and ceremonies, whether secular, spiritual, political or traditionally religious (of which one happens every day of the year – hence the title) to explore the pulse of the world's diversity. The archive glories in the spectacle, the scale, the colour, the fervour and the uniting power of belief which underlies every image, as much as revelling in and celebrating our fascinating differences as a species.

RSGS, 15-19 North Port, Perth, PH1 5LU

Loch Leven Community Campus presents

Autumn Fair & Car Boot Sale

Sunday 30 September

10am – 2pm

Free Public Entry

For more information, to book a stall or reserve a space for the car boot, please contact:

Loch Leven Community Campus, The Muis, Kinross KY13 8TL
Tel: 01577 867200

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

Dementia Café for Perth & Kinross



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

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

For further information contact:

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

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

Monday 29 October, 4pm to 8pm

Tuesday 30 October, 4pm to 8pm

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

Disability Sport

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

Blythswood Care

(The Newsletter does not always have space to publish the full details regarding items which can and cannot be accepted, so readers may wish to cut out this Notice for future reference)

The Round South Truck accepts small items of furniture, clothing and bric à brac. The uplift of any larger items of furniture (e.g. sofas, beds, wardrobes etc) can be arranged by phoning Hillington on 0141 882 0585. All soft furnishings (e.g. beds, sofas, three-piece suites etc) donated to Blythswood Care must have a fire label with the British Standards code (BS7177) attached to it.

We regret that the Round South Truck cannot accept books. We are also unable to accept bikes, carpets, coat hangers, gas appliances, prams, televisions, small electrical appliances, exercise equipment or wall units.

The next collections will take place on

Tuesday 21 August

between 10.30am and 11am

in Sainsbury's car park

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

Can you give A Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Then 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





Community Learning & Development Adult Learning

Free local and friendly support with -



Basic Computer Tuition

In small groups at a pace to suit the individual, no prior knowledge of computing is necessary.

- Get to know the computer
- Using Word for basic documents
- Introduction to the Internet
- Using E-mail

English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to –

- Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

Adult Literacy & Numeracy

Reading Writing Spelling Numbers

"I can enjoy books now"

"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

"I passed my driving test"

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

If you would like further information regarding any of the tuition please contact:

Roseanne Gray
Adult Learning Worker
Loch Leven Community Campus
Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk
Tel: 01577 867216 / 867177

Perth and Kinross Council (C495 Lethangie Road, Kinross) (Temporary Prohibition of Driving) Order 2012

On 12/07/12 the Council made the above Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit temporarily all vehicular traffic on the C495 Lethangie Road between the East Gate of Loch Leven Community Centre Campus and A911 junctions. The alternative route for vehicles is via: - A922 – A911. This applies from 27/07/12 for 4 weeks to permit sewer installation works. Its maximum duration in terms of the Act is 18 months. Access to premises will be maintained.

Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover the myriad things to see and do in Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit
www.visitlochleven.org



Community Learning & Development
Adult & Family Learning Team

Technology Drop-in



**CONFUSED BY YOUR COMPUTER?
INTRIGUED BY THE INTERNET?
ERRORS IN YOUR EMAIL?
FLUMMOXED BY YOUR PHONE?**

The IT Tutor with Community Learning & Development at Loch Leven Community Campus is holding drop-in sessions to help with any basic technology questions you may have

**the second Friday of every month
starting 10 August, 2pm – 4pm**
in the ICT room within the library.

No need to book, just drop-in!

If you need further information please telephone
01577 867177 or email **sfowler@pkc.gov.uk**



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

Mindspace Counselling Service

YOUNG PEOPLES COUNSELLING SERVICE 11-25 YEAR OLDS



Mindspace Counselling Services offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11-25 at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sometimes we all have problems that worry us and it's not always easy to talk to someone close to us. A counsellor is someone you can talk to in a different way, someone who will listen to you very carefully, who will not judge you or tell you what to do.

We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: Feeling depressed/anxious; Making friends/keeping friends; Chaos at home; Feeling angry and don't know why; Bullying; Having a tough time; Parents splitting up; Death of someone special; Confused feelings about who I am; Wanting to hurt myself or others.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.



Milnathort

filmhouse

rio



 Find us on Facebook

sunday aug 26th 3pm

RIO (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 2.40pm. Tuck shop available.

2012 Forthcoming Programme

Facebook Vote Winner!
(We will be getting YOU to vote for what film will be shown in this slot on our Facebook page so join us!)

Breaking Dawn 1
Monsters vs Aliens
Arthur Christmas

Sat 8 September, 8pm
Sat 27 October, 8pm
Sun 28 October, 3pm
Mon 24 December, 5pm

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.

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.

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Fossoway & District: Secy: Kevin Bothwick (01577) 840845,
fossoway.cc@gmail
Portmoak: Secy: Mr J Bird (01592) 840368,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 MuirGrove	
David Colliar (Vice Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathio Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Laura Mackay	Brunthill Farm	07872 499145
Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
David West (Chair)	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

Perth and Kinross Councillors

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: Michael@mabarnacle.freeserve.co.uk

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)

Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: councilorjoe@giacopazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

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: **8 August**

Week 2: Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlond, Kinnesswood,
Scotlandwell, Hatchbank and Cambo
every second Tuesday. Next visit: **14 August**

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949

Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

To raise a concern or issue or to book an appointment to see Roseanna, you can contact her directly by email or by phoning or writing to her constituency office at:

9 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Telephone: 01738 639598

Fax: 01738 587637

You can also follow Roseanna on Twitter @strathearnrose

Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Claire Baker MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Annabelle Ewing MSP (SNP) Tel: 0131 348 5066

Email: Annabelle.Ewing.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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Email: Willie.Rennie.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Dr Richard Simpson MSP (Lab) Tel: 0131 348 6756

Email: Richard.Simpson.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Elizabeth Smith MSP (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 6762

Email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Regular Library Sessions for Young Children

At Loch Leven Community Library.

No need to book, just come along.

Story Telling

every Monday morning 10.15 – 10.45 am

and every Thursday afternoon 2.15 – 2.45 pm

Bookbug Rhymetimes

every Saturday 10.30 – 11 am

and every Wednesday 2.00 – 2.30 pm

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

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

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

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11 am	Elderberries	1.30 pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15 pm	Bingo	1.45 pm
Wednesday	Morning Service	10.45 am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30 pm	Scrabble	1.30 pm
Thursday	Art Class	1.30 pm	Film Afternoon	1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30 pm		
Friday	Scrabble	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm

Additional Events for August

Tea Dance

Tuesday 21st 1.45pm

**Kinross Community Care Drop in
Advice & Information**

Friday 31st 11am - 12pm



Please note: The activities that take place in the Day Centre are open to anyone. Please feel free to come in and have a game of Scrabble or bingo, swing your hips in our exercise class or dance the afternoon away at the Tea Dance, you will receive a very warm welcome.



**Coffee Bar open 9 am - 4 pm, Senior Citizens Lunches Daily
Telephone: 01577 863869**

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross (opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219



**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda,
Dunfermline**

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

14 & 28 August

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.

Newsletter Deadlines 2012

Please note, deadlines are now on a **FRIDAY**. Deadlines for the whole year can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
September	Friday 17 August	Saturday 1 September
October	Friday 14 September	Saturday 29 September
November	Friday 12 October	Saturday 27 October

Perth & Kinross School Holidays, 2012-2013

The Autumn term begins on Mon 13 August 2012 for teachers, Tue 14 August for Primary pupils and Wed 15 August for Secondary pupils (extra in-service day for Secondary schools).

	Start	End
Autumn Holiday	Mon 8 Oct 2012	Fri 19 Oct 2012
Christmas Holiday	Mon 24 Dec 2012	Fri 4 Jan 2013
Spring Holiday	Fri 29 Mar 2013	Fri 12 April 2013

In-Service Days and Occasional Holidays:

Thu 15 and Fri 16 Nov 2012; Wed 20, Thu 21 and Fri 22 Feb 2013; Mon 15 Apr 2013; Mon 6 May 2013 (May Day, tbc).

The Academic Year ends on Thu 27 June 2013.

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

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

Mobile gas heater £200.00
Provence living flame mobile gas heater and almost full large gas tank. Can be viewed on provencegasheater.co.uk
Seller details: Anne Robertson 01577 850391
annerobertson07@aol.com

Electra Tumble Drier Offers for CHAS
Multi programme drier in good working order.
Seller details: Jock Keith 01577 861547
kelsokeith@btopenworld.com

Glass Computer Trolley Desk £35.00
John Lewis glass/black steel computer desk. 800(W) x 600(D) x 770(H). Smoked glass top, pull out glass keyboard shelf and metal base shelf for printer/paper etc. On castors and very easy to move. Good quality, excellent condition.
Seller details: Bruce Calderwood 01592 840423
the.calderwoods@btinternet.com

Raleigh "Molly" Bike £400.00 ono
Pink Raleigh "Molly" Bike with stabilizers. Pink fluffy seat cover and beads/streamers on the handle bars. Also has seat for a dolly on the back. Includes a pink and purple specialised "small fry" toddler bike helmet (44-52cms).
Seller details: Elyse Kirkham 01577 864044
elysekirkham@googlemail.com

Baby Bath and Stand £15.00
Baby bath and a top and tail bowl, cream in colour with Pooh Bear motif, soft seat area, plug hole with stopper, excellent condition together with a tubular white metal bath stand which folds away for discreet storage.

Mothercare Baby Carrier (2 way) £10.00
Grey in colour, front carrier, excellent condition. Baby can be facing towards chest or forward facing. Comes with head pad and detachable bibs. Comfortable and easy to fit.

Lindam Door Baby Bouncer £10.00
Blue and yellow, excellent condition, rarely used.

Rainforest Jungle Gym (Fisher Price) £30.00
Activity play mat with overhead frame including lights, music and dangling toys with a Jungle theme. Suitable from newborn until crawling age. Excellent condition. Comes with plastic carry sleeve and new batteries.
For above items contact: Tracy Mould 01577 865870
tracyfrost@btinternet.com

Bedroom Furniture and Accessories £70.00 ono
Space and rocket theme items for child's bedroom including chest of drawers, storage box, duvet cover, rug, curtains, curtain pole, rocket shelf, rocket lamp, light shade, wall borders. All in very good condition.
Seller details: Julia Fulton 01577 865530
juliafulton1@hotmail.com

Perth Association for Mental Health

PAMH is a community based non-profit organisation providing services for people recovering from mental health problems. PAMH offers Counselling, Day Services and hosts a Depression Support Group and Bipolar Support Group. For more information telephone (01738) 639657. Website: www.pamh.co.uk

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').

Care Assistant/Driver (Part Time), Kinross-shire Day Centre
16 hours per week. For further details and an application form please phone 01577 863869 or email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

WANTED -

Work Experience Opportunities

Kinross High School is looking for work experience opportunities for senior High School pupils. This is a SQA Accredited Employability Work Placement Scheme for young people in S5 looking for work experience in the Kinross area. Days required are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings until 10.30. Interested employers please contact Jeanette Hickman on 01577 867138 (during term time), email jeanettehickman@pkc.gov.uk or, to leave contact details during the summer break, please contact Julie Wilson, Campus Assistant on 01577 867200 email jwilson@pkc.gov.uk.

Springwell

Inclusion • Wellbeing • Recovery

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

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

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

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!

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

Diary

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