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# Letters

## Editorial

We hope you enjoy the features we have in this issue on the passing of the Olympic flame through Kinross-shire and local events that took place to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

July brings another anniversary: it is 35 years since the founding of the Kinross Community Council Newsletter. It has certainly grown since the 12-page, A5 sized first issue.

We wish our readers a pleasant, and hopefully sunny, summer.

### STOP PRESS! EILIDH IS IN THE OLYMPICS!

Just as we were putting the finishing touches to the July Newsletter ready to send to the printer, the British Athletics championships were taking place. These would determine which athletes would go on to represent GB & NI in the London Olympics this summer. Eilidh Child, originally from Kinross, came second in the 400m hurdles in 55.53 seconds, which guarantees her a place in the Olympic team! Well done, Eilidh, and good luck at the Olympics! Read more about Eilidh on page 27.

### 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.

### Letters Policy

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

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PKC: Perth & Kinross Council

CC: Community Council

CIr: Councillor

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## Milnathort Community Council

As minute-taker for Milnathort Community Council – not a member - I felt I should respond to Jillian Dailly's letter in the June Newsletter in which she criticised the handling of a meeting she wasn't at! To make assumptions about people's behaviour simply by reading a set of minutes is unhelpful, not least to the person she seeks to defend. Minutes can convey facts but they cannot convey the tone of the proceedings, nor in this case the nature of the disruptive behaviour displayed by one individual.

I'd like to take this opportunity to clarify my own role. I stress that I am not a member of Milnathort Community Council but am paid a modest remuneration for taking the minutes. I was asked because I am a journalist with a reliable shorthand note. I have been covering meetings all my working life without any difficulty, so why Mrs Dailly and others think I should misrepresent the facts with regard to Milnathort Community Council is puzzling. Beyond being a resident of Milnathort, I have no personal interest in their discussions. As I work full-time, why would I want to compromise my professional role by gaining a reputation for inaccuracy?

A set of minutes is not intended to be a verbatim report of proceedings but a record of who was there, what actions were agreed and key points raised. In fact, Milnathort Community Council minutes are fuller than strictly necessary simply because my notes are taken in shorthand. Once I have transcribed my notes the minutes are circulated in draft form to Community Council members as well as to PKC, in accordance with the constitution that covers all community councils. Any factual errors are corrected and they are then distributed to other interested parties. They are also posted on the Community Council's website and notice board in South Street for all to read. It is only at the following meeting that they are formally adopted.

In Kinross-shire we are fortunate to have active community councils, as in many other areas they have had to fold due to a dearth of people willing to give up their time on a voluntary basis. Community councils have no political agenda and no powers; they can only make representations on behalf of the local community. And their commitment doesn't just involve turning up at a meeting every month; they also take a hands-on approach to improving the local community.

We should be thankful also that we live in a beautiful area within a country that is peaceful and free. I find it sad that there is a small group of people within Milnathort who can find nothing more constructive to do than snipe at the Community Council and whinge about the length of the grass in Donaldson Park.

To anyone tempted to give credence to Mrs Dailly's ill-informed rant, I suggest they attend a Community Council meeting, read the minutes afterwards and make up their own minds.

Elizabeth Rougvie  
South Street  
Milnathort

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### Save beautiful Kinross-shire

I write in response to a letter in last month's issue entitled "Milnathort Futures Trust." written by Mr David Sands. Mr Sands is one of the directors of that company along with our new councillor, Mr Joe Giacomazzi, and others named in the letter. It is, of course, good news to hear that a company has been set up to benefit the parish of Orwell and there will, no doubt, be a multiplicity of means available for delivering such a laudable aim.

However, it seems to me, unfortunate, that the means selected to date has been the entering into a partnership with the aim of erecting a wind farm on Tillyrie Hill. The development company behind this project are Lomond Energy of West Dumbartonshire. Wind farm developments are, as is known throughout Scotland by now, notorious for dividing communities, and setting neighbour against neighbour. As readers of the Newsletter will be aware, attempts have been made to erect a wind farm on that site since 2005. The last application for five turbines there was turned down in March 2008, following a local public enquiry. The proposed turbines were then to be, ground to blade tip, 75 Metres high. The principal ground of refusal was that the turbines would have significant adverse landscape and visual impacts within Kinross-shire and beyond.

A turbine of 75 Metres is, approximately, 243 feet high. By way of comparison, a simple sixteen storey office block is likely to be about 45 Metres high, or 146 feet high. Few, I suspect, would like to see a single sixteen storey office block built on Tillyrie Hill. A 75 Metre turbine is equivalent in height to a simple twenty-six storey office block, and that was the turbine height proposed by the developers. The site selected is on the eastern Ochils, amongst the lowest parts of the range. The imposition of such structures on Tillyrie Hill would, plainly, have had the effect of dwarfing the hills. In addition, they would have been visible throughout most of our countryside.

At present, Kinross-shire is a small, unspoilt county bounded on three sides by hills and with the loch at its heart. Its appearance, amongst other things, is a matter of pride to those who live within its boundaries. Many small-scale turbines have been erected within it, appropriate to its rolling contours and its small scale domestic and agricultural architecture, and efforts are being made by this means, and others, to reduce our carbon foot print. The current proposal, put forward by Lomond Energy to Perth and Kinross Council for Tillyrie Hill in their scoping report, is for three wind turbines of 90 Metres, ground to blade tip. 90 Metres is 292 feet high. This would equate to three, simple thirty-two storey tower blocks. If, as the enquiry determined, 75 Metre high turbines at such a location would have a significant adverse landscape and visual impact then turbines being almost a third larger could only increase that adverse effect.

In the circumstances, I do not consider that their erection would constitute a benefit to the parish of Orwell or any of the other parishes within this beautiful county. The residents of Kinross-shire enjoy the beauty of the hills, walk in them and value them in their pristine state. The beauty of the hills is not for sale. I appreciate that no formal application has yet been submitted by Lomond Energy but unless the proposed turbines were very significantly smaller than 75 Metres, never mind 90 Metres, the project would not, in my view at least, be "appropriate for our local community."

Finally, I noted with concern, Councillor Hamilton's observation in his report that:

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

Councillor Hamilton was not, as far as I am aware, a member of Perth and Kinross Council whilst such matters were being considered. Such refusals by our elected representatives do not, in themselves, suggest that Central Government's guidance has not been followed. Whilst Central Government is, undoubtedly, supportive of renewable energy it also requires that account be taken of other considerations including the need to conserve and enhance the natural heritage, the built environment, landscape, scenery and wildlife. Fortunately for Scotland, it recognises the need to protect such attributes from the harm resulting from inappropriate and insensitive wind farm developments or overly-large turbines. The previous refusal of the proposed wind farm development at Tillyrie Hill is an example of adherence to Central Government guidance and policy, as opposed to any form of breach of it. The role of the Community Councillor is, as I am sure Councillor Hamilton is aware, to represent the views of the community. These may, or may not, coincide with his own.

Gillian Galbraith  
Garden Cottage  
Ledlanet

### Thanks to Kinross and Sainsbury's

May I just say a word of thanks to all the good shoppers of Kinross, and Sainsbury's store staff, for their generosity in allowing us to collect at the store on 12 May recently. We were collecting for **SSAFA Forces Help** – the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association.

We raised £300 in 4 hours, which was fabulous, and this collection was replicated up and down UK, raising fantastic sums. Thank you, the public - you were very kind and generous. Thanks, too, to our volunteers who gave their time to help.

Our eldest son, Peter, is in the Scots Guards and has served in Afghanistan. It's a long haul for all the servicemen and women out there, and especially for their families and friends. However morale is high, and a gritty determination to see through the mission has remained as steady as ever - remarkably so, considering the conditions they operate under. Let us all salute these brave men and women. Fund raising, like at Sainsbury's recently, makes all the difference to improve the future for those damaged, mentally or physically, and their families.

Anyone wanting to make a donation to service charities supporting the men and women there can contact me.

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# News & Articles

## Newsletter review of the year

The Newsletter editor and treasurer made their annual reports to the Kinross Newsletter Limited board of directors on 1 May. The reports were for the year April 2011 to March 2012.

The Newsletter has had another very successful year. Circulation is up 4%, with sales now averaging 2,145 per issue. Sainsbury's started stocking the Newsletter in April 2011 and more recently the Powmill Milk Bar and Moto joined our list of outlets. We thank all the outlets that stock the Newsletter. This year we say a special thanks to Jim Whittet of **Shoppextra** for all his years stocking the Newsletter. Jim is retiring and we wish him all the best for a long and happy retirement. (*See also Thanks.*)

The Newsletter has grown in size. In 2011-2012 it averaged 103 pages per issue, an 8% rise on the previous year. There has been an increase in both content and advertising. However, the request for advertising has grown so much that we have had to reintroduce a waiting list for display adverts, to prevent the Newsletter from becoming top-heavy with advertising.

The number of submissions also increased, and as from February 2012 we brought forward our monthly deadline to give us more time to process these. We appeal to clubs again to keep their reports brief, please.

We thank everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter in the past year, in particular our regular volunteer Farming correspondents, **Fiona Turnbull** and **John Buchanan** and our weather expert **Malcolm Smith**. We would also like to thank especially **David Munro** for the Buildings of Interest feature, and **Kinnesswood in Bloom** for the regular recipes. (Who knew adding orange to rhubarb could make it taste so amazing? We recommend the Baked Rhubarb and Orange Sponge in the May issue!)

Thanks also to **Isabel Gillon** who acts as our hand-in point in Milnathort. We also thank the local businesses who make the Newsletter possible by advertising.

The Newsletter made a profit of approximately £19,000 and this will be transferred to the Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd (KCCNL), a charitable company operated by Kinross CC. KCCNL was set up to make grants available to local organisations or projects that comply with KCCNL's charitable purposes.

We have had one staff change in the past year. We were sorry that, in October, Glenn Neve had to give up the distribution around the outlets. We thank Glenn and his wife Kirsty for all their work. Lee from our printers Cree8 has now taken on the distribution.

For the first time we had a stall at the Better Place to Live Fair and it was good to meet many of our readers and regular contributors, such as club secretaries. We conducted a questionnaire about the Newsletter. The four most popular sections are: Diary, Notices, CC News and News & Articles. Everyone who answered the questionnaire felt the Newsletter is about the right size and 85% of respondents read every issue. Thank you for your comments and thanks to all our readers.

## Curling in Kinross - where now?

Many residents of Kinross will be aware of the proposal for a National Curling Academy on the Market Park in Kinross. Some may not realise that, due to the difficulties of raising finance, this project has had to be shelved. So where does that leave curling in Kinross?

Kinross has always played a prominent role in the sport, with the local men's club claiming a heritage dating back to the 17th century. Even before that, there are records of the monks of St Serf's playing on the frozen loch. In more modern times, the club was instrumental in the founding of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club, now the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, and the game's governing body in Scotland – in effect curling's equivalent of the Royal and Ancient in golf. In addition to the curling rink at the Green Hotel, operational since 1975, you may have seen curlers playing on the outdoor pond near the golf clubhouse, or memorably on Loch Leven around Christmas 2010.

But all of that is threatened by the failure of the NCA project and the deteriorating condition of the indoor rink. The final blow could be on 1 January 2015, when the coolant in the refrigeration plant becomes illegal under European law. So what can be done to preserve the heritage of curling in Kinross?

The Kinross Curling Trust was formed to progress the NCA project, but now has a remit to explore other options to safeguard curling. A key task over the next few months is to explore, with the agreement of Montgomery Hotels, the feasibility of taking over the existing rink and refurbishing or extending it. This is where the Trust needs the backing of the whole community, not just active curlers, to ensure the survival of curling. It is often remarked how Kinross and Kinross-shire has an extraordinary diversity of community activities for its size. Curling certainly contributes to that rich diversity, with around 1000 players in the Loch Leven area, a further 2000 in the West Fife area who use the rink, and many clubs from East Fife travelling here too. Losing that facility, and the activity it brings to Kinross, would be a huge blow to the area. It would be a blow to the sport nationally too. Scotland excels in curling, perhaps more so than in any other sport, and World, Olympic and European champions have learned their craft on the ice in Kinross.

The Trust will be looking for the support of curlers, the local community, local politicians and the media in the months ahead as it strives to find a solution in a new or improved curling rink.

Whether you are a curler or not, please visit our website <http://kinrosscurlingtrust.weebly.com> lend us your support in any way you can, and promote curling as a crucial piece of Kinross' past and future. And in the new season, why not come along to one of the excellent beginners' sessions and see for yourself what the game can offer?

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# T in the Park 2012

**Thursday 5 July - Monday 9 July**

You should receive a copy of 'T in the Park – A Guide for Local Residents' with this copy of the Newsletter. This contains important information for all residents, whether attending the festival or not. Information covered includes: festival and campsite hours of operation, temporary traffic orders (road closures, diversions etc), shuttle bus timetable, firework warning and contact telephone numbers. If your copy is not with the Newsletter, try asking in your local Newsletter outlet. In addition, leaflets are delivered to many households. You can also download a copy from these websites:

[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

[www.tinthepark.com/local](http://www.tinthepark.com/local) (password loch leven).

## Important points:

### Walking to the Festival

If you, or a friend or visitor, are walking to the festival site from the Kinross or Milnathort areas, you are urged to use the **recommended walking route**. This is via Gallowhill Road, which is closed to most traffic during the festival.

### Hours of Operation

**Arena music** finishes at midnight on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Campsite music** finishes at midnight on the Thursday, and **2am** on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights (i.e. into the following mornings).

### Noise Problems

There should not be any amplified noise after the times listed. If you wish to complain about noise, telephone the Local Resident Enquiry Line or the Perth & Kinross Council Line **at the time the noise is taking place**.

### Local Resident Enquiry Line

(manned 24 hours per day, starting 11am on the Thursday)

**01577 898091**

### Perth & Kinross Council

**01577 898112**



## Public Transport Information Notice

### Service 204 diversion during T in the Park

Due to road closures and the one way traffic system in place for T in the Park, it will be necessary to divert Stagecoach Fife Service 204 from its normal route on **Saturday, 7 July**. On journeys to Kinross from Dollar the diversion will be A91, via Mawhill Road, B918, Tillyochie Road and A977 to Kinross. Journeys may operate a few minutes later than timetabled.

Journeys from Kinross to Dollar will operate their normal route.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

### For further information please contact:

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# T in the Park weekend - free link bus

## Local bus link to T in the Park from both Kinross and Milnathort

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

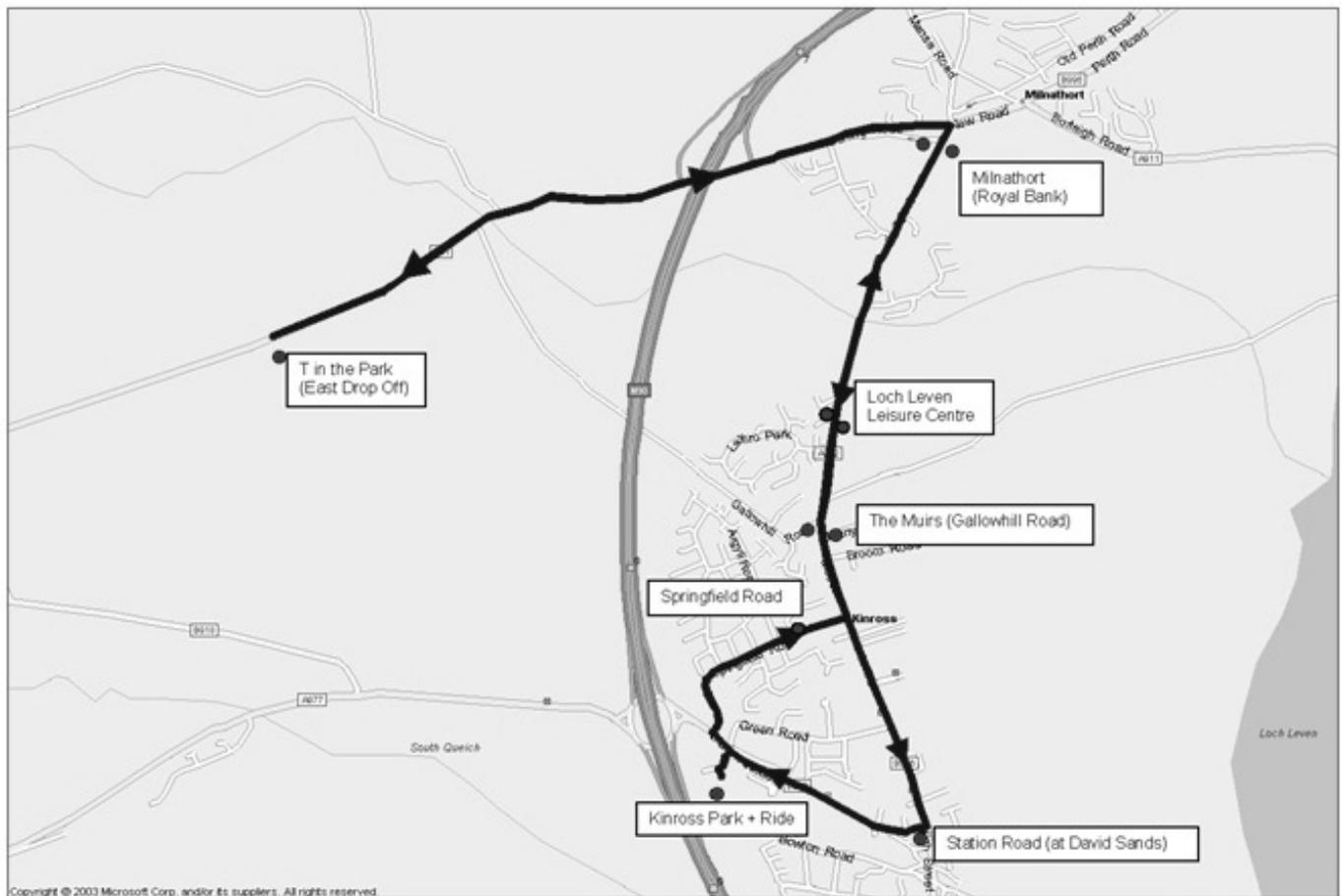
On Thursday, Service 604 will start at midday from Kinross (David Sands) and operate at 30 minute intervals finishing at 7.00pm.

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

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

**Note:** The full timetable for Service 604 is printed in the T in the Park Guide for Local Residents leaflet, which you should have with this Newsletter. Copies of the leaflet can be downloaded from [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc).

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## Tillywhally Community Woodland

By Gosia Stanton

Tillywhally is a rather small wood located to the north of Milnathort on the way to Tillyrie and not many people know about it. It was planted in 1994 for the enjoyment of the local community.

Right now the woodland is decorated with Meadow buttercups, Pink purslanes, Cow parsley and Wood avens. The sea of flowers is crowned with little purple Northern marsh orchids. It provides the stage for a bird extravaganza. The main actors, Chaffinches sing a beautiful soprano theme, which Blue tits and Great tits interrupt with their alto calls, while illusionist Blackbirds reply with the most beautiful serenades. Buzzards pass overhead occasionally hunting for prey. If you are lucky you could spot a rare Yellowhammer or Great tit feeding its chicks.



*Tillywhally Wood, near Milnathort*

Since this little woodland was planted it got a wee bit overgrown with many new young tree shoots spreading and blocking sunshine for wildflowers. In the clearings, moss and common grass continue to push away the wild meadows that are so attractive to butterflies, bees and moths. Some good work has already started. Recently new benches were installed using the Kinross-shire Fund secured by the CC and tree cover was thinned to open space for undergrowth. Early this spring volunteers were busy clearing the wood and raising branch stacks for wildlife shelters.

More work is planned for the wood including an introduction of native wildflowers, more thinning of the trees, and installation of bird and bat boxes with the help of local primary school children. All these efforts will hopefully be possible through a biodiversity fund, which Milnathort in Bloom are seeking to secure. But the success of the biodiversity project is so dependent on community interest and volunteer time.

This little wood deserves love and care to flourish, and in return it will provide joy for all the community. Already one bird box from private donation has been installed and - a family of Blue tits have taken occupancy after only two months on the market! We are looking for anyone who loves nature and can spare a little time to join us in making this place special for us. Would you like to find out more? Take a walk at Tillywhally and see for yourself. More details about planned biodiversity work from Gosia Stanton on [mmm.sozanska@btinternet.com](mailto:mmm.sozanska@btinternet.com), 01577-861237.

## Sit awhile and enjoy the view

By Milnathort Community Council

Living in an area as beautiful as we do, it is wonderful to report that we now have four more places from which one can enjoy the landscape. Residents of Milnathort may have noticed the new benches in Tillywhally Woodland and along the cycle path.

Following comments from community members, Milnathort CC secured funding from the Kinross-shire Fund and, along with a donation from Kinross Road Runners, was able to renew vandalised seating in Tillywhally Woodland and add seating to the cycle path that runs from Auld Mart estate to Mawcarse.

With the assistance of Perth and Kinross Council, benches were recently installed in the two locations and include engraved plaques of acknowledgement. Thanks are also due to TRACKS and Jamie Montgomery who assisted with siting of the cycle path benches.

The Tillywhally benches complement the work already carried out by MCC in the last year, where with the assistance of TRACKS and some help from Milnathort Primary School, woodland was cleared and a new path laid. Milnathort CC would encourage anyone who sincerely enjoys improving Milnathort to attend monthly meetings and work with us for the benefit of your community.



*One of the new benches at Tillywhally Wood*

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## Rosemount Nursery School, Kinross

During April, Rosemount Nursery in Kinross was visited and inspected by HMIe. This was their first inspection since the Nursery obtained their Partner Provider status with Perth & Kinross Council last year. Throughout the four day visit, the inspectors talked to parents and children and worked closely with the head of the nursery, Louise Smart, and the staff team. The report and its outcomes celebrated particular aspects of the pre-school centre's work, including the range of enriching experiences for children, the links within the community and local primary schools, the roles of children and families in the life of the nursery and the development of the staff team. As a result of the inspection process, the following key strengths were identified:

- Happy, friendly children who are involved in making decisions about their nursery
- The wide range of enriching experiences for children, including links with the local community
- The warm, welcoming ethos and quality of care shown by staff
- Strong sense of teamwork and the commitment of the manager and all staff to the continued improvement of the nursery

The nursery team are confident that the nursery will develop and progress from strength to strength and were delighted to receive a congratulatory letter from Rosanna Cunningham, MSP acknowledging their success.

## A use for old stamps

The World Mission Stamp Appeal of the Church of Scotland is a way for your used stamps to help others and it is easy to donate them here in Kinross.

The Kinross end of the appeal is run by Jean Simpson, a member of Kinross Parish Church. Your used stamps can be left at church services (box in vestibule) or handed in to the church office (open Monday to Friday, 10am – 12 noon. Use rear door of church).

Last year £3,700 was raised in support of the Olivet Boys' Home in Jamaica. This year the appeal is to raise £4,000 to help the work of the Middle East Council of Churches through the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in the Lebanon. The project is to help with agricultural training for Palestinian refugees in southern Lebanon by helping to renovate a building to introduce chicken rearing for training purposes and to provide a small income for the training farm.

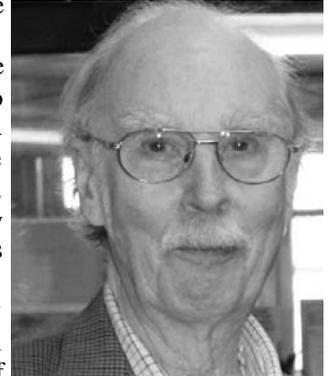
## Milnathort composer reaches a high note

By Karen Elwis

Local musician Gareth Clemson demonstrated that he has more than one string to his bow recently by winning a national composing competition. Viola player Gareth won the unpublished amateur section of the iCompose Competition 2012, run by the National Gallery of Scotland and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. His piece 'Arabesque G16' – one continuous 8-minute movement for flute, percussion, violin, viola and cello – was performed on Friday 18 May at the National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh by members of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

Gareth explains: "The title comes from the National Galleries of Scotland online catalogue number and refers to a model by Edgar Degas of a young dancer executing the Arabesque penchée pose, where the dancer, while steady on one foot, raises the other as high as possible."

Gareth was born in New Zealand and moved to the UK in 1962. An active member of Perth Symphony Orchestra, he also teaches piano, violin and viola at his home near Milnathort. Previously his compositions have been broadcast on Radio New Zealand and on BBC Scotland.



Gareth Clemson

## 'On Your Marks...'

### Family Week in Summer Holidays

*Kinross Parish Church*

In this Olympic Year, Kinross Parish Church launch another fun-filled Family Week, this time with the theme of international games. The main daily programme will run from 10am – 12.15pm at Kinross Parish Church and associated tents in Station Road from **Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August**. Family Week is for all young people from age 3 to S4.

The aim this year is to learn more about Jesus' life through stories, games, crafts and drama. The setting is a fictitious international sporting tournament which takes place in Galilee in the first century AD and each day a different sporting event is explored which links in with Bible passages from Mark's Gospel. Our experience in previous years is that children who are unable to come every day still enjoy attending occasional sessions and take something from each day's programme.

A number of other events are arranged around the morning sessions including Kinross' own '**Grand Opening Ceremony**' at 6pm on **Friday 27 July**, the same day as the opening ceremony for the London Olympics, and a **Celebration and Barbecue** at the church at 7pm on **Friday 3 August**.

Fuller details available at [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org) or by contacting the church office (01577 862560, [kinrossparishchurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kinrossparishchurch@hotmail.co.uk)). It is helpful if children are registered in advance – it saves time on the first day. Registration forms may be obtained from the church office.

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# Kinross Show

## New Show Ground at RSPB Loch Leven, Vane Farm

Kinross Show Committee is pleased to announce that this year's Show will go ahead and will be held at RSPB Loch Leven, Vane Farm on **Saturday 11 August**. The Show, now in its 182nd year, had previously been held in the grounds of Kinross House and had announced a move earlier this year to a new site at Gallowhill Road situated at the edge of Kinross. However, due to planning concerns raised by HSE because of the BP Forties Oil Pipe running through the site, the show could not be held at Gallowhill. Roddy Baird, President of Kinross-shire Agricultural Society commented, "it came as a bit of a shock when we were told we would have to go through the Scottish Office in order to get planning approved on the Gallowhill Road site, especially with it being next to the T in the Park site, which attracts a lot more visitors than we do. We have our annual date for the event and we couldn't guarantee that everything would be approved in time, so we had to look at alternative sites."

Fortunately for the Show Committee, RSPB Vane Farm have stepped in and offered to provide land for the event. Roddy Baird added, "we are exceptionally grateful to RSPB Vane Farm for providing us with a Show Ground at such short notice. Kinross Show is an integral part of the Kinross-shire calendar and it would have been unthinkable to cancel it."

Along with the great new location, with stunning views over Loch Leven, Kinross Show have some exciting attractions this year, including The Jamie Squibb Freestyle Stunt Team who is coming all the way from Devon. Jamie and his team display internationally and Kinross Show are thrilled that he will be one of the main show attractions.

A glance through the Premium List indicates that there are to be the usual classes for pure and cross-bred cattle, along with a large horse section, sheep and goats. The **CLOSING DATE for ENTRIES** is **Saturday 14 July** - and the Committee are hoping for a big response in the animal section this year. Entry Forms are available from [bruce@tayforth.co.uk](mailto:bruce@tayforth.co.uk).

The Flower Show will again include the ever-popular Hen and Duck egg classes - and new classes for fruit and vegetables.

Expect a wonderful array of talent on display in the SWRI and Craft Tents - and with plenty to see on the Trade Stands, Kinross Show is the perfect day out for all the family. Car parking is FREE and FREE buses will be running all day from Milnathort and Kinross. Adult tickets are £10, concession £5 and children under 16 get FREE entry to the Showground.

For the latest Kinross Show news please log on to [www.facebook.com/KinrossShow](http://www.facebook.com/KinrossShow) or [www.kinross-show.co.uk](http://www.kinross-show.co.uk)

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

*(See the flower show schedule on the next page)*



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## Who is spray-painting the streets of Kinross?

Some of our readers may have noticed that there has been a seemingly mad graffiti artist who has been spray painting the streets in Kinross with peculiar, outlandish designs.

It has now been established that these numbers and squiggly lines relate to a survey being conducted on the utilities under the roads in Kinross town centre by a contractor on behalf of the council.

This information is to feed into the Town Centre Regeneration project which is currently underway.

Thanks to Councillor Dave Cuthbert for enlightening us.



*One of the strange hieroglyphs which have recently appeared on the streets of Kinross*



**Kinross-shire Agricultural Society Flower Show**  
**Marquéé sponsored by Dobbies Garden Centre, Kinross**  
**SATURDAY 11 AUGUST 2012 RSPB Vane Farm, by Loch Leven, KINROSS**



Convenor: Mrs Claire Paton, Lethangie, Kinross.

Committee: Cath Mearns, Margaret Kilpatrick, Alice Getley and Cath Ballantyne.

Flower and Vegetable Section Judge: Alan Weeper, 38 Adamson Terrace, Leven.

Floral Art Section Judge: Mrs Grace Taylor, Cottage Bank, Newmill, Cupar.

Children's Sections Judges: Alan Weeper and Mrs Grace Taylor.

**JUDGING COMMENCES 10am. ENTRIES: £1 per Adult Exhibit and 50p per Child Exhibit.**

Entries accepted on Show Field until 9.00pm on Friday 10 August and from 8am until 9.30am on Saturday 11 August.

Boards available on request. Entries can be uplifted at 4pm. **Prize Money:** In all Classes 1st- £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd- £1.

### FLOWER SECTION

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| 1. Pot Plant – Flowering any type                           | 7. Four French Marigolds to be shown on a board       |
| 2. Pot Plant – Begonia                                      | 8. Four Pansies or Four Violas to be shown on a board |
| 3. Pot Plant – Fuschia                                      | 9. Vase of Three Roses Same Variety                   |
| 4. One Vase mixed Herbaceous                                | 10. Best Single Rose                                  |
| 5. Vase displaying any flowering shrub (3 stems, 1 variety) | 11. Vase of Five Sweet Peas One Colour Only           |
| 6. (a) Vase of Three Dahlias – Decorative                   | 12. One Gladioli any variety                          |
| 6. (b) Vase of Three Dahlias – Cacti                        |   |
| 6. (c) Vase of Three Dahlias – Ball/Pompom                  |   |

### FLORAL ART SECTION

**This year's theme – “2012 Celebrations”**

NAFAS Rules need not be adhered to. Simply read the schedule carefully and pay attention to size and materials. Space allowed: width 76cms by 60 cms depth.

All exhibits to be composed of natural plant material - i.e. Fresh, Dried or Preserved unless otherwise stated. All Fresh plant material to be in water or water retaining substances. All Flowers and Foliage to be in good condition.

13. **Gold Medal:** A Miniature arrangement in an Eggcup not exceeding 12cm in height from base of eggcup. Approximate width 8cm.
14. **A Celebration Bowl of Beauty:** A bowl of flowers from an open garden
15. **The Diamond Jubilee:** A Floral Arrangement incorporating Flowers and Foliage. Accessories allowed.
16. **2012 Olympics:** An exhibit using fresh plant material. Width allowed 3'. Accessories allowed.
17. **Fly the Flag:** An arrangement in Red, White & Blue. Accessories allowed.
18. **Let's Celebrate:** A Table Arrangement with fresh plant material. Width 2'. Candles & Accessories allowed.

### CHILDREN'S CLASSES

**This Year's Theme – Red, White & Blue**

19. A drawing on A4 paper depicting “Our Queen” Age 5 and under
20. A drawing on A4 paper depicting “Our Queen” Age 6 - 8
21. Two Decorated Digestive Biscuits Age 5 and under - Plates will be provided
22. A model of An Animal using Fruit & Vegetables Age 6 - 8
23. An arrangement of “Garden Flowers” in a “Jam Jar” Age 8 and under
24. “Our Queen's Crown” - made from re-cyclable materials. Age 9-14 years
25. A “Garden in a Seed Tray” not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural material only. To include Red, White & Blue. - Age 8 and under
26. A “Garden in a Seed Tray” not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural material only. To include Red, White & Blue. - Age 9 -14
27. (a). Model Farm in a Seed Tray – ‘Models Allowed’ Age 8 and under.
27. (b). Model Farm in a Seed Tray – ‘Models Allowed’ Age 9 – 14.
28. (a). A decorated Wellington Boot – Age 8 and under.
28. (b). A decorated Wellington Boot – Age 9-14.

### VEGETABLE SECTION

All Vegetables to be presented washed and in Good Condition. Paper Plates will be provided.

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| 29. 3 Small Courgettes no longer than 12cms. | 34. 6 Pods of Peas                      |
| 30. 3 Onions White                           | 35. 3 Large Tomatoes (Red) with Calyxes |
| 31. 3 Onions Red                             | 36. 6 Cherry Tomatoes                   |
| 32. 4 Potatoes - White                       | 37. 4 French Beans                      |
| 33. 4 Potatoes - Red                         |   |

*Schedule continues over page...*



## Kinross-shire Agricultural Society Flower Show continued...



### FRUIT SECTION

All Fruit to be presented washed and in Good Condition. Paper Plates will be provided.

38. 6 Plums any Variety.
39. 3 Eating Apples same Variety Named.
40. Any other Seasonal Fruit.

### EGG SECTION

All Eggs must be washed and polished. Paper Plates and Shavings will be provided. All Decorated Eggs must be hard boiled.

41. 3 Hens Eggs Any Variety – Age 12 and under.
42. 3 Hens Eggs Any Variety – Age 13 to adult.
43. 1 Decorated Egg Any Variety - Age 12 and under.
44. 1 Decorated Egg Any Variety - Age 13 to adult.
45. 3 Duck Eggs – Open to all.

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

### SPECIAL PRIZES

Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places will be presented in Children's Classes 19 to 28.  
Carrs Billington, Milnathort have sponsored the Egg Section with vouchers to the value of £10 for each egg section winner.

## Specialist stamp shop opens

Richard Allcoat is pleased to announce the opening of Kinross Stamp Shop at 65 High Street, Kinross. After over ten years trading online selling collectable postage stamps around the world, he is now opening the doors to allow him to be able to buy and sell stamps to the public.

His expertise lies in British and Commonwealth stamps but has many connections in the philatelic world, covering all world stamps. Along with buying and selling, he will also be stocking accessories such as albums, stock cards, mounts etc and will have plenty for the junior collector just starting out. Stamp collecting is still the world's number one hobby and for serious collectors is one of the better investment options around today.

Trading on eBay will continue under his old name of Moby Stamps and Collectables (moby390) and he is hopeful of creating an online shop at his website [www.kinrossstamps.co.uk](http://www.kinrossstamps.co.uk). Later this year he will be running his first auction for people wishing to sell on their collections.

Whilst setting up the shop, it was encouraging to speak to so many local traders who wished him well and also people anxious for him to open as they are looking to fill gaps in their collections or have stamps they wish to sell or have their collections valued. As well as a professional and friendly service, Richard is well known for sourcing stamps that he doesn't currently hold in stock so he is confident his new "Find It Service" will be a winner.

Opening hours will change occasionally to allow him to visit auctions around the country and in Europe so it is best to call the shop or check on line for more up to date information.

The shop is by the High Street/Station Road roundabout, in premises recently vacated by Graeme Brown photographer.

## Ballroom Dancing has started in Kinross

Kinross people are set to follow in the footsteps of the Strictly Come Dancing stars and take to the floor to learn a few new steps in a strictly style, ballroom dancing class.

Strictly Come Dancing has become a Saturday night institution, however for most people this means sitting on the couch watching other people dance. Now Live Active Leisure has launched a ballroom dance class in Kinross that aims to get people moving off the couch and twisting, sashaying and turning.

Live Active Leisure is the local leisure provider that operates 15 leisure venues in Perth and Kinross, and operates the sports facilities within Loch Leven Community Campus.

Pam Spowart, Live Active Leisure's dance instructor said: "These classes are ideal for beginners or people with a little experience. It will give them some new techniques and more confidence to sweep their partners off their feet and impress family and friends at the next social event."

Neil Johnston, Live Active Leisure Operations Manager said: "TV shows like Strictly Come Dancing have increased the popularity of this type of dancing. Our class will include the teaching of many of the dances that are seen in that show such as the Cha Cha Cha, Waltz, Salsa and the Tango."

The ten-week block of lessons takes place at Loch Leven Community Campus and started on Thursday 14 June, beginning at 7pm. People interested in joining the class are encouraged to call Loch Leven Community Campus reception on 01577 867200 to book.

<p><b>Deadline for all Submissions</b>  <b>5.00 pm, FRIDAY 13 July</b>  <b>for publication on Saturday 28 July</b></p>
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# Milnathort Jubilee Fancy Dress Parade

*All photographs courtesy of Gavin Anderson Photography*

On 2 June 2012, to open the Milnathort Festival and to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Milnathort Community Council organised a Jubilee themed children's fancy dress parade through the village. This was an excellent suggestion, from a community member, to revive the long lost local tradition of a gala parade.

The parade, led by a decorated rickshaw and Kinross Pipe Band, was both colourful and fun, with many local kids resplendent in their Jubilee themed outfits. Their happy smiles continued throughout the parade and all children, helpers, organisers, pipers and businesses were rewarded with a commemorative coin, specially produced for the day, and the best dressed with one of the generous prizes. Anne Giacopazzi, despite a conflict of interest (her grandchildren in the parade), judged the costumes and allocated the generous prize fund. The munificent Milnathort business community donated prizes for the best fancy dress, and MCC would like to show their appreciation to Gavin Anderson Photography, Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort Post Office, D M Sheet Metal, Carrs Billington and The Royal Bank of Scotland. Without these prizes, the event would not have been

the resounding success it was. Advertising leaflets were designed by Cree-8 and Craig Williams of Fast Forward Electric Bikes was kind enough to loan a rickshaw for the event. Members of Kinross Pipe Band, added a tremendous musical accompaniment

Thank you also to Milnathort Primary School for cutting the ribbon allowing us to open the annual fête, helping with advertising, encouraging participation and use of their grounds. And to KLEO for the loan of the loud hailer and bright jackets along with Tayside Police and



*Kinross Pipe Band led the parade*

to the parade and we were honoured by their presence, especially with the 1000 Pipers event being held simultaneously in Perth.

Perth and Kinross Council who allowed the event to take place. Wonderful photos were taken by Gavin Anderson Photography and will be published on the Milnathort website at [www.kinross.cc/milnathort/milnathort\\_info.htm](http://www.kinross.cc/milnathort/milnathort_info.htm) MCC, who all turned out on the day to enjoy the event, would like to say a final thank you to all the children and supporters of the parade, and subject to willing volunteers to organise in future, may it continue for years to come.

*Milnathort CC*



*Her Majesty the Queen, and entourage*



*A fun time was had by all!*

## Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Street Party

Wester Balgedie, Easter Balgedie and Pittendreich joined together to have a Street Party on Monday 4 June to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The party site was in the Well Loan, Wester Balgedie and was very colourful, with Union Jacks, red, white and blue bunting and balloons. The sun shone, it was more or less warm and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. About 40 people gathered together from the three villages, bringing delicious food and drink and, most importantly, themselves.

A toast was proposed and drunk to give thanks for the Queen's wonderful 60 year reign and wishing her many more years on the throne.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the communities to get together and everyone met people that they had not met before, pulling the villages closer together. Every one was delighted that the weather had stayed fair, unlike the previous day in London. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee had been well and truly celebrated in a very appropriate fashion.



A collage of the combined Wester Balgedie, Easter Balgedie and Pittendreich Jubilee celebration

### Consumer Quiz

#### Do you know the answers?

The cardigan you bought is the wrong colour. Can you bring it back?

*In law a shop does not have to refund you or exchange an item just because you changed your mind. In reality, most shops will, but it is more a matter of customer service than something you are entitled to.*

You are going out for a special meal. When the starter arrives, you see greenfly marching over the salad leaves. It gets worse; the food takes ages to come, is not warm and doesn't taste nice. What are your rights? *You can actually refuse to pay for the meal provided you leave your name and address.*

You bought a t-shirt which, the first time you washed it, shrunk and lost shape. You have since looked at the care instructions: it said hand-wash only. Are you entitled to anything? *Not in this case - you should have read the care instructions.*

At a discount shop you buy a radio. The first time you switch it on, you get an almighty shock. You get back to

the shop and tell them you want your money back. Can you? *You are entitled to your money back. No matter how cheap, your radio should be safe to use.*

Ok, the shop has taken back your unsafe radio. The sales assistant gives you a credit note. Is that correct? *No, when returning faulty goods you don't have to accept a credit note; your money should be returned fully.*

The party dress you bought at a street market falls apart before you even arrive at your New Year's bash. The stall displayed a "No refunds" sign. Cut the dress up for dusters and forget your money? *No, such signs are illegal. You are entitled to a refund if the dress is faulty.*

A TV you ordered from a High Street shop arrives directly from the factory. There is a scratch on it. The shop you bought it from says you have to take up your dispute direct with the manufacturer. Should you? *No, your contract was with the shop. So the shop is obliged to deal with the complaints of the final consumer.*

You get a discount on a skirt because of a stain, which was clearly described. You change your mind. Can you get a refund? *Not in law, if the fault was pointed out.*

*By Trudy Duffy-Wigman*

# Olympic Torch goes through Kinross-shire

## Milnathort

The day dawned bright and sunny with an unusual buzz in the air. The approaches to Milnathort were lined with parked cars, and a merry clamour could be heard emanating from the village centre. Smiling faces lined New Road and at the centre the village was literally heaving. Yes, heaving – four deep in places – and why? The Olympic Torch of course, that once in a lifetime, patriotic event, that lived up to the hype spectacularly.

There was a great build-up: the convoy of vehicles, Wenlock and Mandeville, coke distributors, photographers – ours (Gavin Anderson Photography) and theirs – film crew and amplified chatter. Streamers, bunting and balloons adorned buildings and scarecrows dotted the crowd – fabulous scarecrows at that. Once again, at the encouragement of Milnathort CC, the community pulled together and enlivened the streets with wonderful creations, including Chris Hoy, Ellie Simmonds, Duncan Goodhew to name but a few. They lined the route from



*Kinross Pipe Band celebrates the arrival of the Olympic flame at New Road/Victoria Avenue, Milnathort. Photo courtesy of Sandy Leonard*

start to finish, peering over hedges, peeking out of windows and climbing railings and lampposts.

And then a susurrantion – the torch was coming. Yes, it was here, carried aloft down New Road for all to see. A delightful spectacle bringing cheers and tears. The street was alive, a moving

carpet of people following the torch, stopping only for the kisses – well who wouldn't? From kiss to kiss the crowd followed, along New Road, down South Street to Auld Mart and beyond. And then alas, goodbye, it was Kinross's turn.

All in all, it was wonderful to have the Olympic Torch relay through Milnathort. We may not be the biggest venue, or the most iconic. We did not make it on to the TV. We had a tough day of competition with perhaps the best scenes of the whole relay, 'Chariots of Fire' at St Andrews, The Falkirk Wheel and Edinburgh Castle – what a day for the Torch! However we did have a huge crowd, no vacant roadside spots, and everyone celebrating with friends, family and scarecrows alike. Great job torch-bearers, supporters and all.

More Milnathort photos can be seen on [www.kinross.cc/milnathort/milnathort\\_info.htm](http://www.kinross.cc/milnathort/milnathort_info.htm)

*Heading south from  
Milnathort Town Hall*

*Photo courtesy of  
Gavin Anderson Photography*



*Thanks to Lynne Bennet, Hayley Allcoat and Ewan Cathcart who provided text for these pages. Thanks also to everyone who sent photographs to the Newsletter; sorry we couldn't use them all. You can see more photographs of the torch relay in the photolibrary at the website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)*



**Milnathort**

*Passing on the flame in New Road*

*Photo courtesy of Gavin Anderson Photography*

**Kinross**

Various events were on offer at the community campus to keep the school community and residents entertained as they waited for the Olympic torch relay. There was a display by the Loch Leven Diamonds (majorettes), a boxing demonstration and a community choir sang the song especially written by Dougie Maclean for the flame's journey through Perth & Kinross.

In a change to the published list of torch-bearers, Gordon Smart, a former pupil of Kinross High School, carried the torch along the Muirs. Gordon is show business editor with the Scottish Sun newspaper.

A large crowd had gathered outside St Paul's Church on the Muirs to watch the torch procession turn into Springfield Road. Residents were provided with a welcome (and free!) cup of tea, coffee or juice along with homemade pancakes and other goodies by members of Kinross Parish Church and St Paul's Church. The churches would like to thank all who donated to Family Week.



*Former Kinross resident Gordon Smart carrying the torch on the Muirs, just before turning into Springfield Road. Photo courtesy of Irene McFarlane.*

*Church members serve teas*

*Photo courtesy of Irene McFarlane*



## Crook of Devon

For a small village Crook of Devon certainly turned out in style to welcome the Olympic Torch. Over 1000 people lined the main street, which was full of Olympic coloured balloons, thanks to the work of 1st For Balloons and the sponsorship of many local companies and residents.

Hayley Allcoat, owner of 1st For Balloons, had the idea of giving out long gold balloons to the children to wave as the torch went by, but a couple of other local business women jumped on board to help out. Ann Whitelaw of Powmill Milk Bar and Caroline Watson of Caroline Watson Cooking Services decided to raise money so that balloons could line the route from start to

finish. Every lamppost and telegraph pole had bunches of balloons on them and four giant gold balloon torches were placed along the route. The main sculpture was a 20ft by 10ft creation to symbolise the Olympic rings (*see the Newsletter front cover for a picture of this*). Many members of the procession were stopping to take pictures along the way, even the police! Several Tayside contractor officials told Hayley that it was the best turnout and display they

had seen in any village, with a fabulous atmosphere.

“Everything was pulled together at the last minute so it just goes to show you what can be achieved if you really try,” said Hayley. “It’s been a little hectic but neighbours and friends all turned out to help make sure everything was in place in time. A big thank you to all who helped and for local photographer Tracy Gow who captured some fantastic images of the event.”



One of the four giant Olympic torch balloon sculptures in Crook of Devon.  
Photo courtesy of Tracy Gow



Lee Hesp (47) of Strathyre carries the torch in Crook of Devon  
Photo courtesy of Tracy Gow



Left: Lyndsay Cant getting a chance to hold Hannah's torch in Kinross Parish Church on the evening of Wednesday 13 June 2012.  
Photo courtesy of Irene McFarlane

### Reflecting on the day

In the evening of the torch relay through Kinross-shire, all ages came to Kinross Parish Church to see photo and video images taken by local people during the day. It was a privilege to have 18-year-old Hannah Clarke, one of the torch-bearers, there to tell a little of her story, and take time for a photo opportunity as children, and adults, had the chance to hold the torch and be photographed with Hannah.

Following that, there was a screening of the film Chariots of Fire which linked with the BBC's morning footage of runners on the West Sands at St Andrews.

## Eilidh credits positive attitude to Mr Wilson

Athlete Eilidh Child has been speaking of the influence the late George Wilson, her head teacher when she was at Kinross Primary School, had on her attitude to sport and her teaching career. In an interview with Henry Hepburn published in the Times Educational Supplement, Eilidh said of Mr Wilson: "I always remember him because he was big on my athletics and would come to events when I was representing the school. That gave me a boost because I knew that, as well as my family, I had the school behind me."

She remembers: "When we left school we had a prizegiving. Mr Wilson gave me this really nice Nike schoolbag. He basically said: 'There's not an award for sporting achievements, but we wanted to show you how much you've done for the school.' It meant a lot; it's always stuck with me. Even after I left primary school, he knew my dad - who was the community policeman - quite well and would always ask how I was getting on."

"Mr Wilson had a great sense of humour, he was quite a character. We went to a theme park during a Primary 7 trip to Holland and Belgium. The deputy head, Mr Dobbin, set up a prank. If you stood on the bridge while a water ride was going on, you got absolutely soaked. Mr Dobbin asked Mr Wilson to go and watch the kids. He was the only one who didn't know what was coming. We left him standing there and he got absolutely soaked. But he took it so well - he found it so funny."

She continued: "I learned from him just to keep following my sport. He said to me before I left, 'I look forward to seeing you at the Olympics.' I'm at that point now where I could make the Olympics. I have gone to world

championships, Commonwealth Games, but there is something that bit different about being able to call yourself an Olympian."

She reflected: "Now I'm a teacher myself. When I came back to school with a Commonwealth Games medal in my hand, the kids were really curious. They like to know how often I train, what sort of training I do. They understand now about the season and things like peaking. Sometimes they look at sports stars and think they are superhuman, but they see me day to day and I'm just a normal person, I have just come from where they have come from - I think that makes things seem a bit more achievable.

"I have taken on board Mr Wilson's encouragement for kids to thrive on what they are good at, whether it's sport or something else. It's about keeping them keen and showing your support, that you are proud of what they have done, that you really want them to do well - that positive attitude."

Eilidh is a PE teacher at Perth Grammar School, currently on sabbatical. She competes in the 400m hurdles event and has already represented GB & NI at two world championships (Berlin 2009 and Daegu 2011) and a European Championship (Barcelona 2010) and won silver medal for Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in 2010. She is coached by Malcolm Arnold and based in Bath.

This year she ran her best ever time in Geneva, clocking 54.96 seconds which broke her own Scottish record and which put her within an Olympic A qualifying time (55.50). Since then she has run two further A qualifying times and is currently ranked 1st in UK, 5th in Europe and 10th in the world.

To ensure automatic selection for this year's Olympics she has to finish in the top two at the British Championships and Olympic Trials to be held in Birmingham on 22/23/24 June 2012.

## Summer of craft activities at Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Library has laid on a programme of craft events for children over the holidays as part of the annual Summer Reading Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is the biggest national reading initiative. It runs in libraries throughout the summer holidays, with incentives, activities and events designed to create a real buzz around children's reading. The challenge is simple - to read six or more library books over the summer.

The theme for the 2012 Summer Reading Challenge will be Story Lab - a celebration of stories, fun and imagination. Story Lab will have a link to the 2012 Olympics and is an official project in the Cultural Olympiad's London 2012 Festival.

Loch Leven's craft events will encourage creativity and reading for pleasure amongst primary-aged children. All children under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult.

The following are free events, led by library staff. Places need to be booked in advance:

Mon 2 July	2:30-3:15pm	Greek myth monsters
Mon 9 July	10:45-11:30am	Origami Olympic Rings
Mon 16 July	2:30-3:15pm	Greek shields
Mon 23 July	10:45-11:30am	Super sport foam bookmarks
Mon 30 July	2.30-3:15pm	Story Cloud

'Active Arts' is also coming to Loch Leven Community Library to run two creative art sessions. Tickets cost £3.50 per person, per session. All children under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult:

Mon 6 August	10:45-11:45am	Olympic Medals
Mon 6 August	1.30-2.30pm	Hovercraft Balloons

For further details or to book spaces/tickets you can contact Loch Leven Community Library on 01577 867205 or email [lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk)

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## Kinross Parish Church considers 'Talents'

An elder-led service on 17 June was the launch of Kinross Parish Church's Stewardship Programme, which is to concentrate on the 'talents' of all the congregation over the next few months. The Service made use of the talents of not just the church's elders but a host of others to provide music, prayers, readings, dramas and talks focussed on the idea of talents. The programme will incorporate a number of other events, focussed around Faith in Action open days on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September and culminating in a Harvest Thanksgiving with Offerings of Talents and Rededication on Sunday 30 September.

The church has developed its own logo (above) for these events to represent growing faith and Christian love. The programme is a local response to a decision of the Kirk's General Assembly last year that every congregation should review the stewardship of time, talents and money to enable worship, mission and service.

The Kirk Session of Kinross decided to consider 'Talents' in 2012, partly in recognition of the major financial undertaking and generosity of the congregation in already supporting the church's Manse Appeal. Writing in the church's magazine, Session Clerk Jaffrey Weir says: "We wish to engage and encourage the congregation to offer their talents and abilities to help support and build God's Kingdom in Kinross".



## Christian Aid record breaker

The people of Kinross-shire beat their own previous record of generosity when, at this year's Christian Aid week in May, they donated a total of over £5500. Alisdair Stewart of Kinross Parish Church, who helped organise the local effort as part of the national campaign, said: "we were greatly encouraged by the positive response from the community at a difficult time. Some people had been saving up little by little for some time to donate to us".

The traditional door-to-door collection is the foundation of Christian Aid week and is the longest-running such collection in the UK. In Kinross, a team of twenty-six volunteers carried out this task and were grateful for the support they received from the public. In addition, a substantial proportion of the money raised came from other initiatives. A team of twenty volunteers collected at Sainsbury's, Kinross over three days and raised over £1,100 and organisers were grateful for the permission from the store. Other events included a concert in the Parish Church, a sponsored walk by young people across the Forth Road Bridge, a sale of pancakes and a coffee evening.

This year, for the first time, the UK Government undertook to match the first £5 million donated to Christian Aid Week pound for pound - so the Kinross effort could have generated £11,000 for poor communities around the world. This match funding allows the public to have a say in how some of the existing UK aid budget is spent by drawing in Government money to the charities that we support. The Christian Aid UK Aid Match money will be used to support poor communities in Sierra Leone, Sudan, South Africa, Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia and Burma to improve access to healthcare and build sustainable livelihoods.

## So, who rules Perth and Kinross?

By Councillor Joe Giacobazzi

As followers of local current affairs will know, the May elections resulted in the following political groupings: SNP 18 councillors, Conservatives 10, Liberal Democrats 5, Labour 4 and Independents 4. That's 41 in all, and no overall majority. Following negotiations among the parties, the SNP group formed a minority administration relying on the support of the Conservative group, a situation which, while falling short of a coalition, will hopefully result in stable government for Perth and Kinross.

In practical terms, the party which forms the administration decides on which councillors are appointed to the chairmanships of the various council committees, for example, Development Management Committee ('Planning' to you and me), Enterprise and Infrastructure (E and I), Community Safety, Tayside Contracts Joint Board and many more. I quoted these committees because I serve on them; in fact, I am Vice Convener of E and I.

The composition of each committee (full committees have 13 members) roughly reflects the size of the political groupings. So, a typical committee might have 6 SNP and 3 Conservatives with the rest being made up of Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent councillors. This, of course, follows the system at Westminster and Holyrood.

Quite a bit of time is spent by councillors on preparing for these committee meetings, where proposals ('papers' as we call them), which have been prepared by council officials, are presented by the committee convener to be discussed and subsequently voted on by the committee members. In fact, many decisions are uncontroversial and are agreed without a formal vote, although any councillor may 'move an amendment' to have a formal vote, providing he has a seconder.

OK, enough of that; I want to mention community councils of which we have six in our ward. These provide a useful interface between the residents of the electoral ward and the Council in Perth. What I did not realise was that some wards in, for example, Perth City, have no community councils at all; an unfortunate situation which deprives some areas of the nearest and most immediate democratic forum. Community councillors, it should be remembered, give of their time voluntarily and have no perks, salaries or expenses. So, be kind to them, treating them with respect and consideration.

Attendance at six CC meetings a month is quite a heavy obligation for all four ward councillors to undertake, so we try to share the work load. So far I've attended Milnathort, Kinross and Portnoak CCs. I hope to acquaint myself with the others in due course.

Next month the Council is in recess, so I shall be taking some time off. I shall confirm the date of my first surgery in the September 'Newsletter'. If you have any issues, I can be phoned at home on 01577 864025, or e-mailed at [councillorjoegiacobazzi@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:councillorjoegiacobazzi@pkc.gov.uk)

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## Hunters the Butcher nominated for BBC Food & Farming award

Local butcher shop Hunters of Kinross has been nominated in the 'Best Local Food Retailer' category in the prestigious BBC Food & Farming awards 2012.

The nomination was made by 'The Best of Perth and Kinross', an online business directory which showcases the best businesses in the area.

### Support your local business!

It would be a tremendous boost to Kinross if Hunters could win this award, and their chances would be increased if more people nominate them. The BBC website says: "This award celebrates the local shops that enrich our lives, selling delicious, carefully sourced and affordable food. High street butchers, bakers and delis, farm and community shops - tell us what's great about their food, and the difference they make to your community and local food producers."

You can nominate by going to the website: [www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/ffa/2012/nominate/food-retailer/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/ffa/2012/nominate/food-retailer/)

The online form asks these questions:

#### Who/what are you nominating?

**What does this local food retailer offer?** Describe the range and quality of the food on offer, value for money, and the service provided.

**What impact is this retailer making on the local community?** Include any relevant information about how this retailer works with local suppliers and other businesses.

The closing date for entries to the BBC Food and Farming Awards is 12 August 2012 and winners will be announced in November and featured on various BBC Radio 4 programmes such as The Food Programme and Farming Today as well as BBC Local Radio programmes.

Nominations can also be made by post to: Food and Farming Awards, BBC Radio 4, Level 9A, BBC Birmingham, The Mailbox, Birmingham, B1 1RF.

Iain Hunter and his staff are very much in demand just now. Quality Meat Scotland has invited Hunters to The Royal Highland Show on 24 June to demonstrate their butchery skills and to cook with Aggie Mackenzie, Celebrity Masterchef winner. Hunters staff will also be on hand at The Scottish Game Fair (29 June-1 July) to demonstrate how to butcher venison correctly and offer advice and cookery recipes.

Regular customers will be aware that Iain Hunter and his staff have a wealth of knowledge concerning all meat related matters, from carving particular cuts to recommending cooking times, methods and recipes.

The business has won five major awards in the past five months, offering Kinross-shire some of the best sausages, burgers and pies in Scotland.

Hunters offer free delivery in the Kinross area.

Hunters stock a variety of quality foods, not just meat. Pamela Hunter says: "If a customer is looking for a specific vegetable or fruit or food item, we source it and can sell it. We've helped many ladies out in the rurals with their jam competitions and so on!"

## Double kwik cricket triumph for Portmoak Primary School



Portmoak Primary School is enjoying double – or perhaps that should be quadruple – success in kwik cricket. A team from the small primary school has won both the Kinross-shire Primary Schools kwik cricket tournament and the Perth & Kinross kwik cricket tournament for the second year running.

See the Portmoak Primary School news on page 64 and the Sport section (page 79) for more.

*Photo at left: Mr Gavin Davey, Chief Executive of the Gannochy Trust, presents the Kinross-shire Primary Schools Kwik Cricket shield to winners, Portmoak, along with Kirsteen Ross, Cricket Development Officer, parent coaches, Alan Surtees and Gary Law, and team assistant coach, Oliver Law.*



# Police Box

## **Bogus callers and rogue traders**

We are again asking householders to be on their guard against bogus callers and rogue traders who may be operating in the area.

Be suspicious of anyone arriving unannounced at your door. Householders should ensure that doors are secure, even when at home, and use a door chain. Do not let anyone in until you are certain of who they are, or who they claim to represent.

Neighbours should look out for one another – particularly if they have elderly or vulnerable neighbours. Report any suspicious activity to the police. Do not allow casual callers to undertake work on your property – such as roofing repairs, re-surfacing of driveways, or gardening.

If someone calls at your door offering to carry out work, satisfy yourself that the person, or the company they claim to represent, is reputable. Take a contact telephone number and then take time to check out their credentials. Tell them you will call them back if you want the work done.

Bogus workmen have practised their sales patter with a view to sealing an instant deal. Do not accept or consent to have work done immediately. Take time to speak with friends, family, or neighbours, as well as consumer advice organisations, or the Police about what the workman offered. Never bow to pressure to pay for a job in advance no matter how demanding the workman or caller is. Do not allow callers to persuade you into letting them in to your home, or to taking you to a bank or cash machine so you can withdraw cash for them. Never ever hand over your bank card and bank details.

Ask for a written quote on headed paper. Ask where they advertise, or if they are listed in the phone book. Seek out references.

It is good practice for anyone requiring any type of building or gardening work to be done to obtain a number of written quotes from trustworthy and established firms, before deciding. People should not simply contact a company in response to a flier that came via the letter box.

Fliers are simple to create and the chances are that if they carry an offer that appears to good to be true, it is too good to be true.

## **Phone scams and cold callers**

We are also making residents aware of recent reports of phone scams involving people claiming to be calling from the Ministry of Justice. The scam involved a request for a payment to be made via Ukash.

Ukash is an electronic payment system that allows the user to carry out online transactions without using payment cards. Users pay for the voucher at convenience stores or retailers using the PayPoint/Epay/Payzone facilities. Vouchers can be spent online where Ukash is accepted. All that is required is the voucher's digit code.

Ukash provide the following advice on their website: Do not send Ukash to anyone cold calling you. This is a fraud and you will lose your money. Only spend Ukash online and at genuine merchants listed at [www.ukash.com/spend](http://www.ukash.com/spend)

Never email vouchers or give voucher codes in full or part by email or over the phone to anyone as you will lose your money.

While it is common practice to carry out transactions over the phone, we would advise people not to share financial details with a cold caller.

Personal information should not be shared in such circumstances either – including simple information such as when you may or may not be at home. Such callers may be very convincing, but householders must keep in mind the fact that the person at the other end of the line has put time and effort into rehearsing their lines with the hope of catching them out.

Be suspicious of all such calls and always make every effort to ensure that the person at end of the line is who they claim to be, represent who they claim to represent and are legitimate and reputable. If you are unsure, take details of their company so you can check their credentials. You can even take a number with a view to checking out their details and calling the company they say they are from at a later time using a number you have obtained independently.

Action Fraud provides a great deal of advice in relation to all types of fraud and advice about how to avoid becoming a victim of the fraudster. For further information see [www.actionfraud.org.uk](http://www.actionfraud.org.uk)

## **Diesel and metal thefts**

Unfortunately the Kinross area is repeatedly being targeted by thieves stealing diesel and metal. This is not only scrap metal, but also stretches to vehicle batteries being removed from large vehicles such as lorries and construction vehicles. Residents are being asked to be extra vigilant, particularly in the evenings, and alert the Police via the non emergency number of 0300 111 2222 of any suspicious persons or vehicles.

Building sites, quarries, vehicle compounds and rural isolated tanks appear to be the most targeted.

## **CRIME STOPPERS - Tel No 0800 555 111**

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

## **Local Community Officers**

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

<b>Constable Sadie Allan</b>	Kinross & Milnathort
<b>Constable Victoria Riches</b>	Kinross Landward
<b>Constable Euan Mitchell</b>	Abernethy, Bridge of Earn & Glenfarg



# Community Council News

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

## Kinross Community Council

### News from the June Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 6 June were: CCllrs D West (Chair), C Watson, D Colliar, M Blyth, W Freeman, D Mackay, L MacKay and M Scott; P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi, W Robertson, D Cuthbert and M Barnacle; representatives from T in the Park; a police officer and many members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs B Davies and I Jack.

The Chairman welcomed those present and conveyed the CC's congratulations to the four Councillors on their success at the recent election. A letter of thanks will be sent to Kathleen Baird and Sandy Miller for their support and assistance during their term of office.

**Police Report:** Sandra Williams from the Police does not intend to hold any dedicated meetings regarding T in the Park this year. Any concerns raised in the community ideally should be directed to the local CC, who in turn can raise the concerns at the Community Forum.

The Police Officer present reported as follows:

Passing attention is still being given to Sutherland Drive area in relation to parking issues.

Thefts – some detected, some under enquiry.

Vandalism to bird box, SNH – under enquiry

Speed checks are being carried out on local arterial routes.

Summer safety drink-driving campaign runs 4-18 June.

Various alarms are available for purchase from the Police.

Torch Relay, 13 June: The Police officer was unaware of any road closures, explaining that officers from other units are policing this.

**T in the Park Presentation:** Colin Rodger, the Event Manager, thanked the CC for the invitation to this meeting. He introduced his team: Ashley Miles, Event Planning and Management team; Noreen Devine, Local Resident Liaison; and Chris Callaghan, Securigroup Operations Manager (Local Resident Security).

Colin reported that T in the Park brings in millions to the economy.

In 2011 the feedback from the Community Forum meeting highlighted one of the major problems as being noise levels. Colin stated that they manage the noise quite well. PKC measure the noise around the perimeter of the event and a noise consultancy company are also employed by T in the Park. Colin commented on the good relationship T in the Park have with the community which has been built up over the years. Discussions are still ongoing with Health and Safety in relation to the pipeline. Last year the site was redesigned and moved slightly to comply with regulations. Colin explained that the wind blew from a different direction carrying the sound and making it more audible than in previous years. T in the Park are working with PKC to try and manage noise levels. Indeed, any problem that arises is addressed. No amplified noise is permitted after 12 o'clock on Thursday and 2am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and this includes "amplified" sound from the campsite. If anyone should suffer from excessive noise after these deadlines then

there is a dedicated contact number for T in the Park. It is to be stressed that complaints of any nature should be made at the time and not some time after. The number is **01577 898099** and is open from 11am on Thursday 5 July. Colin added that they welcome feedback from the community and ask that they use this number. Cllr West stated that the noise emanates from the campsite disco after 2am. It may be that due to the hour it is quieter and carries more and, of course, at that time people have retired for the night and this breaks their sleep. Colin added that all staff have been properly briefed re. amplified noise and instructed how to deal with this.

Colin apologised to the CC in relation to their application for increased numbers. They had understood, mistakenly, that the CC were Statutory Consultees and believed that we would have an input in relation to this matter. They were dismayed to learn that we were not. They have highlighted this problem and believe that PKC are in the course of changing this.

There is a traffic management plan in place and this also covers the additional traffic expected on Friday due to the increase in numbers.

Information on the event is circulated to local residents in advance. The leaflet would be distributed shortly.

Safety is of the utmost concern in view of the 85,000 on site and 70,000 camping in tents. Evacuation plans, fire safety, bad weather plans are all put in place. Colin, however, stated that following the event on Monday local residents visit the site. A number of these are children who are either lifted over the fence by parents or gain access through holes in the fence. This is a danger as the site is being dismantled and houses various machinery and plant. Again, there is always the opportunist who will try to steal from the site. Colin added that more and more resources are required each year to manage this.

Planning Permission has been granted for the next two years. However, the site has to be a certain distance away from the pipeline and there is a requirement to acquire land for this purpose. They own an area of the land currently used and also lease from landowners. They are also looking at other alternatives in the local area.

Finally, Colin answered a number of questions raised by members of the public in relation to policing of Gallowhill Road, lighting at the site and traffic on the road (pedestrian).

**H46 Site:** The Action Group asked to speak and requested an update from the Councillors on the progress of the Local Development Plan. Cllr Barnacle stated that this matter will be addressed at a committee meeting in September. This will highlight key issues and whether the Planning Department are minded to modify their plan or not. It will then be up to the Councillors to decide what their response is to what is suggested and whether to modify the plan or not. Cllr Robertson added that in order to access the site a wayleave would require to be granted by PKC to the ground. The developer approached PKC for a wayleave in relation to Davies Park but this was refused at a Property Sub-Committee. Cllr Giacomazzi is Convener of the committee

that will discuss this issue. Cllr Robertson is also on the committee.

It was added that if a decision is reached to remove H46 [from the local plan] the developer can appeal, also a planning application can be raised whether or not the site appears in the Local Plan. Should a planning application be received, Neighbour Notification will be circulated to those affected by the proposals.

CCllr West commented on the wayleave report written by Council Officers which refers to the upgrade of the road through Davies Park, which stated the Park would not be damaged, asking if a site visit had been undertaken or the developer's text used. Given the secret nature of the application and the inability of the public to be involved, the quality and accuracy of this report was inadequate to advise Councillors of the nature of the request. Cllr Robertson said the report was drafted by Council Officers but he did not know how much background work had gone into the report.

CCllr Colliar stated that although Davies Park is maintained by PKC, the site was gifted to the town and construction of the play park was organised by Dr Davies and the people of Kinross. The CC and public funds provided the equipment in the park. The swings have been removed from Davies Park for safety reasons and Cllr Barnacle has asked that they be replaced. The park is in need of attention. CCllr West indicated this was a variance from the information in a FOI request which stated the Council purchased the land. The Councillors present will try to resolve this apparent divergence.

Play equipment has also been removed from Green Park and the Myre. This is due to budget restraints at PKC. It was reiterated that the play equipment at the Myre was paid for by the CC. Cllr Robertson undertook to ask about the return of the equipment and find costing for the work so that the community could if required consider funding some of the project.

#### **Charitable Activity**

This refers to the arrangements for dispersal of funds from the Newsletter and an update was to be presented by CCllr Davies (absent). CCllr West reported that there is a surplus of Newsletter funds accumulated over the last two years. A notice was placed in the Newsletter. CCllr Colliar said many organisations find it difficult to acquire money from funding sources for "running costs" and that this should be included. CCllr Watson answered that this would have to be in line with the Company Charter document and, of course, this can be changed. A refresher advert can then be placed in the Newsletter. CCllr West suggested that this practice be carried out twice yearly. CCllr Watson will look into this and CCllr Davies is to take this forward.

One application for urgent consideration was received from KLEO who are again organising a Musical Festival in November. They explained that last year they received two types of funding; one was one-off and the other to be received again this year but will not be forthcoming until after the event. They asked if it was possible for the CC to provide them with a loan to help them organise events until this money is received in November. (CCllr Freeman excluded himself from discussion and voting due to his interest in KLEO).

After discussion, CCllr Colliar proposed a loan of £4,000 and added that this does not prevent the organisation from applying for a contribution from the Newsletter funds. This was carried by a vote as follows: For: CCllrs Colliar, Watson,

West, Scott and L MacKay. Against: CCllrs Blyth and D Mackay. CCllr Watson added that the best way to carry out this would be to provide the money from the trading company and he was asked to prepare an appropriate document to cover this loan.

**Kinross Newsletter Limited** (Trading Company): Directors are CCllr Watson, David Cuthbert, Ross McConnell and Eileen Thomas. At a meeting of this company today, it was proposed that CCllr West should be named as a director. The CC agreed to this proposal. With respect to future membership it was suggested that CCllr Watson and David Cuthbert remain as directors or alternatively others may like to put themselves forward for consideration before the next meeting.

**Priorities for 2012, and lead roles:** Due to time constraints this matter was left in abeyance. CCllr West explained that it is his desire that each member is responsible for one area of the CC work, i.e. Planning (W Freeman), Charitable Dispersals (B Davies), Buildings (D Colliar, C Watson) etc.

#### **Future of Kinross Buildings**

**County Buildings:** CCllr Watson reported on last month's meeting. The RCCC are still positive. Financial surveys are to be completed and a proposal submitted to PKC shortly. A Council meeting is to be held mid-August and a report for that Committee should be published shortly.

**Town Hall:** Two planning applications have been lodged, one for construction of a block of 9 flats and change of use of the Town Hall to offices and shops and the other for demolition of the old snooker hall. Cllr Barnacle and Cllr Cuthbert had asked PKC for sight of the planning brief but this was refused due to contractual issues. An objection has been raised by the Legal Department that the contract has not been satisfied. The planners are aware of the situation and are to prepare a report for PKC. The deadline is 28 December.

**Mill Street:** Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that the building is to be demolished and converted into a car parking area. It is not known if it will be free parking.

**Former High School:** Discussions still ongoing.

**Former medical centre:** No further progress. CCllr Freeman mentioned that there had been plans to transfer the facilities from the Drill Hall to this site but it was too large.

#### **Planning Applications Submitted to PKC**

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

12/00864/FLL, 7 Lathro Lane: Extension to house.

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

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

12/00833/IPL, Land northwest of Hatchbank Farm: Erection of two dwelling houses (in principle).

Copy of letter of objection from Mr and Mrs Crawford read out. This was discussed. It was noted that there has been a history of Planning Applications re. this area at Hatchbank. The CC offered no opinion in relation to this application.

#### **Planning Applications Approved by PKC**

09/01160/FLL, Chance Inn Farm: Erection of two dwelling houses.

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

12/00325/FLL, 2 Station Road: Alterations and extension to dental surgery.

12/00328/FLL, 1 Muirfield Grove: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/00226/FLL, 8 Macdonald Avenue: Alterations and extension.

12/00335/FLL, 1 Morlich Place:

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

#### Reports from P&K Councillors

**Cllr Cuthbert** has asked PKC to consider the state of the **town centre**. Due to Avenue Road being “blocked off”, residents from **Tallapark** are experiencing difficulty in accessing this route. Construction traffic at Kinross House is a temporary measure.

**Cllr Giacopazzi** reported on a draft paper being prepared in relation to the **town centre improvements** and has asked for more attention to the needs of **cyclists**.

**Cllr Barnacle** mentioned that **Kinross Show** will be held at Vane Farm. Buses will run from the centre of Kinross. He has also written in relation to the **bus service** provision to the south end of Kinross and asked that the speed of the traffic along Station Road be monitored.

**Cllr Robertson** reported on a meeting about the **Heritage Trail** with RSPB, TRACKS and the residents of cottages along the loch road. He added that there have been four Kinross-shire based objections and a number from Fife. This matter is to go to committee on 4 July. He also added that the **path** at the old health centre requires some attention.

**North cemetery**: Cllr D Mackay asked why the cut grass cannot be lifted. Cllr Robertson will look into this.

**Waste removal**: A member of the public commented that there was an issue with the brown bin not emptying into the new lorries as effectively as the old lorries, and her difficulties in getting a polite response and action to her complaint. Cllr Giacopazzi is looking into this matter.

**Traffic survey**: In answer to a query raised by a member of the public, it was confirmed that traffic surveys have been carried out in Kinross and that they are not related to any developer proposal for access into H46.

#### Correspondence

**Victim Support Scotland** would appreciate the opportunity to give a short presentation at a CC meeting. To be invited to the July meeting.

**Campus/grass-cutting**: Email from a resident who is disappointed that the gardening staff only managed to cut half of the grass outside the campus. He asks if the CC could raise this so that the campus can be well presented. It was confirmed that this has been attended to.

**Planning matters**: Government notification that there are five consultation papers relating to various aspects of the Town and Country Planning system, i.e. fees for planning applications, development delivery, development plan examinations, miscellaneous amendments to the planning system and general permitted development order. Can be viewed at:

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/built-environment/planning](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/built-environment/planning)  
Closing date is 6 July.

**Heritage Trail**: Copy of email forwarded to Cllr Robertson regarding the route of the trail.

**Co-opted and Associate Members**: Reminder of the procedures to follow received from PKC.

**Campus**: Invitation to a time capsule burial ceremony.

**Arngask Primary School**: Statutory Consultation: Students from this Primary School are now to transfer to Kinross High School instead of Perth. The CC has no objection to this proposal.

**PKAVS**: Notification received from Voluntary Action Perthshire that they are migrating their information data onto a new national platform named Milo.

#### Any Other Business

**CC**: Cllr West reported that he had placed an article in the Newsletter in relation to the vacancy on the CC. He has received three phone calls to date.

**High Street**: Cllr Freeman reported on the frost damaged pavements and the high kerbs in the area near to the Funeral Directors. There is also a difficulty for vehicles to access the High Street due to parked lorries in this area.

**Queen's Crescent**: Cllr Colliar asked if it would be possible to purchase a tree to plant in Queen's Crescent to replace the one planted by the Queen. It was suggested that Dobbies might donate one. Cllr Colliar is to check this out.

**Park & Ride**: Due to the school organising buses to pick up children from the Park and Ride, it was difficult for vehicles to access the area (including the Citilink bus). Parents were dropping off their children and there was congestion in this area. It was added that there was also a problem gaining access to Sainsbury's. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Headmaster at the campus and the Public Transport Unit in Perth in relation to this matter.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 4 July at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall.**  
Apologies received in advance from Cllr Blyth.

#### Agenda for the meeting on 4 July

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 June 2012
3. Police Report
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 6 June 2012
5. Victim Support Scotland presentation (to be confirmed)
6. Disbursement of Newsletter funds - update from Cllr Davies
7. Future of Kinross Buildings
8. Planning Matters
9. Reports from P&K Councillors
10. Miscellaneous Correspondence
11. Other Competent Business
12. Date of next meeting (1 August 2012)

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

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the June Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chairman, welcomed CCllrs Halford, Thomson, Smith, Cottingham, Milne-Home and Bennet to the meeting held on 14 June 2012. Also in attendance were Minute Secretary E Rougvie; P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi and Cuthbert; Kyle Murray, technical assistant with PKC's road safety and design department, and 16 members of the public.

#### Chairman's statement

Before proceeding with the agenda, CCllr Hamilton read the following statement in order to clarify the role of the CC: 'We, the Community Council, are not Perth and Kinross Council. We have no enforcement powers. Our chief role is to be a middleman between the community and Perth and Kinross Council. The most 'action' we can take when an issue is brought to our attention is to report it to the appropriate section of P&K Council and, if no action is taken, to ask their councillors to follow it up.

'We have a requirement to fairly represent the majority view of the community and therefore have to listen to a wide cross-section of the residents, not just the very vocal few.

'The vice-chair, Patrick Milne-Home, was severely criticised in the Newsletter by someone who was not at the Extraordinary General Meeting that he chaired. Although I was not at this meeting either, from speaking to a wide variety of people who were at the meeting, the criticism is entirely misplaced. I am assured that he was firm in order to make sure the meeting was conducted in a fair and orderly manner.

'Our minute secretary takes a very accurate record of what is said at each meeting by shorthand and puts all pertinent points into the minutes. They are always an accurate record of each meeting.'

#### Police matters

The police had previously indicated that they could only attend every second meeting, but it was noted with regret that they had not provided a report. P&K Cllr Cuthbert will take the matter up with the area's senior inspector.

#### Planning Matters

##### Applications submitted:

Installation of an air source heat pump at 40 Marshall Place – noted.

Erection of two wind turbines at West Netherton: CCllrs Hamilton and Thomson did not take part in the discussion about this as they both have an interest in wind turbine applications. A number of concerns about the application were raised both by the CC and members of the public, including the proposed turbines' proximity to the road; visibility from a wide part of Kinross-shire; flicker effect on road users and possible health issues arising for people suffering from conditions such as epilepsy, and the lack of a PKC policy on wind turbines. As there are several neighbouring properties, it was felt that if this application were to be approved there may be a flurry of further applications, resulting in a turbine cluster. It was agreed that CCllr Cottingham would lodge an objection on behalf of the CC. In the meantime, P&K Cllr Giacopazzi will ask about the lack of a policy on turbines.

##### Applications determined:

Erection of garage and storage premises at Hatrick Bruce Ltd., Market House, South Street (approved).

#### Placecheck

Kyle Murray of PKC was in attendance to provide an update on improvements being carried out in the village under the

Placecheck scheme and to answer questions. He said that the work was virtually complete but that there had been a delay in delivering the necessary materials in order to complete the tree pit in Wester Loan. The contractors concerned have also been asked to clear debris from the area. The shrouds for the globes on the zebra crossing on South Street are also awaited.

**Victoria Avenue:** No timescale has been set for making Victoria Avenue a one-way street but it could take between four months and a year due to the legalities involved.

**Build-outs:** A member of the public raised concerns about congestion in the village caused by the new bus build-outs and cited the example of an ambulance that had apparently become stuck in traffic. However, Mr Murray advised that he had contacted the Scottish Ambulance Service, who said that the driver had not reported an undue delay but would have done so had this been the case. In response to concerns about the new build-outs reducing parking spaces in New Road, causing particular problems when large vehicles had to pass each other, Mr Murray advised that driver behaviour was currently being monitored. The build-outs were installed because cars were parking so close to the bus stop markings that buses were unable to manoeuvre into the bay, resulting in passengers having to step into the road. Following further discussion that included varying points of view, Mr Murray advised that the effectiveness or otherwise of the build-outs is to be evaluated.

**20mph zone:** There followed a discussion about the new 20mph speed limit, which a member of the public felt should be extended. The CC agreed with this and will contact PKC accordingly.

**Zebra crossing:** It was considered by some that the zig-zag lines at the new zebra crossing in South Street should be extended as the line of vision for motorists travelling from Milnathort to Kinross tended to be poor due to parked vehicles. However it was noted that more children are using the South Street route to school as a result of the installation of the new crossing.

As a number of issues relating to the 20mph limit had been raised. PKC will arrange an 'on site' meeting to which all interested members of the public will be invited.

**Donaldson Park:** Mr Murray will contact PKC's landscape department with regard to the unpopular new mowing regime in Donaldson Park. It was noted that wild flowers were not appearing as intended but there was a proliferation of weeds, which were finding their way into neighbouring gardens. A comparison was made with the community orchard, where wild flowers are growing successfully because the ground has been properly prepared.

**Road repairs:** In response to a member of the public, Mr Murray will also contact the appropriate PKC departments with regard to two dangerous holes in the road at Middleton.

#### Benches

CCllr Bennet confirmed that the CC had third party liability cover for the new benches in the village. With regard to a request for a bench to be erected in memory of a former Milnathort resident who had died in a car accident, it was agreed that the CC would support this but were not in a position to offer financial assistance.

#### CC funds

CCllr Bennet, Treasurer, advised that the CC accounts had been audited and expressed her thanks to Mr Ross McConnell for once again providing his professional services free of charge. There was currently a surplus of £129, and the PKC grant of just under £500 was due shortly. Annual expenditure

amounted to around £400, and following discussion it was agreed to give a small donation to Kinross Pipe Band, Milnathort in Bloom, the Town Hall Committee and Orwell Parish Church, who charge only £12 per meeting for the use of the hall.

#### **CC membership and co-option of new member**

CCllr Hamilton advised that he had spoken to Brenda Lackie at PKC regarding the requirements for CC membership in order to clarify the position regarding CCllr Thomson, who is temporarily residing outwith the CC area while having a house built. This situation has arisen in a number of other areas and it is for the CC to decide whether the person concerned still qualifies for membership, although PKC recommends that a timescale is set. Following discussion, it was agreed to set the time period for the end of 2012 then review it if necessary.

Three applications have been received for the vacancy on the CC following P&K Cllr Giacopazzi's election. The co-option of a new member is entirely a matter for the CC and not subject to an election process. It was agreed it would not be appropriate to discuss the merits of each candidate in a public forum and the CC will meet privately prior to making their decision at the next meeting, in accordance with the CC constitution. Anyone who would like to be considered or would like to nominate someone else is asked to contact the Chairman.

CCllr Bennet expressed the hope that people would come forward for the right reasons and not because they had their own agenda. She had been dismayed by the anonymous blogs and negative comments made about the CC over the past few months, none of which could be justified. Like all CC members, she had joined for no reason other than to make a contribution to the community.

CCllr Giacopazzi expressed sympathy for this point of view and pointed out that in certain areas of Perthshire there were no CCs at all. CCllr Hamilton said that the negative comments were undermining the CC and the community, and thanked those members of the public who expressed their appreciation of the CC.

**Correspondence:** Letters were received from the following:

- 1st Orwell Guides requesting funding for a new Guide hut – declined with regret due to lack of funds, but they are advised to contact the Thomson Trust or Kinross-shire Fund.
- Patricia Hess, complaining about works van parked in Wester Loan – CCllr Hamilton has replied to advise that the work is not yet finished.
- Helen Barrie, asking why it was decided to put wild flowers in Donaldson Park. (Addressed earlier.)
- Martin Pettinger, in relation to Cllr Thomson's place of residence. (Addressed earlier.)

#### **CC office-bearers**

Cllr Hamilton had ascertained that it was not possible under the constitution for him to hold the positions of both chairman and secretary. Only the vice-chair and data controller are permitted to carry out more than one role. Therefore either a secretary or chairman will have to be elected and this will be done at the July meeting.

#### **Jubilee Parade**

CCllr Bennet expressed her gratitude to everyone who had helped make the Jubilee parade on 2 June a success. Thanks go to Kinross Pipe Band; Milnathort Primary School; Craig

Williams for providing the rickshaw; Mrs Anne Giacopazzi for judging the fancy dress and to the following for donating prizes: Milnathort Post Office, Carrs Billington, Gavin Anderson Photography, Royal Bank of Scotland, Davidson's Chemist and DM Sheet Metal. CCllr Bennet also expressed her appreciation to those residents of Milnathort who made a scarecrow.

CCllr Halford thanked CCllr Bennet for organising both the Jubilee Parade and scarecrow festival and expressed a hope that a gala day could become a regular annual feature in the village. Members of the local community are encouraged to come forward to help organise this.

#### **Other issues raised by members of the public:**

**Correspondence complaint:** In response to a member of the public who felt that all correspondence should be read out in full, CCllr Hamilton replied that this was not possible due to time constraints. The member of the public then referred to an e-mail she had sent him on 9 June expressing her concern and disappointment about his chairman's report at the AGM on 10 May in which he had referred to PKC's position in terms of wind turbine applications as 'absurd and unsustainable' and said that their 'position of refusing almost all of them is clearly in breach of Central Government's guidance on renewables.' The member of the public felt that this was biased. Cllr Hamilton replied that the comment was a personal one but that this view was shared by many. The council's position was not sustainable as it did not have a policy on turbines, as previously discussed. He also reiterated the fact that he does not take part in any discussions relating to turbine applications.

**Benches:** A member of the public drew attention to the fact that there is grass growing up through one of the new benches on the old railway track. It was agreed to ascertain who was responsible and write accordingly.

**Flooding:** A member of the public complained about flooding on the road to Tillyrie caused by inadequate digging of trenches. The CC will write to PKC accordingly.

#### **Councillors' reports**

P&K Cllr Giacopazzi advised that BEAR Scotland would be repairing the barriers at Hattonburn Road as soon as funding became available.

P&K Cllr Cuthbert reported that PKC were to monitor speeds and volume of traffic on the road between Tillywhally and Athron Hill. PKC are to contact the landowner about a core path at Athron Hill that has been blocked by a deer fence and padlocked gate.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 12 July at 7.30pm in Orwell Parish Church Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.**

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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the June Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 12 June 2012 were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), R Cairncross, T Smith, R Williamson, M Strang Steel and J Bird; P&K Cllr J Giacomazzi and seven residents. Apologies were received from CClr Forde and P&K Cllrs Robertson, Barnacle and Cuthbert.

**Previous minutes** were approved following correction to the amount of money held by the CC from £904 to £880.

**Mini roundabout or build-out, Wellside Park:** Discussions with PKC Roads continue. A site meeting is planned for 4 July to consider traffic-calming measures.

The further issues of soft verges on the B920 and access to A911 at Easter Balgedie would also be discussed.

**Kinnesswood bus shelter:** The Chairman had arranged a meeting with a PKC representative to agree repairs to the floor and roof. A license was needed to repair the asbestos roof, and this was being obtained by PKC. Kinnesswood in Bloom will also attend this meeting.

**Courier:** The paper had forwarded a proposal to run articles about the activities of CCs. The Chairman had contacted the Courier to discuss these proposals and had expressed conditional interest on behalf of Portmoak CC.

**Water running on to Glenlomond/Wester Balgedie Road:** CClr Cairncross, together with a member of the Glenlomond Residents Association, had been trying to determine the source of the problem, and to identify responsibility for rectifying it. Cllr Giacomazzi offered to assist, and CClr Cairncross will be in touch with him when his investigations are complete. Since PKC has the authority to carry out remedial work, and then recoup any costs, it seems that the way forward is that they should manage the problem.

**Blocked ditch drain at Newlands Farm:** Still being dealt with.

**Hedge at bottom of Bruce Road, Kinnesswood:** This has now been cut back, thus improving visibility when joining the A911 from Bruce Road.

**Snow and Gritting report to PKC for 2011-2012:** This was submitted on 30 May 2012.

**Stephen's Field:** There had been some progress with the transfer of the field to the CC. Solicitors acting for the CC had confirmed that the transfer was being processed, now that certain open space matters had been resolved. Plans received will be checked by the CC solicitors, and then forwarded to the CC for approval. Access is a key issue. CClr Cairncross highlighted a number of potential problems concerning the

status of the field should the transfer not be completed as planned. It was agreed that the Secretary should now pursue the CC Solicitors regarding progress of the transfer on a monthly basis.

**Police report:** The Police were in attendance. There had been no reported incidents in Portmoak since the last meeting. Speeding on local roads continues to be monitored. There was no information regarding the detection of previous crime in Portmoak. The Chairman thanked the officer for his attendance.

**Roads and Paths:** CCllrs had met with PKC to discuss implications of the Core Path plan. There was sympathy for the CC's own priorities, but no money available from PKC.

It was agreed that there was need for a path through Scotlandwell and various ideas were discussed. This route had been removed from the list of core paths.

It was agreed that the use of money available to the CC for tree planting in Scotlandwell, because of planning gain conditions, would be progressed via Scotlandwell in Bloom, and CClr Tom Smith agreed to deal with this.

The Secretary read the report from Cllr Robertson, as it contained information relating to paths.

"TRACKS have been asked to become involved with the Fife Coast & Countryside Trust Living Lomonds Partnership project (LLPP). The Trust is keen to link the Fife path network to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. TRACKS have made funding bids through the LLPP for five projects within Portmoak, namely:

- Footpath from Vane Farm over Benarty Hill
- Multi use track along the Leven Cut from the Causeway south of Scotlandwell to Auchmuir Bridge
- Footpath from the LLHT to link with the Michael Bruce Way at Grahamstone.
- Upgrade of Well Road, Scotlandwell.
- Link path from Portmoak Moss to Portmoak Church.

TRACKS will learn the outcome of bids in March 2013. There will not be funding for all these projects but TRACKS hope to obtain funding for some.

With regard to the **extension of the LLHT**, the RSPB have agreed that the path is to be moved back to 30 metres from the rear garden boundaries of New Hall cottages, and for planting and screening that the householders may request. The householders have been informed.

There are more than six objections to the application (four from Kinross-shire and a number from people living in Fife) so this application will have to go before the Council's Development Control Committee. It is hoped that their meeting will be held on 4 July."

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The Chairman asked a resident of New Hall cottages, who was present at the meeting, to comment, which he did as follows:

“There was extensive correspondence on the PKC website, but the problem was mainly sketchy information, and a lack of consultation and information. This was complicated by the fact that funding arrangements would expire before planning applications had been approved.

It is not known if the alterations to the initial planning application will be considered as a new application.”

The Chairman thanked the resident, and expressed his disappointment that the CC had not been made aware of the TRACKS application when it was first proposed.

Another resident said that the issues now being discussed confirmed problems identified by the Ramblers Association two years ago. Although it was accepted that the current planning application would proceed, the Ramblers Association would continue to press for their preferred route, which was agreed to be the better of the two.

**Planning applications:** There were four applications notified to the CC since the last meeting:

12/00703/FLL Land South East of Loch Leven Mills, Kinross: Formation of walking/cycling trail and construction of associated bridge. Whilst the CC supported this application, it did so with conditions.

12/00738/FLL Butts Acre, Leslie Road, Scotlandwell: Modification of existing consent (07/02749/FLL): Erection of a dwelling house (plot 2). The CC would make no objection.

12/00723/FLL “Dunhoy”, Main Street, Kinnesswood: Installation of replacement windows and doors. The CC would make no objection.

12/00943/IPL Balneathal, Easter Balgedie: Erection of new house in outline. This was presently under discussion by the CC with special consideration for the dangerous junction onto the A911 public road. A resident asked the CC to remember the objections to a previous planning application elsewhere at Easter Balgedie when considering this new application, and to be sure that the reasons for objection to the previous application were applied to this new application. The Chairman stated that it was the intention of the CC to be consistent in its consideration of all planning applications.

CClIr Bird raised the issue of planning applications within Portmoak that had not been reported by PKC to the CC. The problem took up considerable time and effort by the CC. Perhaps a more effective method of determining what applications were being considered in the Portmoak area could be created to prevent applications from by-passing the CC.

**Other business:** The Secretary was pleased to inform the meeting of the birthday of Portmoak resident Mrs Peacock, who lives at Glenlmond Nursing Home, and who became 102 years old on 11 June 2012.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held on Tuesday 10 July 2012 at 7pm in Portmoak Hall.**

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# Club & Community Group News

## Inner Wheel

**End of Year celebrations at the Inner Wheel**  
 Birthday celebrations with a Jubilee theme were the order of the day at the Inner wheel meeting in June. The club is now 30 years young. Retiring president Linda Hegarty welcomed Kinross members and fellow 'Inner Wheelies' from Glenrothes, Perth, Cupar, Pitlochry and Stirling. Congratulations were also received from other local clubs. Elaine Matthew (sorry about the misspelt name last time) provided a delicious birthday cake, iced in a Jubilee theme. This was cut by Liz Grub from Glenrothes club, which was the mother club of Kinross. After the meal we were treated to a cake decorating demonstration provided by Lisa Megginson, of Kinross Cakes, which was as humorous as it was instructive. Lisa 'encouraged' several of the members to take part by making sugar roses, which provided much hilarity.



*Retiring President Linda Hegarty congratulates Liz Pottie on becoming the new president*

The final event of the evening was the handing over of the chain of office to the new president Liz Pottie, whose first official duty was to thank the retiring president for her efforts over the past year; Lisa for her delightful talk, and the friends from other clubs for attending our party. Liz gave an indication of the programme she has planned for us in rhyme. We look forward to an interesting year!

## Common Grounds

We are all eagerly awaiting the coming of summer weather for our summer flowers to bloom and of course warmth for ourselves. The longest day and the Olympic torch relay through Kinross-shire will have passed by the time you read this, an event likely never to happen again in our lifetime. The school holidays are ahead of us and it would be wonderful if here at Common Grounds we could serve teas and coffees out on the lawn and where children could play in the sunshine- keep hoping.

**Projects:** Our project for June was Eden Mozambique which we gave £800 to at a Project Lunch on 26 June, at which Louise Magill gave us an update on how the charity is doing. Eden Mozambique is a not for profit organisation and the primary aim of the charity is to provide English lessons free of charge and without any restrictions on age or previous education. This former Portuguese colony next to South Africa needs English speakers in order to attract Westerners to holiday on safari or at a beach resort on its stunning Indian Ocean coast. Its secondary aims are to provide education on health, the environment and road safety.

Our project for July is Sound Seekers. Sound Seekers are dedicated to helping deaf children in the poorest areas of the developing world by supporting projects that advance their access to health services, education and social support, together with initiatives that enable children to avoid and overcome deafness and ear disease. They work in tandem with local organisations and institutions to ensure the delivery of appropriate and sustainable cost effective projects. Their hearing assessment and research, their mobile ear-care clinics which deliver outreach audiology and ear disease treatment in isolated communities are in some ten African countries.

**Website:** Our new website address is

[www.spanglefish.com/commongroundcharitycafe/](http://www.spanglefish.com/commongroundcharitycafe/)  
 Lastly we had a stall at the recent Volunteer Fayre at the Campus and we met a lot of like minded organisations. Although a dearth of people looking to volunteer, our thanks go to Tracey Ramsay and her team for all their hard work in so ably organising the event.

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

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# Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



## Barbara Dickson at Kinross-shire Music Festival

We are delighted to announce that Barbara Dickson will perform at the Kinross-shire Music Festival which will take place this year over two weekends (16-18 Nov and 23-25 Nov).

Having started her career in the folk clubs in Scotland, Barbara went on to record numerous hit songs including 'Answer Me' which became a top ten hit in 1976, 'Caravan Song', 'January, February' and 'I Know Him So Well' (duet with



Barbara Dixon  
Photo: Brian Aris

Elaine Paige) which became a huge worldwide and UK hit for many weeks. Her concert will be on **Saturday 24 November** at the Community Campus in Kinross.

Ticket information and sale through our website [www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk) and TicketWeb will begin on **1 July**. For up to date info about this, and other ticket outlets, go to the same website.

## Free Summer Gig at the Bistro

On **18 August** we will organise a free music event so that you can have a taste of the coming Kinross-shire Music Festival. 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!

## Headline Acts

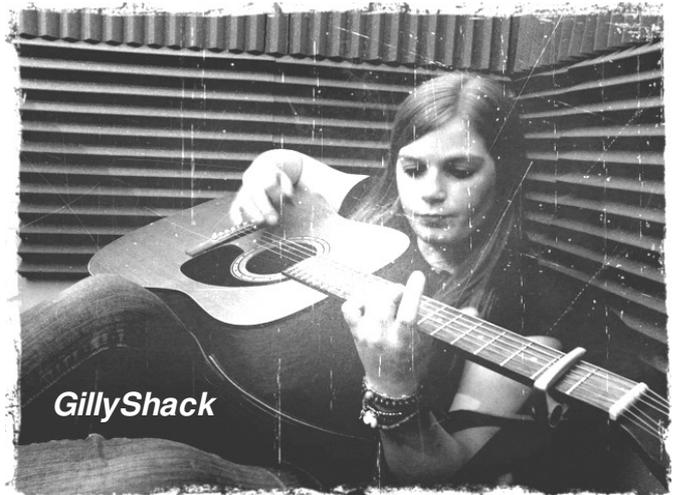
Apart from Barbara Dickson we have the following headline acts:

- 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 July** until **1 September**. These tickets are for sale through the website [www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk](http://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.



## Kinross High School

July and school is now finished for session 2011-12.

By the time you read this we will have completed all of our end of session activities.

Our sports were a great success. The weather held out apart from a short shower at the beginning of the event. Our own torch bearers were fantastic and the S2 'torch dance' was a great success too.

Our athletes competed vigorously and a lot of sportsmanship was on show. We had a school record broken in the girls' High Jump by Erin Graham, a record which had stood since 1984, so very well done Erin. Hard luck to E Lindsay, the previous recordholder.

I am happy to report that, at the end of the sports, the staff won the tug of war match 2-1 – well done the staff.

A huge well done to our PE staff who masterminded the event and assured a good day for all spectators.

Our activity days have also taken place and were a huge success with many pupils enjoying a different educational experience at venues across the country and also some interesting events in the school.

Our S1 pupils have enjoyed their trip to Hadrian's Wall. The History department are to be congratulated for re-establishing this one time annual event. The pupils visited a Roman fort and museum, stayed over in dormitory accommodation then walked a section of the wall the next day. All pupils talked enthusiastically about their experience when back in school.

Since our last newsletter we have also seen the return of pupils from exams and already we are working on next session's timetable.

Our school concert and our awards ceremony will be over, too, and I am certain they have been fantastic events for all concerned. Again my thanks to all staff and pupils who have worked hard together, to make these events as successful as they are.

You will hopefully have heard how our Rock Challenge team have fared in the Scottish final. This group have worked so hard to produce a dance experience for this competition. They have been ably supported by staff but the creativity shown by the pupils simply takes one's breath away. Successful or not in the competition, they will have gained a great deal from the experience. Already many of them are looking forward to next year and how they can stretch themselves even further.

Finally, can I say a thank you to you, our readers. A number of you have commented favourably on my monthly musings and I am encouraged to continue them in the future. I hope to speak with you again in the September issue.

Dick Keatings



## Kinross Camera Club

The summer season is now well under way. Our weekend in Keswick benefited from ever improving weather, resulting in several participants extending their visits to the dramatic and beautiful Lake District countryside. Various events, such as the "Mountain Event", a triathlon, taking place there, offered photographic opportunities such as cyclists toiling up the Honister Pass, the hardy horned Herdwick sheep, the slate mines at Honister and Threlkeld, Castlerigg Stone Circle, a prehistoric monument and magnificent viewpoint, just above Keswick itself. Aira Force, near Ullswater, a fine waterfall accessed through an 18th Century planned woodland, and at least one meadow covered in bluebells.

A diverse range of activities are taking place during the summer: a group set off to watch Dog Racing, which had proved so photographically rewarding last year. Regrettably, on the day chosen there was no racing so this became a trip to Dysart, which was much more successful: no doubt we will go to the dogs on another occasion.

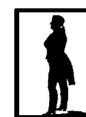
Markinch Highland Games also gave good photographic opportunities with easy parking, a main ring that allowed uncluttered shots, always a bonus, highland dancing, the usual heavyweight games and pipe bands, among other things. A day was also spent at Edinburgh Zoo where Tian Tian was showing her fondness for bamboo while Yang Guang was rather more active. Steadily improving weather meant that outdoor as well as indoor exhibits were readily viewable and very many photographs were taken of a diverse range of animals, some more co-operative than others.

No doubt we will continue to enjoy our lovely summer weather, bearing in mind that bad weather can produce good and interesting photographs!

For further details of membership, please contact the Secretary: [alisonbradley101@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonbradley101@btinternet.com) or via the web site [www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](http://www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk)



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The club's annual visit this year was to Manderston House. We were fortunate in the weather and were able to spend time in the extensive colourful and beautifully maintained woodland gardens before entering the house. It is a splendid mansion; impressive features include a silver staircase, a beautiful ballroom decorated in gilt and cream and an Edwardian gentleman's luxurious library. Most noticeable was the immaculate condition of everything we saw.

On 6 June we had the AGM followed by wine and strawberries. The past programme was reviewed and the 2012 - 2013 introduced. Members are reminded that meetings will start at 7.30pm and to renew their membership before 1 July.

Enquiries to 01592 840437 or 01592 840368.

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

The winners of the May Draw:

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2nd No. 1 James Gardner, Scotlandwell

3rd No. 74 Mrs Josephine Nichol, Wester Balgedie

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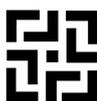
## Potager Garden

The school children have now finished their eight visits to the garden, and they appear to have enjoyed the hands-on gardening, as well as impressing their science teacher with what they have learned about plants and other living things with us. They have already tasted some early radishes and lettuce grown in the greenhouse, and will return after the summer holidays for their usual harvesting visit.

We held a successful **plant sale at the Primary School** on 1 June, and all of the pupils had a chance to sell some of the vegetable plants which they had grown. The P7 classes also held a Fair Trade coffee afternoon, and we are grateful to everyone at the school for the chance to link our sale with this.

We still have some tomato and sweet pepper plants to sell, as well as a range of perennials, shrubs, soft fruit, and herbs, and we are available for sales at the garden on Monday mornings from 10.30am to 12 noon. **For plant sales** at other times, or if your group would like to arrange to visit the garden, please contact Amanda on 840809. The garden is open every day over the summer, between 46 and 48 Bowton Road.

In mid May we held a one day **introductory gardening course**, covering seeds sowing, growing on, and cuttings, and advice about growing your own vegetables, even in small spaces. The feedback from the participants was very positive, and we would consider running the course again, or a more advanced one, depending on the demand. If you are interested to find out more, please contact Amanda.



## Kinross-shire Ladies Circle

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We meet up twice a month, so come along anytime by contacting us: call: **Yvonne on 07845791318** or look us up on the website: **www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross**

Also, **Thursday 6 September is a new members night** where we are having a joint night with the Round Table, girls v boys doing rounders and boules; information will be on the website.

Or

### KINROSS TANGENT

For 45 yrs up

A number of ex-ladies circlers are forming a new Tangent Club in Kinross for ladies over the age of 45 who would like to continue in the fun/friendship theme of Ladies Circle. Currently the group is looking to continue to meet in conjunction with Ladies Circle (every other Thursday) and support them and Round Table with their activities throughout the year. If you are a past circler, or not, and just fancy coming along, please give Amanda Johnstone a call on 861434.

## Kinross Primary School

**Summer Fayre:** A huge thank you to everyone involved. It was a fantastic day. A special mention to Mrs Kath Davis, Mrs Jackie Wood and Miss Jac Ritchie who worked so hard to ensure the smooth running of the event. Thank you also to all the stall holders, parents who helped set up and volunteers on the day, plus those who donated home baking and raffle prizes. We couldn't have done it without you! Over £3000 profit was made from the event (exact amount to be confirmed) and it was a great fun day for everyone.

**Jubilee Celebrations:** Congratulation to Ross Wylie, Hannah Baughan and Finn Thompson for their prize-winning Jubilee celebration drawings. All of the children were presented with pencil cases from Jane Thomson of Sainsbury's.

As part of the celebrations, Garden and Tea Parties were held in the Primary and Nursery School. A special mention must go to the ladies in the Nursery who pulled out all the stops with their very glamorous outfits. All the children in the Nursery dressed for the occasion – tiaras, crowns, dresses and suits were worn.

**Olympic Torch:** We held our own torch relay round the school grounds on the day. Hannah Clarke, one of the local torch bearers, kindly agreed to bring the real torch into the school to show the children at our Olympic assembly.

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



*Participants at the introductory gardening course*

At our **AGM in May**, we welcomed Angela Prescott as our new Secretary, and David Rae as a committee member, and gave our thanks to Irene Thorogood, the outgoing Secretary. We are grateful too to **Katharine Douglas** of Smartworks Accountants for her advice and examination of our accounts, at short notice, and no charge.

We also now have a **sturdy new fence**, thanks again to the Rotary Club and Round table, and also the Rae family, for their donations towards this.

At the **Dobbies Little Seedlings Gardening Club** on **1 July** the children will be growing their own salads, and on **5 August**, learning about butterflies and bees. The club is for children aged 4 to 10 years, and is free; enquire at Dobbies to register.

Amanda James, garden convenor, tel 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com.

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

## Kinross Museum



The development of a new set of Museum exhibitions is nearly complete. By mid July a trio of displays marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and visit to Kinross in 1960, the 350th anniversary of the Crook of Devon witch trials and the making of Kinross Burgh will be on show in the Community Campus. Of special interest is a signed portrait of the Queen, the chain of office of the Provosts of Kinross and the Provost's chair and photos recently acquired from the County Buildings, courtesy of Perth and Kinross Council. Items relating to the Queen's visit to Kinross in 1960, including photos and the spade she used to plant a tree, are on loan from Perth Museum whose support is much appreciated. A special thanks is also owed to those members of the community who have kindly loaned items for display.

Other Museum activities in June included hosting a visit by St Andrews Archaeological Society, participation in an event at the Kirkgate Churchyard in association with Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust's Perthshire Archaeology Month and a presence at Scottish Natural Heritage's Loch Leven Discovery Day at which Dr Oliver O'Grady's archaeological survey on St Serf's Island was a special feature.

If you have not yet visited the Kinross (Marshall) Museum, drop by and say hello to the volunteers who can be found in the Museum Study Room on Thursdays and Saturdays.



*Signed portrait of H M The Queen gifted to the Museum by Kinross Community Council*

### Visiting Kinross-shire?

For information on Eating Out, Parks and Gardens, Historic Buildings and more, visit

[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

Click on "Visitors" then "Things to See and Do"

## SSAFA Forces Help Perth & Kinross Branch

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We are the local Branch of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association – Forces Help, the national charity, which for 125+ years has been helping serving and ex-service men and women, and their families, in need. Eligibility is based on only one day's paid service.

### Where Are We?

Your local Branch covers all the Tayside Region, with a small office in Perth and a network of around 30 trained volunteers in the area, to look into cases with understanding and sensitivity.

### What We Do

We spring into action whenever there is hardship, or need. Our help and advice is totally confidential, and we help all ages. We work closely with other agencies and service charities, and help can vary hugely... We may help an ex-Serviceman replace his medals, or help a war widow with her bills, or assist a Service family with a special needs child, or a returned veteran from Iraq or Afghanistan. Need must be the criterion...

### How Can You Help Us?

If you need our help, or know someone who does, please get in touch by letter, phone or e-mail. We can offer:

*HELP, ADVICE, FRIENDSHIP*

If you'd like to help us by volunteering, or fund raising, or leaving us a legacy, please get in touch – training is given and all expenses paid. It is so worthwhile.

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## Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



### Visit to Gacé, summer 2012

The official Town Twinning Twenty Twelve visit to Gacé this summer will take place between 29 July and 6 August.

Monday 30 July will be spent with host families with a full day visit planned for the Tuesday taking in Deauville, Trouville and Honfleur, plus a cruise on the River Seine under the Bridge of Normandy, to Le Havre.

Wednesday will see the group savour a musical evening with a meal.

Thursday will be a free day with host families before Friday's full day trip to Paris with a variety of tour choices available to Kinross-shire including an evening meal en-route back to Gacé.

The weekend will be free with host families before departing on 6 August for the return flight to Scotland.

### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

Marquees, Gazebos, Chairs, Tables and more available to hire (or sometimes borrow).

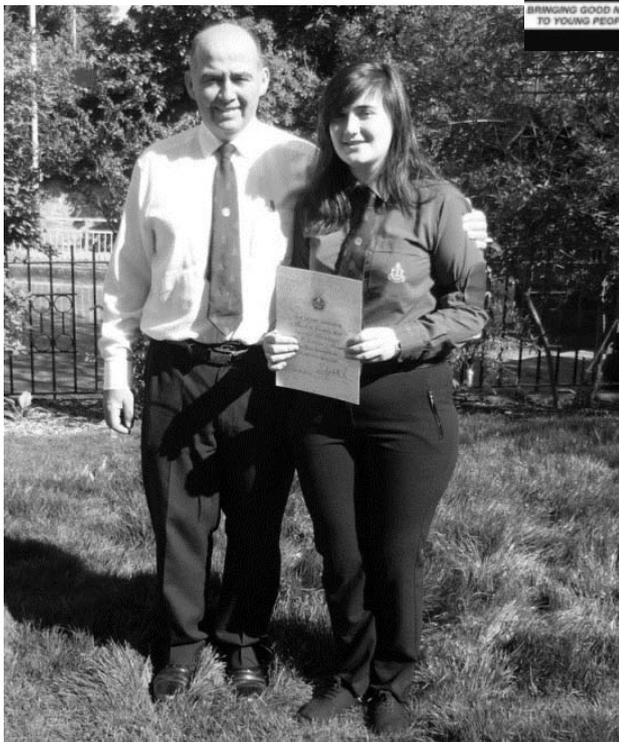
Items are listed on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) at:

[www.kinross.cc/equipment\\_hire/equipment.htm](http://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.

## Boys' Brigade

Congratulations to Jennifer Mackessack who was presented with her Queen's Badge at a ceremony held in Broughty Ferry on 27 May.



*Jennifer Mackessack, only the second girl in Scotland to be awarded the Queen's Badge, the highest award in the BB. Jennifer is pictured with her father Keith, also an officer in the Kinross Company*

### Summer Camp

Company Section members are preparing for their summer camp to Noordwijk in the Netherlands during the first week of June along with the 1st Kinross Scouts.

A party of 48 will leave Kinross on 29 June and travel by coach to Hull for the overnight crossing to Rotterdam. Saturday will see the party travel to Amsterdam, visiting the Resistance Museum and the NEMO Science Centre before checking into the family-run Hotel De Ossewa.

Sunday sees the party explore Noordwijk, visiting the World War II bunker museum before enjoying an afternoon of beach activities.

On Monday the group will return to Amsterdam for visits to Madame Tussauds, the Amsterdam Dungeon and a canal boat trip.

Tuesday sees the group travel to Tilburg for a full day visit to Holland's largest theme park, De Efteling.

On Wednesday the party will drive to Bruges in Belgium before boarding the ferry at Zeebrugge for the return sailing to Hull.

**The BB session** will resume on the first Friday of September with new members (boys and girls) welcome to attend.

The Company operates in three sections:

**Anchors:** for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three, meeting on Friday evenings from 7pm till 7.15pm. **Juniors:** for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six, meeting on Friday evenings from 7pm till 9pm.

**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 & 6, meeting on Friday evenings from 7pm till 10pm.



## Kinross & District Rotary Club



The past four weeks have been a bit different from usual in that two of the meetings were focussed more directly on members and, in one case, their guests. However, the other two meetings, addressed by visiting speakers, were of exceptional standard and proved to be highly informative as well as very interesting.

On 21 May, Fiona Mathews, a trained nurse, addressed the Club. She is the Perth and Kinross Adviser for Alzheimer's Scotland. Her talk covered the main types of the illness and listed a range of symptoms of the different stages – early, moderate and later. She pointed out that Dementia Advisers are available and that there is a freephone Dementia Helpline. Fiona then told us of all the help available from a range of support groups, art groups and dementia cafes etc. Also, she mentioned that Tesco in Perth have acquired a Roadshow bus, which can be taken around Perth and Kinross. This most interesting and informative talk, not surprisingly, generated a lot of discussion and questions from members.

On 11 June, Sonia Ferras-Mana, the Head Gardener at Falkland Palace, addressed the Club and provided a lot of interesting facts about the Palace which were new to members. In effect, Sonia, who comes from Spain, runs the Gardens as a charity and involves a lot of local people in it. A wide range of plants are grown and some are sold to raise funds to keep the operation running. Also, a wide range of fruits are grown and sold for this purpose, with more planned. With the help of some photos, Sonia gave us a broad picture of the history of the Gardens and the range of plants now to be found there.

The first of the members meetings, to which wives and friends were invited, was a Quiz Night. Oh! Dear! Some members did very well but some others..... One of the members, Rotarian Barry Davies, organised this event and everyone had a great, but, in some cases, embarrassing evening!

The next members meeting was the Annual Assembly and Business meeting at which plans for the next Rotary year from 1 July were discussed by all concerned.

As mentioned last month, plans are well ahead for the Club's involvement at 'T in the Park', both in the provision of the Left Luggage facility 'on site' and the Lethangie Campsite Bacon Roll etc stall. Both of these are major fund-raising events for the club and enable it to support many charities, both at home and overseas. If you would like to help or if you would like further information, you certainly would be most welcome on a Monday night at the Windlestrae Hotel in Kinross around 6.15pm or feel free to contact Neil Maclure, Club Secretary, at [neil.maclure19@gmail.com](mailto:neil.maclure19@gmail.com).

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## Kinnesswood in Bloom



The raised beds at the school have now all been filled with topsoil and the first one planted out with a variety of vegetables. Mr Robertson's class planned a design for the Jubilee using red white and blue flowers. Some maintenance has been done in the school grounds by Kinnesswood in Bloom members, mainly weeding and moving compost.

Hanging baskets have been ordered and will be in place for the Portmoak Festival. Don't miss the display in the bus shelter next to the Picture Garden, an art project involving local ladies who crochet and knit and the children of Portmoak Primary School. There are some colourful and unusual temporary visitors in residence. We have heard the good news that the bus shelter will soon have a new roof and the floor will be screeded, so many thanks to Portmoak CC and PKC for enabling this to happen.

Many members have been on holiday in June but we should be back to full strength in July. Please come along if you can, as the more members we have the tidier we can make the village. We are still taking part in the "Best Village" competition so keep an eye on the noticeboard for details of work parties.

**The next meeting** is at Norma's house, 56 Whitecraigs, on **Thursday 5 July** and all are very welcome.

## Kinross in Bloom



The AGM of the committee took place on Wednesday 13 June in the Church Centre, when, after the approval of the previous AGM minutes, Chairman Iain provided a comprehensive report of the group's activities over the past twelve months, and despite set-backs during the year, looked forward to better times next year.

Treasurer Aileen reported on the financial activities, with the income and expenditure statement. These accounts have been audited and signed off.

By unanimous decision the office bearers were re-elected by the committee, and are as follows: Chairman, Iain Todd; Treasurer, Aileen Sorbie; Secretary, Clare Hill.

The committee expressed thanks to the Chairman for his hard work throughout the year.

By the time this is published our baskets, barrels and planters will be planted out and in situ. Thanks to all who took the plants into their care and helped to bring them on, and to Kinross Home Farm, who gave us space to plant and hang our baskets – we very much appreciate your help.

The 200 Club winners this month were:

1st Paul Baughn	2nd Elizabeth Stewart
3rd Sarah Cuthbert	4th Jean Simpson

Congratulations to all the winners.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11 July** at the Garden Room in the Church Centre.

## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom



### Easy Strawberry Tart

Prepared with a ready-made pie case, this is a lovely and quick way of using up a glut of strawberries.

#### Ingredients

- 9-inch pie case
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups whole strawberries, washed and hulled

#### Method

In a mixing bowl, beat together cream cheese, sugar, milk and vanilla extract until smooth. Spoon the filling into the pie case, spreading it evenly in the shell. Arrange the strawberries on top of the filling.

Chill for 1 hour before serving.

## 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 15 July: Callander, Rob Roy land, 6 miles, 4 hours.** Climb through trees, scramble over rocks for great views of Trossachs. Visit Bracklyn Falls then footpaths back to Callander. Accompanied children if fit. No dogs please.

**Saturday 28 July: Bridge of Orchy to Crianlarich, 12 miles, 8 hours.** Short train journey from Crianlarich (cost approx £4) to Bridge of Orchy, then easy walk along West Highland Way back to Tyndrum for lunch and on to Crianlarich. No dogs please.

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

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

## Kinross-shire Round Table



As I write this item, the weather is fine and the sun is shining on Kinross-shire and hopefully will continue be kind for the forthcoming major event in the area, T in the Park. The Kinross-shire Round Table members and volunteers will be working hard at the event as usual.

The members of the Kinross-shire Round Table in the last few weeks have been involved in many varied activities such as a very interesting visit to the new Amazon premises in Dunfermline, go-carting and hover-crafting, which were both great fun.

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

### Club Correspondents

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

## Milnathort Primary School

**Matthew's Walk for Top Ride Academy:** Matthew Dunn of P3/4 was so keen to support our link school in Kenya that he decided to do his own bit of fund raising. Along with his granddad, Matthew walked 36 miles in three days and raised a magnificent total of £1577 (with donations still coming in!). We are all incredibly proud of Matthew for his willingness to do something requiring this level of commitment for a charity so far from home, and for the determination and perseverance he has shown at the ripe old age of 8! Fantastic, Matthew!

**County Athletics Results:** Milnathort boys and girls were well represented at the County Sports event at Scone on 12 June. P6 pupils Katie Leslie, Rory Hutchison, Ciara Higgins, Robbie Harvey and Jack Britton along with P7 boys Jamie Nelson and Struan Ross put in a magnificent performance. Katie won two Gold Medals for best P6 in long jump and 800m, Rory Gold for P6 800m and Jamie Bronze for P7 80 m sprint! Well done to all.

**Mandarin Tasters in classes:** Having a Head teacher who was fortunate enough to be asked to participate in a Scottish Government "Chinese Bridge Project" during the Easter holidays, children at Milnathort have themselves had some exposure to Chinese culture; although some of the foods Miss McColgan brought back got a mixed reception from children and staff alike! Part of this learning was also a visit from a teacher, from Tianjin in Northern China, currently working in Perth & Kinross. Almost all children in Milnathort can now use Mandarin in basic greetings ("nǐ hǎo"! ) and a few can even count to 10!



*Milnathort pupils with Olympic hula hoops*

**Olympic week:** In keeping with the Chinese tradition of daily whole school exercise, Milnathort school children have been participating in mass exercise too! We've had the whole school (over 240 pupils including morning nursery!) taking part in a Daily Activity slot with "stations" ranging from skipping, to hula hoops to relay racing! It's been such a success it may well be something we continue!

**Summer Fair 2 June:** Although the sun hid behind the clouds for most of the day, the rain stayed away and we had yet another successful Summer Fair! The event was opened by Milnathort CC's Jubilee Fancy Dress Parade, an event which allowed Milnathort children to display their creative

and, in some cases, theatrical side! The Fair, which is organised by parents of our school, raised over £1300 for school funds as well as providing an excellent community day out.

**Cricket Success:** We are novices at this game so we are absolutely thrilled with our P5 class who displayed great team spirit and camaraderie when they took part in a recent cluster Kwik Cricket event. After only two Taster Sessions, the plucky class was keen to take part in the tournament. We were even more thrilled when a team secured a place at the Perth & Kinross finals, winning one of their games! They were all an absolute credit to us in the manner in which they conducted themselves and represented our school!

**Jubilee Celebrations:** We have celebrated in style, from performing a wonderful Jubilee themed play (as part of a Living Communities, Gannochy Trust joint venture) to making clay Jubilee memorabilia, to dressing in red, white and blue on a special commemorative Dress Down Day with jubilee parties and learning in classes!

**Tennis Coaching:** We've been lucky to have had a day of tennis from an experienced coach.

**Sports Day 11 June:** Milnathort Olympians took to the field for a sports day to remember! Chariot races, shot putt, hurdles and Olympic team games took place after our very own Olympic procession around our fields, complete with flag bearers!

**P7 Residential:** Along with associated primary schools in Kinross Cluster, our P7s took part in a residential to PGL Dalguise. The sun shone on them and they had a wonderful, activity-packed three days of team building and relationships forming with future classmates at Kinross High School.

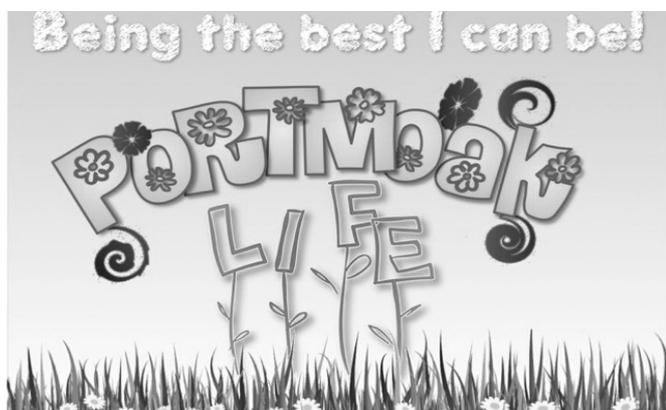
**Olympic Celebrations:** Whilst the torch passed through the village at 8.03, we could not allow that to stop us having our own celebrations! Dress in sports wear/club gear was the order of the day! A 5-a-side football tournament took place in the morning, with Daily Activity China style in between it! The afternoon saw a sponsored zumba led by Zoe Todd and attended by children, staff and parents! As well as being good fun, good exercise and in keeping with the Olympic theme, the event raised further funds for "Top Ride" our link school in Kenya.



*Sports and celebrations with an Olympic theme...*

## Portmoak Primary School

**School Aims Focus Group:** Thank you to all of the parents who gave up their time to come up with the revised school aims. I hope you agree that we have reached a positive conclusion with our picture of the Portmoak LIFE (Learning, Included, Friendly, Environment).



**Staffing:** We have had confirmation of our teaching staff for 2012-13. We will be having five classes next session, with a new probationer teacher, Ione Gibson. Unfortunately we will be losing Mr Robertson in the summer. I am sure you will join me in congratulating him on a very successful probation year at Portmoak and in wishing him every success for his future career. Sarah Thomson has been appointed to job share the classroom assistant post. Mrs Thomson started on 29 May. She will work Monday-Wednesday and Miss Smith will work Wednesday-Friday.

**Classes for 2012-13:** Mrs Kellie will be taking P1/2, Miss Gibson P2/3, Mrs Simpson P4, Miss Kettles P5/6 and Mrs Black P6/7.

**Extended Learning and Achievement Visit:** In May 2012 we had a council inspection, which is called an Extended Learning and Achievement Visit. The visit involved three members of the Council's School Improvement Team and looked at all areas of the school. We were overwhelmed by the support for the school from the parents and community members who were spoken to, and we were delighted with the final report once published, which confirmed the positive direction we are going in. Among the many strengths of the school, there are some areas for development, which tie in nicely with the results of the school's own self-evaluation. These development areas will form the main focus of the School Improvement Plan for 2012-13.

The report can be viewed on the school website ([www.portmoak.pkc.sch.uk](http://www.portmoak.pkc.sch.uk) - click school information on the tag cloud) and will shortly be available on the [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk) site too.

**Sports Day** took place on 4 June. The event was well attended and we were glad that the weather held out. The sports shield was won by Leven house. The fair play shield went to Lomond. As well as the sporting events, this year also included the sale of refreshments organised by the events and fundraising team. Thank you to those who supported with donations of home baking and through their custom on the day. A very big thank you to the mums and aunties who manned the stall.

**Olympic relay:** To celebrate the Olympic torch travelling through Milnathort on 13 June, we held a dress down day in 'Team GB' colours. Thank you for all of the donations of items for the festival hamper on the day.

**Residential at Dalguise:** P7 pupils enjoyed three days of adventure activities and a chance to mix with their new S1 classmates in glorious sunshine at Dalguise. Pupils from across the cluster attended. A good time was had by all, and we are pleased to have booked the same experience for P6 pupils when they are in P7 next year.

**Cricket Success:** Portmoak pupils brought home the silverware once more after a successful turn of events at the Kinross-shire cricket tournament on 25 May. The Portmoak teams were 1st, 2nd and 4th in the tournament and all went on to the Perth & Kinross regional finals at Doo'cot Park in Perth on 6 June. Team 1 were delighted with the winner's trophy, which means that Portmoak Primary are the top cricketers in Perth and Kinross for a second year running. Two teams from Portmoak went on to the national kwik cricket event on 19 June, and came 7th and 6th in Scotland. The supporters won best travelling support for the second year running and were awarded a signed Scotland strip for their efforts.

Well done to all of our cricket stars!



*Portmoak Primary School have won the Perth & Kinross regional kwik cricket championship for the second year running. Mr Gavin Davey, Chief Executive of the Gannochy Trust, presents the trophy. Team members are: Max Spenke, Grace Cowie, Andrew Glass, Adam Hardie, Thomas Gray, James Lornie, Rebecca Mitchell and Esme Allan. Also pictured is Kirsteen Ross, P&K Cricket Development Officer*

**Email change:** Please note that from 4 June the school email address is [Portmoak@pkc.sch.uk](mailto:Portmoak@pkc.sch.uk). We are always looking for more ways to engage with our supportive and active local community, so if you have skills or time to offer then please get in touch.

Once again we are at the end of the school year. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the school in making 2011-12 another very successful year in the life of Portmoak Primary and look forward to welcoming many of you back in school in the 2012-13 school year.

Have a lovely summer,

Louise Gordon, Headteacher

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**5.00 pm, FRIDAY 13 July**  
**for publication on Saturday 28 July**

## Kinross High School Parent Council

Website: [www.khspc.org](http://www.khspc.org)

**Clerk:** Sheila Herron 01577 864015, Email: [clerk@khspc.org](mailto:clerk@khspc.org)  
A full copy of all Parent Council meeting minutes can be requested by contacting the Clerk or by visiting our website. At the meeting held on 29 May, the KHSPC discussed the following items:



### Citizenship Quaich – Young Person of the Year Award

A meeting to discuss nominations was planned (and held) on 13 June. Post Meeting Note: With so many nominations this year the panel had to make some tough decisions and at the end of the day the following were awarded Young Person of the Year: **Gregor Malcolm, Brentt Conway and Emma West**. Our Congratulations to these young people and to all who were nominated.

**Ways of Engaging Parents:** Local trades and professions will be invited to come in and chat to some pupils at the S2 parents evening and the Careers Fair both to be held later next session.

**Head Teacher Report:** included vote of thanks to outgoing Council for work during this school year.

**Outdoor Education:** Support will be sought for an active, perhaps retired, person to assist with helping some pupils develop and maintain a walled garden at Blairadam House.

**School Uniform:** Blazers through the Parent Council, however new website [www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com](http://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com) sell purple shorts and other badged items of KHS clothing.

**Events and Fundraising Team:** No change in post-holders for the next year.

**Blazers:** A new stock of blazers have arrived. Boys are fine; the girls' blazers have been embroidered incorrectly. Aitken and Niven, the suppliers, will replace all faulty blazers as soon as new stock arrives. Braiding to be stitched, rather than stuck, on the faulty blazers. All parents will be notified when replacement stock is received.

### This meeting was followed by an AGM

The Chair gave his report which included: the positive outcome of the school Inspection; the Parent Council Survey - of which the results will be disseminated to parents in the very near future; the need to finish the review the Parent Council Constitution; the need to keep the very successful momentum going for the school blazers and thanked Victoria Robb for her tireless work in maintaining the blazer effort. Finally Brad mentioned that we now have a Parent Council noticeboard and he encouraged the use of this as a method of communication with other parents.

The Treasurer stated that the Parent Council is solvent and financially is in good health.

There has been excellent attendance at all the Parent Council meetings this year which has been very encouraging.

**Election of Post-holders:** With no nominations received prior to this AGM, the following were elected from the Parent Forum present at this meeting. Chair – Douglas Ogilvie; Vice-Chair – Rory Stewart; Treasurer – Allan Miller.

Brad Wood (Chair) and Sheila Herron (Clerk) have stepped down/resigned this year. The Council thanked both for their hard work throughout the year.

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

## Local Baby Sensory classes win Netmums award

A pre-school class with a branch in Kinross has been voted the best in East Scotland.

The Baby Sensory class, which sees babies develop in a fun way, using musical instruments, light shows, bubbles, balls and more, won the top prize in the national awards from the UK's biggest parenting website, Netmums.com.

Class leader, Claire Wilson from Dunfermline, has won the award for her group of classes, which take place in Cowdenbeath, Dunfermline and Dalgety Bay as well as the Masonic Hall in Kinross.

The group beat off competition from dozens of other classes in the area and will be listed as the region's best on the Netmums website.

Mum Claire, 32, said: "The Netmums award means so much as it's voted for by the parents. I love running the class and it's fantastic to know the parents and babies enjoy it as much as I do."

Mums praised the class for being friendly and the highlight of their baby's week.

Contact details for more information:

Email: [westfi@babysensory.co.uk](mailto:westfi@babysensory.co.uk)

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### This Year's Programme

**The Best Kept Village Competition:** The Trust will be organising the competition again this year and judging will be taking place on Thursday 12 July.

**Architectural Awards Competition:** This year the competition will be for architectural excellence in the design of old buildings with the aim being for conservation, conversion and extension of existing buildings.

**Kinross Show:** The Trust will be having its usual stand at the Kinross Show this year. On the stand you will be able to find useful information on buildings, historical sites around Kinross-shire and talk to Trust members about the aims of the Trust. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

### Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire Dowhill Castle

Of the seven castles of Kinross-shire, Dowhill Castle perhaps commands the best views from its prominent position on the eastern shoulder of the Cleish Hills. From the farm road near Flockhouse, you can make out ivy-clad ruins that are all that remains today of a once palatial medieval fortified building.

Dowhill Castle, sometimes referred to as Crambeth Castle, was the centre of a small barony that was the home of the Crambeths of that ilk. One of that family, Matthew of Crambeth, was made Bishop of Dunkeld in 1288. He supported Robert the Bruce's claim to the throne of Scotland and seems to have amassed considerable land holdings in Kinross-shire including Cleish, Cockairney and Dalqueich.



*Dowhill Castle*

About 1354 Agnes, daughter of Duncan of Crambeth, married Sir James Vallance of nearby Lochore. Their daughter Elizabeth married William Lindsay of Logie who on inheriting Crambeth changed its name to Dhuill, later spelled Dowhill. For nearly 400 years the Lindsays held the lands of Dowhill, one of their number, James Lindsay, warning Queen Mary and Lord Darnley of an ambush set by the Earl of Rothes at a site now marked by Paranwell Bridge, a folly built by Lord Chief Commissioner William Adam at the suggestion of Sir Walter Scott.

A four-storeyed tower house, possibly incorporating an earlier structure, was built in the early 1500s and was subsequently extended westwards to form an L-plan building with a round tower on its south-west corner. On the north-east corner of what was an enclosed courtyard stand the remains of another round tower used as a dovecote. Little survives above first floor level, most of the stonework having been "used as a quarry, and a good part of it carried away" by local folk according to the Rev Duncan, author of the New Statistical Account of Cleish in 1845.

In the early 1700s the Lindsays, who were Jacobite supporters, lost their grip on Dowhill, which was bought by the famous architect William Adam of Blairadam in 1739. To assist him in getting elected an MP, he gave the estate to his son Robert who styled himself Robert Adam of Dowhill. The estate was later acquired by the owner of the Bams of Dowhill, now known as Dowhill House, and today the ruined castle stands romantically within a private four-acre designed garden and woodland landscape that is occasionally open to the public.

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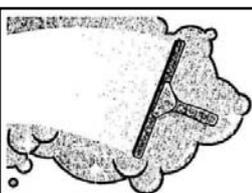
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## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The July meeting will be held on **Thursday 5 July** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker will be Craig Nesbit from Loch Leven Heritage.

At the June meeting the speaker, Ken Reid, Chairman of the R.N.I.B. Scotland, gave a thought provoking talk on the endeavours of the charity and the facilities they can offer blind and partially sighted people. His humorous delivery was much appreciated. Ken himself is partially sighted and had travelled from North Berwick to attend our meeting.

### Away Days July:

**Thursday 12 July:** Camera Obscura, Kirriemuir  
**Thursday 26 July:** Kenmore Picnic (remember bring your own food)

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

### Annual Summer Excursion

This excursion will take place on **Sunday 8 July** and will be to Royal Deeside including Ballater and Braemar with high tea being provided at the Red House, Coupar Angus. The cost inclusive of high tea and tips will be £24.50. Pat will collect the money at the July meeting. The coach will depart the Green Hotel, Kinross at 9am sharp and will call at Milnathort, subject to demand. Contact Pat Crawford 01577 862962.

### Friday Walkers

**July 6:** An old favourite that the Friday Walkers call "Round the reservoirs" - starting at the Craigmead car park, going to the Ballo, Holl and Harperleas reservoirs - a circular walk of about 6 miles.

**July 20:** Starting from the Milk Bar at Powmill we go along "The Bullstane Walk" to Crook of Devon, and make our way past the school to the new bridge and Naemoor Woods. Given decent weather, we will go on to Rumbling Bridge

and the Blairhill loop, before returning to the milk bar. This 7 mile or so circular walk was one we had to cancel earlier in the year, due to foul weather.

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

### Friday Hill Walkers

**July 13:** Bob Duguid is herding the group around the various routes found on Kinnoull Hill. Not seriously taxing so should be a pleasant pipe opener for all the participants.

**July 27:** Bill Blair takes us back to his old stamping ground on the Pentlands starting from Flotterstone. Just where he will persuade us to go remains to be discovered on the day. For both of these walks we meet outside the Green Hotel on the Muirs at 8.30am sharp.

### Activities

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

**Carpet Bowling:** The season will start again during late September or early October with exact date being advised in due course. Contact Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

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

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

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

**Kinvest Investment Club** meets once a month. New members, who need only a general knowledge of investments, will be made most welcome. 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 10.30am. Contact Norma Anderson 01577 863548.

## News from the Rurals



**POWMILL** - President Mrs Mary Wilson welcomed members to the AGM held on 16 May in Moubray Hall, Powmill. The Minutes of the previous AGM were read and adopted and reports were given by the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Hall Representative. Mrs Wilson thanked the Committee and members for all their help and support given over the past year. Trophies and prizes were then presented - Points Trophy to Mrs Elsie Johnston; Miss Jessie Gibson Clock (runner-up) to joint winners Mrs Janet Mitchell & Mrs Ella Shand; Pat Reay Quaich (handcrafts) to joint winners Mrs Elsie Johnston, Mrs Janet Mitchell & Mrs Ella Shand and The President's Prize to Mrs Catherine Stewart. Mrs Elsie Johnston was also presented with a brooch for her service as Hall Representative.

### Competitions:

Novelty Apron	-	Mrs Gracie Wilson
Sandwich (open or closed)	-	Mrs Janet Mitchell
Garden Gem	-	Mrs Mary Wilson

**BISHOPSHIRE** - Margaret Paton gave a most interesting and informative talk on decorated glass. Many of the members then designed their own piece of glass, which Margaret will fire.

### Competitions:

Small jar of lemon curd	-	Wilma Barclay
Sports poster	-	Sylvia Herrington

**CARNBO** - President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members and visitors to the June meeting. After business, Elizabeth introduced Mrs Claire Paton who gave a most interesting talk using a jar of honey to make breakfast, coffee, lunch, dinner and supper. The tastings were enjoyed by all.

### Competitions:

Flower of the Month	-	Margaret Forrester
Photograph of a pet	-	Ann Munro



# Sports News

## Kinross Colts Juniors FC



In May, Kinross Colts and St Johnstone coaches held some Saturday morning football sessions for the 2003-2005 age groups. The sessions were well attended with approximately 30 children participating. On the back of this, plans are now under way to set up some of the younger age teams to add to the existing six Kinross Colts teams.

The 11-a-side older age groups (born in 1998/99) both had fantastic seasons this year. This was the first full 11-a-side season for the 99s and they performed so well that they were asked to move to up to the FFDL Division 1 half way through the season!

The 98s entered the season in good shape and on a high, having beaten Aberdour in the Fair Play Challenge Cup at the culmination of the previous season. A slow start became a steady mid season in which the team ground out the results culminating in a strong league cup winning finish in the FFDL Division 2 league.

**1998/1999 Awards:** The 98/99s held their awards night at the Windlestrae Hotel in May. Award winners:

### 1999s

Top Goal Scorer	Cameron Upcroft
Most Improved Player	Cameron Donnelly
Coaches' Player of the Year	Alasdair Bennet
Players' Player of the Year	Dan Cochrane

### 1998s

Top Goal Scorer	Aaron Gillon
Most Improved Player	Niall Butler
Coaches' Player of the Year	Mitchell Brown
Players' Player of the Year	Jake Dobbie

### Players & Volunteers Required

The 2000 and 2001 squads are moving to 11-a-side this year and next and are looking for new players. If you have a child that would like to play for these teams then please email [kinrosscolts@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosscolts@gmail.com).

Kinross Colts 2003 and 2005 squads have yet to be set up. If you would like to get involved, then please email [kinrosscolts@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosscolts@gmail.com). Training can be provided.



*Kinross Colts 98's team - winners of FFDL Division 2*

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## Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org

With the Wimbledon Championships having started on 25 June, the tennis season is now in full swing; so, no time like the present to pick up your racket and join us at KTC for a game of tennis. We have adult and junior coaching sessions, social tennis on weekdays and weekends plus league matches for adults and juniors; something for everyone at all levels of ability.

**League Matches - Tennis Tayside:** Our Men's team, playing in Division 4 of the league, has won all seven matches played and is currently top of their Division. Our Ladies team, playing in Division 2, has won five out of eight matches played and is currently second in their Division.

**Perth & District Mixed Doubles:** We have entered a team in Division 3 of this league for the first time in a number of years. Results so far have also been "mixed", however all are enjoying the experience.

**Perth & District Junior League:** Kinross entered a team in the 14 and under league for the first time. Results have proven elusive but the juniors have competed well.

**Mini-Red Tennis Competition:** KTC hosted a mini-red (ages 8 and under) regional tournament on Sunday 3 June. This was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all of those involved.

**Coaching:** Considerable emphasis has been placed upon junior coaching this year, a consistent improvement in standards of play being noted at all levels.

**Summer Tennis Camps** are being run from **16 to 20 July** and **6 to 10 August**:

	Age	Time	Members	Non-members
<b>Mini</b>	5-8	0900-1015	£22	£24
<b>Midi</b>	9-10	1030-1230	£35	£38
<b>Junior</b>	11-16	1300-1600	£50	£55

Junior coaching at all levels will also be available from 13 August to 5 October.

Places are still available for all sessions.

Booking for junior coaching and camps, please contact Helen Buchanan, at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com or mobile phone number (07918055434).

Adult coaching has taken the format of beginner/improver sessions with additional tennis clinics targeting specific aspects of the game for improvement; these sessions (available to members and non-members) have proven to be extremely popular and will continue during the summer if demand continues.

Adult coaching commences on 14 August through to 2 October: members £32, non-members £48. Details from Susan Malcolm, at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

**Club Championships:** We are now requesting members to sign up for the senior and junior club championships, matches to be played during July and August, with finals day(s) during September.

**Kinross Primary School:** The club was delighted to be able to offer the usage of the tennis courts to the Primary School on 20 June for a school tennis day.

**Non-Members/Visitors:** Sands the Ironmongers are able to provide access to the tennis courts for a small fee.

**Further Information** on Kinross Tennis Club can be found on our website.



## Kinross AFC



Another season draws to a close but already players and committee are thinking ahead to the start of season 2012/2013. Despite poor results throughout the season, Craig Nicholson, his coaching staff and players deserve credit for their perseverance and professionalism during an uphill struggle.

Amazingly, training attendance and the club camaraderie was the best in the last five years. Excellent attendances were achieved every Tuesday and Thursday night at training. Craig has at the moment Chris Watt as his assistant but he has now invited an ex-player, Irvine Small, to join the coaching staff. They have already shown a desire to work hard to improve the team.

### Pre-season Tournament

28 July brings about our third pre-season tournament at the Myre, Kinross. Holders Fossoy AFC will be returning to defend their title. Two new teams are participating: Lauriston Thistle (Edinburgh) and Letham AFC are delighted to have been invited to attend.

As we seek to expand the tournament into the community, Justin Beveridge has agreed that a squad of his youngsters will give a demonstration of their skills and techniques during our lunch break. I am sure that both spectators and families will enjoy watching the boys put on a show.

We have also asked the CHAS fund-raising team to come along to the event so that we can help support this wonderful organisation.

**Please come along and support our Tournament on 28 July between 11am and 5pm.** Food & drink will be available for purchase.

### Player of the Year Dinner Dance

We recently held this at Lodge St Serf, Kinross. Special thanks should go to our sponsor, John Morris and his Staff at the Salutation Hotel, as they provided a lovely meal for the event.

The winners of this year's trophies were:

Player of the Year	Calum McAleavey
Top Goal Scorer	Darren Brown
Committee Player of the Year	Iain Wardlaw
Players' Player of the Year	Calum McAleavey
Long Service Award	Ritchie Daeth
Most Improved Player	Simon Thackeray

Congratulations to them all.

As always, for any information about the Club, please contact Alan Fraser, Secretary on 01577 862018.

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## Milnathort Golf Club

There was a good turnout of 34 players for the nine-hole Jubilee Trophy on Saturday 2 June with Bob Tolson and Catherine Ferrier just coming first ahead of Jim Johnston and Di Stevens.

The Summer League Round 3 held on 29 May was won by Jack MacKintosh in Division 1 and in Division 2 Alan Marshall was first, with Ron MacDonald second.

The week commencing Saturday 9 June is probably one of the highlights of the year during which the Club Championship (for scratch players) and the Committee Shield (for handicapped players) are played for. After two competing rounds, the final eight go through to compete on a knockout basis and Ian Brown beat Sean Clemie 5 and 4 for the Club Championship and Charles MacKinnon had to wait until the 36th hole to pip Colin Wilson for the Committee Shield.

There was a roar of applause for Jim Marshall on Saturday 2 June when he scored a hole in one on the seventeenth in the Monthly Medal and in time honoured tradition Jim put a bottle of whisky behind the bar for others to join his celebration. The actual Medal/Presidents Cup Round 2 was won by Phil Leiper with Ian Brown second for Division 1 and David Mitchell first with Andy Walter second for Division 2.

### Senior Section

On 25 May, we had an inaugural Seniors Outing to Drumoig Golf Club, organised by Phil Leiper. Although the numbers participating were a little disappointing, we enjoyed excellent weather for the event and the hospitality and catering was well received. On the day, the winning score was returned by Colin Wilson. It is hoped that we will run a similar event later in the season to another venue, so keep your eyes and ears open for news of that when it has been arranged!

On Thursday 31st the weather interrupted our schedule when the course had to be closed and variations to our programme had to be amended.

On Thursday 7 June, the Senior Quaich Round 2 was played in conjunction with the Hall of Fame qualifier and the first Round of the Matchplay Qualifier. First home was Billy Kay, with Jim Johnston second and Willie Reid taking third place. Well done to all three! So, Billy Kay goes forward as the Qualifier for the Hall of Fame!

Thursday 14th was a glorious day and there was a good turnout for the third round of the Charlie Macari Trophy. First home was Sandy Fleming with a 68 (bih) from Andrew Herring and Phil Leiper came in third.

On 12 July we are entertaining Dunning GC in our annual fixture, this year at Milnathort. The entry sheet is on the Senior Notice Board, so, if you fancy playing in this Match – get your names down.

In regard to the old ball collection, the first consignment of two thousand is ready for dispatch. Many thanks to all who have so far contributed. Keep them coming, we can handle as many as you care to deposit!

### Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## Ladies Section

The intrepid ladies of Milnathort Golf Club have again played through all the seasons in one day as this wretched weather continues.

The results are:

Stark Quaich Rd 4: J Gibson (68), overall winner of the Stark Quaich Trophy: Jan Gibson net 208.

SLGA Medal Rd 2 & Montgomery Medal Rd 2: F Smith (71).

Coronation Fours Qualifying: F Smith & E Caldwell (38 pts).

Jean Gardner Trophy: P Lowry (71).

Montgomery Medal Rd 3: C Ferrier (71).

Chest, Heart & Stroke Charity: Lorna Arthur (71).

Match against Muckhart played at home was halved and the match against Kinross away was lost 2 & 1.

## Kinross Golf Club

The Men have started well in the Bell Trophy with a first round win against King James and will now meet Perth Artisans.

In the Coronation Cup, Kinross beat Alyth away and meet Comrie in their next match.

A home win against Murrayshall and an away win against Blairgowrie have got Kinross off to a flying start in the Scratch League.

In the Stroyan Trophy, Kinross pairing A.C. Jackson and T. White finished fourth.

The first two Senior inter club matches have resulted in losses by Kinross, beaten away by Aberdour and Forrester Park.

In the second round of the SLGA foursomes, Heather Gough and Lyn Murray beat Taymouth Castle at Kinross by one hole. In the third round, Heather Gough and Anne Moore beat Auchterarder away by 3 – 2.

The annual inter club match against Milnathort Ladies, played this year at Kinross, saw the home side winning the Putter Trophy.

The juniors, on their second leg match of the first round in the Junior Bell Trophy, lost to Strathmore.

In the Junior Scratch League, Kinross have been drawn to play away at Crieff.

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](mailto:office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk).

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Cost £38/£24 (siblings),  
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## Schools Cricket Tournaments

The largest ever Kinross-shire kwik cricket tournament was held at Loch Leven Community Campus at the end of May. Twenty two teams from Arngask, Cleish, Kinross, Fossoway, Milnathort and Portmoak primary schools took part. The standard of cricket was very impressive and all of the children tried their very best, and improved with every match they played.

Kinross Cricket Club presented a lovely shield to the winners, (twice champions) Portmoak Primary School (*see page 31 for photograph*). The children at Portmoak have enjoyed cricket so much that the school has now set up its own after school club which is run by parents who have attended a cricket coaching course. Close links with all the primary schools and the local club ensure that Kinross-shire cricket remains at the forefront of Scottish junior cricket development and continues a tradition of open and accessible cricket for all young people to participate.

John Ross, Chairman of the Perth and Kinross Cricket Development Group and a director of Cricket Scotland said: "I am absolutely thrilled to see so many children playing cricket in Kinross-shire. The coaching team at Kinross Cricket Club and Live Active Leisure have worked tirelessly over the past five years to establish a strong base for local cricket and it's fantastic to see so many young people enjoying the game".

Last year's Scottish National "Emerging" School champions, Kinross High School, took a bold decision to step up to the higher level of competition and entered The Perth and Kinross Secondary Schools Cup. They met Dollar Academy in the semi final. In dull and wet conditions, Kinross High School won the toss and elected to bat first and scored an impressive 116-4 with Fred Culley top scoring on 42. This was enough to beat Dollar Academy who only managed to post 95-7 in their 20 overs. The weather brightened up a little for the final in the afternoon between Kinross HS and Glenalmond College but not enough to dry the grass and so boundaries continued to be difficult and the ball remained slippery and wet. The Kinross team batted first and scored 62-7 in 20 overs. This was always going to be a difficult total to defend and Glenalmond College seized the opportunity to dominate and struck the required 63 runs for victory for the loss of only 1 wicket in just 9 overs. It is, however, a terrific success for Kinross High School to have reached the final of the Perth and Kinross Secondary Schools Cup in only their first year of entering, and the players should be extremely proud of a terrific performance against Dollar Academy. Kinross High School was the only team to field female players and the players all enjoyed and benefited from the experience.



*The Kinross High School team, who reached the final of the Perth and Kinross Secondary Schools Cup in only their first year of entering*

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## Loch Leven Diamonds

### Display Team

Lochleven Diamonds took part in the recent competition held at Loch Leven Community Campus. Their results were:

### Primary Grade

4yrs Raegan Duncan 3rd Basic, 4th Fancy, 3rd Solo  
 7yrs Kaitlin Lawrence 2nd Solo, 6th Solo  
 8yrs Iona Higgins 5th Basic, 6th Solo  
 Heather Brown 4th Basic, 5th Fancy, 6th Solo  
 Sarah Wood 2nd Basic

9yrs Chloe Roussell 3rd Basic, 4th Fancy  
 10yrs Morgan Duncan 2nd Basic, 3rd Fancy, 3rd Solo  
 11yrs Jasmine Brown 2nd Basic, 3rd Fancy, 3rd Solo

### Novice Grade

11yrs Ciara Higgins 4th Basic, 5th Fancy, 5th Solo  
 12yrs Dana Higgins 2nd Basic, 4th Fancy, 4th Solo

### Grade One

15+ Anna Masson 5th Basic, 5th Fancy, 5th Solo  
 Charlotte Grehan 3rd Basic, 4th Fancy, 4th Solo

### Pom Pom Teams

Primary 3rd Place. Juvenile 3rd Place. Senior 2nd Place.

Lochleven Diamonds meet in Loch Leven Community Campus on Wednesday nights. Beginners class begins at 6pm. First night free.

## Orwell Bowling Club

Our ladies' 2 x rinks loss at Perth Bowling Club on Tuesday 15 May was quickly forgotten when a rare dry day on Wednesday 16th was welcomed by our Senior section at home to Headwell, when a convincing win by 60 shots was achieved. Our annual needle match for the Quaiche against Edinburgh Maitland at home was postponed until September by the visitors - due to another type of match - Hearts and Hibs! Tulliallan Top Ten Gents arrived in fine fettle on the evening of 30 May, and some superb precision bowling by both visitors and Orwell teams meant that the game went right down to the wire, everything depending on the rink skip's last bowl, which narrowly missed its target, resulting in Tulliallan winning by a mere two shots. The T & J Reekie Trophy, taking the form of a 7-end knock-out mixed pairs competition, was played in fine conditions on Sunday 3 June, with the four finalists stepping onto a Jubilee bunting-bedecked rink. Duo Bill Smith and Valerie Parkin, in devastating form, were worthy winners, runners up being Sandy Greenhill and Marie Young.

We fervently trust that flood warnings and unseasonably cold weather are now behind us, and that fair weather prevails for the remainder of the outdoor sporting season.

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## Kinross Volleyball Club

The Kinross club finished the indoor season by playing in the Scottish Regional Finals in Motherwell, defeating Linlithgow Hornets in the semi-final before losing to Dundee University in the final. Although finishing second overall in a national final, the Kinross Club can take great credit for the progress they have made over the season, once again finishing as league champions in Perth's Premier League.

The outdoor season is now in full swing with club members along with one or two new faces meeting at King George V Park on Monday evenings from 7 till 9 pm.

Club members took part in Perth's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament with the top men's team reaching the semi-finals of the competition, losing out to the eventual winners from Overpelt Volleyball Club in Belgium. The Kinross squad had Belgian player Luc Vermeersh guesting in their ranks. The Kinross BB team were drawn in a tough section on the Saturday playing two national league sides and, although losing both games, they competed well in the first set before eventually going down to their more experience opponents. On the Sunday they beat Team Fife but lost their other match and therefore failed to qualify for the knockout stages of the tournament.

Club members had the opportunity of watching the GB Olympic Men's team narrowly lose out to the Belgium national men's team in Edinburgh in preparation for the Games proper.

The club is now preparing for the forthcoming 39th De Haan International Tournament in Belgium in August, again with two teams being entered. They will no doubt meet up with the Overpelt Belgian Club and renew "old acquaintances." The travelling party of 16 will leave Kinross on the morning of Thursday 9 August, driving by mini-bus to Hull for the overnight crossing to Zeebrugge. Following disembarkation, the sixteen will walk the short distance from the ferry port to the tram stop for the onward journey to the tournament campsite. Once the tents are erected, the party will head to the town centre and the beach for a "warm up" session in preparation for tournament games on Saturday and Sunday. On Monday morning the party will de-camp and take in a visit to Ostend before returning to Zeebrugge for the overnight crossing to Hull and the drive back to arrive in Kinross around 4pm on the Tuesday.

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

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## Kinross Road Runners

Another speedy month for the Kinross Road Runners! Too many races to mention, but here are a few highlights:



### Edinburgh Marathon Festival

This festival of running in Auld Reekie includes a 10K, a half-marathon and a full marathon, so there is a race for everybody. Six of our runners participated in the marathon. Our headline achiever continues to be Jillian Gordon, who amazingly improved on her PB set at the London marathon to finish in 2 hrs 56.43, making her the first Scottish female to cross the line. This is an incredible achievement for Jillian and we are so proud that she runs for Kinross. Jillian is incredibly modest, always has time to encourage other runners, and also makes it look so easy. Well done, Jillian! Our other marathon finishers were Allan Kemp, Ronnie Ritchie, Julie Rose, Lynne Zabek and Geoff Bilton, who all ran impressive times in very hot conditions.

Wendy Grieve ran the Edinburgh half in a PB time of 1 hr 54.14. Well done Wendy. Amanda Rennie was our only runner in the 10k, finishing in 53.14.

### Kinross Hill Running Championship

Although we are a road running club, many of our Wednesday evening summer runs and Sunday morning runs take us away from the traffic into the hills and off-road tracks. This year an increasing number of runners are participating in Hill races and we have a league table for these events. Recently 13 KRR runners participated in the Kinnoull Hill Race in Perth on 12 May. Perth Strathray Harriers, who organise this event, describe it as a 4 mile dash over one of Scotland's more scenic views. Somehow I am not convinced that you can "dash" up that kind of hill and take in scenery! It was great to see a mixture of our

seasoned hill runners and novice hill runners taking part. Allan Kemp was our first runner home in 30.09.

### Ultra-runs

Strangely, for some of our runners a marathon just isn't enough of a challenge! Two of our runners took part in the 55 mile Catevan Trail off-road ultra marathon on 19 May. This is a really tough event which requires steely determination and a serious amount of training. Andy Johns was 7th overall in a time of 9hrs 21. Judith Dobson was the first Female Senior vet in 10hrs 30.

### Glenrothes 10k

This is always a popular club championship event, and this year there were well over 20 KRR runners participating. It is not the most scenic of routes, but it is reasonably flat and it was ideal weather conditions, i.e. cool, a wee bit damp and no wind! Jillian Gordon was first overall lady and there were also age-group prizes for Maureen Hill, Judith Dobson and Roger Stark. It seems that there was a significant number of KRR PBs in this event.

### Auld Toun 10k

Another popular, but tough hilly 10K in the KRR calendar. The race is always well-organised by Carnegie Harriers. It starts and finishes in the lovely Pittencrieff Park in Dunfermline, and is full of ups and downs! 25 of our runners participated, and produced great times. Yet again our Jillian Gordon was first lady, and she was joined by Andy Johns, Maureen Hill, Judith Gordon, Julie Rose and Roger Stark, who also won prizes in their category. Amazing to get six KRR prize-winners at one event!

### New members

New members are always welcome. To find out more visit our web-site: [www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk](http://www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk)

## Kinross Bowling Club

Two months into the bowling season – with mixed results and mixed weather. The green opened on 14 April on a dry but cold afternoon, however the hardy ones among us got seven ends played and enjoyed it.

To date we have played quite a few friendly games against Dollar; Bridge of Earn having to be cancelled because their green was water logged; against Orwell on a cold evening; Menstrie had to call off (they couldn't muster a team); friendly against Glenfarg had to be cancelled – again this was the fault of the weather; played friendly against Falkland at Falkland; and are due to play Cambo at Kinross on 10 June.

Two one-day club competitions have been played: The Cowie Shield, won by Jean Cousar, R/Up Paul Grant; Jim Wallace Trophy, won by Jim Cousar, R/Up Paul Grant.

The County and Scottish Ties are ongoing (with the ladies getting better results than the men so far). Jean Cousar and Sheila Rennie are through to the semi-final of Ladies Scottish Pairs.

Jenny Nelson, Betty Paterson, Anne Bell and Janet Mitchell are in the semi-final of Senior Ladies Scottish Rink. Good luck to both teams!

Our **Ladies Open Pairs** is on **Sunday 5 August** and there is still time to enter – **Phone 01577 864727**. We would welcome anyone who would like to try the game to come along and have a go – it's all very relaxing and everyone would make you welcome. New members get 50% off fees for first year. Telephone Secretary George Rennie 01577 864747 for info.

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## Kinross Otters

### Midland District Distance Championships Olympia, Dundee, 25 - 27 May



Kinross Otters managed to get eight different medallists and 21 medals in total at this premier District event. Each competitor competed in the age that they were on the day i.e. 14 year olds, 13 years olds etc.

**Cameron Nelson** (14) proved yet again that he is at the top of his game, winning five gold medals in the 400m Individual Medley (5.06.84), 400m Freestyle (4.39.94), 800m Freestyle (9.47.12), 200m Butterfly (2.20.98) and 200m Freestyle (2.15.60) all in personal best times (pb).

**Aaron Gillon** (13) again showed good form despite the distances being perhaps longer than he would have liked. He won gold medals in the 200m Backstroke (2.35.39), 200m Individual Medley (2.38.23 pb) and 200m Breaststroke (3.02.45), silver medals in the 800m Freestyle (10.08.15 pb) and 200m Freestyle (2.18.44 pb) and a bronze medal in the 400m Freestyle (4.56.92 pb).

It's not quite all about the boys at present in the Otters as **Niamh Mullen** (13) showed in the 200m Butterfly with a gold medal in 2.54.03. She was behind the whole way up to the three quarter point but showed superior fitness to win by 2.5 seconds. She also won a bronze medal in the 200m Individual Medley in 2.57.87.

**Euan Boyle** (12), competing in the 10-12 year old category, won a silver medal in the 400m Freestyle (5.16.17) and bronze medals in the 200m Backstroke (2.50.16) and 200m Freestyle (2.39.35).

**Conor McCormick** (13) won bronze medals in the 200m Individual Medley (2.45.87) and 1500m Freestyle (19.58.74).

**Gregor Malcolm** (13) claimed a silver medal in the 200m Breaststroke (3.12.47), as did **Rachel Brisbane** (14) in the 200m Butterfly (3.03.26). **Cameron McCloskey** (14) completed the medals tally with a bronze in the 800m Freestyle (10.17.82).

## Stars of the Future

### Olympia, Dundee, 3 June

This highly popular and competitive meet produced just one medallist and five medals for the Otters out of the seven swimmers competing. **Finlay Nesbitt** (11) won a silver medal in the 100m Individual Medley (1.24.24) and bronze medals in the 50m Breaststroke (44.89), 50m Backstroke (38.10), 50m Freestyle (32.55) and 50m Butterfly (39.26).

## Carnegie Mini Sprint

### Carnegie Leisure Centre, 10 June

Another very popular and competitive meet for the young uns. The Otters had more success as they wheeled out more of their young stars for this one. Top performer was **Finlay Cormack** (9) who won a silver medal in the 50m Breaststroke in the Boys 8-9 year old category (51.94). **Conor Houston** (9) and **Rory Nesbitt** (9) both won bronze medals in the same age group in the 100m Backstroke (1.00.56) and 50m Freestyle (40.92) respectively. **Rory Hutchison** (10) also won a bronze medal in the 10 year old Boys 100m Freestyle (1.30.04).

To round off the day and to partially curb this very male orientated trend in the Otters at present, the Mixed 10-11 year old 200m Freestyle Relay team won a bronze medal in 2.41.74.

## STOP PRESS

Results just in: the **National School Relay Championships** took place on Wednesday 14 June at the recently refurbished **Royal Commonwealth Pool** in Edinburgh. The S2 Boys team from Kinross High School (aka **Kinross Otters Aaron Gillon, Gregor Malcolm, Cameron McCloskey and Cameron Nelson**) once again won double gold and retained their 200m Freestyle and Medley titles in some considerable style in 1.54.29 and 2.10.83 respectively. These are new Kinross Otters club records as well!!! Full report next month.

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# Out & About

## RSPB Loch Leven



Hello again, folks. So, the so-called summer continues in a kinda weet wey. It hiz certainly been a bit oan the moisturising side lately, which hiz made the weeds, gress 'n' the like fair lush, but disnae seem tae bother the birds which jist continue wi life as usual. Havin said that, it kin hiv an effect oan them if it is continuous, as plumage can get soaked and oot o' condition, they canny get enough food tae feed the bairms or if it is cauld alang wi wet the chicks can get hypothermia and die if baith parents hiv tae search harder fur insects 'n' caterpillars. A few people hiv asked in the shop lately if they shid keep feedin gairden birds durin the summer? The answer is aye ye shid. "Why?" ye ask. Because parent birds are under a huge amount o' stress at this time o' year jist getting enough food tae keep the demandin youngsters topped up, makin hunners o' trips a day fae dawn till dusk taks its toll on them and they lose condition quickly if they canna keep topped up thersels. A gairden feeder filled wi a high energy seed kin gie them the wee boost they need tae keep gawn, but will also help them tae produce new feathers (the moult) which birds produce efter nestin since they auld yins are gie raggedy, no sae guid fur insulation etc. Basically they jist need a new jacket tae help them through the winter, so keep oan feedin awe year. That's no a sales pitch cos we sell birdfood in the shop - it's a proven fact. The choice is yours whaur ye buy it. Wur Open Day wiz a big success despite the wet stuff hingin about in the morning, but folks came oot in th efferne and we were visited by hunners o' ye. As weel as existin members and regulars, we hid a loads o' new folks wha had never been intae the reserve before. Think they enjoyed the first visit, gawn by the comments we got back fae them 'n' if yer readin this the noo, come back 'n' see us. The kids seemed tae hae loads o' fun wi pentit faces, craft stuff tae mak, pond dippin, insect hooses, beat the black grouse goalie, mighty there wiz that much, ahv nae room tae write it awe here. Suffice tae say, the day wiz a blast fur awbody concerned. If ye came alang oan the day, thanks very much; hope ye hid a great time - come back 'n' see us again. Some o' the maist popular events mentioned above will be runnin durin the summer holidays, so if yer lookin fur sumthin tae keep the weans amused when the skails are oot, they will be runnin oan Mondays, Wednesdays 'n' Fridays. Advance bookin is required - places are limited so book early tae avoid tears 'n' tantrums. Usual number 01577 862355.

No awfa shair if ah hiv said this before, if ye are lookin fur a praisent fur birthdays, weddins or jist because, we hiv whit they cry "Guid nature Gifts" in the shop whaur ye kin buy lots o' things connectit tae helpin nature. It might be helpin bees, plantin trees or savin seas (weel puffins which live oan the sea). Onywey, they are very reasonably priced and it is sumthin a wee bit different instead o' socks or towels fur the nature lover in yer life. Ask in the shop fur details when yer in. Finally, afore ah go, apologies in advance but since it's July the ..... wait for it, Christmas calendars, cairds 'n' diaries shid be comin in sometime soon. Get them noo, especially yer diary, cos they were selt oot by October last year so if ye want wan, or even twa, grab them a bit rapidish!

Ta ta till next time,

Colin

## Loch Leven NNR



This year's Discovery Day was a cracking day in Kirkgate Park, despite the poor weather. With nearly 500 people visiting Kirkgate and another 500 over at RSPB's Open Day, both events were well attended and enjoyed by all, so thanks to all organisations and volunteers that came along to make it such a special occasion. We look forward to doing it all again next year, and hope we get a bit luckier with the weather. Our annual botany walks were also very well attended last month, with visitors being led by local botanists on an exploration of the plants around the loch shore.

The next event on our calendar is **Dragons and Damsels**, taking place on **Sunday 29 July 2-4pm**. SNH reserve staff will lead you on a journey into the curious world of dragon flies, looking more closely at the early stages of their lives as aquatic larvae, and discovering some of the incredible adaptations that make these among the finest aviators in the world. One species that has been recorded here a couple of times this season is the Four-spotted Chaser, a distinctive chunky dragonfly with four spots on each pair of wings. More commonly seen on Portmoak Moss, and generally an early emergent, it is encouraging to know that they are now appearing both along the old railway and at Carsehall Bog too. The one pictured was caught during insect surveying last month.

As summer rolls on, it's worth looking out for duck broods as they take to the water for the first time.

Lesser-butterfly Orchids are also in flower around the reserve, as well as Northern Marsh Orchids. This time of year is also when we start to see the invasive Himalayan



*A four spotted chaser*

Balsam beginning to

flower, and as with previous years, we are asking for your help in controlling its spread across the reserve. It is a shallow rooted plant that is relatively easy to pull, and we'll be organising a couple of Saturdays in July for you to come along and help us to clear some of the larger areas. If you'd like to give us a hand, please give us a call at the reserve office. You can come with us, but you can also help whenever you are out and about by keeping an eye out for it, and pulling any patches you see.

For more information on what's going on around Loch Leven, you can email [lochleven\\_nnr@snh.gov.uk](mailto:lochleven_nnr@snh.gov.uk) and request to be added to our NNR newsletter mailing list. News from all of Scotland's NNRs can be found on Facebook by searching Scotland's National Nature Reserves.

That's all for now folks,

Craig

# Farming



## Could Swedes hold the answer?

There's rarely a month goes by that fellow columnist John or I don't mention the weather. 2012's relentless rainfall coupled with cool days equalled no grass this spring and once lambing was over this scenario had me reaching for my thinking cap. My husband would argue that this state of thinking often proves costly and should be avoided, but this time I'm hopeful I've come up with a super solution – Swedes.

Funnily enough in my other life of paid employment I welcomed 82 young people from Sweden to an enterprise afternoon in May. Held in conjunction with one of the businesses supported by the charity I work for, we organised a tartan challenge and invited young Scottish entrepreneurs to share their experiences of business start-up. I really enjoyed meeting the students and hearing about life in Sweden – they face a similar problem of rising youth unemployment and lack of opportunities. I've never visited Sweden but I did tell them I used to drive a Volvo and our family all love Abba; we didn't discuss grass conservation though.

No, it's the Swedish turnip that I'm hoping can help, so called because King Gustav III of Sweden gave some seeds to a patron and friend of Robert Burns who then grew them in Scotland. We set aside 10 acres in one of our drier fields and thanks to the poet's namesake, Rab, a local farmer who owns a specialist seed drill, planting took place in the first week of June. The drill sows the tiny seeds six inches apart on a cultivated and rolled flat seedbed.

We are now hoping for a good crop of cost-effective purple swedes that some of the breeding ewes can eat after Christmas and before lambing. As a high energy and high dry matter feed, sheep thrive on them. They have lost popularity slightly as a finishing diet for lambs – this could be due to rising fertiliser and spray costs or maybe the fact that to control the intake, the 10 acres will need to be fenced off into breaks. That's a good job for my Christmas holidays, my thinking cap says.

So, when the ewes are eating the swedes they won't be running around on the fields poaching the ground and damaging the sward. This means we can give the grass in these fields a break and hopefully foster some spring growth for 2013. I'll keep you posted on the progress but I have a feeling I need to remember Burns was a farmer and heed his warning:

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Fiona

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# Weather



## May Weather Report From Carnbo

Regarding the weather, May was a very strange month, mostly for the wrong reasons. The cold, unseasonable weather of April continued almost throughout the month. Pressure rose suddenly during the last week or so, giving rise to some cloudless days (not seen for a long time). Temperatures responded to the long hours of sunshine, giving the highest temperature for almost three years.

Total rainfall 79 mm (116% of long term average)

Heaviest fall 18 mm (13th)

Dry days 13, Rain days 18

Snow not recorded

Hail 1 day, thunder 1 day

Highest temperature 26°C (24th)

Lowest temperature -3°C (5th)

Average temperature 9°C

Ground frost on 7 nights

Air frost on 4 nights

6 sunless days

Cloud cover 62% app.

Pressure i.e. wind component West 5! East 20. This being the reason for the low temperatures.

P.S. Highest temperature on the 10th was 5°C. Highest on Christmas Day was 11°C.

## The Highs and Lows of Spring 2012

The Spring weather was very changeable, March being much warmer and drier than normal. Thereafter the weather became very unsettled with low temperatures and some rain most days. A mini heatwave developed towards the end of May, leading to eight days of very high temperatures.

Total rainfall 207 mm (88% of normal)

Heaviest fall 18 mm (13th)

Dry days 34, Rain days 38, trace days 8.

Snow days 3, lying days 2, total depth 8cms.

Highest temperature 26°C (24th May)

Lowest temperature -4°C (5th April)

Average temperature 8.6°C

Ground frost on 29 nights, Air frost on 17 nights,

12 sunless days, 1 day with thunder, 3 days with hail

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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
Pittentree Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes 01383 720285
Barham, Bow of Fife, KY15 5RG (SGS)	25 Apr-26 Sep	Weds	1400-1700	£3.00	free	no 01337 810227
Braco Castle gardens, Braco (SGS)	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.50		partial 01786 880437
Cambo House, Kingsbarns, KY16 8QD	all year	daily	1000-1700	£5.00		yes 01333 450313
Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff	1 May-31 Oct		1300-1800			
<b>Gardens open by arrangement</b>						
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](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)

## Special Days Open in July under SGS

A wide variety of gardens will be open in the beautifully situated former quarry and farm village of **Blebo Craigs** by Cupar on **Saturday 30 June** and **Sunday 1 July** (12-5pm both days). Admission: £4.50 (40% to Village Hall Fund). Partial disabled access, teas, plant stall. From Cupar: B940, take left at Pitscottie then after 2 miles left at sign onto B939.

**Doune village:** An opening of several newly established gardens and others which have previously been opened but updated by their owners, including a Castle Hill garden with many different species of conifers. Open on **Sunday 1 July**, 2pm-5pm. Plant stall at Kilmadock Development Trust garden. Other stalls. Teas at Doune Bowling Club. Admission: £5 (40% to Scottish Firemen's Benevolent Fund). Children free. Partial disabled access. Dogs on leads welcome. Doune stands at junction of A820 from Dunblane and A84 Stirling to Callander main road.

The gardeners of **St Mary's Road and Fernie Gardens** by Cupar open their gardens on **Sunday 8 July**, 2pm-5pm. St Mary's Farm KY15 4NF: a rare chance to see how a garden designer has laid out and planted his small garden around converted steading. West Hall LY15 4NA: A south-facing garden with pond, borders and open views across Fife. 3 Fernie Mill Cottages KY15 7RU: a true cottage garden. Teas and plant stall at West Hall. Only guide dogs allowed. Partial

disabled access. Admission: £4 (various charities benefit). Directions: from Cupar: off the A913 on the outskirts of the town.

**Strathmiglo Village Gardens:** Strathmiglo offers a selection of lovely village and walled gardens nestling beneath the Lomond Hills. Beautiful walks in and around the village; an historic tollbooth and a pictish standing stone provide further interest. Open on **Sunday 15 July**, 1pm-5pm. Admission: £4 (20% to SSPCA, 20% to Save the Children Fife). Teas, plant stall, dogs on leads welcome. No disabled access. Directions: Off the A91, enter village from west end, pass primary school on left. Follow signs in High Street to parking and ticket sales. For further information telephone 01337 860676.

The Robert Lorimer designed garden at **Earlshall Castle, Leuchars** is open on **Sunday 29 July**, 2pm-5pm. Topiary lawn, rose terrace croquet lawn, herbaceous and shrub borders, box garden, orchard, kitchen and herb garden. Admission: £5 (40% to St Athernaise Church). Children free. Wheelchair access difficult but possible. Teas and plant stall. On Earlshall Road, ¼ of a mile east of Leuchars village (off A919).

The grounds at **Gean House**, a 20th century Arts & Crafts style mansion in **Alloa**, are open on **Tuesday 31 July**, 2pm-5pm. Beautiful parkland. Cream teas in Gean House. Admission: £4 (40% to Scottish Society for Autism). Children free. Dogs on leads welcome. No disabled access. On the Tillibody Road, Alloa. FK10 2EL.

### • Gardens info on our website •



More information about gardens open can also be found on our website, [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

## Congratulations



Andy and Liz **WHATMORE** of West Netherton Farm are delighted to announce the engagement of their only daughter, **KATIE**, to **JONATHAN BACON** of Largs Farm, Straiton, Ayrshire. As they are both Civil Engineers, we wish them every happiness building their future together! The proposal was on the top of the Eiffel Tower, in Paris, in late spring; the age of romance is not yet dead!

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement between **MATHEW DAVIES**, son of Karen and Barry, and **NATALIE SMITH**, daughter of Winnie and George, on 18 June 2012.

Congratulations to **GEORGENA PHILLIPS** and **IAN KENNEDY** on their marriage on 25 May 2012. Love and best wishes for the future from Raymond and Ann Millar and all the family.

**KAREN HAXTON** and **EWAN ROSS** were married at the Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry on Thursday 7 June 2012. Congratulations from both families.

Congratulations to the proud parents John and Sarah **SINCLAIR** on the birth of their son **ALEX JOHN STEWART** on Sunday 8 April 2012.

Congratulations to Emma **CHRISTISON** and Daniel **BRENNAN** of Chester-Le-Street on the birth of their son **ALFIE JOHN CAILEAN** on Wednesday 23 May 2012. First grandson for Joyce Christison and third great-grandchild for John and Mary Scott, Kinross.

Anna and Euan are delighted to announce the birth of **IONA MAIRI KATHRYN GOUDIE** on 31 May 2012, a beautiful wee sister for Will.

**MRS PEACOCK**, who lives at Glenlmond Nursing Home, celebrated her 102nd birthday on 11 June 2012.

**NIALL ANDERSON** has graduated with a Masters degree in Architecture, with Distinction, from the University of Dundee. Niall is a former pupil of Kinross High School.

**AMY CRAWFORD** of St Mary's Place, Kinross, has graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Human Biology from Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh. A big well done from proud parents Liz and Gary, grandparents Norma and Raymond and brother Kyle.

**LORNA RENNIE** was named Grassroots Coach of the Year at the 2012 Scottish Curling Awards. The award acknowledges a coach who has made a significant contribution to the sport of curling at local level. Lorna is a volunteer coach with the Kinross Curling School, which provides coaching at the Green Hotel ice rink, Kinross. Lorna has especially helped the juniors and has coached almost 100 volunteer hours for KCS in the 2011-2012 season!

## Thanks



**REINA WOOD**, Lomond Place, wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks all offers of help, gifts and flowers, cards from neighbours, friends, church members of Cleish Church during the past six months. She feels very humbled by everyone's kindness. Bless you all. Health and strength returning.

**SHOPPEXTRA NEWSAGENT**: Following my retirement on 30 June 2012, the above shop is now closed. Business has been transferred to Baillies, 83 High Street, Kinross. I would like to sincerely thank all customers over the last 16 years for their loyal support – *Jim*.

The leaders of Orwell, Glenfarg and Portmoak would like to say a great big thank you to **JANICE GRANT** who is stepping down as Brown Owl of 2nd Orwell Brownies after 16 years of dedicated service. On behalf of all of the Brownies whom she has inspired since 1996, thank you, Janice, for all you have done. Your commitment over so many years is truly appreciated. Best wishes.

**JEAN MILLER** would like to thank everyone who came to her Plant Sale for CHAS. We raised even more this year: £550. A special thanks to Effie, Frances, Claire, Ben, Margaret and Jack who helped on the day; to Chris, to Helen and Jim for their gazebo, and to Kinross Gospel Hall for the use of their tables. I hope to have another sale next May, this time dividing the proceeds between CHAS and Kinross Day Centre. Thanks to the great response I got to my plea for plant pots etc earlier this year, I now have enough to keep me going for at least a couple more annual sales!

**MATTHEW DUNN** (8), of Milnathort Primary School, would like to thank all those who sponsored him on his 36-mile walk for Top Ride Academy, Kenya. He has raised £1579 to date. His story can be read on <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/matthewdunn1>

**MILNATHORT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**: We would like to thank all those who helped organise, attend and support our Summer Fair as part of the Milnathort Summer Festival. In particular, we would like to thank the local businesses who supported the Fair, including Giacobazzi's, The Grouse and Claret, The Complete Look, Hunters the Butchers, Stewart and Smart, Loch Leven's Larder, Lochend Farm, The Studio Hair, The Kirklands Hotel, MB Salon, Bridie Graham, The Windlestrae Hotel, Milnathort Film House and Milnathort Golf Club. The MSA raised over £1300 on the day, so a big thanks to all!

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# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8QR (Charity number SC012555)

Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952

Reader: Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

Church 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).

### Leasing Church or Church Centre

**NOTE NEW ARRANGEMENTS:** 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](http://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 July but please note these special Summer Services and Events**

### SUMMER SUNDAYS FAMILY SERVICE

During July and the first Sunday in August we are going to have an early worship service in the church each Sunday morning from 9.15am till 10.00am followed by coffee/tea/juice.

It will be a short family service 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

### FAMILY WEEK: ON YOUR MARKS....

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

**Fri 27 July:** 6pm Grand Opening Ceremony

**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](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)

Registration in advance is a help: contact

[kinrossparishchurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kinrossparishchurch@hotmail.co.uk) or tel. 01577 862570

### TIME FOR PRAYER IN JULY

In Kinross Parish Church

**Midweek @Mid-day:** Every Wed at noon

**Silent Meditation:** Mon 2 July 8am

**Prayer Breakfast:** Sat 14 July 8.30am

**Compline:** Thu 19 July 9pm

**Bible Study with Prayer:** Tue 24 July 8pm

### Other Services

**Midweek Worship:** Every Wed. 10.45am, Reading Room Church Centre

**Service at Whyte Court:** Tue 3 July 2.30pm

**Service at Causeway Court:** Tue 24 July

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

### Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Phone: 01577 863461

Email: [morrisonangus@btconnect.com](mailto:morrisonangus@btconnect.com)

Website: [www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk](http://www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk)

### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome.

**Prayer Meeting** held 30mins before each service

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

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

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

### Morning Prayers at 9am

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

**Oasis** Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15-11.45am last Friday of the month.

**Guild** meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Orwell Hall

7pm between September and March.

### Dates for your diary - Everyone Welcome

**Sunday 1 July** - Joint Service in festival marquee in the Old Bee Garden, Kinnesswood, at 11am.

**Sunday 1 July** - Michael Bruce Service at 6.30pm in Portmoak Church.

**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

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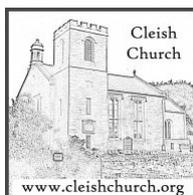
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### Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover the myriad things to see and do in Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit

**[www.visitlochleven.org](http://www.visitlochleven.org)**

### Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland



Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan  
Telephone: (01506) 825641  
E-mail: gordon.b.mcmillan@talk21.com  
Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie  
Telephone: (01592) 840823  
E-mail: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Website: www.cleishchurch.org

**Sunday Services** 11.15am  
**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am

#### July

**Sun 1** 11.15am Pentecost 5 Morning Worship.  
**Sun 8** 11.15am Pentecost 6 Morning Worship.  
**Sun 15** 11.15am Pentecost 7 Morning Worship.  
**Sun 22** 11.15am Pentecost 9 Morning Worship.  
**Sun 29** 11.15am Pentecost 10 Morning Worship.

### 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

#### July Services

**Sun 1** 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.  
**Sun 8** 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.  
**Tue 10** 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.  
**Sun 15** 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.  
**Sun 22** 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.  
**Sun 29** 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

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

#### 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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### Fossoway Parish Church Church of Scotland

Rev Joanne Finlay Telephone: (01577) 850231  
E-mail joanne.finlay196@btinternet.com  
Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am

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

**Tots Music:** Friday mornings in hall, 9am

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

**Yoga classes:** Mondays 7pm - 8.30pm

**Joint Choir:** Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm.

#### July

**Sun 1** 9.45am Pentecost 5.

**Sun 8** 9.45am Pentecost 6.

**Sun 15** 9.45am Pentecost 7.

**Sun 22** 9.45am Pentecost 9.

**Sun 29** 9.45am Pentecost 10.

Follow weekly events on the church Facebook page.

### St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

**Mass Times** Saturday Vigil 7.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am

Please look out for other information on other parish activities in the Sunday newsletter.

### Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

### Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon  
at 29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

No appointment needed. No charge. Totally confidential.  
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## Obituaries

**CHARLOTTE (Lottie) WILLIAMSON (née NICOL)**  
Born 11 February 1939. Died 25 April 2012 after a short illness at home, surrounded by her family. Lottie, from a family of nine, was born at Orwell, went to Scotlandwell Primary School and then onto Kinross Junior High. After leaving school, Lottie worked in the retail trade for a few years. Lottie later married and had her daughter Tracy. Shortly after, the family moved to Canada, but after a short spell Lottie and her daughter returned home to Scotlandwell. Lottie then worked as a supervisor at Fettykill Paper Mill until her retirement in 1999. Her greatest loves in her life was her family: Tracy and her husband Jock and her two grandchildren, John and Kirsty. Her other love was her garden. She would spend many hours on her work; then sit back in her Summer house and admire the fruits of her labour. She will be missed by her family and her brothers and two sisters, along with her many friends.

### **WILLIAM (Billy) ALEXANDER NICOL**

Born 8 November 1935. Died 18 May 2012. Billy, from a family of nine, was born in Orwell. He went to Portmoak Primary School, Scotlandwell and then on to Kinross Junior High. On leaving school, Billy worked at various jobs before emigrating to Australia in October 1963 where he worked in the construction industry for many years before retiring and then moving over to Tasmania. Billy took up voluntary work with the Lions Club organisation. He received many awards for his work and dedication to the Lions Organisation. When Billy was over on holiday visiting his family he took a major stroke. Billy had been in Queen Margaret Hospital until his death, which was only three weeks after the death of his sister Lottie of Scotlandwell. He will be missed by all his family and many friends both in Scotland, Australia and Tasmania.

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

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## Acknowledgement

**MABBOTT** – Ian and Katherine would like to thank all our family, friends and neighbours for the kind cards and flowers on the death of our daughter Fiona.

**CRANSTON** – Jessie, Sandy and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy received on their recent sad loss of Charlie.

A big thank you to George, Maureen, Alan and Ann for all their support during Charlie's last weeks in Ninewells and Cornhill Macmillan Centre.

Thanks also to Rev Angus Morrison and to Stewart Funeral Directors for their guidance and support and to everyone who attended Perth Crematorium to pay their respects. Their kind donations at the service raised £658.50 for Cornhill Macmillan Centre.

We would like to say a very special thank you to George Reid for his lovely tribute to Charlie in last month's issue of the Newsletter.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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  
(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

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

Babies and Toddlers (birth- 3yrs), Tues 10am - 11:30am  
Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am – 12noon

Contact Laura Porter (Play leader) 07547 076696  
Website: <http://portmoakunderfives.wordpress.co>

## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21 -23 Swansacre

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association

Aka Swansacre Playgroup

Registered Scottish Charity Number SCO17748

TEL: 01577 862071



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

### Playgroup sessions

**Tues to Fri 9.15-11.45am; Mon and Fri 12.45-3.15pm**

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

### The Inbetweeners session

**Tues 12.45-3.15 with Lunch Club beforehand**

Children from the age of 3 yrs welcome

### Rising Fives sessions

**Mon 9.05-11.20am; Wed 1.00-3.15pm, both with Lunch Club.**

This is complementary to preschool Nursery.

**For availability or more information, please contact  
Kim 07504 445949, [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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Contact Lucie on 07810 201935 or just come along!



# Notices

## Perth & Kinross Library Service

### BOOK SALE

Saturday 30 June

10.30am – 2.30pm

Sale of withdrawn books, CDs etc. Admission £1  
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## Michael Bruce Trust

### Annual Service of Commemoration

Sunday 1st July

Each summer the Michael Bruce Trust invites people from Kinross-shire and beyond to celebrate in a service of commemoration the life and work of the “Gentle Poet of Loch Leven”, Michael Bruce (1747-1767). This year’s service, which rounds off the annual Portmoak Festival, will be held in Portmoak Parish Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 1st July. The service will conclude in the churchyard with the laying of the wreath on the poet’s grave by the Trust Chairman.

The Michael Bruce Service of Commemoration will be conducted by the Rev Dr Angus Morrison, Minister of the Parishes of Orwell and Portmoak and the guest speaker will be the Rev Duncan Stenhouse. Tea will be served after the service and donations will contribute to the upkeep of the poet’s birthplace in Kinnesswood. All are welcome.

## BISHOPSHIRE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



### Best Kept Garden Competition

Judging during the first week in July



More information and entry forms can be obtained from

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

## Perth Samaritans

### Volunteer Information Evening

If you would like to know more about Perth Samaritans, the volunteer experience or information about our external talks, please come along to our information evening on:

**Friday 6 July** at 7.30pm

at our Perth branch at 3 King’s Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

You can contact us on 01738 626666 or by email at perthsamaritans@hotmail.co.uk. for more information.

## 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

## Dr Donald Duncan Bequest Committee

### Grants for Educational Purposes

The above Committee have, for many years, provided Grants for educational purposes for persons whose parents were resident in Kinross at the time of their birth and who have received some of their education in the County of Kinross. In recent years, the Committee have followed a policy of providing awards only for University Degree Courses. The Committee also have followed the policy that once one award had been received, no further awards would be given. The Committee has, for the last two years or so, been prepared to consider a more flexible approach to awards; the Committee will in future consider applications not just for University courses and will contemplate making more than one award in certain circumstances. Awards will still only be granted, though, for educational purposes.

Application Forms can be obtained from Andersons LLP, Solicitors, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN.

## 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](http://www.forthbridgesaccordionband.co.uk)

## Loch Leven Community Campus

### Summer Fun

8 – 10 August

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>Wed 8th</b>  | <b>Magic Show</b><br>1.30pm-2.30pm<br>Magical Fun for ages 0-99   |
| <b>Thu 9th</b>  | <b>Go Wild with the Animal Man</b><br>1.30pm-2.30pm and 2.30pm-3.30pm<br>Are you brave enough to face the Tarantula?<br>Come and meet the animals at our amazing animal encounter, from creepy crawlies to the soft and cuddly. |
| <b>Fri 10th</b> | <b>Artistic Fun with Doodle Splat!</b><br>2.30pm-3.30pm<br>Arts & Crafts for ages 4-9years  |

For booking information and prices, please contact  
Loch Leven Community Campus Reception on 01577 867200,  
Email [lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk)

## Brownies in Milnathort

SPACES AVAILABLE



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



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](mailto:info@mindspacepk.com), by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at [www.mindspacepk.com](http://www.mindspacepk.com). You can also be referred by your GP.



# Milnathort FILMHOUSE

**2012 Forthcoming Programme**

<b>Rio</b>	Sun 26 August, 3pm
<b>Facebook Vote Winner!</b>	Sat 8 September, 8pm
<i>(We will be getting YOU to vote for what film will be shown in this slot on our Facebook page .... so join us!)</i>	
<b>Breaking Dawn 1</b>	Sat 27 October, 8pm
<b>Monsters vs Aliens</b>	Sun 28 October, 3pm
<b>Arthur Christmas</b>	Mon 24 December, 5pm

**Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre**

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it.

We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our website [www.careconfidential.com](http://www.careconfidential.com)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

[www.careconfidential.com](http://www.careconfidential.com)

email: [hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com](mailto:hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com)

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

**Ceilidh Dancing**

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun.

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit.

**Kinross Recycling Centre, Bridgend**

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**  
**Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm**

Aluminium & Steel Cans, Car Batteries, Cardboard, Engine Oil, Fluorescent Tubes, Electricals (inc Fridges, Freezers, Televisions & Monitors), Garden Waste, Glass Bottles & Jars, Inert Waste, Metal, Paper, Phone Directories, Plastic Bottles, Rigid Plastic Containers, Textiles, Wood, Bicycles.

**Blythswood Care**

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

**Tuesday 17 July**

**between 10.30 am and 11 am**

Further details from 862258

**Community Councils**

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945  
 KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,  
 CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Milnathort:** Secy & 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 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Vice Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Laura Mackay	Brunthill Farm	07872 499145
Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
David West (Chair)	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

**Perth and Kinross Councillors**

**Mike Barnacle**, Moarend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon,  
 Kinross, KY13 0UZ. Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.  
 Email: Michael@mabarnacle.freeserve.co.uk  
**Dave Cuthbert**, 8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ.  
 Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk  
**Joe Giacobazzi**, 38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT.  
 Tel (home): 01577 864025.  
 Email: councillojogiacobazzi@pkc.gov.uk  
**Willie Robertson**, 85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross,  
 KY13 9XA. Tel (home): 01577 865178.  
 Email: wr Robertson@pkc.gov.uk

**Loch Leven Community Library**

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ  
 Telephone: 01577 867205  
 Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

**Opening Times**

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 6pm
Saturday	10am – 3pm

**Fossoway and Cleish  
 Community Office**

A service for the Community, open:  
 Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm  
 Saturdays 10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

**Mobile Library**

**Week 1:** Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge,  
 Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort  
 every second Wednesday. Next visit: **11 July**

**Week 2:** Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlmond, Kinnesswood,  
 Scotlandwell, Hatchbank and Cambo  
 every second Tuesday. Next visit: **3 July**

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
- Murdo Fraser MSP** (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 5293  
 Email: Murdo.Fraser.msp@scottish.parliament.uk
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- Willie Rennie MSP** (Lib Dem) Tel: 0131 348 5803  
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- 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**

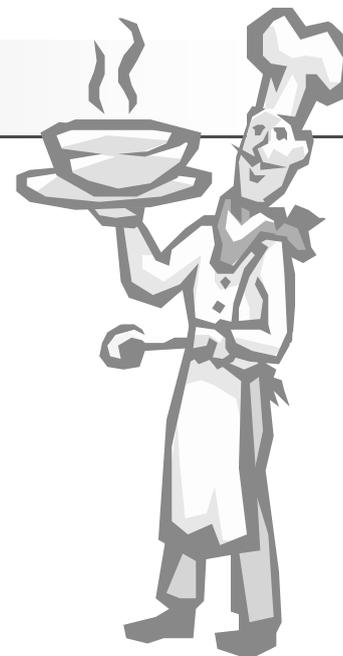
every Monday morning 10.15 – 10.45 am  
 and every Thursday afternoon 2.15 – 2.45 pm

**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  
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11 am	Elderberries	1.30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Relaxation Class	1.15 pm	Bingo	1.45 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Service	10.45 am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30 pm	Scrabble	1.30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Art Class	1.30 pm	Film Afternoon	1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30 pm		
<b>Friday</b>	Scrabble	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm

## Additional Events for July

Tea Dance

date to be arranged

Kinross Community Care Drop in  
Advice & Information

Friday 27th 11 am - 12pm & 1pm - 2pm



**Coffee Bar open 9 am - 4 pm, Senior Citizens Lunches Daily  
Telephone: 01577 863869**

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross (opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm  
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &  
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm  
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm  
Tel: 862219



**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda,  
Dunfermline**

## 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](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
August	Friday 13 July	Saturday 28 July
September	Friday 17 August	Saturday 1 September
October	Friday 14 September	Saturday 29 September

## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

**10 & 24 July**

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.

## Funding Alert!

P&KC produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of Trusts and Foundations giving away grants.

The list will be posted on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) or go to [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk) and look for the voluntary sector page.

Contacts:

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000  
Steve MacDonald, P&KC External  
Funding Officer 01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to P&KC's regular e-funding bulletin.)

## School Holidays, Academic Year 2011-2012

Academic year Tue 16 Aug 2011 - Wed 27 Jun 2012

## 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](mailto:CMNess@pkc.gov.uk)

## 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

**TV/DVD Unit £1000**  
Ikea 'Besta' black ash TV and DVD unit with short matt chrome legs. Excellent condition. Length 120cm, depth 50cm, height 35cm. Buyer uplifts.

**Tommee Tippee Electronic Steam Steriliser £20.00**  
Brand new, still boxed and never used. Takes 6 bottles. Includes 2 brand new bottles still vacuum wrapped, bottle brush and tongs.  
*For above items contact: Tracy Mould 01577 865870  
tracyfrost@btinternet.com*

**Three wheeler buggy £40.00**  
Sturdy green Mothercare buggy, good clean condition with rain cover.

**East coast high chair £20.00**  
Solid pine high chair. Can change into table and chair for older child. Good condition.  
*For above items contact: Sharon Mcgregor 01259 743402  
mcgregors4@hotmail.com*

**Landlex Gazelle mobility scooter £1500 ono**  
One year old - cost £4800.

**Yamaha Tyros Keyboard £500.00 ono**  
In excellent condition - cost £2600.  
*For above items, contact: Jessie Greenhill 01577 862901  
jessiegreenhill@btinternet.com*

## 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

### Can you give A Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

[www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://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](mailto:ferniejimmyf@aol.com)

Volunteers needed for our Kennels

*16 years and over please*

Please call or email for details



## 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').

### Estate Agency Administration and Sales (Full Time), Andersons LLP, Kinross

An exciting opportunity to join the property team at Andersons on a fixed term contract (1yr commencing Aug 2012) to provide maternity cover. Position will suit someone with background, or interest, in estate agency. Successful candidate will demonstrate ability to communicate effectively with the public and understanding of client care. Appropriate training will be provided.

Apply in writing to Andersons LLP, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN or email [property@andersons-kinross.co.uk](mailto:property@andersons-kinross.co.uk)

### Clerk (Part Time), Kinross High School Parents Council

Clerk required for minute taking (approx 7 meetings per year), correspondence and general clerk duties. An honorarium is paid yearly to the Clerk. Full handover and information available.

If interested please contact the Chair: Dougie Ogilvie 07768 708250 or email [chair@khspe.org](mailto:chair@khspe.org)

## 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](http://www.enquire.org.uk)

*Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland*

# newbies

**Every Monday, 2-3pm**

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether, whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

## 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](mailto:campuspartnership@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk)

## Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

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# Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated  
Diary of Events can be found on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)*

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### 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](http://www.kinross.cc) at:

[www.kinross.cc/equipment\\_hire/equipment.htm](http://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.

### Images of Kinross-shire

Photographs can be downloaded free of charge from the [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

#### Photo Library

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