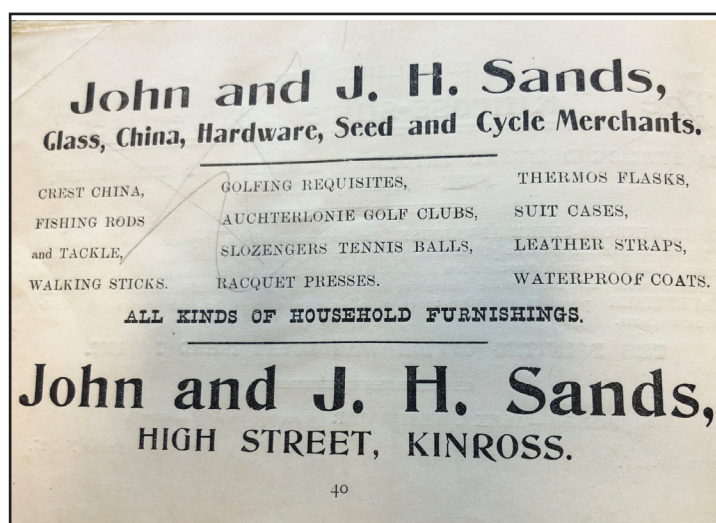


54-58 HIGH STREET - JOHN & J H SANDS

- 1812** The general merchants, ironmongery and grocery business was founded by Joseph Hardie Sands at the beginning of the nineteenth century. He was a prominent local businessman and founder of the Kinross Free Church.
- 1881** The business passed to his nephew David Sands in 1846. When he died 1881, three of his sons took over; David, John and Joseph Hardie.
- 1910s** The brothers found it difficult to work together and at the beginning of the twentieth century they split up, with David Sands taking over the Grocery part of the business and John & Joseph Hardie taking over the General Merchants and Ironmongery.
- 1974** Continued under management of Hardie Sands until his retirement in 1974. The firm of John & J.H. Sands Ltd. was then formed after the business was bought by Archie Skinner. Archie ran the business until his death in 1982.
- 1982** Stuart Skinner and his daughter Marie still run the business today.



1862 'A fine specimen of a rare visitor to the British Isles - the "Egyptian Fox Goose" was captured on Loch Leven in June and was handed over to Mr Sands, Merchant, to be stuffed.'
The Annals of Kinross-shire, p.85



Some of the things for sale at Sands in 1923 (from a 1923 Guide to Kinross-shire).



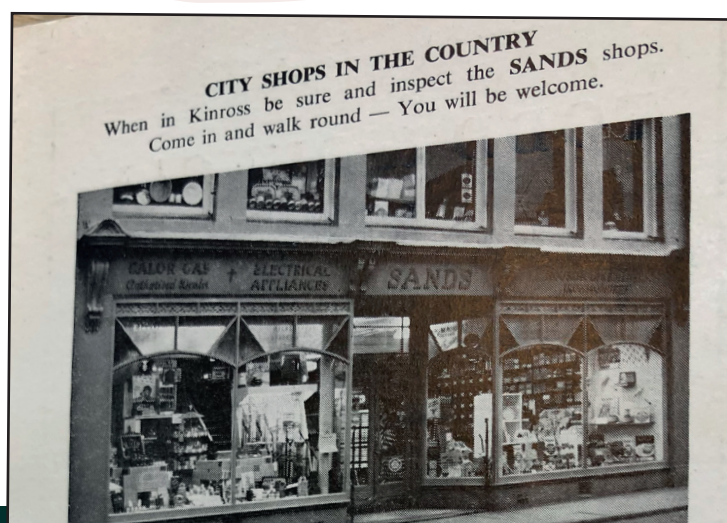
J & J H Sands in a postcard dated 1904, from the collection of David Millar.

The **1920s** Lamson Cash and Message lift inside, 'The Chute', is thought to be one of only two left in the UK. Reminiscence Group member Margaret Borland worked here in the **1960s** and remembers what it was like to use it.



Sands the Ironmonger in the 1960s

Margaret once had to go to the train station for Mr Sands, to collect a box of bees sent all the way from France!



KINROSS 1906				
B. B. Montgomery Esq. Warrick				
BOT. OF JOHN & J. H. SANDS.				
Wholesale & Retail Merchants				
GROCERIES, WINE & SPIRITS, IRONMONGERY & HARDWARE				
June 6	30.00	20.00	2.00	13.9
	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.6
	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.0
	50.00	Cartridges	0.75	3.9
25	1.00	Ball		0.5
July 10	100.00	Cartridges	1/2 Box Wads	9
	Box of Wads	9 in Shot 2/3		2.10
	Box of Wads	5 in Shot 13/4		14.9
Aug 17	7.00	Shot		1.9
Sept 17	1.00	Box Wads		1.0
	100.00	W. M. Cartridges		9.6
Oct 10	Box of Wads			1.5
	1.00	Ball		0.5
	1.00	No 5 Shot		3
	2 Boxes Wads			2.10
	Cartridges			4.06

A 1906 billhead for dog biscuits and salt, as well as gun cartridges.

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52 HIGH STREET - GREENS

1812 Joseph Hardie Sands is a Grocer, Tea & Wine Merchant as well as selling Spirits, Porter & Ale, Ironmongery & Seeds, Oils, Paints & Colours. He has three sons.

1910s This part of the shop becomes solely a grocers, run by David Sands, while his brothers John and Joseph Hardie Jr run the ironmogs and general merchants next door.

c.1915



Staff of Sands the Grocer in c.1915. including the father and mother of Remniscence Group member Helen Duncan.

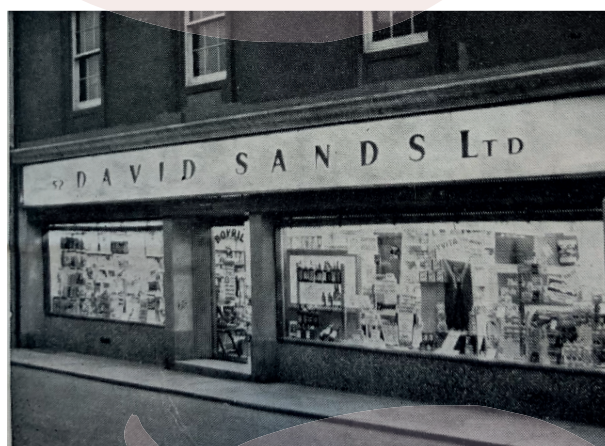
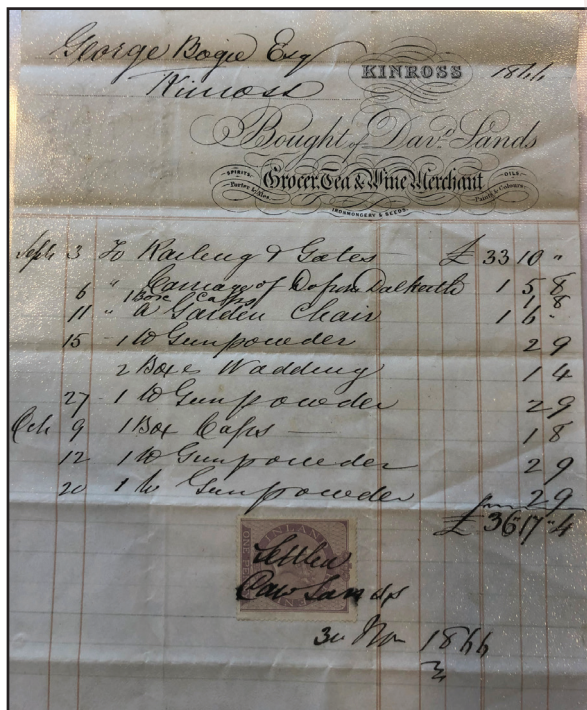
Left: Mr Sands, John Menzies, Isa Philp, Sandy Philp. Right: Unknown, Jessie Robertson, Arthur Emslie, Isa Philp, Robert Robertson.

2012 The grocers was taken over by Davie the younger. His son Lindsay then ran the business before his son David took over, subsequently selling the family grocer to the Co-Op in 2012.

2022 The store was sold to Green's.

1900s There was a fish shop in between the two Sands stores, which burnt down; Menzies. After the fire Mr John Menzies went to work for Sands grocers.

George Bogie Esquire's 1866 bill from David Sands, Grocer and Wine Merchant. The bill includes garden chain and quite a lot of gunpowder!



In the **1960s**, Sands opened a delicatessen counter with fine foods and wines from all over the world. Scan here to listen to a tale about a sausage.

Kinross Advertiser, 8 Feb 1936

PRUNES

Landladies and others are well advised not to give prunes to their lodgers or guests more than four times per week. It is easy to get too much of even a good thing.

For a delicious, nourishing, yet economical dish, prunes are, however, hard to beat. Insist upon getting Griffin's Santa Clara Prunes, the kind with the thinnest skins, the smallest pits, the sweetest flavour—the kind you get from Sands.

SPECIAL DRIED FRUIT PRICES		
SANTA CLARA PRUNES—		
Medium Size ...	5d lb	Ex. Fancy Pears ... 1s 3d lb
Large Size ...	7d lb	Ex. Fancy Apricots ... 1s 4d lb
Jumbo Size ...	10d lb	Ex. Choice Apricots ... 1s 1b
		Fancy Peaches ... 10d lb
Australian Rice—A Speciality, per lb 3d (use with Prunes).		
Stoned Pudding Dates ... per lb pkt. 4½d.		
JAFFA ORANGES		
These delicious oranges are now at their best. The crop is short and prices are sure to rise, so buy now.		
Per doz. 1s, 1s 4d, and 1s 6d (selected seedless).		
DANISH BUTTER (Special Dairy) Per lb 1s 2d	EMPIRE BUTTER (Finest Grade) Per lb 1s	
A NEW BISCUIT—Huntley & Palmer's, Apple Puff ... per lb 1s 2d		
Try some without delay.		
<h2>David Sands</h2> <p>Grocer, Wine Merchant, Provision Merchant</p> <p>KINROSS</p> <p>Phone 10</p>		

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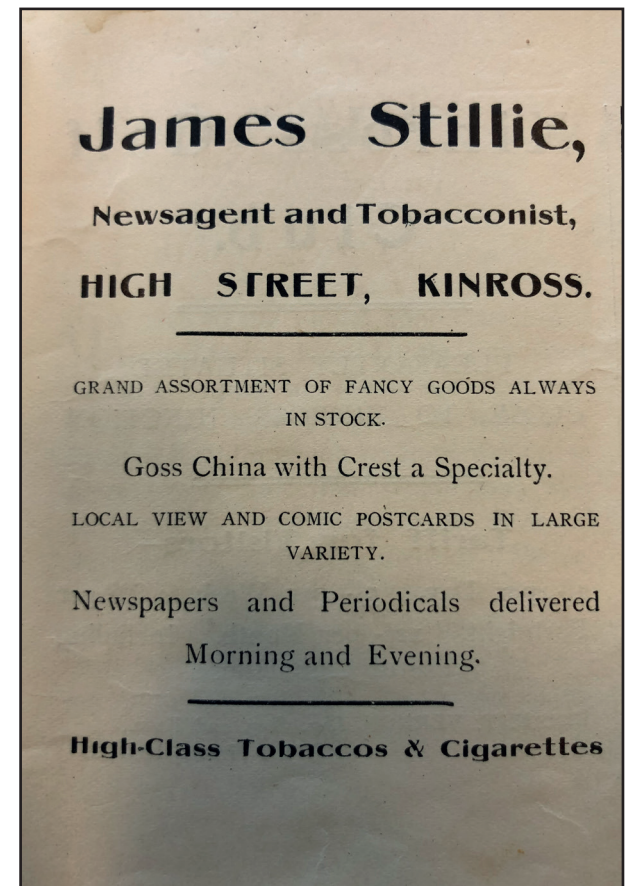
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86 HIGH STREET - THE KILT SHOP

- 1700s** The building is small scale, with a very low ceiling in the shop but a slightly higher one upstairs, implying that it might have been built in the 18th century.
- 1800s** The niche at the back right-hand corner of the shop once held a bake-oven. A building joint on the outside wall shows that the oven originally extended outside the building.
- 1920s** Stillies, a newsagent and tobacconist, also sold Goss China and funny postcards. It was later run by the Stillie sisters, who also owned the flat above. Two remembered employees are Doris Downie and Doris Kinnear, who both stoppped working there after they married, as was expected at the time.
- 1960s** In the 1960s it became Carries, still a newsagent and tobacconist. As you can see from the photo, Mr Carrie also sold footballs.
- 1990s** Financial Adviser's Office, 4L (Lomond Loch Leven Limited), run by Peter Miller.
- 2000** A wedding shop, before it became the current Kilt Shop.



From a 1923 Guide to Kinross-shire

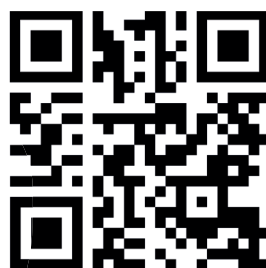


Stillies, from postcard from the collection of Reminiscence Group member David Millar, post-dated 1943. Who is that standing in the doorway?



E & M Carrie newsagent seen in a postcard c.1975., from David Millar's collection. Note Easiphit Shoes, which was one of several shoe shops in the town at the time.

Kinross was full of tiny front-room shops selling sweeties, and a few treasure-trove "johnny a'hing" shops. Reminiscence Group members talk about Wall's, one of these shops.



Kinross Newsletter, 1981

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119 HIGH STREET - MANDY'S

- 1800s** Woods' 1823 plan of the town shows this building as an inn, the Red Lion, and a small shop. It sits between the Old Causeway - once the main road from the south - and the High Street. The building itself shows traces of having been a single-storey house with cellar access.
- 1900s** Known as 'Tod's Corner', and was a grocery owned and occupied by John Tod.
- 1920s** John Henderson set up as an ironmonger, now also selling and servicing bikes.
- 1959** Reminiscence Group member Helen Duncan's first job was here, aged 15. She wore her school uniform and had to stand on a box to reach the counter, avoiding the trap door to the cellar.
- 1964** A fancy goods shop owned by Mary Sneddon. Called St Serf's, it sold jewellery, glassware and cards.
- 1968** By now is The Boutique, selling occasionware and party dresses. Mrs Kay, Margaret Smith and Jean Henderson worked there.
- 1990s** St Serf's Crafts, then an 'Ebay shop' for a short while before becoming Mandy's Hairdressing and Beauty in 2008.



With bicycles and buckets or baskets outside. A postcard post-dated 1906, from the collection of Reminiscence Group member David Millar.



Servicing for your furs. Kinross-shire Advertiser, 29 November 1968. The newspaper article above this ad describes a wedding party at The Green Hotel, where the mother of the bride wore a petrol blue velvet suit with grey squirrel fur at the neck.

Scan to hear Kinross-shire Reminiscence Group members talk about buying special outfits from the boutique.



'We used to sell willow baskets for tattie picking. John Henderson used to buy in the willow and the Smith family used to make the baskets and sell them back. ... Another thing I mind was the canvas sheets the farmers used when sowing seed and chestnut rakes for hay-making.'

'We also made up cycle wheels. I made them up. Wedgewood and Endrick rimes, three speed, Villiers. We also put new tyres on prams.'

Kinross-shire: A Century of Stories, Margaret Cuthbert, p.55

Helen Duncan remembers J Henderson selling items made by Polish prisoners of war.



Kinross Newsletter, 1988

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60 HIGH STREET - REMINISCENCE CAFE

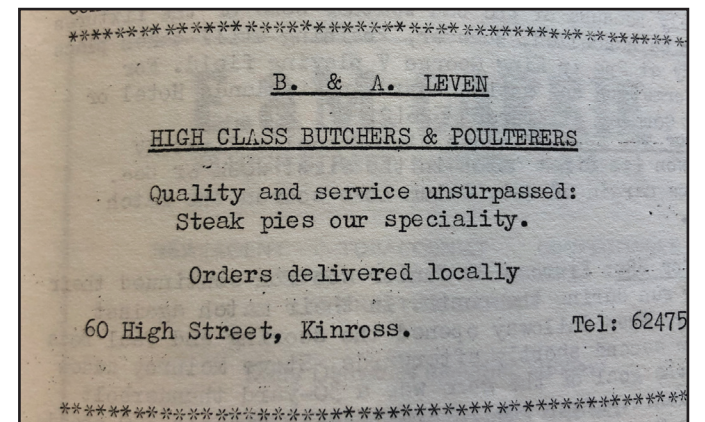
1820s This building is part of the property owned by Mr Sands, as shown on the 1823 Wood's map of the town.

1920s A butcher's shop owned by David Mitchell. His niece, Isabella Mitchell, ran the fishmonger further up the road.



A butcher's shop in St Andrews, 1900s. Image courtesy of University of St Andrews Libraries and Museums.

"The slaughterhouses were owned by the butchers. Mitchell had to kill in Milnathort, at the old mill."
Stories of Kinross-shire, Margaret Cuthbert, p.47-48



Kinross Newsletter, 1982

1950s Butcher's shop owned by Harry Penman.

1960s TO LATE 1980s
Still a butcher's shop, now called Leven's. Then Devlins.

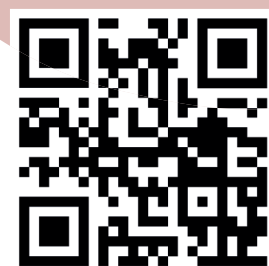
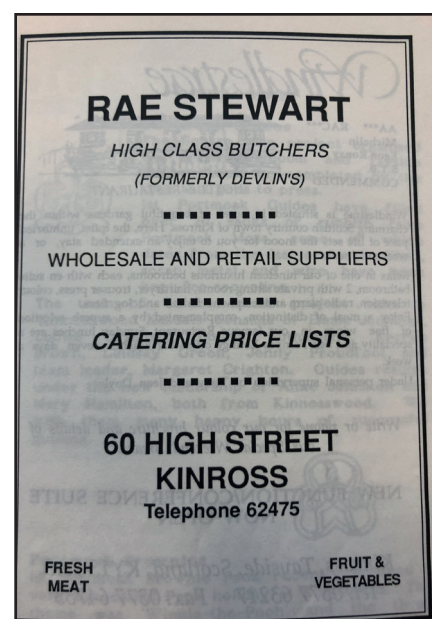
1990s Rae Stewart butchers. Acorn Pet Supplies. Also remembered is a perfumery, a bakery...

2013 'Dream Kitchens' kitchen design shop before becoming Reminiscence Cafe in 2013.

Reminiscence Group member Margaret can remember that when she shopped at Leven's, for some reason she always called him Mr Kirkcaldy, not Leven. He never commented on this!

Scan to hear Reminiscence Group members talking about shopping at Kinross' several butcher's shops.

Kinross Newsletter, 1990



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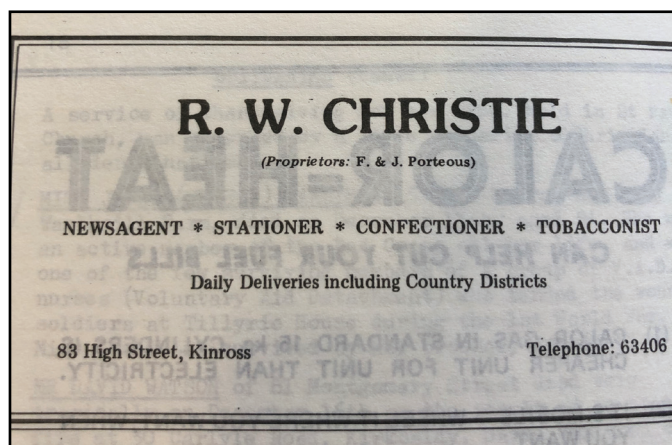
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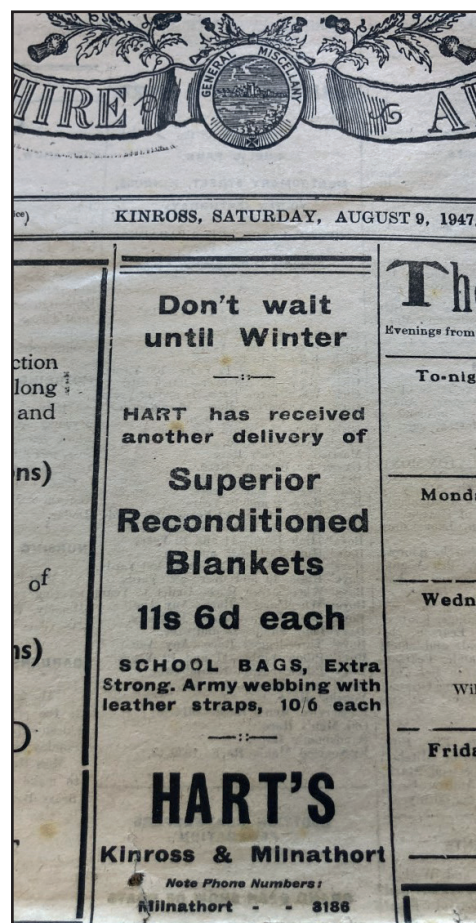


83-85 HIGH STREET - BAILLIES

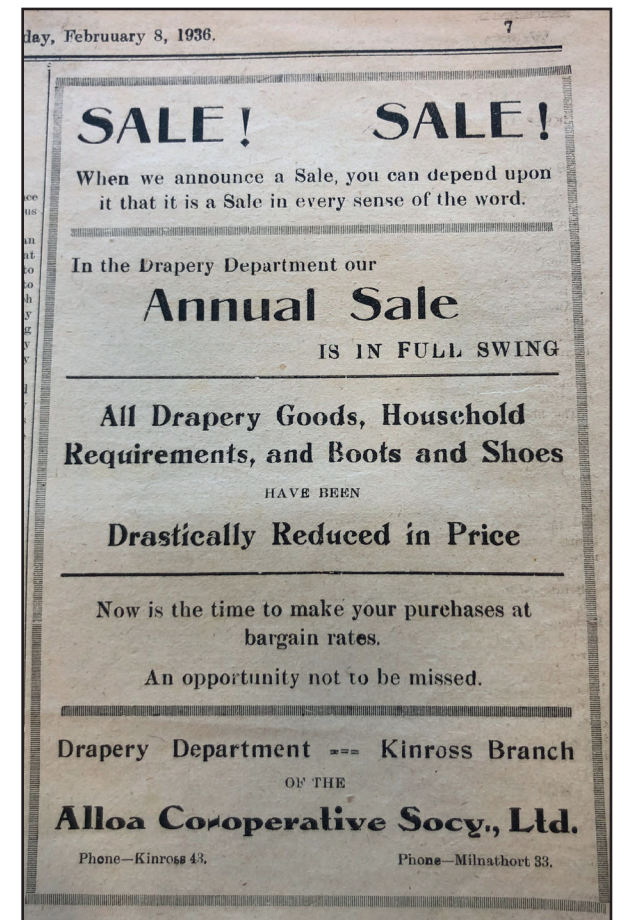
- 1920s** Originally this building was two shops. One side was possibly the Kinross-shire Advertiser office with editor Mr Welsh in charge, before it moved to number 87 (now where the Sorting Office is). Mr Welsh would take your portrait if you wanted it. The Kinross-shire Advertiser was affectionately known as “The Two Minutes Silence” because it could be read so quickly!
- 1947** One side was Christies Paper Shop, the other George Hart’s, a drapers. The paper shop also sold sweets. Bob Christie who owned it played football for St. Johnston.
- 1960s** The drapers business was taken over by Alloa Co-op Drapers, managed by Maureen Greig (nee Thomson). Maureen went to Alloa to select the stock to bring back to Kinross.
- 1970s** The drapers became a tearoom, The Copper Kettle, where you could enjoy fancy teas (although some people preferred an ordinary tea bag!).
- 1980s** The shop was joined into one and taken over by Frank Porteous c.1985, still as a paper shop. We think was then owned by someone else in between Mr Porteous and becoming Baillies in the 1990s.



Kinross Newsletter, 1982



Kinross-shire Advertiser, 1947



Kinross-shire Advertiser, 1936

- 2013** Still owned by the Baillie family, we are pleased that the business survived this piece of recent history!



‘Draper’ is a word that has gone out of fashion. Before around the middle of the 20th century, it meant a shop that dealt with fabrics, sewing items and clothes.



Reminiscence Group members talk about what it was like to shop at a drapers.

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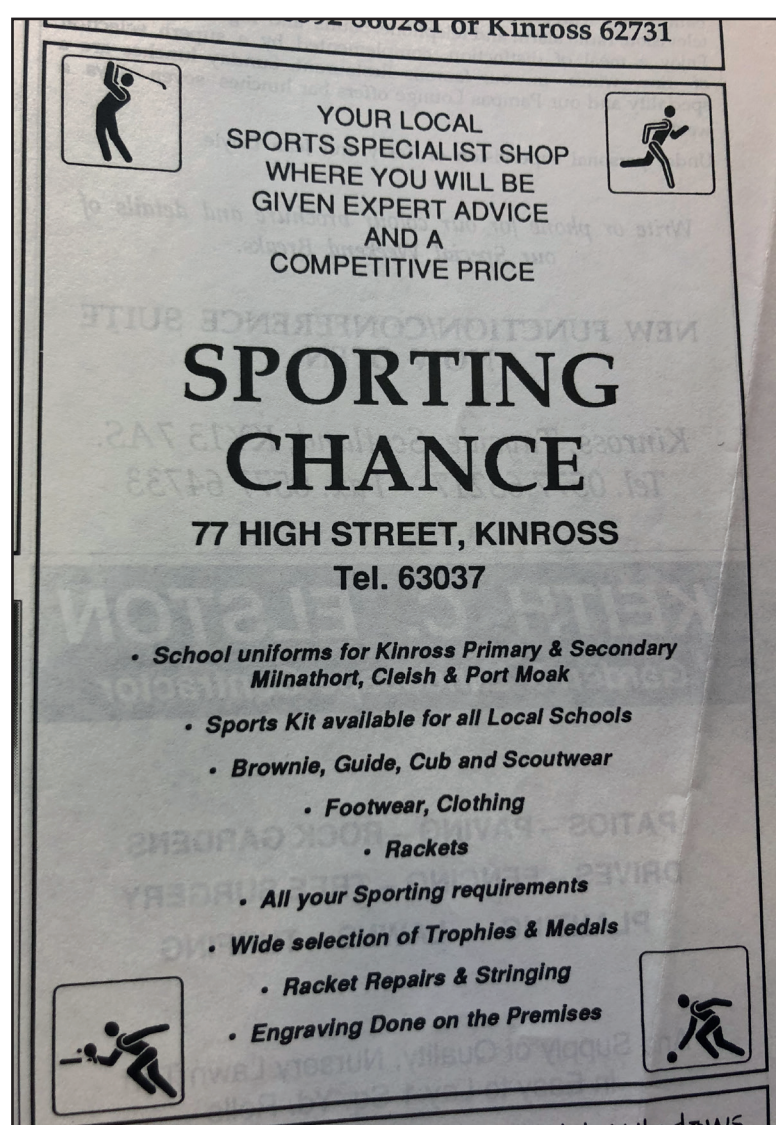
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77 HIGH STREET - LOCH LEVEN LAUNDRY

- 1823** Wood's map of the town shows the wynd beside the house. The plot belonged to Mr McKillop.
- 1930s** Hogg's Shoe Shop - selling quality shoes. There were several shoe shops in Kinross High Street, and a cobbler.
- 1990s** Sporting Chance - run by Kate Francis who sold sports gear and school uniforms.
- 2000s** A hairdresser called The Studio Hair Company, subsequently The Colour Studio.
- 2018** Loch Leven Laundry, part of CIA Cleaning Agency.



Kinross Newsletter, 1991



Scan here to hear members of Kinross-shire reminiscence Group talking about where you could buy (and fix) shoes on Kinross High Street.



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62 HIGH STREET - MORGANS

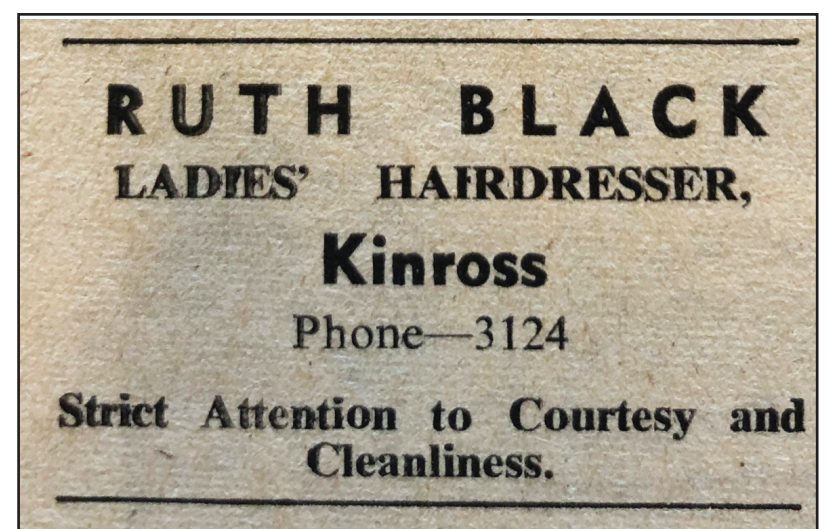
- 1619** Look carefully at the stonework of this building. On the South side there's a new doorway, window and upper storey, but older masonry survives to the left of the small window and below the larger one. The height of the original wall is clearly visible. To the right of the door is part of an earlier door lintel re-set in newer masonry but probably at its original height. The lintel is dated 1619, making it the earliest known dated stone in Kinross; unfortunately the rest of the text, probably the initials of the owner, have worn away.
- 1820s** In 1823, Wood's map of the town shows that this shop and the cottages on Piper Row are owned by Mr Sands.
- 1880s** The postcard below (from after 1884 when Kinross East Church was built) shows that this building is a shop called 'Gallaghers'. The Gallagher family stayed at Piper Row from the 1860s, having previously lived on Back Causeway (now demolished). Ann Gallagher was the eldest of the five children. Her dad was a tinsmith and her mother a hawker, possibly selling china. The 1891 census lists 49 year old Ann, unmarried with a 9 year old son, now running her own China Merchant's business here.
- 1900s** By the next census in 1901 Ann Gallagher is the proprietor of Piper Row Lodging House in this building, with seven occupants living in the four rooms.
- 1920s** The 1920s rate books show this shop's rates were now being paid by Hugh L Smith, a confectioner, with the property owner a Miss Bridget C Hughes, a school teacher in Kirkcaldy. Sweetly, they married in 1932.
- 1930s** In 1935 it was still a sweetie shop, run by Charles Rattray.
- 1940s** Now a ladies' hairdressers run by Janet Gordon - with a special reduction on perms! The shop building is still owned by Mrs Bridget C Smith. By the late 1950s, still a ladies' hairdresser, but run by Ruth Black, with strict attention to cleanliness and courtesy.
- 1990s** Macbeth Currie solicitors and estate agents, becoming Morgans in 2018.



Postcard post-dated 1906, from the collection of Reminiscence Group member David Millar, showing the attic window in use.



Kinross Advertiser, 30/8/1952



Kinross Advertiser, 9/11/1957

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