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# Letters



# Editorial

# Support your local music festival

The second Kinross-shire Music Festival takes place in November. (See article on page 10). The event has something for everyone, is bigger than last year's and has famous Scots songstress Barbara Dickson as the star attraction. Members of KLEO have worked very hard to put on this fantastic array of entertainment but good support is needed from the community for the festival to succeed.

# January... February...

Humming a Barbara Dickson song gives a timely reminder that we do not publish a Newsletter at the start of January. Therefore if your community group is organising an event to be held in January that you would like to publicise in the Newsletter, notification would need to be inserted in the December issue (deadline 16 November).

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# Councillor Giacopazzi versus the People

I'd like to raise a general question with Newsletter readers: 'What is a local councillor for?' And to focus the question, it might be useful to look at a specific event. On 26 September 2012, the Development Management Committee of P&K - popularly known as the 'planning committee' - examined an application made by a Blair Atholl resident to build two houses at Hatchbank. The residents objected, not least because no phosphate mitigation details were available. Phosphate mitigation is a very serious issue; unchecked it will have grave economic and environmental effects on Loch Leven. Cllr Mike Barnacle supported the Kinross residents to the hilt. However, his efforts were undermined by Cllr Joe Giacopazzi, who moved to approve the application.

Please note, Cllr Giacopazzi did not merely go along with other P&K committee members, he actually proposed approving an application that Kinross folks opposed. And he was not finished there. Another councillor raised a question about the effect of increased traffic on the single-track road at Hatchbank. Cllr Giacopazzi stated this was not an issue because while the road is narrow it is little used. Nothing could be further from the truth, as anyone familiar with the neighbourhood knows. Hatchbank Road is experiencing greatly increased traffic flows, with horse-boxes and numerous motor vehicles; and recently many more vans.

To substitute ignorance for facts is the antithesis of planning, and is likely to further erode confidence in the P&K planning process. What was said is inexcusable, and the community is very aggrieved. However, in a spirit of conciliation we ought to acknowledge that Cllr Giacopazzi is somewhat new in the job, so may I suggest that he meets soon with Hatchbank residents to discuss with them the role of a local councillor?

John Drummond Hatchbank House on behalf of Hatchbank Residents

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# Tillyrie Wind Farm and transparency

I write in connection with the proposal for a wind farm to be sited on Tillyrie hill, near Milnathort.

I note that David Sands, a director of Milnathort Futures Trust, attended the Milnathort CC meeting in August and appears to have addressed it. In the course of that address he seems, according to the minutes, to have stated:

- 1. Milnathort Futures Trust is not involved in the planning application for the wind farm.
- 2. Milnathort Futures Trust are independent of the planning application and have no views on the fors or againsts of onshore wind farms.

Milnathort Futures Trust is, despite its name, a company like any other (as opposed to a trust) and does not currently even possess charitable status.

In the scoping report prepared by Lomond Energy for Perth and Kinross Council (and relating to the proposal to site three wind turbines with a maximum height to blade tip of ninety metres on Tillyrie hill), the proposal is narrated as being made jointly by Lomond Energy, Milnathort Futures Trust and John Lawrie Tillyrie. That document states that this trio:

"bring together a rare combination of long term wind farm expertise, local landownership and community commitment."

In the scoping opinion, produced by the council in response to the request for such an opinion from Lomond Energy, the applicant for the future planning permission is named as:

"Lomond Energy, Milnathort Futures Trust and John Lawrie Tillyrie."

Accordingly, in the planning documents relating to the wind farm proposal it seems that:

- Milnathort Futures Trust is involved in the planning application.
- Milnathort Futures Trust is not independent of the planning application.

This planning application is, obviously, going to be for an onshore wind farm. As one of the applicants for an onshore wind farm, I do not understand how Mr David Sands, as a director of Milnathort Futures Trust, can suggest that his company has no views on the fors or against of onshore wind farms.

In addition, Milnathort Futures Trust, together with the Thomson family and Lomond Energy, were responsible for leafleting much of the Kinross-shire area in about June 2012. Their leaflet was supportive of the proposal for a wind farm on Tillyrie. As instigators of the same project it would be surprising if they were not. In their "Key Facts", for example, they adverted solely to the supposed positives of the scheme and made no reference to any of the patent disadvantages, e.g. an adverse visual impact on the Ochils and, in particular, turbine visibility throughout virtually the whole county.

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I am against the proposal for three vast turbines on Tillyrie Hill because, in my view, it will alter detrimentally a much loved and beautiful skyline. Lomond Energy, John Lawrie Tillyrie and the company known as Milnathort Futures Trust are plainly for the proposal, and no doubt, should the planning application be granted, considerable sums of money will be made by some or all of them. In all the circumstances, I do not understand how Mr Sands can suggest that Milnathort Futures Trust are neutral in this matter.

Gillian Galbraith Garden Cottage, Ledlanet

Note from Editor:

The correct name of the company, as registered with Companies House, is 'The Milnathort Future Trust' (i.e. singular and with 'The' at the beginning). However, in his original letter to the Newsletter (June 2012) informing the public about the trust, David Sands himself referred to the company as 'Milnathort Futures Trust' and it is called that in the minutes of the August meeting of Milnathort CC to which Ms Galbraith refers. The minutes of the September Milnathort CC meeting record Cllr Sandy Smith, a director of the trust, as noting: "MFT was Milnathort Future Trust and not Milnathort Futures Trust." The company is referred to as 'Milnathort Futures Trust' in the scoping report produced by Lomond Energy, also referred to by Ms Galbraith. (The company is also, once, called 'Milnathort Community Futures' in the scoping report!)

There will be a Public Meeting of The Milnathort Future Trust on Thursday 22 November at 7.30pm in Orwell Church Hall.

# Perth and Kinross Council ignore Kinross again

For some time the good people of Kinross have been kept in the dark over the future of the old High School.

Heaven forbid that we should be consulted.

It is, however, emerging that the site is to be sold for housing. No complaints there you might say.

However, it is also becoming clear that the car parking facility which has been operating in the old school grounds is to disappear.

Also, we hear that the old County Buildings are to be sold which would, of course, be welcomed. However, locals have been using the car parking facilities in front of the building and this will, of course, be lost.

In all 50 car parking spaces will disappear.

The council do intend to make some provision in Mill Street, but this will not solve the problem.

The High Street and hotels will suffer greatly and Kinross will be on a downward spiral.

Let us hope that, even at this late stage, something can be done.

Lindsay Sands 13 Auld Mart Road, Milnathort

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# **News & Articles**



# Local assets need your support

by Councillor Dave Cuthbert

You may have read in the October Newsletter that PKC has deferred the sale of Kinross-shire's County Buildings for six months, in order to give the community a chance to consider whether it could find a viable use for the buildings.

This deferral was granted by the Property Sub-Committee of the Council at its meeting on 12 September.

The Property Sub-Committee consists of five elected members:

- The Leaders of the SNP and Conservatives
- The Depute Leaders of the SNP and Liberal Democrats
- Me

At the meeting I put the case for deferring the sale and was supported by the Depute Leader of the Liberal Democrats.

The Council officers are very keen to dispose of surplus properties as they cost money to maintain and have a habit of deteriorating when unoccupied; they pushed for an immediate disposal and were supported by the Leader and Depute Leader of the Administration (SNP).

So it was two votes against two and the casting vote fell to the Leader of the Conservatives.

He decided that on this occasion it would be better to allow the Kinross-shire Community the chance to put a business case together for the buildings, and so it was decided that the sale would be deferred for six months.

Kinross CC has kindly agreed to lead on creating the business case and has formed a team to take this forward.

Many of you will hopefully have been able to view the building on 20 October and will now have an idea of what is available. It is now over to you, the people of Kinross-shire, to come forward with ideas for its use which will allow us to keep our County Building in public ownership (no pressure)!

On a different matter, I am the Chair of a group called the Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation (KLEO). This is a team of volunteers who work to create a sense of community in Kinross-shire. Amongst other things, they ran the Gazebo Gathering for two years and help put on the Feel Good Fair in May each year. They have organised a Music Festival, which runs from 15 to 25 November.

Last year's event was very successful and many people attended the various events, however there were still a lot of empty seats.

If the event can prove self-funding then it will continue and hopefully grow in future years. For it to be self-funding, the group needs you to come to one or more of the events.

I guess what I am saying is that local assets need your support.

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# Call to halt wind farms in the Ochils

Councillor Mike Barnacle wrote to PKC nine months ago asking for an end to further wind farm developments in the Ochil Hills and has still not received a formal response.

Cllr Barnacle wrote jointly to Nick Brian, Development Quality Manager at PKC, and his counterpart at Clackmannanshire Council, specifically to object to applications at Rhodders, Burnfoot Hill and Frandy Hill by Wind Prospect but also to ask for a moratorium on further wind farm developments in the Ochils.

In his letter of 18 January 2012, the Councillor reminds Mr Brian of PKC's revised Wind Energy Policy and Guidelines (2004), commissioned by PKC, Clackmannanshire Council and Scottish Natural Heritage. The policy stated that any wind farm of a commercial scale and with contemporary turbine size would be inappropriate in the Ochils. If the councils and SNH considered that one would be appropriate, it was recommended that only one should be permitted and then only on the basis of smaller turbines to avoid dwarfing the hills themselves. The preferred location was agreed to be in an area of undulating upland between Glendevon and Glenfarg, utilising the topography to 'nestle' the turbines into the landform and minimise the impact on the skyline from views north and south of the hills.

Since then, wind farms are operating at Greenknowes and Lochelbank, having been allowed on appeal by Government Reporters. And in March 2007, Clackmannanshire Council approved an application for a wind farm at Burn foot Hill.

Cllr Barnacle states: "we now have three large wind farms in the Ochils existing that I suggest are contrary to our Council policies".

Councillor Barnacle concludes: "It is time to call a halt on further windfarm developments in the Ochil Hills. PKC are still reviewing their wind energy policies as part of their Single Local Development Plan, also landscape designations are set to change in consultation on the Supplementary Guidance therein. In my submission to the Main Issues Report for PKC's Local Plan, I called for a Regional Park Status for the Ochil Hills, like the Lomonds of Fife. This beautiful hill landscape needs protection now, not further industrialisation from more windfarms. If the Ochils are anything to go by, Scotland faces the prospect of major adverse impacts on its hill landscapes from the Scottish Governments misguided and short-term energy policy."

A new website, www.kinrosswindfarms.co.uk, was set up recently by concerned residents to provide information on a proposal at Tillyrie in particular (see also letter by Gillian Galbraith, page 5), but also various wind farm projects nearby. The latest news on the website states that an application has been made for a single 87-metre turbine at Colliston Farm, Dunzie, Glenfarg. The closing date for comments to PKC is Saturday 3 November 2012. The application reference is 12/01727/FLL.

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

# Concern over handling of LDP

Perth & Kinross Council would be "... making a 'joke' of so-called 'consultation'" if it does not produce a modified Local Development Plan to take account of significant representations made during the public consultation period, says local **Councillor Mike Barnacle**.

Cilr Barnacle, leader of the group of Independent Councillors at PKC, has written to the Council's Executive Director (Environment), Jim Valentine, to express the group's concerns over the way Council officers are handling the Plan.

An earlier stage of the LDP was the Main Issues Report, published in September 2010 and open to comment until February 2011. Planners held surgeries with Ward members in October 2011 before deciding on the Proposed LDP, which was approved at a Full Council meeting on 10 January 2012. PKC exhibited the Plan at drop-in events throughout the local authority area in February and March. The period of public representation on the Proposed LDP was 30 January to 10 April 2012.

In his letter of 2 October 2012 to Mr Valentine, Cllr Barnacle writes:

"At that Full Council I thought we were approving a plan 'for consultation' so did not seek all the changes I would have wished and would have been difficult to secure with a limited debate on 10.1.12, dominated by greater Perth housing issues.

"Following further public meetings in Kinross-shire between the Proposed Plan's publication and the deadline for comment on 10.4.12, extensive representations and submissions have been made from communities, including my own, seeking some modifications to the Plan. The Plan itself states that representations received will be considered and if significant changes are proposed, a modified version will be published for a 6 week consultation prior to submission to the Government Reporters. This is what I would expect following the submissions made; any other course making a 'joke' of so-called 'consultation'."

Cllr Barnacle expresses concern in his letter that senior Planning officers regard the Proposed Plan as a Final Plan and "simply wish members' authority to send the Proposed Plan and a report on representations received to the Reporters for examination."

He continues: "Also, alarmingly, Development Management reports are referring to the Proposed Plan as 'approved by Council' and 'a material consideration'."

In Kinross-shire, housing site allocations in Blairingone, Kinross and Powmill have given rise to significant representations and Cllr Barnacle feels that consultation is required on gypsy/traveller, landscape protection and wind energy policies.

Cllr Barnacle suggests to Mr Valentine that: "at the very least, the Planners should hold surgeries with Ward Members on the representations received and their thoughts on possible modifications before a report is brought back to Full Council."

The Councillor awaits a response from Mr Valentine.

Deadline for all Submissions 5.00 pm, FRIDAY 16 November for publication on Saturday 1 December



# Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements in Kinross

At around 10.50am a parade led by the Kinross & District Pipe Band will leave Kinross Parish Church in Station Road and make its way to the war memorial at the County Buildings, High Street, where a short ecumenical service will be held at approximately 10.55am, followed by a period of silence.

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on the exact anniversary of the ending of the First World War on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Members of the public are requested to leave the entrance to the County Buildings foreground clear to allow the parade to enter.

**Note**: The following streets will be **closed to traffic** for periods of time to allow the parade and service to take place: Station Road between the Parish Church and the High Street; the High Street south of Green Road.



# **Business Breakfasts**

# PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE TO WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

### Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Kinross-shire Partnership will be hosting more Business Break fasts at Loch Leven's Larder this autumn. Please do come along, everyone is welcome whatever size your business. There is no membership fee. It is a great opportunity for local businesses to meet each other.

The Breakfasts will take place from **7.30** to **9am** on Wednesday **14** November and Wednesday **5** December **2012**.

The cost of attending a Break fast will be £10 per person and will include a full Scottish Break fast, porridge, cereal, fresh juice, fresh fruit, toast, coffee and tea. Please pay by cash on the day. Receipts will be issued.

The aim is to allow local businesses of all sizes to network and to share business goals. Everyone will have the opportunity to introduce their business. Please bring your business cards and any brochures you wish to display.

To register to attend one or more of the Break fasts, please email Sandra Ralston, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator, at

mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or call 07774181768

You can see more information about the work of Kinross-shire Partnership at:

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# Kinross Music Festival 15 - 25 November

# Live music to banish the November chill in Kinross!

# Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



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Featuring over 40 bands playing from jazz/pop/rock/indie/ classical there is something for all ages including headlining acts such as: OBE Singer Barbara Dickson, known for hits such as: "I Know Him So Well", will be performing at The Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross for one night only on Saturday 24 November at 8pm. Tickets only £22!

Local televised "Singing Butcher" star Iain Hunter & Friends will be performing in concert on Friday 23 November at 8pm at the Kinross Parish Church. Tickets £10.

Local favourites Gaberlunzie are again performing for us, this time at the Masonic Hall on Saturday 17 November at 8pm, tickets £10.

Other headline acts include: Modern Faces, Woodenbox and up-and-coming new local band Sienna (all for £5 each or with a Rover Ticket).



Woodenbox are one of the headline acts

# T in the Park judge for Kinross-shire's Got Talent Show!

It has just been confirmed that a representative from the T in the Park management will be on the judging panel at our Kinross-shire's Got Talent competition for Children in Need! It will be a fun evening with a large variety of acts (singing, dancing, bagpipes, magician, comedy etc), all perfored by local youth (U18), and the evening will finish with a Lady Gaga Tribute Act (as previously seen at our 2010 Gazebo Gathering!). Come along to the campus on Friday 16 November at 7pm and enjoy all these fantastic acts!

Tickets are £5 (adult) and £3 (Under 18). Rover ticket is not valid for this event.

50% from the sale of this event will benefit the BBC Children in Need Appeal. The other 50% will be used to pay for bands during the festival.

# **Music and Dance Workshops**

Come and try one of our music and dance workshops during the music festival. These workshops are open for children and adults (unless stated differently). Workshops on offer are: Brazilian Drumming (Cool Schools), Dance a Story, Salsa Dance, Street Dance, Guitar (acoustic or slide), Music, Mantra and Meditation, Open String, Pipeband 'come and try' workshop, Singaround with Wildfire, Supa J -Me's Workshop of Rap or try playing in a band with DIY Rockshop!

Fee for most workshops is £1 and booking a place is advisable. Please go to www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk for more information about the workshops (time/venue) and to download a booking form.



Leven Voices, for anyone who wants to sing and have fun!

A new fun, informal drop-in singing group is launching in Kinross-shire. Led by Horsecross Arts tutors, this group is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! Whether you already sing in a choir or just in the shower or the car, this group is sure to be enjoyed by all. No music reading or singing experience necessary. This is a taster event for an anticipated 10 week session of workshops to be launched in January 2013. Come to the try out session during the music festival on Sunday 18 November: 2 - 4pm at the Community Campus (£4; concessions £3).

### **Tickets**

Tickets are for sale at the Post Office in Milnathort and the Macbeth Currie Estate Agents in Kinross. Iain Hunter is also selling tickets for his gig through his Butcher's shop. Tickets are also for sale through

### www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk

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

### Volunteers

We'd like to hear from groups or individuals willing to help out in some way during the festival. We are grateful for any help you can commit to, as this will help contribute to making the Kinross-shire Music Festival a successful event. If interested please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call 01577 863107.

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

# Music in Kinross Parish Church

**Sunday 4 November at 3pm,** Kinross Parish Church hosts an excellent concert from Edinburgh. A wind group and string quartet will present **Mozart's Serenade** for 13 wind instruments and a string quartet by Schubert. This is a second presentation as they will have played the same programme in Edinburgh the night before! There is no charge, but a collection will be made for Mary's Meals in Liberia at the end. Oboes, clarinets, basset horns, bassoons, French horns and a double bass make up the wind group.

Saturday 17 November at 4pm is the Festival Home Bru when local musicians present their music. There will be at least two guests - Vivienne Reilnen from Edinburgh, a young violinist of distinction, and a visit from Nick Lauener who is at present studying and performing in Glasgow. Another special event will be the first performance of Senior Moments, a suite of three pieces for recorder quartet, guitar and viola, composed by Gareth Clemson of Tillywhally. Tickets for this are £5.00 from the Festival sources or at the door.

**Sunday 25 November at 2.30pm** in Kinross Parish Church is a **Festival concert** by **Cantamus**, a group of mainly singing musicians from Fife who will present a programme of extracts from musicals and shows which will hugely entertain. Angus Anderson will be playing with the singers on his violin, and the company is accompanied by Margot Scott on the piano.

# Festival time in the Kirklands Hotel

The Kirklands will become a Festival venue for the afternoon of **Saturday 24 November**. There will be two mini concerts of an hour's duration each on the theme of Scottish music. At 1.30pm, **Espial duo**, a young couple from Edinburgh who sing and play pipes, whistle and guitar, will present their own special settings of traditional **Scots songs**. Then at 3pm **Simon Chadwick** will present a programme of **clarsach music**. His instrument is a copy of Mary Queen of Scots' clarsach, and he specialises in the music of her time. It will be interesting to hear what she may have sounded like on this instrument.

Tickets for each event are £5 and will be available from the Kirklands itself, or from Milnathort Post Office or Macbeth Currie on the High Street.

# **MSP** praises Kinross firm

Roseanna Cunningham, MSP for Perthshire South and Kinross-shire, visited the Todd and Duncan textile company in Kinross on Monday 15 October.

She found the tour of the world-leading cashmere spinner a fascinating experience and said: "It should be a source of real pride that we have such a leading player in the international textile industry here on our doorst ep with such a long heritage in this area."

# PILATES AND YOGA (small classes)

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# Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Lev en Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

# National Dyslexia Week Scotland Library Tour and Resources Awareness Session

As part of National Dyslexia Week Scotland, the library is holding a tour and resource awareness session from 10am - 11am on **Friday 9 November**.

# Author Iain M Banks to visit Kinross Library

Iain M Banks, one of the most inventive Scottish authors, will be celebrating Book Week Scotland on **Tuesday 27 November**, 7.30 - 8.30pm at Loch Leven Community Library. Iain M Banks is best known for his science fiction novels set in a futurist, idealistic, socialist anarchy called the Culture. Iain will be discussing his latest book The Hydrogen Sonata. The event is supported by Book Week Scotland and the Scottish Book Trust. Tickets are free and are available from the library.

For further information on either of these events, contact Loch Leven Community Library: Tel. 01577 867205 E-mail lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

# Christmas is just around the corner!

Christmas cards and giftware are already appearing in the shops and one thing you may have to consider this year is where your visiting family and friends are going to stay? If you're looking for overflow accommodation this Christmas and Hogmanay, there's no better place to visit than www.visitlochleven.org

This dedicated Tourism portal provides details of B&B establishments, Self Catering opportunities and local Hotels who look forward to welcoming your friends and family not only at Christmas and Hogmanay but throughout the year.

# Grants for local good causes

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

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

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

More information is available on the website **www.kinross.cc** where an online form can be accessed. Forms are also available from Macbeth Currie, High Street, Kinross.

Kinross CC welcomes applications for all types of funding, but it is not intended for use where central or local government funding could otherwise be used, nor is it intended to support general running costs of an organisation.

# What's the planning process for?

by Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

The planning process exists to ensure that appropriate development is permitted in a structured and controlled way. It is not about planning prevention. Without planning laws, a free-for-all situation would allow indiscriminate and uncontrolled development, which would be to the benefit of nobody. A controlled approach enables the Council to plan and make budget provision for adequate infrastructure; roads, drainage, lighting, schools etc.

Primarily the system is policy led. The main document governing this, the Kinross Area Local Plan, is soon to be replaced by the Local Development Plan, currently under discussion. This zones new areas of land which may be developed for commercial, residential and industrial use in the coming years, always subject to the usual safeguards. Further guidance is issued separately on specific subjects, such as PKC's 'Housing in the Countryside Policy'.

Once a valid application for planning permission has been registered, it becomes the subject of a 'Report of Handling' by a planning officer, who will inform statutory consultees with a view to obtaining their views. Such consultees include Community Councils, other council departments (e.g. Roads and Education) and outside bodies such as SEPA, SNH and Scottish Water. The planning officer has to take a balanced view of the representations received and may still grant permission where a consultee has expressed a negative view.

Account will also be taken of any objections to a proposal, providing that the objection is based on a valid planning reason. A loss of view is often cited as an invalid reason to object to a planning application. A valid objection might be founded on the lack of an adequate road serving a proposed new development.

There is a misconception surrounding objections; that more equals better. As any planner will tell you, the planning process is not like the 'X Factor'. Objecting on the grounds, say, of inadequate roads ten times, carries no greater weight than objecting once only, always assuming that the point is well founded in the first place. However, five or more objections to a minor development will generally oblige the officer to refer the application to the Development Management Committee for determination.

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If the officer determines the application under 'delegated powers' i.e. without reference to the Development Management Committee (which is composed of Councillors), he will either permit or refuse the application. A refusal can be appealed to the Local Review Body of PKC. This is composed of Councillors.

Controversial applications are referred to the Development Management Committee which sits monthly and of which I am a member. Very strict rules govern the conduct of the members because the committee is regarded in law as being 'quasi-judicial', i.e. almost a Court. Members must not lobby one another on an application and must not reach a conclusion in advance of hearing the views expressed to and by the committee on the day. Merely expressing an opinion before the hearing will exclude the member from participation on the day. The committee member will come to the hearing armed with a report from the officers, containing a recommendation either to approve or reject the application. Usually, though not always, the officer's recommendation is accepted. The committee member must balance the rights of the applicant with those of the objector (if any) and the recommendation of the officials. He must avoid a capricious or biased decision and should be prepared to give justification for it. Generally he will be led by his interpretation of the relevant policies.

Needless to say, in planning matters a decision will generally have a winner and a loser; a rejection will delight an objector but disgust an applicant and vice versa. The important thing is that the decision is reached honestly after the application of the correct procedure and policies.

PKC passes around 93% of applications. This may be surprising to some, but is actually the lowest rate of all Scottish Local Authorities. An aggrieved applicant who has had his application refused may appeal to the Reporter to the Scottish Government.

So there you have it. The system is there to ensure good planning decisions, not to prevent them. Those of us are fully aware that in this area of the Council's work we cannot 'please all of the people all of the time'. For my part, I am very happy to discuss and stand by my actions in committee with anyone who wishes raise these.

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# **News from the Health Centre**



Orwell Medical Practice is delighted to announce that they have appointed Dr Kirsten McInnes as a GP Retainer. Dr McInnes gained a lot of experience when working for a busy Dundee general practice. Dr McInnes will be working two days per week, Monday and Tuesday, and she starts work on Monday 29 October 2012. As a Retainer, Dr McInnes will not have patients registered in her name, but any of the patients in the practice are welcome to make an appointment with her if they wish. We are looking forward to her arrival and hope that she enjoys working in Kinross.

# Home-visiting volunteers urgently required

Home-Start Perth is a voluntary organisation which supports families with support and friendship young children throughout Perth and for families

Kinross. Our trained volunteers, who all have parenting experience, will visit a family in their own home offering practical and emotional support in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability or just where parenting is a struggle. Our volunteers are non-judgemental and will help build the family's confidence and ability to cope with day to day family life.

Volunteering for Home-Start Perth can be very rewarding. If you have parenting experience and feel you could spare some time to support a family in your community, then please get in touch. After an initial training course (4 hours per week for 8 weeks) we can offer expenses, support, ongoing training and opportunities to meet other volunteers in return for 2 hours of your time each week. We are always looking for new volunteers, male and female. If you are interested, please let us know and depending on demand we could arrange to deliver the training course locally to save participants having to travel into Perth each week.

We are also keen to encourage new Trustees to Home-Start Perth. If you feel you have skills which could benefit the organisation, please get in touch for an informal chat in the first instance.

If you are interested in the Home-Start's work, becoming a volunteer or a Trustee, please give Susan a phone on 01738 638847. Alternatively have a look at our website www.homestartperth.org.uk or email us on info@homestartperth.org.uk.

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The organisation is directed by its Board, a group of eight to ten volunteers, recruited for their expertise and knowledge in specific areas. They provide strategic direction for the organisation and ensure that it works effectively towards realising its vision, aims, and objectives. The Board currently meets around 8 times a year at our offices in Perth, meetings take place in the evenings. In addition to Board meetings, there are a number of other opportunities to engage with staff and volunteers across the organisation. You don't have to be a business executive or an expert in every area that PKAVS operates; the strength of the board comes from the combination of different skills and experiences of its members. Ideally you should be able to demonstrate skills including: the ability to think strategically; to challenge constructively and influence decision making; to weigh up conflicting views and reach your own decisions. If you have skills or experience in the Third Sector or any of our areas of activity we are particularly keen to hear from you.

If you want to help in "Making the Difference" please contact lorna.ower@pkavs.org.uk for further details and an application pack. Alternatively, you can send by post to:

The Chairman, PKAVS, The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth PH1 5PP Tel: 01738 567076 (reception)

# Voters roll reminder

Local residents who didn't return their annual electoral registration form should have received a reminder through the post recently.

John Galbraith, Electoral Registration Officer for Angus and Perth & Kinross, said: "Forms were issued to all households at the end of August and just over 60% have responded so far. Registering to vote is quick and simple. All you have to do is update the electoral registration form with details of everyone who lives in the household and is eligible to vote; and return it to us as soon as possible.

"If your details haven't changed you can simply reply by telephone, internet or text message. Although there are no scheduled elections in Scotland in 2013, a by-election could be held at any time and you need to be registered in order to vote."

Door to door visits will be carried out from 21 October to 16 November when canvassers will call at addresses where no form has been returned.

Anyone who would like more information should contact the electoral registration office in Perth on 01738 630303.

# Police tee up for Ryder Cup

Police Officer Euan Mitchell is leaving his post as community officer for Bridge of Earn and Glenfarg to take up a new position as Community Engagement Officer for the Ryder Cup in the run up to Scotland's hosting of the golf event in 2014.

The prestigious event will see some of the world's greatest golfers at Gleneagles from 26 to 28 September in 2014.

Inspector Iain Ward, the local Community Inspector for South Perthshire said:

"We are committed to making this event a fantastic experience, whilst being safe and secure for all.

"With the support of Ryder Cup Europe, early and sustained engagement with the community will be a key aspect of its success. That is why we have identified a dedicated Community Engagement Officer, Constable Euan Mitchell.

"Based at Auchterarder police station, he will have the role of liaising with communities. His aim



PC Euan Mitchell is taking up a new post as Community Engagement Officer for the Ryder Cup

will be to provide a link between the community and the event planning process in order to feedback any issues that are raised and to find resolutions.

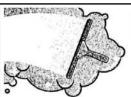
"I am delighted to have been able to secure Eu an for this role. He brings a wealth of experience in Community Policing and was recently awarded the accolade of Tayside Police Officer of the Year."

Constable Mitchell said:

"I'm proud to be given this new post of Community Engagement Officer for the Ryder Cup and I look forward to the challenges it will bring. I aim to do everything possible to ensure the event goes smoothly whilst ensuring the impact of it for the people living near the course is a little as possible.

"It is with a great deal of regret that I am leaving my community officer post for the Bridge of Earn and Glenfarg beats. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working in these areas but this new challenge was too good to turn down."

PC Mitchell has been a key contributor to Tayside Police's forward thinking social media usage over the last couple of years. He has regularly 'tweeted' about his daily duties as well as updating locals in his current beat about the goings on in their area.



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# BBC's The One Show seeks community projects in need of help

The BBC's 'The One Show' television programme is looking for community projects across the UK that need a helping hand. It wants to use its influence to galvanise volunteer efforts in different schemes for a new weekly feature on the programme in the coming months. For example:

Perhaps you have a community hall that needs a lick of paint and a good tidy up but haven't been able to organise a volunteer day to sort it out - let the One Show see what it can do.

Has your local fireworks display/concert been forced to cancel? Maybe the One Show can help.

Is your community bus service at risk unless more volunteers are found? Let the One Show spearhead the search to keep it going.

Or maybe you have a dedicated community stalwart who deserves a big thank you? Let the One Show organise a suitable celebration.

Planning is currently at an early stage but please get in touch as soon as possible if you think you have suitable project or idea. Email Richard.park@bbc.co.uk and mark your emails "One Show Community Action".

# New group aims to create allotments

by Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association

We are a newly created Allotments Association working to establish an accessible, inclusive and well-designed allotment site for the Milnathort and Kinross communities. We would like to invite individuals, families, organisations and groups to get involved and help create a true community resource that benefits people from all walks of life. Experienced and novice allotment holders are welcome and a waiting list is now open for the assignment of plots once a site is established. We also welcome enquiries from those interested in contributing to the committee; no experience is required and support will be given to those wishing to take on a committee role for the first time.

The first Allotments Association meeting will take place at Loch Leven Community Campus on **Wednesday 21 November** at 7pm. All members of the public interested in being part of the group are welcome to attend. Discussion will include the aims of the group, an introduction to committee roles and the opportunity to meet future allotment neighbours and friends. This should be an informative and interactive meeting and hopefully the first of many.

We would also like landowners to contact us if they are willing to support the project with access to land on a long-term lease.

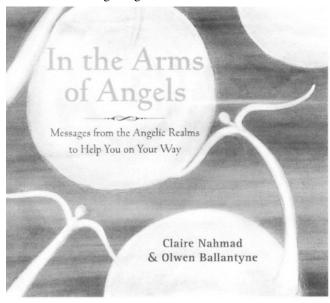
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# Local artist publishes first book

Local artist Olwen Ballantyne has just co-authored her first book with established author Claire Nahmad. The book (published by Watkins) is called 'In The Arms of Angels' and features twenty of Olwen's Angel paintings. Olwen says: "Each one wants to say something to us here on Mother Earth. Subsequently, each Angel comes with its own words as well as its own amazing and unique energy." Claire Nahmad augments that energy and the messages by weaving her unique wisdom throughout, as well as offering her own fascinating insights.



The book provides a refreshing, contemporary perspective on Angels for our time compared to the more traditional images of the past.

The result is a fabulously supportive and practical resource that encourages the reader to allow Angelic influences into their life at times of need. From reinforcing the importance of taking time out to recharge your batteries, to beautiful visualisations, the reader is supported and empowered by the book's guidance. It leaves you with a sense of knowing that Angels can take your hand (metaphorically speaking, or not!) and truly help you on your way.

Olwen Ballantyne is a full time Angel artist and author who lives and works in Kinross-shire. Her Angel paintings and words are available and can be viewed locally (by appointment) and also shipped to any location. For details and availability, please visit Olwen's website:

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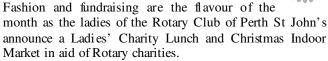
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# Ladies' charity lunch and Christmas Market



The event on **Sunday 25 November** at Perth's Royal George Hotel will offer a jam-packed afternoon of fun and fundraising. The Rotary Ladies will be transforming the hotel into a European-style indoor Christmas Crafts and Gifts Market. The market is open to the public throughout the day from 10.30am to 4.30pm and promises a range of festive delights for shoppers. Entry is free.

In addition to the market, the Rotarians are organising a ticketed Charity Lunch from 12 noon where guests can enjoy a sparkling drinks reception and three-course dinner. Highlights include a charity slave auction showcasing the talents of local gents who have donated their time and talents for charity and a show-stopping Fashion Show with fashion from *Phase Eight*.

Tickets for the lunch are £40 and must be booked in advance by calling Maureen on 07778 779888 or Helen 07739 836994. The ladies' lunch will raise funds for Rotary charities at home and abroad, including Rotary International's charity – Rotary Polio Plus, which is committed to global polio eradication.

# Harvest Thanksgiving heading to Malawi

An African church in the Malawi community of Cape Maclear is soon to benefit from a Harvest Thanksgiving offering from Kinross Parish Church. This year's harvest collection by the church raised £1,900 which will be used to help improve the Malawian church, which has a regular Sunday attendance of 900 spread over three services but is a tumbledown building with no windows or seats.

The Kinross church has a connection with the area through two of its previous members, Billy and Sarah Samanyika, who are currently living in Malawi and are reported to be "delighted that Kinross Parish Church has chosen to support the refurbishment of this 'Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian' church".

The Kinross congregation has previously supported the founding of the Sangalala Maize Mill in the same community, which now provides not only a much needed local resource for local farmers but helps support children's education from any profits.

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# Keeping dogs under proper control

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Here are some examples of the incidents we have dealt with: An out of control dog incident which resulted in 12 lambs being killed by the dog, numerous incidents when dogs have attacked other dogs and an incident when a dog attacked a six-year-old child which resulted in the dog having to be put down.

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that at all times their dog is under control. To ensure public and livestock safety there are a number of legal acts in place:

Dangerous Dogs Act 1991: this act mainly covers dogs being out of control in any place which results in injury to any person.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: the act deals with dangerous and annoying dogs. Any person who suffers or permits any creature in his charge to cause danger or injury to any other person who is in a public place or to give such person reasonable cause for alarm or annoyance shall be guilty of an offence.

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953: If a dog worries livestock on any agricultural land, the owner of the dog, and, if it is in the charge of a person other than its owner, that person also, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act. For the purposes of this Act, worrying livestock means attacking livestock, or chasing livestock in such a way as may reasonably be expected to cause injury or suffering to the livestock or, in the case of females, abortion, or loss of or diminution in their produce, or being at large (that is to say not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field or enclosure in which there are sheep.

### Be Safe for Autumn campaign 2012

This campaign will run in Perth and Kinross Local Policing area from 27 September to 11 November 2012.

Halloween and Bonfire nights fall between these dates and this campaign aims to tackle any anti-social behaviour linked to these events through means of high visibility foot patrols and educating residents, children and shop keepers.

# When the clocks go back - think ahead

British Summer Time ends on 28 October as the clocks go back an hour to herald the onset of longer nights.

A house that appears to be unoccupied is a temptation to criminals. We do not want there to be any opportunities for criminals to prosper and there is no doubt that simple measures can and do act as effective deterrents. The easiest way to avoid becoming a victim of crime at this time of year is to make sure your property is well lit. Windows, doors and outbuildings should all be properly secured, even when you are at home.

If you go out in the evening, set timer switches to lights and maybe even the radio to give the impression of an occupied home. Check all external lighting to ensure they are working. With regards to any lock-ups, sheds, garages and outbuildings - all doors, windows, should be properly secured to prevent the opportunistic thief. Tools, bikes and ladders should also be locked away to prevent them from being targeted.

Setting curtains or blinds to try and prevent the opportunistic thief from window-shopping is also a must.

# **New Community Officer**

As a result of taking up the community based Ryder Cup post, PC Euan Mitchell is no longer the Community Officer for the Abernethy, Bridge of Earn and Glenfarg areas.

The new Community Officer covering these areas is PC Jim Pentley. Jim joined Tayside Police in 2003 and has previously worked at the Bridge of Earn, Perth and Pitlochry stations and has been based in Kinross since November 2011. Jim has a wealth of experience on all aspects of Policing and looks forward to engaging with the community on all issues causing concern locally.

Jim can be contacted at either the Bridge of Earn or Kinross Police stations, by telephone on 0300 111 2222, or by email at jimmy.pentley@tayside.pnn.police.uk

# Crime Stoppers - Telephone 0800 555 111

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

# **Community Officers**

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

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# **Community Council News**



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

# Kinross Community Council News from the October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 3 October were: CCllrs D West (Chair), C Watson, D Colliar, W Freeman, B Davies, D Mackay, M Blyth, I Jack and M Scott (Secy); Associate Members M Wood and D Rutherford; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and M Barnacle; a police representative and many members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr L Mackay and P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson.

**Police Report**: Attempted house break-in, High Street; theff in School Wynd; fraud (female on telephone pretending to be from the Ministry of Defence and a sum of money fraudulently obtained); shoplifting (Sands and Sainsbury's).

The Tupelo initiative was a success with 45 offences detected, e.g. speeding, mobile phone operators, driving under the influence of drink.

A member of the public asked if Neighbourhood Watch Schemes were of assistance to the Police. She continued that the Police were not feeding through information to the coordinator in her area (Seaforth Drive) on recent house burglaries etc. The Police representative is to address this subject with her colleague.

New road junction: no incidents have been reported at this site, however some concern has been expressed by the Police. The Chairman added that this was "an accident waiting to happen". Cllr Cuthbert advised that a request has been made to PKC and officers are looking into this.

CCllr Freeman commented on youths in the vicinity of the ATC/ACF centre in Swansacre. He enquired if other calls had been made to the Police and he questioned why the police car drove past the area with the officer(s) failing to call in to the hall. The Police Representative is to look into this.

## **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**County Buildings**: The Royal Caledonian Curling Club has withdrawn its interest in this building.

**KLEO**: the loan documentation has been prepared. **M Brady** has withdrawn her interest to join Kinross CC.

**T in the Park debrief**: The multi-agency debriefing is scheduled for 4 October. Cllr Giacopazzi has a list of comments raised, such as turning right at the junction, buses, staff knowledge.

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**Co-option of Member/Associate Members**: Mr D Rutherford was formally nominated as an Associate Member - proposed by CCllr West and seconded by CCllr Freeman. Once the candidates have been approved by the Council then a vote will require to take place to select a Co-opted and Associate Member.

**Newsletter funds**: Two intimations have been received thanking the CC for their donations: one from Portmoak Primary School and the second from the Civic Trust. Further information was received from the Football Club and CCllr Davies is to progress this application.

### **Future of Kinross Buildings**

Former High School: Cllr Cuthbert advised that missives are nearing conclusion, however a title query has been lodged with the Keeper. We believe that this would relate to ground which the Church have an interest in. CCllr Colliar commented on the loss of the playground area for car parking. This site is very well used and he asked if anything could be done to protect this. The CC agreed to contact the Council and ask if they could insert a condition that some of the parking is reserved for the community.

County Buildings: This is another area where car parking will be lost. It was hoped that a community bid could be made if there is enough interest. The Council are favourable on a community bid, possibly due to there being no-one else interested in the building. The project needs to be commercially viable. The Newsletter could move in and use an office. Grants would be available for upgrading. Cllr Barnacle added that it would be his wish for Area Committees for Kinross-shire to meet in the County Buildings.

**Town Hall:** Listed Planning reports are to be prepared for the October Meeting of the Development Control Committee and a recommendation made that this application be approved (to build block of flats, remove snooker hall and make the Town Hall wind and water tight). It was suggested that a delegation from the CC attend this meeting and ask to make a short presentation. The deadline is at the end of the year and a further Council meeting will be held in January. The Meeting is to take place on 24 October and CCllrs West, Colliar, Campbell and Wood will attend if possible. It was suggested that we invite Eileen Thomas along and CCllr West will approach her on this matter. CCllr Scott commented on documentation relating to community involvement in 1995. A meeting of the Kinross Common Good Fund was held today. There is a deficit of £16,983.71 on the account in relation to the Town Hall which will be repaid following on the sale. It was noted that Kinross is the only Common Good Fund with a deficit. Missives have been concluded for the sale but are conditional on planning consent.

**Mill Street offices**: Cllr Cuthbert advised that a report is being prepared in relation to car parking areas throughout Perth and Kinross. There is a 1½ million budget for car parking across the Council area.

Two shops at bottom of High Street: Cllr Cuthbert advised that one of the properties is leased to the Council Estates team on a short-term basis. Some work is required to bring

the properties up to standard. A decision is still to be reached on leasing these properties or placing on the market for sale. This falls within three different departments of the Council.

**Link Road**: Cllr Cuthbert has requested that the Provost officiate at the opening and that this be made a Civic Reception. His request is being considered. No signage for the bypass is in place.

**NHS former Health Centre**: The owner has still to be identified in relation to the strip of land beside the traffic lights. The closing date for offers was 17 August and no information is known as to the successful bidder.

### Planning

12/01574/FLL 60 High Street: Change of use from kitchen design premises to café/restaurant.

12/01604/FLL 47 Lathro Park: Extension to house.

12/01611/FLL Land 550 metres northeast of Baltree Farm, Hatchbank: Change of use from agricultural grazing to private equestrian use with stable block and tack room (in retrospect) and formation of horse school/aren a.

12/01092/FLL Gellybank Farm: Alterations and change of use of agricultural building to form stables (in retrospect).

12/01580/FLL Plots 16 - 20 land south of Station Road: Subdivision of terraced block to provide two additional units (modification of consent - 10/00967/FLL).

12/01689/FLL 80 Bowton Road: Extension to house

# **Applications Approved by PKC:**

12/00356/FLL Site of 77 Muirs: Modification of existing consent (11/01278/FLL): erection of five dwellings and relocation of site access.

12/00476/FLL Land 270 metres northwest of Baltree Farm, Hatchbank: Erection of a manager's house and garage (resubmission of amended scheme).

12/01201/FLL 50 Lathro Park: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/01415/IPL 3 Brewery Lane: Erection of a house, associated access and parking area (in principle).

**Withdrawn application**: 12/01495/LBC Kinross House: Alterations and replacement of stonework on main entrance columns

Wind Turbines at Tillyrie, Milnathort: CCllr Colliar questioned whether the application has been lodged for this. He commented that the proposed wind turbine is on the visual line for Kinross. It was confirmed that this has not yet been submitted. Cllr Barnacle added that the Ochil's landscape now has three wind farms and that he called for a moratorium until new guidelines are in place. PKC is currently working on this. Should the application fall outwith our usual CC monthly meeting, a Special Meeting will be held to discuss and decide on the application.

**Local Development Plan:** The date has now been changed to January for the document to be approved for consultation. CCllr West reported on a meeting with H46 Action Group, Cllr Giacopazzi and a Council Member and on a meeting with two MSPs. Due to the concerns of the community, a recommendation is to be made that H46 be removed, however the decision will be left to the Reporter. CCllr West will attend the meeting on 16 October in the Parish Church regarding this. PKC replied to our communication questioning the procedures followed in accepting the representations and have asked for further information on the problems experienced. A report is being prepared for Councillors in November and any comments should be received now to allow them to be considered as they prepare this report. CCllr West will answer this.

### **Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors**

Cllr Barnacle reported that the residents in **Balado** held a meeting recently. The Residents' Association is campaigning for a 40 mph speed limit from Balado crossroads to the roundabout at Kinross.

**Tillyochie**: email received from a resident at Tillyochie in relation to speeding traffic passing through this area. CCllr West is to forward this communication to Cllr Cuthbert.

**Gallowhill Road**: A comment was made that vehicles also speed along this road. The CC will raise this matter with the Police next month.

**Hatchbank**: Associate Member Wood commented that a petition was raised at Hatchbank. The speed limit rises from a 40 to a 60.

**A977**: CCllr Colliar asked if the installation of traffic lights at Rumbling Bridge was considered. All mitigation money has now been spent.

# Correspondence

Trees at wildlife garden by tennis courts: The semi mature trees bounding the tennis courts and the wildlife garden are to be removed. They are already encroaching on the tennis court fence and will become a recurring maintenance issue as they mature. PKC adds that there are plenty of trees to the south end and the removal of the trees closest to the courts will have little impact on landscape quality, screening or biodiversity. The work will be carried out this winter but may be subject to delays if they have storm damage to deal with Some disagreement was raised regarding this proposal and Cllr Barnacle will approach PKC.



The council intends to cut down trees in the Hayfield Wildlife Garden at the perimeter of the tennis courts

**Premises licence**: An application has been lodged in relation to Kinross House. The premises are to be used as a destination venue for multiple leisure and similar events, functions, and high-end residential accommodation.

**Kinross Western Relief Road** will open up an area of circa 2.5 ha (6 acres) of development land to support the growth of business and industry in the Kinross area. PKC proposes to undertake the necessary infrastructure and site servicing of this land for use classes 4 (Business) and 6 (Storage or Distribution). A Public exhibition was held on 2 October at the campus to seek views on the proposal. Letters were issued to local businesses and surrounding households informing them of the exhibition.

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Voters roll reminder: See article, page 15.

**Biodiversity**: Community seminar on 1 December at Battleby, Perth. They are keen to hear local ideas and feedback on which environmental projects should be considered in the future. Those in the past have included swift nest box projects, bumblebee and barn owl surveys, community orchard planting and wildlife gardens in schools and care homes.

**An Allotments Association** has been set up. A short presentation was given. *See also article, page 16.* 

Community Payback Orders: Relating to the nature of unpaid work and other activities to be undertaken by offenders residing in the local authority's area on whom Community Payback Orders are imposed. Asking if a member of their staff can attend one of our meetings and give a short presentation and receive the views of the CC on possible projects in our area. It was agreed that a representative should be invited to the December meeting.

**Planning system:** SNH have asked PKC to find out what third parties in the planning system think of the contribution they make to the planning process. They have asked if they could talk to CCs who have been involved in planning applications where SNH have provided advice. This will take the form of a telephone interview.

Sunnypark: TRACKS have confirmed that they were not involved in the path between Mary's Gate and Sunnypark. The maintenance is carried out by PKC. They have forwarded our email to A Godfrey to see if PKC would erect a barrier to improve safety when entering Sunnypark from the footpath. Traffic surveys are to be carried out along the street to identify vehicle speeds and traffic patterns. If this highlights a problem, suitable action will be considered. All survey details are to be shared with Tayside Police. It is uncertain if the wall is the sole responsibility of the owner or is shared with PKC. Scottish and Southern Energy are responsible for keeping power lines clear.

**Kinross CC Notice Board** is now in place in the bus shelter opposite the Town Hall.

**Disabled Persons Parking Places** (Variation) (No. 2) Order 2012: details given.

**Convention**: Reference is made in their minutes to "the plans for closing the play parks have been quietly dropped in the face of the public outcry". It was confirmed that some have been closed down.

**CCs and Their Future**: A meeting is to be held at the campus on **Tuesday 6 November**.

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Constitution: Typing error within Section 7 of the Constitution where it refers to paragraph 10 of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils, it should read paragraph 8 of the Scheme of Establishment, also at Section 9(a) where it states that "in the year when elections are not held ..." the word **not** should have been removed. Amended copies were received and circulated to the CCllrs.

**CC training session**: CCllr West has received notification and will circulate this to the other CCllrs.

### Other Business

High Street Regeneration: Some discussion was held on the proposed Council plans for regeneration of the town centre. It was noted that the County Buildings is not included in this proposal as it is "outwith" the town centre. A reasonable access is required at the Salutation Hotel as Kinross House are planning to undertake venues etc. It was added that the staff at the exhibition were not familiar with the town. A member of the public suggested that we invite the officers down for a walk around the town. Cllr Cuthbert has already carried out this exercise with some officials. Cllr Cuthbert is to meet with the Regeneration Group and will return to us on the outcome of this. A member of the public commented that people currently struggle along the pavements and that the speed limits on the High Street are continually broken with parking on double yellow lines at Sands and the Day Centre. It was commented that the double yellow lines should be repainted and Cllr Cuthbert suggested Community Traffic Wardens from the area be established. The Traffic Wardens are responsible for illegal parking. It was further suggested that another Open Meeting be held with the CC present to answer questions.

**Remembrance Parade**: CCllr Colliar advised that, due to health reasons, he will not be attending the Remembrance Parade this year.

The Next meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 7 November 2012 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

# Agenda for Wednesday 7 November

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes of meeting held on 3 October
- 3. Police report
- 4. Matters arising from minutes of 3 October
- 5. Co-option of Member/Associate Member
- 6. Newsletter re disbursement of funds
- 7. Future of Kinross buildings
- 8. Planning
- 9. Local Development Plan
- 10. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
- 11. Miscellaneous correspondence
- 12. Other competent business
- 13. Date of next meeting (5 December 2012)

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

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# Milnathort Community Council

# **News from the October Meeting**

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Thomson, Halford, Smith and Pettinger to the meeting held on 11 October. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi, Robertson and Barnacle, 14 members of the public and two officers from Tayside Police. Apologies were received from CCllrs Milne-Home and Bennet and P&K Cllr

Police matters: PC Euan Mitchell and a colleague gave a report. The vehicle owners responsible for parking problems at Victoria Avenue and Wester Loan have been traced and advised to park at least 10m from the junction. Community Councillors and P&K Councillors noted that vehicle owners were observing this request.

Recent crimes in the area include vandalism to a caravan at Marshall Place (under enquiry). Speed checks have been completed at Perth Road, Milnathort but no offences Operation Tupelo: 40 driving offences were detected. detected and dealt with, the majority relating to speeding. Anyone who has concerns with anti-social driving in the area should contact Tayside Police on 0300-111-2222.

Cllr Giacopazzi reported that speeding was still a matter of concern in Milnathort and he commented on vehicles and buses exceeding the speed limit exiting Milnathort and travelling east on the B996 (Perth Road). Members of the public raised concerns about parking on Victoria Avenue by Old Perth Road. Cllr Robertson advised that the council are seeking to put double yellow lines at this junction to alleviate this issue. A member of the public present asked about the progress of making Victoria Avenue one-way. CCllr Hamilton reported that this process is estimated as taking a year and PKC are six months into this process.

A member of the public raised a problem of fly tipping on their private land. Cllr Robertson noted that this was the responsibility of the private landowner and that PKC Environmental Services would only dispose of fly tipping on council land. Cllr Robertson stated that fly tipping in rural areas was a major problem in Kinross-shire and the public should note the number plates of vehicles acting suspiciously. PC Mitchell advised that unless there was material in the fly tipping or a note of the vehicle fly tipping that could be traced, there was little they could do. Cllr Barnacle advised that if contaminated material is fly tipped, then SEPA should

Cllr Giacopazzi noted that the main sign into Milnathort at the junction with the A91, M90 and B996 had been sawn off and was lying in the verge. A member of the public reported that this sign had torn loose during recent storm winds and is likely to have been made safe by cutting it down.

Light pollution: CCllr Thomson had contacted the farmer regarding light pollution from farm buildings to the north of the village. The farmer confirmed that the lights were only used when work was being carried out in the buildings. It was also noted that modern farm buildings have open sides unlike older structures. It was confirmed that the interior lights face downwards in the buildings and not outwards.

Trees overgrowing footpaths: CCllr Thomson had met the owner of Tillywhally House and they had agreed to cut the tree overgrowing the public path. The owner noted a problem with PKC erecting a sign on their property, visitors to the woods reversing into their driveway and dog fouling. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to look into these issues.

Pavement (Stirling wall to Ballingall Bridge): Cllr Giacopazzi was pleased to note that this had been cleared by PKC.

Neighbour notifications: CCllr Hamilton reported that an email had been received from David Littlejohn of PKC stating "We will try and find a workable solution within the legislative framework".

**Donaldson Park**: CCllr Smith thanked CCllr Hamilton for arranging for the corners of the park to be strimmed. Both CCllrs and P&K Cllrs noted that many positive comments had been received from the public on the improved appearance of the park.

### Planning

Applications submitted: 12/01578/LBC Alterations and replacement windows, Milnathort Town Hall. 12/01676/IPL Erection of dwelling house (in principle), 16 Burleigh Road. Both applications noted.

12/01727/FLL Erection of Single Wind Turbine, Colliston Farm. This was discussed at length. The turbine is the largest to come before the CC, being 86.5m high. Concern was raised by both CCllrs and the public present on the visual impact of such a large single turbine as the elevation of the base was approximately 250m above sea level. It was noted that the three nearest properties, all within 1km, were not notified because of the neighbour notification 20m issue raised at the September 2012 CC meeting.

It was agreed for the CC to object to the development on visual impact grounds. The CC recognised the important of supporting local businesses but in this instance felt a smaller turbine or turbines would meet the needs of the farm as well as minimising the visual impact on the landscape. Cllr Barnacle raised the issue of PKC still not having a clear policy for these developments.

**Application determined**: 12/00203/FLL Erection of dwelling house 40m north of Hillside Farm: approved.

Minute Secretary and Secretary: No applications have been received to date. It was agreed that the vacant position would continue to be advertised. CCllr Pettinger volunteered to take on the role of CC Secretary. This was agreed unanimously by all CCllrs present.

Donaldson Park play area park: CCllr Hamilton advised that a member of the public had raised a complaint about the bark, including ingress of weeds and waterlogging. Kenny Millar of PKC noted the agenda item and contacted the CC to confirm that their play contractor has been instructed to remove the weeds and top up the bark.

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MiB grant for Tillywhally Wood: Gosia Sozanska gave a brief presentation on the biodiversity improvement works for Tillywhally Wood. The Woodland Grant application to P&K Quality of Life Trust has been successful and work involving the removal of non-native intrusive species (Crocosmia) is to start later this month. CCllr Thomson requested that contractors working at the woods do not park on land owned by Tillywhally House.

Auld Mart to Burleigh Castle path: Members of the public had reported this path as seriously overgrown. Cllr Robertson noted the path had now been cleared. A third bench had also been approved with the landowner on this path, to be sited looking towards Milnathort. This bench would be in memory of a former resident of Milnathort who was tragically killed in a traffic accident in England.

**Potential allotments**: Julie Bambridge gave a presentation regarding a proposed Allotment Association. (*See article page 16.*) CCllr Thomson suggested that they make an appointment with the land agent at the Green Hotel to see if they have any suitable land for lease.

### **New Matters and Correspondence**

Orwell District Guides Open Day: 27 October.

**Supporting the role of CCs**: PKC are holding a meeting to examine the current and future roles of CCs on 6 November. CCllr Hamilton reported that this is not a public meeting but for CC members only and advised he will be attending.

**Back Burn**: Concern was raised at the growth of weeds in the Back Burn and the risk of flooding. Cllr Robertson stated it was the responsibility of the riparian owners to maintain the riverbanks, not PKC. In addition, PKC are satisfied that the natural force of water after major rain is sufficient to self-clean the burn and dredging is not required. It was noted by the CC and members of the public present that historically the burn was dredged but this practice has discontinued by PKC as a SEPA licence costing approximately £5000 would need to be obtained.

**South Street zebra crossing**: A member of the public had written to the CC following a near miss at this crossing; a car failed to stop in time, narrowly missing a pram. There is a safety concern with poor sight lines due to parked cars: cars travelling south sometimes cannot see pedestrians, buggies, prams or children. It was agreed that the CC would write to PKC again, in particular whether the zigzags need to be extended to prohibit parking and improve sight lines.

Horse and cart in park: CCllr Pettinger had received five complaints about a local man driving a horse and cart around Donaldson Park. Cllr Robertson agreed to confirm with PKC that this activity was not permitted and if it wasn't, advise the owner of the horse and cart.

**War memorial**: A grant has been approved from the Kinross-shire Fund and improvements are to start after Remembrance Sunday.

**TRACKS**: George Lawrie was in attendance and reported that a decision is expected from the Lottery Commission next month on funding to complete the link around Loch Leven. If

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### Comments and Questions from the Floor

Wind farm information: Peter Hessey advised those present that a new website had been established (www.kinrosswindfarms.co.uk) to provide residents with information on proposed wind farms, planning policy and how to comment, whether positively or negatively, on new applications. As per the discussion on neighbour notifications, many members of the public are unaware of new turbine applications until it is too late to comment.

**Athron Hill development**: A member of the public queried what was happening as it appeared that there was no activity at the site. CCllrThomson, who is a neighbouring landowner, reported that the diverted core path had been delayed by adverse weather but had no information on the developer's plans to start further work.

Milnathort Future Trust (MFT): A question was received from the floor about when the inaugural MFT meeting announced by David Sands at the August meeting was going to be held. CCllr Smith, a director of the trust, noted that the meeting had been postponed but was now planned for Thursday 22 November at 7.30pm at the Orwell Church Hall

### Comments from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Gullies and drains: Cllr Giacopazzi reported that there was flooding in Marshall Place due to choked drains. Cllr Robertson noted that similar problems had been encountered in Whyte Place and that this is a problem with many unadopted roads. PKC now have a responsibility for drains and gullies on these unadopted roads and the public are invited to report any choked gullies in the area to their local councillors or community councillors so these problems can be collated and submitted to PKC for action. Cllr Barnacle commented that choked gullies and drains were being reported in Fossoway and this is likely in part to be due to cuts in PKC's road maintenance budget.

**Overhanging trees**: Cllr Giacopazzi had reported problems with branches obstructing footpaths on New Road, Old Perth Road and Burleigh Road.

MOWG: Cllr Barnacle gave an update on the Planning Member Officer Working Group (MOWG). As well as this group looking into Neighbour Notifications, other high priorities are policies on the following five issues: Wind Energy, Landscape Guidance with the potential loss of AGLVs (Area of Great Landscape Value), Flooding, Houses in the Countryside and Development in the Loch Leven Basin. Bus services are also being looked into at the MOWG November meeting.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 8 November 2012 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 October Meeting**

In attendance at the meeting held on 9 October 2012 were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), R Cairncross, T Smith, S Forde, B Calderwood and M Strang Steel; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and J Giacopazzi and seven members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs J Bird and R Williamson and P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson.

**Previous minutes** were approved following an amendment to the Police report concerning theft of lead from Portmoak Hall.

### **Matters Arising**

**B920**: The Chairman had written to PKC Roads Department to thank them for the build out and extended street lighting, as these were reducing the speed of incoming Scotlandwell traffic.

The soft verges of the B920 are still to be identified by reflective roadside poles, and warning signs are still to be erected. A vehicle recently straying onto a soft verge and then swerving across the road has highlighted the need for these poles and signs.

Refreshing of the surface painted road signage on the A911 has yet to be completed.

**Kinnesswood bus shelter**: The asbestos roof has been replaced, and new interior roof woodwork has been painted. There has been some delay with replacing the floor, and the external grouting will not now be done until 2013 because of colder weather.

**Flooding on road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond:** Cllr Giacopazzi reported that PKC were now considering a legal solution to this long standing problem. This was agreed.

**Stephen's Field**: There will be a meeting with Mr John Stephen of A & J Stephen Ltd on 11 October to clarify various matters. It is the intention of this CC to ensure that when the field is finally given to the CC, all arrangements for its future are in place, and no outstanding problems of access, provision for facilities, or doubt about adjoining land ownership and maintenance are left as potential problems for future CCs.

On 26 September the CC had met on site with Mr Alex Page of the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership to discuss possible funding for Stephen's Field, but nothing immediate had come of this.

**Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership**: In view of the high level of involvement with Portmoak in the plans of the LLLP, it was thought that Portmoak should be represented on the LLLP Committee, and the Chairman would be writing to the LLLP to suggest this.

**Lomond Country Inn**: The Inn remains closed, and now shows some external deterioration.

Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill: The CC prepared a response to this Scottish Government consultation, which was submitted on 24 September. There had also been a meeting with the CCs of Milnathort and Kinross, under the banner of the Kinross-shire Community Council Network (KCCN) and this had resulted in responses from those CCs. The Chairman considered that this had been a good example of how the KCCN had been effective in getting PKC Community Councils to work together for mutual benefit.

**Meet the Politicians**: The Chairman attended this event organised by Perthshire Voluntary Action Group and raised issues relating to the function of CCs to good effect.

Vegetation at golf course A911 boundary: At the request of Kinnesswood in Bloom, the Chairman had written and spoken to officials of the Golf Club to ask if they would assist KIB by removing this gorse, as this task was beyond the volunteers of KIB. The Golf Club were considering this.

**Community Payback Orders**: The CC had received a note from PKC asking if there would be any tasks available for people doing community service, and the Chairman had asked for further information.

**Britain in Bloom Silver Gilt award**: Scotlandwell won this award in 2009 and 2011 and wish to have a notice to that effect on entry to the village, as with Kinnesswood. PKC are unable to do this because of budget constraints, so the Chairman is exploring other options to provide this signage.

**Countryside Rangers**: Cllr Robertson was in touch with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust to ask if rangers could be provided to ensure responsible access to farmland, following complaints from landowners and farmers at the last CC meeting. No response to date.

### Reports

**Police report**: The Police submitted a written report.

Regular speed checks continue on local roads.

No report of crimes solved from previous CC meeting report. No new crimes since last meeting.

Operation Tupelo ended on 23 September and had successfully recorded forty driving offences ranging from speeding to driving while under the influence of drink and drugs, or using a mobile phone while driving.

Police Community Tasking Groups will now attempt to help communities with a range of issues, by working with the public and with PKC.

**Treasurer's report:** There had been some minor expenditure in the month for stationery, room hire and a subscription, and the balance across the two CC accounts was currently £1,141.84.

Roads and Paths: The main issue here is the lack of safe pedestrian access between Wester and Easter Balgedie along the A911. The Chairman had written to Mr Brian Cargill at PKC to say that while the attempts of TRACKS and SUSTRANS to mitigate this situation were welcome, the real problem was one of a lack of infrastructure, and he wished PKC to be dealing directly with the CC on that basis, and not with other organisations on the basis that a countryside path was the answer.

CCIIr Cairncross made the point that while there was considerable expenditure from different sources on paths and walks, there appeared to be no resource for infrastructure pathways such as those needed for the A911 - the main artery of Portmoak - and while there was a steady increase in housing in Portmoak, which the community was expected to accept, no priority was being given to improving pedestrian safety along the A911 between Wester and Easter Balgedie, or between Scotlandwell and the Church.

Further pressure had been created by completion of the Heritage Trail, the expansion at Loch Leven's Larder, housing at Queen's View, and there would no doubt be further development at Wester Balgedie in the future.

CCIIr Cairncross noted that PKC had confirmed that there is a budget of £2 million for roads over the next five years, with a further £0.5 million for unadopted roads and footpaths, both of which are conditional on matched funding.

The matter of A911 pedestrian safety could no longer be ignored, and the CC would be pressing for this omission to be rectified, as well as taking its own action in the matter.

### Planning

The CC had considered the following applications to PKC and made no objection. These decisions were those of the entire CC.

12/01729/FLL, Ravenscraig, Main Street, Kinnesswood: Proposed extension to rear of dwelling house.

12/01296/FLL, Ar Dachaidh, Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood: Installation of replacement windows, doors, and roof to conservatory.

The CC noted that of 103 planning consents granted since January 2010, 15 required a detailed landscape plan to be approved by PKC before building commenced. Only three such plans had been lodged. Six planning consents had commenced building without an approved landscape plan, and in a further six cases building had yet to commence.

CCllr Cairncross had previously prepared a report for Cllr Cuthbert on the failure of PKC to enforce these landscaping requirements made as a condition of planning consent. It was decided to write to the Head of Planning with a list of the six consents where landscaping was a condition, and where work had not yet started, and to ask that attention be paid to the proper execution of landscaping conditions in each of those cases.

A resident asked that a recent application for a dwelling house in principle at Balneathill should be judged by the CC on the same basis that a previous application had been considered and objected to. The resident was assured that consistency was the aim of the CC, but it was pointed out that the full details of this recent application had not yet been examined.

Full details of Portmoak planning applications, with CC comments, can be found on the Portmoak CC website.

# Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle reported that the proposed new Local Plan, not yet adopted, was being treated as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, and he had also expressed concern at the lack of consideration given to representations made in response to the consultation process. Matters such as the loss of AGLVs and settlement boundaries, were being dealt with as proposed in the new Plan.

He felt that there was a case for challenging the loss of AGLVs, and making Loch Leven and environs a National Scenic Area

There were issues with phosphate mitigation not being accorded best practice consideration by planners, and input from SEPA was being disregarded in some instances.

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or AARON: 07548 284159 NEIL: 07775 907428 He also felt that the neighbour notification area for wind turbine applications should be considerably increased, as by definition these devices were proposed for isolated locations. Cllr Barnacle had attempted to have a 50mph speed limit imposed on the B9097 (south loch) road without success. He would now try to have blind summit signs erected.

Cllr Giacopazzi said that the question of the number of objections required to refer an application to Development Control had been reconsidered, as had the weight of a CC objection, but for reasons that were probably valid on balance, there would be no change to present procedures.

There was a request from the CC that the £400 developer contribution, made three years ago for trees in Scotlandwell, and recently located, should now be paid to the CC.

### Other Business

The question of repeated accidents on the A911 at the **Wester Balgedie junction** was considered, as it was felt that there would be a fatality here involving pedestrians or oncoming traffic, and it was only good luck that had prevented this so far.

The problem is caused by a sudden blind downhill left turn on the northbound A911 coinciding with the summit of a hill. Vehicles fail to negotiate the turn, and being already off balance due to the summit, cross onto the opposite side of the road, strike the kerb and grass bank, and generally bounce back in to the line of what would be oncoming traffic, and then frequently overturn.

The new 40 mph limit does not seem to have had any effect. Cllr Giacopazzi asked for the history of these accidents and undertook to investigate in conjunction with PKC Roads department. He felt that more prominent signage might help. There was also consideration of an anti-skid surface that had proved successful on the entry to Scotlandwell, and also in Wester Balgedie.

**Cyclists:** There was a discussion about the lack of attention paid to cyclists by inconsiderate motorists, but while deplored, this was a general issue and not specific to Portmoak.

Large trucks: CCllr Strang Steel raised the problem caused by large trucks passing through Portmoak on their way to Glenrothes. It was agreed that signage might help to prevent this, although the real problem was probably the route indicated by the satellite navigation systems used by these vehicles.

**Wind turbines**: A lady from Milnathort was welcomed, and she drew the CC's attention to her letter on page 3 of the October Kinross Newsletter, concerning the adverse effect of wind turbines on the Kinross-shire landscape.

Collapsing wall: It was noted that the dry stone retaining wall at the foot of the landward field just to the north of Kinnesswood on the A911 was leaning over the pavement, and already had a collapsed section. The Chairman undertook to contact the owner of the field, as this wall was now considered to be potentially dangerous.

**The hedge** on the A911 near the Balneathill entrance is overgrowing the pavement. This was cut back by its owner last year. The Chairman will ask for this to be done again.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be at 7pm on Tuesday 13 November in Portmoak Primary School.

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# Fossoway and District CC

# **News from the October Meeting**

In attendance at the meeting held on Tuesday 2 October were: CCllrs S Morrison, A Lavery, K Borthwick and R Paterson; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, J Giacopazzi and D Cuthbert and eight members of the public. Apologies were received from: CCllrs S Anderson, A Cheape, T Duffy-Wigman and P&K Cllr W Robertson. There were no declarations of interest.

**Community police report**: Speeding checks at Carnbo and Rumbling Bridge have resulted in offences being detected.

No further reports of problems at Seamab.

House break-in at Blairingone: red diesel stolen (being investigated).

Operation Tupelo detected 40 driving offences (mainly speeding and mobile phone use).

Community Tasking and Co-ordination Groups (CTAC) have been established in various areas in Perth and Kinross to enable PKC, Police, Fire and Rescue to work jointly. Community Officers are all now live on Twitter – please feel free to "follow" them!

Discussion about whether there are adequate 30mph signs on entry to Rumbling Bridge from Naemoor Road. Cllr Barnacle will ask Roads department to investigate.

No news yet about Community Speed Check programme.

**Blairingone War Memorial**: Cllr Barnacle will check on the application's progress.

Crook of Devon Church car park: Alastair reports that it has gone to committee and was passed. Cllr Barnacle reports that there was discussion about maintenance of access lane, and it was agreed that a height restricting barrier would be installed. It would probably be appropriate to erect a "no overnight parking" sign.

**Signposting Core Paths and Rights of Way**: Cllr Cuthbert has asked Dave Stubbs to progress; no news.

Snowie Wood Chip Plant at Blairingone: Alastair reports that Blairingone residents have written objecting to the scale of the development. The application is still being processed as a normal, not a large-scale, application. Cllr Barnacle reports that because the Planning department see the two applications as separate, then it isn't treated as a major application. Cllr Barnacle suggests that the Councillors approach the Planning Department and recommend that the two applications should be combined.

**Travellers' site, Crook of Devon**: Sandy reports that the formal complaint and letter have been submitted. As yet, no acknowledgements have been received, although Sandy was told that they had been sent. It appears that the letters were treated as comments on a planning application rather than a complaint. Sandy has now received email copies of the responses, although they have still not been received as letters. An article has been published by The Courier based on letters sent and received.

There were extensive discussions about the PKC planning process between the CC, Councillors and members of the public present following the reports of the above planning applications. The process by which objection letters were selected for inclusion in the report to Committee seems to be particularly unclear – the meeting assumed there must be some discussion amongst the planners to achieve this – is it recorded? A member of the public present who had submitted a Freedom of Information request about a previous planning application reported that very little information was received

- are internal memos and emails kept? It was generally agreed that there was substantial dissatisfaction with the PKC planning process.

**Catering kiosk at Powmill**: Application has been passed. Considerable concern was raised by the community about the significant road traffic risks created by use of this site.

## Reports by Perth and Kinross Councillors

**Cllr Cuthbert:** No plans to dispose of Crook of Devon Football Pitch. Rumbling Bridge and Balado speed warning signs are now fixed. Reporting Crook Moss contaminated land to Environmental Services has not resulted in any action.

**Cllr Giacopazzi:** Glendevon Quarry proposal has been deferred until November due to views from adjoining councils, road traffic, and environmental issues – further reports to be prepared.

Cllr Barnacle: U213 Passing places: sent letter of complaint to Jim Valentine about the attitude of Engineer. Also mentioned repairs to same road to alleviate flooding, which were deferred due to road closure. Rumbling Bridge: Thomson Houses development planning application was deferred to resolve issue about affordable housing. Neighbour Notification (Cllr Robertson progressing) – no movement on the 20 metre rule, however possible changes to guidelines for Wind Farm notification may happen. Cllr Giacopazzi notes that the rule that only one comment may be made per household could be rescinded. It appears that consultations by communities about Local Plan are not going to have much effect.

### **Planning**

12/01559/FLL Formation of a horse arena, Cairmfold House, Blairingone. No CC comment.

12/01743/FLL Variation of condition 1 (08/00574/FLL erection of three dwelling houses), land to the north of Main Street, Blairingone: this application is for a one-year extension to the time period of 08/00574/FLL. This site has a long planning history, from 2000, with permission granted in 2008. The CC did not object at the time and its recommendations were included in the approved plan. No CC comment.

**Correspondence:** Full list was available, however upcoming events of interest are as follows:

Tayside Community Action for Wildlife Seminar: Saturday 1 December, Battleby Centre, Perth.

Kinross-shire's got Talent (U18): Friday 16 November, Loch Leven Community Campus.

# **Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting**

- 1. Welcome and apologies
- 2. Declarations of interest
- 3. Minute of last meeting
- 4. Matters arising
- 5. Community Council Business
- 6. Councillors' reports
- 7. Planning applications
- 8. Correspondence
- 9. AOCB

The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will be held on Tuesday 6 November 2012 at 7.30pm in the Moubray Hall, Powmill. All welcome!

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

## www.fossoway.org

# Cleish & Blairadam CC

# **News from the October Meeting**

Present at the meeting held on 1 October 2012 were: CCllrs P Fraser, H Somerville and Ron Kitchin; Associate Members JM and CK; P&K Cllr M Barnacle and two members of the community. Apologies were received from CCllrs R Jeffrey and F MacGregor.

# Matters arising from previous meeting

Following on from the letter written to the CC by a Keltybridge resident regarding the change in the bus service, the Public Transport Manager replied to her explaining the change in route on 1 August after the new contract being awarded to Stagecoach. Cllr Barnacle was happy to follow this up with the resident.

**Crime Prevention**: Report received from the Police: The Community Officer has noted the concerns regarding parking on the Hill Road.

### Correspondence

- 1. There is an open day at the community campus on 2 Oct, explaining the proposal for development opportunities for businesses following the opening of the relief road.
- 2. PKC are holding a meeting on 6 November, to examine the roles and responsibilities for now and in the future for communities to engage with the Council re their services.
- 3. The Community Transport Fund: PF has information. KC Newsletter Fund: for advancement of citizenship and community development.
- Community Payback Orders: for offenders to work in local communities to improve facilities or conditions (eg drains, verge repairs, litter picking etc etc). PKC have offered to come and speak – to be accepted.

**CC website**: No new updates – to make sure that we keep on giving Fran our news.

Roads: Following on from the extensive discussions last week, Cllr Barnacle has also received a reply from Stuart D'All

B9097: soakaways are the only option, no positive drainage options available. We therefore have to accept some degree of water on roads whilst it drains away.

Maryburgh corner: should have had the stones swept away. Rural roads: In general, no active drainage options, so again ditches are the only option (as long as they aren't blocked). Cllr Barnacle agreed to follow up on the offer from the new roads supervisor to visit both areas for a 'guided tour' of our problems. To try and arrange for a Friday afternoon.

Therefore, any feedback to the website, please, that can be passed on.

# Tullibole Castle Kinross Wedding Venue

Ideal for Marquee Weddings 200 Indoor for 85 persons Space for large Marquee Wedding and Reception 17th Century Scottish Castle. Grade A Listed By Crook of Devon

www.tulbol.demon.co.uk/weddings weddings@tulbol.demon.co.uk Tel: 01577 840236 One ongoing request was for repainting the white lines on Cleish corner. It's now become a safety issue as the lines aren't visible at all and vehicles are frequently coming around the corner in the middle of the road.

**Report from Blairadam**: A new hardcore pathway from the main road into the forest has appeared. It is not clear if this is to do with the firewood and timber business or not.

Cllr Barnacle reported that the Roads Dept and Planning Roads Officer are separate – the issue of the multiple roads from Greenacres onto the Main Road is not a *safety* concern according to the Roads Dept.

### Planning

- Change of use from agricultural field to hard standing area with erection of stable block, hay shed and equipment barn at Rye Bog, Blairadam. No objections received.
- Erection of a Cattle court at Sunnyside. No objections received.

Local residents expressed concern again about the lack of any recognition of their views when the DCC makes decisions about planning applications. Cllr Barnacle agreed that there were recent planning decisions that went through the committee despite strong local objections. He also expressed concern that PKC is not currently following SEPA best practice recommendations when it comes to PO4 mitigation decisions (e.g. at the traveller sites).

There was a view that although PKC are asking for more community engagement (meeting on 6 November), they don't necessarily listen to those views when they are given.

Invitation to developers and objectors re windmills: Following our attempt to arrange a joint discussion between wind farm developers and other local groups, we haven't been successful so far in accomplishing this. The developers for the Outh Muir Wind Farm are holding public exhibitions in Saline, Oakley and Carnock.

Cllr Barnacle again reported on the widespread concern over the whole of Scotland for the Scottish Government support for onshore wind farms over the genuine environmental and tourism concerns that exist. There is a lack of guidance for planning officers to follow for new applications, especially the cumulative effects of multiple smaller scale developments.

### Other Business

The Blairadam Hall Committee has requested funds for **solar lighting** instead of a Christmas tree this year: far more sustainable.

There will be some consultation with landowners regarding signage for the **Core Path Network Plan**, which was implemented at a recent meeting. A sum of money has been allocated for the signage. Maps are available at: www.pkc.gov.uk/corepaths

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 5 November 2012 at 7.30pm at Cleish Village Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk

# Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

# www.kinrossnewsletter.org

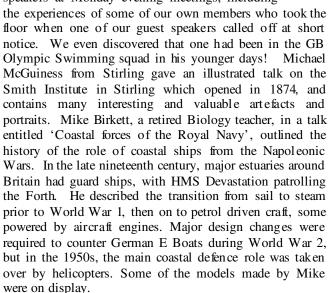
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# **Club & Community Group News**



# Rotary Club of Kinross & District

A variety of subjects have been covered by recent speakers at Monday evening meetings, including



Away from Kinross, four members, accompanied by their wives, represented the Club at the Rotary District 1010 (North of Scotland) Conference held in Aviemore. There they met up again with the members of the Group Study Exchange team from Pennsylvania who had been hosted in Kinross earlier in the month, and referred to in last month's Newsletter

A party of 15 members and friends enjoyed a visit to Perth to see Joseph's Technicolour Dreamcoat, preceded by a meal in the Concert Hall Restaurant, and four members and wives headed to the south-west in early October for visits to the recently renovated Dum fries House, Culzean Castle and Burns Birthplace Museum. While in the area, they took the opportunity to attend the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Ayr, where they were made very welcome.

October also saw the start of a number of Club 'Hosting Dinners'. On these evenings, one member hosts two or three others for a meal, with the guests each contributing an agreed sum towards charity funds — enjoyable social evenings which result in worthy causes benefitting.

Club members were delighted to welcome a new member during October's Business Meeting, when Graham Cox from Scotlandwell received his Member's Badge from President, Sandy Pottie.

The club will be participating in the Rotary International Shoebox Appeal, and in addition to the contributions from members, boxes will be distributed once again around Kinross-shire Primary Schools. Filled boxes will be collected during week commencing 19 November.

The club meets on Monday evenings at the Windlestrae Hotel at 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm.

Contact: Secretary Neil Maclure, email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com



Kinross Rotarians presenting a club banner to the Rotary Club of Ayr.

# Kinross High School Parent Council

Website: www.khspc.org

Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon, tel: 0794 667 9815 email: jms927@btinternet.com

A full copy of all Parent Council meeting minutes can be requested by contacting the Clerk, or by visiting our website

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 on hand to help support the process of communications with the school and 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. The next meeting is planned for **Monday** 12 November 2012. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested. Thank you.

# Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

For the most up to date minutes and other information, please see our website: www.milnathortprimary.org.uk Alternatively, contact the Clerk, Elyse Kirkham:

Telephone: 07747534513

Email: elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk

The Parent Council will be meeting on the following dates:

2012: **26 November** 

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

Meetings are held at 7.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus (ICT Room 1). All welcome.

Milnathort Primary School Fundraising Event:

### Halloween Disco

**Thursday 1st November**Details to follow in school bags

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

# **Portmoak Community Woodlands**

Experts on peat bog restoration will be in Scotlandwell in November for a 'boginar' – a seminar on the future of Portmoak Moss. The management of the Moss as a raised peatbog is under review and the Portmoak Community Woodlands Steering Group are looking for the best advice on how to keep the project going. They're looking forward to welcoming delegates from a wide range of organisations, including the Scottish Wildlife Trust, Scottish Natural Heritage, RSPB and the Woodland Trust.

The Woodland Trust owns Portmoak Moss and has been running an ambitious restoration project, which began in 2000 with the radical move to clear the conifer plantation growing on the centre of the site. But under the current management agreement the Trust can decide that the project is unsustainable and let the Moss revert to 'wet woodland' after 2015.

Portmoak Moss is one of a handful of lowland raised peat bogs in Scotland – a rare habitat which, like others, has been damaged by peat cutting and tree planting. Now it is gradually returning to a colourful mosaic of sphagnum mosses and other plants. Restoration is hampered by self-seeding birch and conifer trees and the difficulty of maintaining high water levels. Removing the trees and damming the ditches means money and effort but the Portmoak Steering Group believe it is well worthwhile.

And they're not alone. A new report by the Scottish Wildlife Trust says the level of vegetation recovery is impressive in view of the relatively short time since tree removal took place.

The steering group hope local people will come to the free 'boginar' from 1pm - 4.30pm in Portmoak Village Hall on **Friday 16 November**. There'll also be an optional site visit in the morning, meeting at The Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell at 10.30am. Please contact louise@louisebatchelor.co.uk to confirm your attendance at these events.

And while you've got your diaries out, an early notice of the **Portmoak Burns Supper** in the village hall on **26 January**. We'll have the regular attractions including Dr Bill Carr's increasingly expansive rendering of the Address to the Haggis. The Immortal Memory will be proposed by one of Scotland's most distinguished actors. Crawford Logan has explored Scotland's cultural heritage in drama for much of his career, recently performing Hugh MacDiarmid's Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle and also a one man show about Sir Walter Scott. Following last year's triumph, the catering will be provided by Lochend Farm. Contact Dave Batchelor (dave@davebatchelor.co.uk) for information.

### Milnathort Golf Club – Xmas Lunches

Looking for somewhere different for Christmas Lunch this year, why not try our clubhouse. A Christmas Lunch menu will be available from 10 to 23 of December, please book in advance.

The Clubhouse is open to members and non-members daily for snacks and lunches 10am – 3pm. It is also available to hire for private parties (conditions apply).

For further information please contact the club on: 01577 864069 or visit the club website www.milnathortgolfclub.co.uk



# PORTMOAK RESIDENTS - YOUR HALL NEEDS YOU!

The Portmoak Village Hall has two vacancies on its Committee for a

# **Booking Secretary** and a **Treasurer**.

Our Hall is a thriving meeting place, not just for Portmoak residents, but for a wide variety of friends from near and far. It is very well utilised...it's a place where we make community decisions, play sports, offer classes and clubs of all sorts for our children, have festive parties, dinners, and ceilidhs, and simply have fun.

If you'd like to learn more about the time and involvement these positions require, or to ask other questions about joining our team in managing this incredible community resource, please contact Chairman Wendy MacPhedran at wendymacp@hotmail.co.uk, 840779, or speak with any of our Committee members.

Thanks for your support!



# Portmoak Film Society

If you'd been near Portmoak Hall on October's film night, you might have heard cries of "Yee hah!" because the Cohen brothers' 2010 remake of the John Wayne classic cowboy, 'True Grit' was showing. However, it wasn't really a thigh-slappin' kind of movie, although the tension sure kept you on the edge of your saddle – er, seat. The 25 "old faithfuls" in the audience seemed to enjoy it, at any rate.

November's film is another classic, this time the black-and-white 1962 adaptation of Harper Lee's novel, **To Kill a Mockingbird**. The novel itself is one of the 20th century's great pieces of literature, telling the story through the eyes of a young girl of her childhood in 1930s Alabama. Her father is the lawyer Atticus Finch who defends a black man accused of raping a white woman. Gregory Peck's performance as Atticus is awesome and reason alone not to miss this film. It's showing on **Saturday 10 November** at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are very welcome – for a mere £4 on the door. Don't be put off by the black-and -white version, and enjoy one of the best courtroom scenes of all time!

To check out the rest of the programme, go to www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

# **Club Correspondents**

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

# Kinross in Bloom

Well the dreary summer has come to an end, and with the first frosts of the season our hanging baskets, barrels and planters are also coming to an end, and by the time you read



this, all the baskets should be cleared away. Thanks to the local Round Table for their assistance.

As mentioned in a previous issue of the Newsletter, our plants did not get off to a good start this season, and of course the wet weather did not help, so we apologise again for the lack of colour in our displays, and since our polytunnel is now in operation, we promise a much more colourful display next year.

At a recent meeting in Perth, we learnt that despite all the cuts, our budget for 2013 will be about the same, but we may have to think differently the following year, as cutbacks of one kind or another will come into play. However we will accept whatever comes along, and plan our planting accordingly.

Our 200 Club is coming along nicely, but we still have some spaces available, so if you fancy a flutter, it is only £1 per month; contact our treasurer Aileen Sorbie, tel 01577 861477.

# 200 Club winners

### September

No.36 Alison McDonald £25; No. 74 Mr & Mrs J Whyte £10; No. 51 Sir David Montgomery £5.

No. 2 Edith Oswald £25; No. 18 Maysie Gibson £10; No. 8 Robert Findlay.

Congratulations to all our winners.

# **Girl Guides**

2nd Orwell Guides have spaces for girls wishing to join Guides

We meet on a Tuesday from 18h00 - 19h15 at the Orwell Guide Hall in Milnathort. Please contact me before allowing girls to come along to meetings.

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

# Ladies Circle - fun, friendship and fundraising

A large part of Ladies Circle is fundraising for charity. Look out for us bag-packing at Sainsbury's on Saturday 24 November where donations will be for our nominated charity CRY - Cardiac Risk in the Young.

Last year we donated money to Myeloma UK, PLUS, Chernobyl Children's Life Line, FACE, Kinross Curling Club, Parkinson's, Swansacre Playgroup, PKAVS and 1st Orwell Brownies.

In September we had two teams at the Beer Festival Quiz, with "The Gnashers" victorious by half a point, and an introductory night on the ice at the curling rink.

We welcome any local requests from groups for fundraising. Contact Angela at agault2205@gmail.com.

If you would like to join Ladies Circle, please contact Yvonne on 07845791318, or for Tangent (age 45+), contact Amanda on 861434.

# Kinross and District Art Club

viewed at: http://scottishartwork.co.uk/



winter calendar was a demonstration by Perthshire Artist Arie Vardi. Arie's bold painting style reflects an eclectic mix of his Chilean origins, his graphic artist training in Jerusalem and his years spent in Mediterranean countries. Using acrylics and painting on paper with large brushes, he demonstrated an interpretation of the Scottish landscape by highlighting its dramatic contours and depth of contrasts and colours. A very high turnout of club members all agreed that they had learned a great deal and had been inspired by the presentation.

The introduction of new members from our waiting list has commenced and six new people will join the club between now and the end of the year. In order to accommodate the remaining six, a second afternoon at the Millbridge Hall will be booked in the New Year. Confirmation of the additional session will be given in a future Newsletter.

Examples of Arie's paintings and also his jewellery can be



Club Artist David Cochrane presenting a painting of her patio to Christine Dawson of Touchie, commissioned by her as a contribution to our Exhibition sponsorship.

For more information about the club, visit our web site at: www.kadac.co.uk or contact me on 01577 830347.

Sybil Galbraith, club secretary

# **Boys Brigade**

The session is now well underway and members have been competing in Battalion competitions. The draws for the national competitions in badminton, chess, table tennis and masterteam have been made and first round matches will be played during the month of November.



The Company will be participating in the local Armistice Parade and will hold their annual enrolment service at Kinross Parish Church the following Sunday at the morning service. Three members from the Company Section took part in a team building exercise organised by the Royal Marines at the Carronvale Scottish HQ. The Company volleyball teams have started their league competition in Perth & District Volleyball League.

There are still spaces for boys and girls in all three sections: Anchors (P1 to 3); Juniors (P4 to 6) and Company (P7 to age 18).

# Fife Scuba Divers

### What Lies Beneath!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to scuba dive? Or perhaps you've had a taster session in the swimming pool on holiday and would like go further and learn to dive.

Fife Scuba Divers is an active, outgoing and friendly group of divers who trawl the depths of Scotland's seas and lochs. Although the club is based at our Dive Centre at East Way, Dalgety Bay, many of our members are from the Kinross area.

The club is a member of the Sub Aqua Association and diving qualifications gained through the club are recognized worldwide so that, once you have reached a reasonable level of competence you will be able to dive anywhere from the Great Barrier Reef to the Red Sea.

We can offer training to anyone over the age of 12 from complete beginner through to Dive Supervisor, as well as the possibility of qualifying as an instructor. Lectures are run most Wednesday evenings at our Dive Centre and initial pool training takes place at the Beacon Leisure Centre in Burntisland on Sunday afternoons.

You might imagine that diving around Scotland would be cold and dark and unpleasant but although the temperature of the water isn't tropical, the dry-suits we use mean that you will stay reasonably comfortable, and while we may not have the gin clear water of the Caribbean, it is usually possible to see a reasonable distance.

So, what are you likely to see on a Scottish dive? Actually there is more life round Scotland's shores than you might imagine: some of it, such as anemones and soft corals, can be as colourful as any tropical reef. The best way to find out is to look at the photographs on the club website www.fifescuba.com, or find our page on Facebook – 'Fife Scuba Divers'.

There are members diving somewhere in Scotland most week ends and we also organise week end trips to some of the more remote sites on the west coast and sometimes longer holidays to warmer waters.

If you would like to find out more please contact us by calling 07575 372575 or through the website or Facebook, or why not come along to speak to us at the Dive Centre, where we meet every Wednesday at 7.30.

Looking for a different Christmas Gift? We have a special offer on vouchers for taster sessions in the pool for only £25 per person.

# Lodge St Serf No 327

# November 1

Tue 6th Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.

Nomination and election of Office Bearers for 2012-2013 followed by Fellow Craft Degree.

Tue 13th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next regular meeting.

Tue 20th Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Entered Apprentice Degree.

Tue 27th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next regular meeting.

Names being taken for **Children's Christmas Party** on **Sunday 9 December** at 4pm. Final date for names **Tuesday 20 November**.

**Gaberlunzie** will be performing their act in the Masonic Hall on **Saturday 17 November** as part of KLEO. Tickets from KLEO £8 in advance, £10 on the night.

# Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



KVG-ROS are extremely grateful to the Kinross

-shire Fund for the grant of £800 they received. The funds were used to purchase computer equipment which is being put to excellent use in the running of the group.

Approximately 30 volunteer drivers provide transport to residents of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg to local clinics as well as clinics at Perth, Fife, Edinburgh, Dundee and Stirling hospitals. We also take service users shopping: this is not only appreciated but also very much enjoyed as many have no other way of having some independence.

We try to keep charges as low as possible and, in fact, they have not increased for some time now and remain at:

Kinross & Milnathort to the Health Centre	£3
From outwith Kinross & Milnathort	
to the Health Centre	£5
To PRI, Kirkcaldy or Dunfermline	£10
To Stirling	£12
To Ninewells (Dundee) or to Edinburgh	£18

For further information about the group, contact Pauline Watson, 01577 862685 or e-mail:

secretary.kvg@gmail.com

# Kinross Parish Church Guild – anniversary approaches

The Guild at Kinross Parish Church was one of the first thirty started after the founding of this movement, originally for women, by the Church of Scotland 125 years ago. Local Guild archivists have been studying old minute books and other sources to piece together the history of this long-standing local organisation which 'invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action'. The motto of the Guild is taken from Acts 27, verse 23: "Whose we are and Whom we serve."

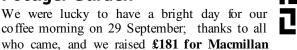
The Kinross Parish Church Guild has 45 members and meets once a fortnight on Tuesdays, normally at 7.15 in the Kinross Church Centre. In November, meetings are on 6th and 20th.

Part of the commitment to action by the Guild, both nationally and locally, is its support for six projects – three in Scotland and three abroad – for a period of three years. In this way, the Guild has raised £3 million pounds in recent years including over £780,000 for the six projects for 2009-12.

There is a chance to hear about one of the new projects for 2013-16 at the Guild Meeting on **20 November** when the topic will be 'Mary's Meals – making a difference in Liberia'. Mary's Meals, a charity which grew out of Scottish International Relief, provides daily meals to over 650,000 hungry children in 16 countries. Recent useful publicity and fund-raising has been given by the now-famous blog of nine-year-old Martha Payne of Argyll about her own school dinners

In November there will be the chance for anyone to directly support these Guild projects, and enjoy themselves at the same time, by attending two of the concerts at Kinross Parish Church during the Kinross-shire Music Festival: the 'Home Bru' concert at 4pm on Saturday 17th and the Cantamus Concert organised by the Guild for Guild Week on Sunday 25th at 2.30pm. Proceeds from both concerts will go to the Guild-supported projects.

# **Potager Garden**





**Cancer Support.** Thank you also to the volunteer helpers, and home bakers for their donations, which were enjoyed by us all.

I was pleased to meet one gentleman at the **composting advice session** on 2 October, and we had an interesting chat about different bins, mixing green and brown waste, and the importance of worms! I hope the few worms from our heap like their new home, and do the trick there.

If you would like advice about home composting, or to arrange a session for your gardening group, please contact Amanda.

Later in October we will be hosting a **networking meeting** of workers and volunteers from other community gardening projects to share ideas, arranged via Trellis, who are based in Perth, and support therapeutic gardening across the country. This will include a visit to the garden, weather permitting.

I am planning to run a workshop in early December, to **make your own fresh Christmas wreath**; we would supply instruction, greenery of different colours, and an oasis ring, just bring your own embellishments. Please contact Amanda if interested, and more details will be in the December newsletter. Wreaths can also potentially be made to order.

We were all saddened by the recent death of our Treasurer, **Bob Inglis.** We are grateful for his support to the garden over many years, and he will be missed by us all; we send our sympathies to Brenda and their family.

For information contact Amanda James on 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com.

## Kinross-shire Round Table

We have a site visit to **Dunfermline Fire Station** to look forward to on **Tuesday 6 November** – contact Paul Murray at paul@network cablingdirect.co.uk for more information.

Later in the month we will be helping at the **Kinross-shire Music Festival**, 17 – 20 November.

Round Table raises funds throughout the year and we try to support as wide a range of groups and projects in Kinrossshire as possible. November brings with it a lot of preparation for our annual DRAGONS' DEN event, where we try to donate as much cash as we can to local community groups and charities. Our light-hearted Dragon's Den will be on Tuesday 4 December at the Green Hotel. Applications for consideration should be in by Monday 19 November either by post to the Green Hotel, by emailing johnstonerp@hotmail.com or drop us a line through the website (click on the event), address below. Our programme, with details of events, is available on 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.

## **Classified Advertisements**

Check the Classified Ads section on **www.kinross.cc**Buy or Sell Goods up to the value of £500
Items are advertised free of charge for up to six weeks

# Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Still time to enjoy Autumn colours before winter arrives. Make the most of it by walking with us 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.

# Saturday 3 November: Craig a Barns, 7 miles.

Varied walk on tracks and paths (some narrow along hillside) through forest and on open ground. Fine views of crags, River Tay and hills to the north. Gradual ascents and descents. Muddy stretches possible. Accompanied children welcome if fit. Dogs: Yes.

# Sunday 18 November: Sauchie Crags, 6 miles.

Figure of eight walk with some short but steep ascents. Spectacular scenery including an SSI, historic features and hardwood forest. Accompanied children welcome if fit. No dogs please.

Given our unpredictable weather, you do need appropriate clothing, including boots and waterproof jacket. For weekend walks, you'll also need water and a packed lunch. A warm drink is advisable too.

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

For more walks, throughout the country, visit www.ramblers.org.uk

# Inner Wheel of Kinross and District

President Liz Pottie welcomed this month's speaker, Pat Johnstone, who is the district president, who talked about her roots in Scotland, her career and her connections with the Inner Wheel and Rotary. She had also brought along a guest who was a lifelong friend. The club members welcomed them both. We also welcomed a new member, Gwen, who we are sure will make a valuable contribution to the club.

Membership is now a healthy 26, which means we have outgrown our old venue at the Green Hotel and after a vote, it was decided that from now on we will meet in the Stuart Room in the Windlestrae Hotel.

We discussed how we could best support 'Mary's Meals', a Scottish charity which provides one meal a day, in a place of education for some of the world's poorest children. There are lots of videos on youtube, this is just one of them: www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPLdM17bkG4&feature=relmfu

Our next event is a **Witches' Brew Halloween Tea**, to be held on **Wednesday 31 October**. Pointy hats and stick-on warts are not obligatory, but would be appreciated!

Ann Barlow, Club Correspondent

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# **Kinross Primary School**

P7 Reporters: Abigail Davidson, Josie Hawdon, Renee Chan and David Gavan

**Nursery:** Recently the nursery had a raffle to raise funds for the nursery garden. They managed to raise a total of £149. Many thanks to all those who purchased tickets.

**Titanic:** Our P3 classes are currently studying the R.M.S. Titanic. As part of this topic the P3 children dressed in Edwardian clothing and celebrated the launch of their Titanic.

**P6 Learning Assemblies:** On 16 and 23 September P6a and P6b held assemblies on their topics of "Heroes and Villains". Each class approached the subject differently. One class used drama to convey the dilemmas a superhero faces and the other discussed real life heroes and villains. Both were greatly enjoyed by all!

**P7** Curling: Over the past month our P7s have been practicing curling at the Green Hotel's curling rink.

P7 Rugby Festival: On 3 October both P7 classes took part in the cluster Rugby festival. Kinross Primary was joined by other Kinross High cluster schools. The children really enjoyed the day, but the parents' washing machines didn't! House Captains: Kinross Primary School has four school houses and all children belong to a house. The houses are: Fleming, Beaton, Seton, and Livingston. These were the names of the friends of Mary Queen of Scots - Mary Beaton, Mary Seton, Mary Fleming, and Mary Livingston. After the October holidays our new House point system will let the pupils get more of a chance to earn points for their house. At the end of each term the winning team gets an extended break.

**Pupil Council:** The new Pupil Council Plan for this year is looking at Achievements, Learning, and Leadership. The Pupil Council chairpersons, Councillor Reilly and Councillor McKie, attended the recent Parent Council meeting to inform the parents of their plans for the year. In each class, the pupil council have asked the pupils for some ideas about afterschool clubs and school improvements. Pupil council reps from P3- P7 attend a weekly meeting with Mrs Lewis. They include a boy and a girl from each class.

**Eco Group:** The new aims for the Eco Group are: Food and Waste Minimisation, Litter and the School grounds. We hope to turn the old grassy area in the nursery into an Astroturf area, and to have marked football pitches. Sadly, we have also had to take down our Trim Trail as it is rotten underneath and it really isn't safe.



# **Milnathort Primary School**

**Nursery Fundraising:** Together with parents, grandparents, child-minders, brothers and sisters, the nursery class got "Boogie Fit" with Pete and Marvin, raising money for the Meningitis Research Foundation. Children really enjoyed learning new routines and performing in front of our visitors.



The 'Nursery Boogie' at Milnathort Primary School!

Entertainment at MPS! Our newly formed P7 Events Team got the first term off to a busy start. In the last week of term not only did they organise two school discos (to include publicity, ticket sales, refreshments and entertainment on the night) but they also pulled together an end of term Talent Show! The Talent Show was won by Mya Saunders in P2/3, with a truly stunning singing performance in front of a packed Assembly Hall! Well done to all our MPS performers!

Community events: Last term we had another highly successful Bingo Tea. The main purpose of these events is to bring the wider school community together for an evening of fun and hopefully prize winning for a few! In addition to doing this we also raised an incredible £255 for school funds! On Saturday 29 September the sun shone on us as 52 helpers turned out in force to support the Gardening Club in an "Autumn Gardening Party". The home baking in the studio was a welcome treat for the hard workers who put in a tremendous effort to make our sunken garden a truly lovely spot to sit and play in. There was a lovely atmosphere as everyone pulled together, had fun and made a difference!

**Sharing learning:** Another great turnout as mums, dads and extended family came along to one of our regular Friday afternoon learning showcase events. The programme ensured that families had an insight into learning at MPS, with many families encouraged to give learning a go for themselves!

**Sports Committee:** Thanks to the support of parents, the school is able to offer additional extra-curricular sports and support at one-off sporting events. The first of the clubs will be netball for P5-7 and athletics for P1-7. Both clubs commence early November and will be organised and run by parents. The school will also be represented at the Scottish Schools Athletics Association Primary Road Relay Championships on 27 October at Grangemouth. These events are possible due to the willingness of parents to take on board this extra commitment, so a huge thanks is due to them!

**HMI** visit: An already packed first term was made even busier with the announcement three weeks prior to the end of the term that HMI were to pay us a visit! The three gentlemen who spent the week with us spent time in classes and our nursery, in the playground, talking to and working with children and towards the end of November will publish a report of their findings.

# Kinross Camera Club

The club season is now well underway. On 4 October a group went to the Falkirk Wheel for an evening visit. The Wheel itself was not operational but multi-



coloured strobe lighting made for exciting effects and members were able to wander freely around the complex, strategically placed barriers ensuring that there was no risk of anyone going for an unintended swim, while the bank behind the Wheel offered one of several excellent vantage points. Regrettably, though, there was no illumination of a flower sculpture and a member's head torch proved insufficient to compensate for this!

The first half of the opening meeting of the Digital Creative Group was given over to a useful tutorial on Lightroom and other systems demonstrating various manipulation techniques. Prior to the meeting, three photographs had been issued and modification of these was invited. The variety of approaches showed just how versatile the systems are and demonstrated the creativity of the photographers: discussion of the images produced occupied the second half of the meeting.

The club enjoyed a talk by Jo Cound entitled "Scotia Depicta revisited" where she photographed as they now are the sites contained in this series of 18th century engravings: many buildings have been largely demolished or refurbished and one has even been moved from Union Street, Aberdeen to Seaton Park. Geographical features, such as "Fingal's Cave", however, remain more or less unaltered.

David Hay gave an interesting talk illustrated with photographs taken around Mykonos and demonstrating that careful composition beforehand means little work is required afterwards. He also suggested that carrying carefully selected equipment in a small gadget bag enables a speedy response to the critical moment and finished his talk with a video in which he had linked together the individual photographs to show that these developed a theme.

The most recent event has been "Everyone a Judge" where the members, split into small teams, viewed digital images kindly made available by St Andrews Photographic Society: a short time was allowed to the teams to judge these. At the end of the evening the marks awarded by the original judge were announced and the results compared.

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

Copies of the book "25 Years of Kinross Camera Club" containing photographs taken by club members are available from Blurb.com and another you may enjoy is "Scotland – Champions of the World" showing the images which won two World Cups in 2010, published by the Scottish Photographic Federation and available from bobbooks.co.uk

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# Kinross and District Junior Agricultural Club

Kinross JAC will be holding a **Charity Concert** at Loch Leven Community Campus on **Thursday 29 and Friday 30 November**. If you would like tickets or more information, please contact our concert Secretary, Linzi Nelson, on 07754851273.

November is always a very eventful time of the year for our members with plenty of meetings to look forward to.

The first meeting is the Annual Root & Grain Show on Friday 2nd at Carnbo Hall, where all members bring along their finest baking and farm produce.

Kinross JAC are sending two teams to the National clay pigeon shooting competition held at Aviemore on 3 November.

Later in the month the club is joining up with other district Young Farmers and jetting off to Cardiff for an exchange.

23 – 25 November is SAYFC's 75th anniversary held at Ingliston where throughout the weekend Kinross JAC will be taking part in a range of events.

A more festive meeting will see our members go ice skating on the 27th at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink.

September and October are the club's quietest months with everyone busy at harvest and other work commitments. We held a very successful New Members night at the rugby club, with fun and games entertaining many fresh faces to the club. It was encouraging to see a good turnout of old and new. The club has also helped out at Sainsbury's in an effort to raise funds for Light Up Kinross. As the club has had quite a successful year, we decided to part-fund new rugby tops for the members.

If you would like to get involved in Kinross JAC, then please contact our club secretary, Mr Richard Harvey, (07568075898/ rwh\_v8@hotmail.co.uk).

# **Kinross Garden Group**

The group started their new season on 11 October when Mr Simon Crutchley gave

an interesting talk on "Edinburgh Botanic Gardens through the Seasons".

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8 November** when **Lady Catherine Erskine of Cambo** will speak on "**The Development of the Gardens at Cambo Estate**".

Are you new to the area of Kinross-shire or want to meet like-minded garden people? Well come along and join us. We meet in Millbridge Hall, Kinross, on the second Thursday of every month at 2pm and in the summer months go out on visits to gardens round about. For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785.

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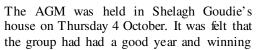
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# Kinnesswood in Bloom





the Best Kept Village had been a very positive experience. A letter from Patrick Milne Home, Chairman of the Awards Committee of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust, thanked Kinnesswood in Bloom for hosting the awards ceremony. The present office bearers have agreed to hold their positions for another year.

Financially the group are doing well and still have some of their budget allocation to spend. Dobbies are supplying us with free bulbs from their "Big Bulb Plant Campaign".

The next fundraiser is the **Quiz and Curry** night to be held on **Thursday 15 November** at 7.30pm, to be run jointly with Scotlandwell in Bloom.

Work with the school was to recommence after the holidays. Norma had meantime worked with some of the Eco Committee to dig up vegetables in their raised beds before the school Harvest Thanksgiving. Some carrots, tatties and beans had been made into soup before the holiday.



Portmoak Primary School Eco Committee with their harvest

Kinnesswood in Bloom members had contacted Portmoak CC in connection with several maintenance queries round the village. Progress had been made on improving the bus shelter. The asbestos roof had been replaced and the floor was to be rescreeded. Pointing of the external walls was to be done in the spring. PKC had given a reply to the problem of weed-killing in the village and it was hoped there would be more liaison in future.

A work party schedule has gone up on the notice board. The CSV **bulb planting** on **Saturday 3 November** will start at the Golf Club, extending the area of bulbs planted in previous years.

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## Ingredients

½ kilo onions, chopped

½ teaspoon chilli powder

½ teaspoon coriander powder

11/2 teaspoons of salt

1/4 teaspoon cumin seed powder

1/4 teaspoon turmeric powder

2 green chillies, finely chopped

2 teaspoons of fresh coriander leaves

a pinch of hing (asafoetida)

150g of gram flour (chickpea flour) oil to fry

### Method

Mix together all the ingredients thoroughly, except the gram flour, and set aside for half an hour.

Add the gram flour and mix thoroughly.

Heat oil on medium heat and deep-fry a few spoonfuls at a time for about ten minutes, turning over till medium brown. Drain on kitchen paper.

Other seasonal vegetables can be used in place of the onions.

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# Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The November meeting will be held on **Thursday 1 November** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker will be Gillian Galbraith who will give a talk entitled "from Advocate to Crime Writer". At the October meeting the members enjoyed hearing about all the services provided by the Loch Leven Community Campus Library.

Away Days November:

Thur 8 Nov: MacKinnon Mills
Thur 22 Nov: Almondvale

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

**Theatre Outing:** Club members will be pleased to know that Edith has arranged an outing to "White Christmas" at the Pitlochry Festival Theatre on **Wednesday 5 December**. Tickets available at a cost of £26.50 (inclusive coach and tips). Please note the reduction in price of this outing. Payment should be made at the November meeting by cheque, if possible, made payable to the Kinross 50 Plus Club. Contact Edith Oswald 01577 864020.

**Annual Holiday 2013:** Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over -Sands commencing Sunday 10 February 2013. Pat advises that there are a few rooms still available. No single rooms are left. Contact Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

### Friday Walkers:

For November walks please contact Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

### Friday Hill Walkers:

2 Nov: Dumyat + extension. Richard Metcal & 8.30am.

16 Nov: Torlum Wood. Anne Milburn 8.30am.

30 Nov: Braefordie. Jock Keith 8.30am.

**14 Dec:** Christmas lunch.

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

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

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

**Fly Tyers:** Contact Ian Campbell for details of venue 01577 830582.

**Keep-Fit:** This group meets every Tuesday in the Masonic Hall from 2pm until 3pm. This group is now full but anyone wishing to be placed on the waiting list should 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. 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.

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# Kinross-shire Historical Society



A large audience of members and friends thoroughly enjoyed the first talk of the winter season. Mr Lindsay Sands spoke about well-known Kinross grocery business 'David Sands Ltd' from its beginning in the early 19th century to the present day. He spoke about the succession of Sands family members running the business, including a falling out of brothers which led to the establishment of J&JH Sands as an Ironmonger's business a couple of doors along the street. He showed slides of the shop premises at various times in its history.

In the early days, merchandise came from Leith by boat to Burntisland and then by pony and trap to Kinross. The coming of the railways meant that goods came by train instead. Travelling shops were important in a rural area like Kinross and in the 1950s and 1960s two were run from Kinross and two from Glenfarg, often returning to the shop laden with local produce like butter and eggs. The policy of stocking local produce continued to the present.

Training to be a grocer meant doing a three-year apprenticeship followed by exams in London. Both Mr Sands' father and son were Presidents of the Grocers' Federation in their time. Staff were rewarded for doing well, with 'Employee of the Year' given extra holiday and a bonus. Over the years a huge amount of money was raised in Sands shops for charity including Macmillan Cancer Support and Mountain Rescue.

In 2008 the warehouse in Kinross was opened. Stock was controlled by a computer system direct from shop checkouts to warehouse pickers. Deliveries, including chilled food, were made daily to the chain of 28 shops. 'David's Kitchen' was introduced a few years ago producing food including soups, sandwiches and meals. This has led on to 'David's Takeaway' where food can be ordered on a touch-screen.

In May 2012, after 200 years, the business was sold to the Co-operative.

Mrs Mary Muirhead thanked Mr Sands on behalf of the Historical Society for a most enjoyable talk that brought back lots of memories of people and times gone by. For details of the next meeting, see Notices, page 87.

# **Town Twinning Association**

Preparations are underway to receive an official twinning visit of Gacéans to Kinross from 4 to 12 August 2013. It is hoped that the party from

Gacé will bring local produce to a stand at Kinross Show for locals to sample for free. A programme of visits will be planned for our Gacé friends allowing them to explore our wonderful country. We do need new families to come forward to host some new families who are planning to come to Kinross-shire for the first time. Please phone Chairperson Jeannie Paterson on 01577 862159. The Association hosted a stall at the Family Fun Day held at the campus at the end of October.

**The Annual General Meeting** of the Association will be held on **Tuesday 20 November** in St Paul's Church Hall at 7.30pm to which old and new members will be made welcome.

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# **Probus Club**

The speaker for the meeting on 19 September was Rev. Alan Reid and the heading for his talk was 'Long to Reign Over Us'. He said that in



this year, when we were celebrating the Diamond Jubilee, he would like to tell us of his own meeting with the Queen when he was her guest at Balmoral in 2004.

It started with a phone call from Bob Sloan, the minister at Crathie, asking Alan if he would like to preach at Crathie on 22 August 2004. When the Queen is in residence in Balmoral, the services at Crathie are taken by a series of ministers drawn from all over the country. Alan accepted. He duly received two pamphlets explaining how the palace is run and the etiquette to be observed at Balmoral. So on the Saturday Alan rolled up in his car at the gates of Balmoral Castle and duly handed his keys over to the policemen on duty. Alan had been told this would happen. All guests at the Castle are driven by members of the staff in the royal cars.

On Sunday Alan led the worship at Crathie Church; he has no recollection of what he said in the sermon, but vividly remembers the happenings on that afternoon, for he was invited to join the royal family for their regular Sunday barbecue. First he was driven to the site of the barbecue by none other than the Queen herself - she likes driving around the estate - while the cook who fried the sausages was the Duke of Edinburgh. Afterwards Alan found himself with a small group of people including the Duke of Edinburgh. Princess Anne and Lord Linlithgow. Quite a discussion took place, mainly between the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Anne about the regulations for the equestrian events at the Olympic games, which were taking place at that time. Alan felt that in so many ways this was just like an ordinary family on holiday but all of us would echo the sentiments of the national anthem: "long may she reign over us."

Duncan Stenhouse gave the vote of thanks.

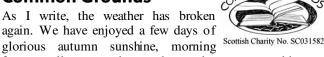
The speaker for the meeting on 3 October was Miss Rowan Brown, who is the Director of the National Mining Museum for Scotland and her subject was simply "The Mining Museum", which is housed in the buildings on the surface of the Lady Victoria mine.

The Lady Victoria mine used to be one of the biggest mines in Scotland, employing 1,600 men. The pit was closed in 1991and the shaft capped. The buildings lay derelict until taken over by the Mining Museum. But why a Mining Museum? Coal and the coal industry played a significant part in the industrial and the social history of Scotland. It was coal that powered the industrial revolution in this country, while it is not generally known that coal miners were virtual slaves in Scotland until about 1750. Miners needed permission from the mine manager to marry, and there was only one day in the year that a coal miner could move from one mine to another. Coal and the coal industry is a fascinating subject. It is to satisfy this fascination that the Mining Museum exists. The Mining Museum is a learning hub with about 1600 artefacts connected with coal mining. There are conducted tours of the museum which show what digging for coal was really like at the coal face by means of videos etc.

Learning, though, should be fun, so the Museum runs a series of special events. The latest attraction which the Museum has opened is "Mini Miners Soft Play Area", where children from the age of babies to eight years old can safely play.

Allan Dearing gave the vote of thanks for a most informative afternoon.

# **Common Grounds**





frosts, really sunny days and now the trees are taking on their rich red colours. Our farmers are getting in the last of the harvest. The clocks will be changed for winter giving us shorter days as we head towards Christmas, which reminds me, our Fairtrade catalogues are available for you to peruse - lots of lovely gift ideas, so do have a look next time you are in our cafe/book shop.

Project Lunch: On Tuesday 30 October at 12 noon Alisdair Stewart from Mission Aviation Fellowship will speak about this charity that he is involved with. As usual in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. All are invited and will be most welcome.

Project: Our "Emergency Relief' project for October and to start our new financial year is UNICEF. UNICEF works with families, communities and governments in more than 190 countries worldwide to protect and promote the rights of all children. Wherever a humanitarian emergency may occur, UNICEF is already there. They have the ability to deliver aid almost anywhere within 48 hours. UNICEF's work relies entirely on voluntary contributions. They receive nothing from the UN budget.

Our November project is Self Help Africa - Uganda. We last supported SHA in August 2008 in Eritrea. SHA is implementing five development programmes in Uganda. The emphasis of the work is on improving small-scale farming systems, supporting communities to access seed, promote rural enterprise, strengthen farmer knowledge and to support rural households to adapt to climate change. A major new project started in 2012: Uganda Community Connection sees SHA working in partnership with a range of other agencies on a project that is designed to improve livelihoods for close to 81,000 households across 18 districts over the coming years.

Website: Our new website address is:

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe/

By the time you read this, our AGM will have happened and our management team should be in place, hopefully with a few new faces. This will be the year in which we hope our donations to projects will reach £100,000. This is our target and thank you to you all for making this possible over the years and in anticipation of your help in the future. Our congratulations to the Guides and Scouts on the huge success of their Jumble Sale, making the refurbishment project in excess of £600.

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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# **Sports News**



# Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

With the hockey season well under, way the Kobras teams have been busy at local tournaments. An U10 team took part in Perthshire HC tournament on 23 September, playing a number of games against strong opposition and came away winning or drawing most of their games. Andrew Clark was the leading goal scorer for the Kobras. The club entered an U12 team in the East District U12 league, the first round held at Rosyth at the end of September. This team came away with two wins, a draw and an unfortunate loss which was very much against the run of play. The whole team played very well with special thanks to Georgia Smith for her tireless work in midfield. October sees the second round of this U12 league being played and a second Perthshire HC tournament. The Kobras' own hockey tournament with other local clubs takes place on 4 November.

There are spaces available in the new Tuesday evening training sessions (KGV 6.30 - 7.30) for those aged 6 - 14 wanting to give hockey a go.



The Kobras U10 Team from the Perthshire HC tournament

# **Kinross Curling School**

There are Beginners Courses on the following dates:

 Saturday 19 January 2013
 11.45am - 2.45pm

 Sunday 27 January 2013
 2.30pm - 5.30pm

 Saturday 9 February 2013
 11.45am - 2.45am

If you are interested in any of the above sessions, please contact: Claire Milne, Area Curling Development Officer, c/o Curling Rink, The Green Hotel, 2 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AS. Telephone 01577 863467.

Email: kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.or

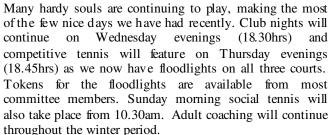
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# Kinross Tennis Club

We are well into Autumn, and Winter is coming up soon, but this does not mean the end of the tennis season, especially after the

wonderful inspiration of Andy Murray's US Open win!



Junior performance coaching is continuing at the club and will hopefully move indoors to the Gannochy Scottish National Sports Centre during the months of December and January plus coaching for mini red (8 and under) youngsters has moved indoors to Loch Leven Campus on Thursdays (two sessions, starting 5pm and 5.45pm). This commenced on 25 October for an eight week coaching block - cost £32. Please contact Helen Buchanan, Junior Coordinator at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com or tel 07918 055434. Details for all adult coaching can be obtained from Susan Malcolm, Secretary at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

In September, our Juniors played three friendly matches with Dunfermline Tennis Club in order to develop their match play competitive skills, with the results very encouraging.

The **AGM** will be held on **Wednesday 28November** at 7.30pm at King George V Rugby Clubhouse in Kinross. Please do come along to give your views and to hear of our plans for the forthcoming season, plus it's a great opportunity for members to also have their say on how the club should progress in 2013!

New members are always welcome at the club, so if you are new to tennis or you would like to get playing again, please contact Susan Malcolm, Secretary, at:

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# Milnathort Golf Club

Most of the annual trophies are away at the engravers to have winners' names added for 2012, with the prize-giving to be held in the club on **Saturday 24 November**.

On 6 October the Monthly Medal was won by Kevin Webster. John Donaldson was in second place and Neil Barlow a close third.

The Royal Hotel Texas Scramble is an eagerly awaited annual event and this year's winner was a team comprising Bob Tolson, John Tolson, Hazel Brown and John Gough having a commendable round of 50.8 strokes net, 2 full strokes ahead of second place.

All the Match-play knockout tournaments have finished for the season and father and son pairing Donald and Ian Brown beat the Duncan brothers (Stevie and Kenny, not sure which one should be named first!) in the Swann Foursome.

Fraser Pirie and Alan Marshall saw off Charlie Payne and Colin Gibson in the final of the Dearing 4 ball.

The Dziennik Trophy was won this year by Murdo McHardy who narrowly beat the far younger contender, Thomas Wood-Goulbourn.

The other singles trophy was the Donaldson Cup won on the day by Ian Brown against Alex Moffat.

Well if that was the summer, roll on the winter!

The Saturday and Sunday winter leagues start on 10 and 11 November and the format of three different starting holes enables Milnathort Golf Club to have up to 27 players teeing off within 20 minutes, thus ensuring a lively resume in the clubhouse of putts missed and miraculous recovery shots!

Thursday 11 October saw the start of the Gents winter league where all males are welcome irrespective of age or handicap. We turn up at 8.45am for a 9.00am start, again using three different starting holes to speed up play.

## **Senior Section**

The Final Round of the Senior's Quaich for 2012 took place on Thursday 20 September. Winner on the day was Scott Arnott, with Charlie Payne as runner up. This resulted in the winner of the Senior Quaich for 2012 being Charlie Payne, with Ron Macdonald as Runner-up and Bob Tolson in third place.

The final Seniors game of the year took place on Thursday 27 September and was in the form of a strokeplay sweep. Three players each returned a score of 67, but on a countback Scott Arnott came out the winner with John Power second, and Sandy Fleming in third place.



That concluded the Seniors Programme for 2012, so metaphorically speaking, the Seniors will now go into 'golfing hibernation' until the Spring of 2013.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a weekly sweep will be held each Thursday, weather permitting, 8.45am for 9am tee-off. However, this will not be restricted to Seniors and if you are available, do come along and join in. Enjoy the 'competition', sparkling repartee and scintillating conversation! The Master of Ceremonies for this tournament will be Roy Stevens, to whom we extend our thanks.

Many thanks to all who have contributed 'tired' balls for our fund-raising endeavour. It is still in progress, so if you have any such balls, bring them up to the club and leave them in the recept acle provided.

Keep your eyes on the Seniors' Notice Board for advice on forthcoming events and activities, which we ask you all to support.

### **Junior Section**

The last junior competition of the season was played at the end of September: the Castrol Cup, a three-person Texas scramble. After a very close competition, the top four teams were all within one point of each other, with the winners being Ryan and Lewis Brown, partnered with Bob Tolson. The annual prize-giving took place afterwards and amongst the prizes awarded were those for Order of Merit Boys: Rvan Brown, Order of Merit Girls: Katie Bell, Most Improved Boy: Daniel Reilly and Most Improved Girl: Faye Mathieson. Others taking home prizes included: Blair Rory Addison. Gareth and Hutchison. Struan Fotheringhame, Jamie Fulton, Cameron Wallace and David McIntyre.

Coming up at the start of November is the Halloweenthemed "Night Golf' competition and it is hoped a good number of juniors will take part in that.

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# **Kinross Bowling Club**

Another outdoor bowling season has drawn to a close after a disappointing season weatherwise. However, the green closed on Sunday 7 October with just about the nicest day this season – sunshine prevailed all afternoon! There was a good turnout of members and a nice buffet served by the ladies section.

All the finals were completed prior to closing day and a list of winners etc are as follows:

### Prize winners 2012

	Winner/s	Runner/s up
Gents Champion:	G M Rennie	P Grant
Ladies Champion:	S M Rennie	J Mitchell
Presidents:	G M Rennie	D Hague
Bess Hunter:	Jean Cousar	J Mitchell
Handicap:	I Christopher	S M Rennie
Senior S/Hand:	I Christopher	S M Rennie
Montgomery:	G M Rennie	Jean Cousar
Barnes:	G M Rennie	Jean Cousar
E Ford Trophy:	S M Rennie	Jean Cousar
Cowie Shield:	Jean Cousar	Paul Grant
G Waddell Ford:	Bob Moffat	G M Rennie
J Wallace Trophy:	Jim Cousar	Paul Grant
Renton:	S M Rennie	Paul Grant
Ladies Pairs:	Betty Paterson	Anne Bell
	Jean Cousar	Sheila Rennie
Gents Pairs:	Ian Munnoch	Doug Stewart
	G M Rennie	Jim Cousar
Mixed Pairs:	Betty Paterson	Jean Cousar
	Jim Cousar	G M Rennie
George Smith Pairs:	Jean Cousar	Anne Bell
	I Christopher	Bob Moffat
Gibson Triplets:	I Christopher	Doug Hague
	Chris Bennett	Janice Stewart
	Doug Stewart	Paul Grant

Well done to all winners and runners up.

We look forward to seeing all members at the AGM in January – the actual date will be notified to all.

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# **Kinross Road Runners**

We are back into our winter training schedule, which consists mainly of speed work, but with some torchlight runs on the Heritage Trail thrown in for fun! If you



would like to be part of it, you are welcome to join us for a few evening sessions before you commit to membership. Please visit our website for more details: www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk.

Some of our race news:

### Ultra marathons

Andy Johns and Judith Dobson both finished 3rd (male and female) and 1st in their age group in the Scottish Ultra Marathon Series (SUMS). They were awarded their prizes after the final race in the series, the River Ayr Way on 15 September. Andy Johns completed 7 of the 9 races, including the 95 mile West Highland Way race, and won the 40 mile River Ayr Way race. Judith Dobson was 1st in her age group in the 4 races she completed, which included the Speyside Way in August and River Ayr Way. This earned Judith enough SUMS points to place her in third place nationally for the year - and also 1st Female Senior Vet. Well done to both Judith and Andy for these remark able achi evements!

# Stirling 10k, 16 September

Twenty-three members ran the Stirling 10k, four of them achieving personal bests on this flat out and back course: David Scott (39:48), John Boyle (42:20), Andreas Rogowski (45:10) and Ann Malcolm (51:04). Allan Kemp and Jillian Gordon were the first KRRs in 36:50 and 38:23 respectively.

### Chicago Half Marathon and 5k

Maureen Hill crossed the Atlantic and combined a holiday with the Chicago Half Marathon. She was 3rd female vet in a time of 1:33:29.

While Maureen was running the half, husband Gordon took part in the 5k race. He was 1st male vet in 26 minutes 10. Very well done, Gordon!

# Simon Wake Memorial Comrie Hills Relay Race

A big thank you to member Marino Calothis for organising two teams to represent KRR in this tough but exhilarating hill race which was run on 9 September.

The teams were:

Leg 1: Andy Laycock, Leg 2: Norman Smith & Sandy MacCalman, Leg 3: Angus McCulloch and Leg 4: Allan Kemp.

Leg 1: Ken Chambers, Leg 2: Alison Robertson and Anne McIntyre, Leg 3: Brian Kemp and Leg 4: Peter Edgerton.

## Loch Ness Marathon

Finally, congratulations to Paul Allcoat 3:23:12 and Andreas Rogowski 3:46:17 who each ran their first marathon in September, the Baxters Loch Ness Marathon. Their conscientious training really paid off!

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# **Orwell Bowling Club**

On a rare fine evening, that of Wednesday 12 September, Orwell visited Auchtermuchty for a game of 4 x mixed triples, achieving a win: 58 shots to 41. The re-instated Maitland game (Hearts vs Hibs having caused its postponement!), took place on Sunday 16 September at Orwell. However, after agreeing to six rinks being played, Maitland arrived with only 16 players, resulting in four Orwell players giving their all for the opposition. We were assured that no plain brown envelopes had changed hands when Orwell retained the Quaich for the sixth consecutive year - 79 shots to 50!

The Tuesday Hat Night Series was won by Vic McKechnie with 40 points.

The final Senior game on 27 September was played under blue skies, but with a distinctly autumnal chill in the air; the 15 ends were followed by a splendid hot meal prepared and served by Vice-President Willie Dewar, his wife Cathy and a willing team of Senior volunteers.

It was during this meal that an interesting phenomenon emerged: the Scots poured gravy on their pies, whilst the English poured it on their potatoes. Answers on a postcard please! A very pleasant afternoon was rounded off by the presentation of the Senior Points trophy to a deserving Jack Backhouse.

The Closing of the Green game on Saturday 29 September tempted only 18 members out to play 15 ends of triples.

Donations exceeding £130 in aid of the RNLI were received - a generous sum indeed from so few participants.

Hot soup and sandwiches warmed nipped fingers and toes - again prepared by several stalwart Senior members.

The season has passed so quickly as Monsoons often do, and we fervently trust that April 2013 will herald a warmer and very much drier one for all outdoor activities.

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# **Curling: Kinross Ladies Open**

Twelve rinks, including participants from Forfar and Aberdeen, took part in the Kinross



Ladies Open curling competition on 16 October. The event was organised by the Kinross and District Ladies Branch and kindly sponsored this year by local outdoor play equipment company, Caledonia Play.

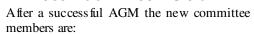
The winning rink was skipped by Wilma Brownlie, with Margaret Nelson, Pat McFarlane and Caroline Liddle.

Runners-up were Valerie Inglis (skip), Angela Wilcox, Julia Cormack and Sue Cameron.



Sarah Bruce-Jones of Caledonia Play (centre) with the Kinross Ladies Open winners, I to r: Pat McFarlane, Wil ma Brownlie, Margaret Nels on and Caroline Liddle

# **Kinross Badminton Club**





President: Bill Macdonald. Vice President:

Mark Moran. Secretary/Match Secretary: Rory Cooper. Assistant Secretary: Maureen Macpherson. General committee members: Alison Scott, Liam Morris and Gwen Tate. High School Representatives: David Black and Rory Muir. Junior Club Secretary: Alison Walker.

It was decided that the annual subscriptions were to be £50 for adults, and £25 for intermediates and students. Nightly fees were decided at £4 a night, and £6 if the player is not a member, however if they are wishing to join, their first night is free.

Before the AGM started, Bill mentioned the sad loss of Russell Hogg who for many years organised Yonex nights in the old Kinross High School building for the junior club. His enthusiasm and passion for badminton will be sorely missed by all players. The club extends its deepest sympathy to all of Russell's family.

Due to a busy start to the season, our junior club only has a limited amount of spaces left, so if there is any interest, contact our Junior Secretary Alison Walker, tel: 01592 840392, mobile: 07787821884.

As always for more information, contact our President Bill Macdonald on: 01577 862592 or our Secretary Rory Cooper on: rtc00001@students.stir.ac.uk

Or log onto the club's website:

www.kinrossbadmintonclub.co.uk

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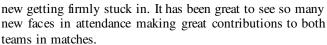
A list of future deadlines can be found on our website **www.kinrossnewsletter.org** 

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# Kinross Ladies' Hockey

www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk

Training and matches have been progressing in earnest this month, with players old and



The Second XI have so far played against St Andrews Uni 3rds, unfortunately losing 5-0. Undeterred, the team followed this with a draw against Blairgowrie, 3-3, with all our goals being scored by Lindsey Knight on home turf. This was followed by an away game against Blairgowrie, which resulted in an excellent 1-0 win, with the winning goal scored by Emma Paterson. Fond memories of school days and losing the ball in a muddy hole were rekindled for some of our more 'experienced' players as this fixture took place on grass.

The first XI played Madras, finishing 3-3 and with goals scored by Vicky Carver, Gail Nelson and Lynn Paterson. Following on, a fixture against St Andrews Uni 2 resulted in a 5-1 win; goals were scored by Gail (4) and Lynn. Most recently they faced Perthshire 1's in a League cup match where a determined, attacking approach saw us finish with a 3-1 win with goals from Vicky, Lynn and Jo.

All in all, a great start to the season for the club.

We have been lucky enough to be on the receiving end of Lindsey Knight and Gill Robb's expertise in what have been a series of fant astic training sessions, however the club would also love to hear from anyone who would be interested in coaching either developing, experienced or a mixture players.

The club has two teams playing in the Midlands Outdoor League in divisions 1 and 2 and have been winners of division 1 for three consecutive years. Both teams are entered in the Midlands knock-out and league cups and the club is represented in the SHU district cup and the Midlands indoor league.

The Club trains at the Astro pitch at KGV playing fields, the Muirs, Kinross, every Wednesday from 6.30pm 'til 8pm.

More information on results, fixtures and social events can be found on our website www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk. For any other information please contact the club secretary, Libby Simpson, on 07941 465811 or e-mail libbysimpson1@gmail.com.

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The new season has arrived with the 1st XI in East District Division 1 and the 2nd XI in East District Division 2, with each team playing 22 league games this season. The club has played and won two pre-season friendlies.

### 1st XI

Kinross started the season against Falkirk and against the run of play were 2-0 down but fought back to 2-2 with two goals from Bradley Harrison. However, with 40 seconds left to go, a mistake saw Falkirk score to win 3-2. The other two games were postponed until later on in the season.

### 2nd XI

It was always going to be a tough season with Kinross squeezing into Division 2 with the league reorganisation and playing teams from a league above them. Kinross had a bad start to the season, going down 5-0 to Falkirk 3rds and then 7-0 to Fidra Lions, but the scores did not reflect the play. Kinross then won 4-1 against WI Trinity with goals from Ian Clark, Ollie Volland, Dave Goodenough and Alistair Elwis to bag the first points of the season.

Training is at KGV on Tuesday nights 7.30 to 9pm and everyone is most welcome, no matter what your age or ability.

Andrew McIntyre runs a mixed youth development team the Kinross Kobras with Training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at KGV from 6.30pm.

Forthcoming league fixtures:

### November

3rd	1sts v Carnegie 3rds	Away
	2nds v Stirling Uni	KGV at 12.00pm
10th	1sts v Grange Development	KGV at 2.30pm
17th	1sts v Stirling Wanderers	KGV at 12.00pm
	2nds v Dunfermline City	KGV at 1.30pm
24th	1sts v Edinburgh Uni (6ths)	Away
	2nds v Edinburgh Uni (7ths)	Awav

For further information either contact Hamish Donaldson on e-mail: captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk or Gordon Balfour: secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk or visit our website at www.kinrosshockey.co.uk or why not come down to watch a home game, your support will be most welcome.

# Kinross Volleyball Club

Indoor training has started at the Community Campus (despite the high cost of hall hire) on Monday evenings from 7.30 - 9.30pm with five teams operating from the Kinross Club - two premier league teams, Kintronics and Scotrange, along with four recreational league teams: Kinross BB, Kinross BB Girls' Association, Kinross High School and Mongrels. Two new members have joined the club and any other newcomers will be made most welcome no special equipment required, just tee shirt, shorts and trainers. The club will also be participating in Scottish Volleyball's Central Scotland Regional League where they finished as national runners up last season, losing to Dundee University in the final. Preparations are also being made for next year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament over the last weekend of May and to enter teams in the 40th De Haan (Belgium) Tournament in mid-August.

Kinross High School pupils continue to attend Wednesday lunchtime and after school volleyball sessions and S2/3 teams will be taking part in the SVA national 3 v 3 festival in mid November.

### **News from the Rurals**



**MILNATHORT** – President Fiona Hynds welcomed us all back after the summer break. Grace Drysdale was presented with the Quaich for most points at Kinross Show. After the business was completed, it was then time for our guest for this month, Meg Murray from Kirkcaldy who gave a very interesting talk about The Quakers. She showed us some of the quilted articles she had made along with sewn and knitted items she had done. She also told us all about The Quaker Tapestry.

Competitions:

Blueberry Muffins - Nan Paterson Lavender Bag - Jessica Munro Flower of the Month - May Paterson

**CROOK OF DEVON –** President Mrs Isobel Mill opened the October meeting by introducing our speaker for this month, Ursula Stewart, who gave us a very interesting talk and demonstration on making wet felt. Ursula also brought along to show us some of the lovely articles she had made using this process including bags, scarves, hats, earrings and bowls. The vote of thanks was given by Isobel Mill. Competitions:

Knitted Vest - Grace Legge Flower of the Month - Maureen Kerr

**CLEISH** - President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed everyone to our October meeting. After business our speaker for the evening, Mrs Pat Dick, gave us an interesting insight into her jewellery and handbag making skills, along with a display of her work. Mrs Kilpatrick gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month - Dorothy Morris
Favourite piece of jewellery - Dorothy Morris
Three Oatcakes - Margaret Nelson



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**BISHOPSHIRE** – The speaker at the meeting was Fergus Niven of Gloagburn Farm Shop, who talked about the setting up and running of the family business.

Competitions:

Pot of jam - Jane Martin Old fashioned pot-holder - Norma Smith

**CARNBO** - President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting. Perth and Kinross Federation Choir entertained with a great repertoire to celebrate our 85th birthday.

Competitions:

A Halloween verse - Susan Malcolm Flower of the month - Elma Forrester

**GLENFARG** - President Mrs Margaret Scott conducted the business then presented members with the trophies they had won at Kinross Show. Catherine Fairweather won the Anne Watson trophy, Helen Quatermaine gained the prize for the best exhibit in the Show and overall Glenfarg won the Community Trophy.

She then introduced Mrs Pat Dick, who gave a short talk on bead jewellery making and then gave the ladies an opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping from her display of bags, scarves and jewellery. Yes, it's that time of the year again!

Catherine Fairweather was the tea hostess and proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Favourite item of jewellery - Margot Moran
Treacle oven scones - Lillias Johnston
Flower of the Month - Sheila Harley

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### **Out & About**



### **RSPB Loch Leven**

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Weel here we ur near intae November awready. Whaurs the year gone? Yin thing is

certain, the winter is oan the wey 'n' the geese numbers ur buildin. Vicky wur warden and the SNH guys did a goose coont this mornin early doors 'n' got 10,217 birds. Numbers shid continue to build, so keep yer een peeled. Duck numbers o' yins like pochard and goldeneye ur increasin and a few rarer types hiv been around, wi long tailed duck seen alang at Findatie oan 15 October.

On the reserve, the softrak machine will be chappin doon reeds ower the course o' the next few weeks in areas o' the wetland that ur ower weet tae get ontae wi onything else. This will help tae keep encroachin soft rush, or juncus as we cry it, in a manageable state so it disnae tak ower the hale o' the wetland. Efter the gales we also hid tae remove a guid few tree branches and indeed full trees or they removed thursels in the wind. A big sooster wan fell doon, splittin itsel doon the middle, neatly fallin tae each side o' the cottage on twa sides.

Noo then, event type stuff. We hiv hunners o' things oan ower the next wee whiley so aff we go: on Thursday 1 November set yer alarms fur a Dawn Goose Watch fae 6.15am till 9ish. See the geese flyin oot tae feed at first light. Break fast in the café efter, cost £7 members, £10 nonmembers, break fast included. Thursday 8 November it's the ither end o the day wi a Dusk Goose Watch at 3.30 till 5ish. Watch them daen the opposite: comin back in tae roost, costs £4 members £7 nons. Cuppa 'n' a biscuit included in price. Sunday 18th we hiv a guided walk tae see the reserve in winter. Whit might be aboot? Come alang 'n' find oot. Cost same as above £4 and £7 cupp a included. The same weekend 17th and 18th the shop will also be runnin an optics demo where will be demonstratin' the brand new telescope from Swarovski and an impressive bit o' kit it is; the images ur stunnin. That runs fae 10 am till 4.30pm baith days. Come alang and try before ye buy tae get the best model fur yer needs, expert advice oan hand tae help ye pick the richt yins.

A Winter talks programme will start oan Wednesday nichts in November coverin travel and conservation topics. Startin at 7pm they will last till 8.30ish and ye will get the chance tae ask ony questions ye micht think o' oan the nicht or mibee even some yiv thocht o' before the nicht, whitever version, come alang 'n' get the answers. Dates still bein confirmed but fae the initial speakers list there looks tae be some interestin stuff coverin a wide subject range. Costs £3 members, £4 non-members, tea or coffee included. As wi' awe the above events, advance bookin is essential. Further information oan the RSPB website under the Loch Leven events section www. rspb.org.uk/lochleven or phone the usual number 01577 862355.

Finally, wi' winter creepin up oan us, the shop is offerin big bags o' birdfood (except peanuts) at a savin o' £5 per bag till Tuesday 7 November. Feed the birds, save some siller bargain!

Ta ta till next time,

### **Loch Leven NNR**

We have a quiet month at Loch Leven National Nature Reserve in terms of events, but after botany, migratory, fungi and goose walks, a month off is well deserved!

With goose numbers building up around the reserve, our first scheduled goose count should be a good one this week. Annual peak counts of around 20000 are expected at Loch Leven, although higher numbers have been recorded. Many of the Pink-footed Gees e that pass through Loch Leven will eventually make their way south to Lancashire and Norfolk, where the highest numbers of wintering pink feet can be seen. Look out for the official count in next month's newsletter.

With summer well and truly over, it's time once again for our insect surveyors to hang up their nets and rest easy for the winter after another successful season's data collection. Many thanks to all those that took part in insect surveying this year. I very much look forward to seeing the results incorporated to Dick Alderson's reports from last winter. The reports are now available for all to read on our website: www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven/publications. I'd also like to extend my thanks to Tim Brain for his assistance throughout the year in moth recording at Loch Leven. Although the summer wasn't particularly favourable for moth diversity, Tim's encouragement and knowledge of moths drove us toward a more complete data set than ever before. These records, as with the records from insect surveys, will be passed on to respective organisations collating national data sets on moths, butterflies, bumblebees and dragonflies. I look forward to more mothing in 2013!



Grass cutting and baling helps maintain biodiversity

You may see us out and about over the next couple of months as we continue with habitat management around the reserve, including grass cutting and baling, and scrub clearance. The work is necessary in order to maintain healthy grassland biodiversity which will benefit insect and bird populations in the future. Please bear with us if we're operating machinery - we'll try not to disturb the peace for too long!

That's all for now folks,

Craig

### Fact of the Month

Pink-footed Geese often nest on cliffs in their breeding grounds in Iceland to avoid predation by Arctic Foxes.

Colin

### **Farming**



### Preparation!

Before he was my husband, Andrew used to pick me up to take me to all manner of exciting dates, mainly Perth cinema, Young Farmers' dances and once even to see a dung spreader in Yorkshire. It never took me long to get ready for going out and that's still the same today – anything between 10 minutes and half an hour can do it! I know that some folks, and they are not all female, like to spend a wee bit more time on their hair and make-up and I have to agree they do look lovely and I often end up wishing I had tried harder. But when it comes to my flock of ewes, that's a different matter. My girls will meet their gentleman on 1 November but preparations begin early – well everything is times 650 this year – so planning for this group date started at the end of September.

Firstly they received their annual Footvax booster, which helps their hooves stay healthy and keeps them walking on all four feet.

On the same day we topped up their Cobalt and Selenium levels with a long lasting bolus. These trace elements are closely linked with fertility, so a deficiency could result in less lambs being born.

Next we checked all their ear tags, replacing anything that had fallen out – just in case the inspector should return.

In early October they were protected against Fluke worm – not administering this leaves a ewe susceptible to liver fluke, a disease which damages the liver and can lead to death.

Finally, today (12 October), they had a shower! Showering's all about their skin; it is an alternative to a sheep dip and kills off any mites or lice that could bother them over the winter.

Needless to say, after delivering all this attention, the shepherdess is looking worse for wear. One diva objected to the bolus and bit through the nail on my index finger and the next week when I was gathering the steep hill I slipped and fell on my thumb. It's on the other hand and a bit swollen, so please excuse any typing errors this month.

I think I promised a progress report on my other plans of growing swedes. Well, they've had a dreadful growing

season: too much rain and not enough sun, but the field is covered in lots of little turnips which, maybe naively, I hope will still swell a bit before they are eaten.

Here's our youngest son showing one off. This neep will make its way to the soup pot, I think, and the rest should feed some of the pregnant ewes over



Fraser and a wee turnip

Let's hope all the preening pays off and they are expecting loads of lambs next year!

Fiona

### Weather



### September Weather Report From Carnbo

The season may have changed but unfortunately not the weather. The type of which we have endured during most of the Spring and Summer continued throughout September, and although the total rainfall was just over the long term average, some rain fell on most days.

During the last week there was a real sting in the tail, a decaying hurricane moving north in the Bay of Biscay settled into the Southern North Sea still moving north. This brought very stormy weather to most of Britain, especially along the east coast.

Rainfall for month 111mm (105% of average)

Heaviest fall 15.6 mm (25th)

22 Rain days, 4 trace days, 4 dry days

Highest temperature 18°C (3rd) Lowest temperature 0°C (22nd)

Average temperature 9°C

Lowest ground temperature  $0^{\circ}$ C (22nd)

Ground frost on 1 night

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Cloud cover 65% Thunder recorded on one day (26th)

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### **Thanks**



MRS JEAN LIDDLE: I would like to thank all the people who sent me cards, flowers and made enquiries while I was in hospital and to everyone who visited me when I was discharged. To all my neighbours in Green Park for their kind offers of help and to my sister Betty for taking me in until I recovered enough to go home to my own house. Thank you also to my nephew, Mark, who took me across to Edinburgh for my various clinic appointments and to the friends who provided transport, enabling Betty to visit most days. A Great Big Thank You To You All.

JOHN and MARY SCOTT, McBain Place, Kinross, would like to thank all family and friends for cards, flowers and gifts received on their Diamond Wedding, which was on 20 September 2012. Also thanks to The Muirs Hotel for the beautiful lunch. Instead of presents, a collection of £300 was sent to Chest Heart and Stroke, Scotland.

VAL OSWALD (Flutterby Therapies and Fitness Pilates) would like say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to a very successful 'Afternoon Tea' in the Masonic Hall on 25 September in aid of Macmillan Cancer **Support**. Thank you to all my Fitness Pilates and 50+ Keep Fit class members for their generous contributions of home baking, raffle prizes and monetary donations. Thanks also to Isobel and Anne (Traidcraft) who kindly donated the tea and coffee for the event and manned the Traidcraft stall and to the wonderful team of Joan, Eve, Evelyn, Margaret, Thelma and Marlene who set out a lovely afternoon tea and organized the raffle and home baking stall. To everyone who supported the event by coming out for tea despite the awful weather – a huge thank you to you too. We have raised £369.30 towards the continuing work of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you all!

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**GARETH THOMAS**: May I take this opportunity to thank all the generous people who sponsored my Firewalk for The Scottish Huntington's Disease Association.

My walk is on display on YouTube at:

http://youtu.be/D9vUmQB\_QWM

and my just giving page is still open at

justgiving.com/IGareth-Thomas

Thanks to everyone's kindness to this excellent cause, I have raised £568 to date.

CLEISH PRIMARY SCHOOL hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning on 28 September 2012. P5, 6, 7 organised this event as an enterprise activity. They worked extremely hard and thanks to their efforts and the fantastic support from the school and local community they were able to raise £842.27. The children were delighted with this result and would like to send a big thank you to all who supported them in achieving this.

ORWELL OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION would like to offer a huge thank you to Kinross and District Round Table and Kinross Rotary Club for their generous donations to Association funds which will give a much needed boost for the coming year's activities.

The Association are holding a Quiz Night on Thursday **1 November** at the Thistle Hotel at 7.30pm as a fund raiser when teams or individuals will be made very welcome. £20 per table of four or come and make up a team.



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Strictly's back so get on those dancing shoes

### Kinross-shire Churches Together 1



### Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity number SC 012555)

Tel: (01577) 862952 Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Reader: Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602 Tel: (01577) 865780 Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir 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** (Note Pram Service on Tues mornings during school term).

#### Leasing Church or Church Centre

Contact Church Office or Church email (see above).

For more details of events see: www.kinrossparishchurch.org Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise. The church has disabled parking, ramp access and a disabled toilet. Kinross Church Centre, High Street, has ramp access and a disabled

### Regular Services and events

10.30am: Morning Service. Crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary age) during Moming Service and, at 730pm, 'Crossfire' (\$1 upwards) in church centre.

Tues 10amPramService.

Wed 12 noon Mid-week at Mid-day: Time for Prayer.

Fri The Brigade, Church Centre. Anchor Section 6-7.15pm, Junior Section 7-9pm, Company Section 8-10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).

10am-noon 2nd hand book stall and café, Church Centre.

### Special Services and events in October

Sun 28 6.30pm: Informal Evening Service.

Tue 30 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court. 7.00pm: Guild, meeting with Orwell & Portmoak at Orwell church.

### Special Services and events in November

Thu 1 7.30pm: Thursday Group, Church Centre. 'Jewellers at Your Service', Mr. & Mrs. Winski.

Mon 5 8.00am: Time for Prayer-Silent Meditation (30min).

**Tue 6** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre. 'What a Gem', Mr. & Mrs. Winski

Sat 10 830am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office)

### Sun 11 Remembrance Sunday

10.00am: Community all-age Remembrance Service 10.55am: Act of Remembrance at war memorial, County

11.15am: Morning Service.

Thu 15 9.00pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline

Sat 17 10.00am - 12 noon: 'Christmas, Crafts and Coffee', Church Centre. Organised by the Craft Group (see box at right) 4.00pm: 'Home Bru' Concert. Part of Kinross Music Festival, on behalf of Guild projects.

Sun 18 7.30pm: Crossfire, in Church (not Church Centre), 'Film Night'.

Tue 20 7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre. 'Mary's Meals - making a difference in Liberia'. One of the Guild projects.

Sun 25 2.30pm: Cantamus Concert: 15 musicians. Part of Kinross Music Festival, to celebrate Guild week & to support Guild

6.30pm: Informal Evening Service.

Tue 27 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court. 8.00pm: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

### Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

#### Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison Telephone: 01577 863461 Email: morrisonangus@btconnect.com Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church, 11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

**Evening Service** most weeks at 6.30pm in Orwell Hall (1st and 3rd Sundays).

Service at Ashley House: first Thursday of the month at

**Services at Levenglen:** 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

### Dates and events for your diary

Saturday 27 October – Harvest Soiree in Portmoak Hall 7pm until 9pm

Saturday 28 October - Harvest Thanksgiving Services Saturday 17 November - Christmas Bazaar,

10am - 12noon Milnathort Town Hall

Friday 30 November – Oasis ladies group in Portmoak,

10:15am - Create a star with Margaret Paton

### **Everyone Welcome**

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

Sun 4 10.30am: Moming Service, followed by Informal Communion. Guild meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Orwell Hall 7pm between September and March.

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

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

> Contact the Office 01577 861200 orwellportmoakchurch@y ahoo.co.uk

### **Kinross Parish Church**

### Christmas, Crafts and Coffee

### Saturday 17 Nov. 10am - 12 noon, Church Centre.

Our Craft Group has been working hard towards this event and invite you to come along: Handmade Goods, Gifts, Refreshments, Home Baking and more.

### Remembrance Sunday, 11 November

Note the arrangements at left for Remembrance Sunday which this year falls on the anniversary of the ending of the First World War on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

The WW1 war memorial in Kinross Parish Church alone (and it was just one of Kinross's churches at that time) lists 56 names of those connected with the church who sacrificed their lives.

Cleish Church

### Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

Locum Minister: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

E-mail: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan Telephone: (01506) 825641

E-mail: gordon.b.mcmillan@tak21.com

Website: www.cleishchurch.org

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

#### November

**Sun** 4 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie. Coffee and Fairtrade after the service.

**Sun 11** 11.15am Service of Remembrance: Rev. Marina Brown.

Sun 18 11.15am Morning Worship: Rev. Marina Brown.

Sun 25 11.15am Morning Worship: Rev. Marina Brown.

Other Activities

Monday 26 Guild Coffee Evening in Village Hall.

**Advance Notice** 

**Sunday 9 December** Congregational Lunch in Village Hall. **Sunday 16 December** at 6.30 pm Bereavement Service in

Fossoway Church.

### St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muirs, Kinross, KY 13 8AY

Mrs Sarah Oxnard Telephone: (01577) 864213 Mr Sandy Smith Telephone: (01577) 862536

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

#### November Services

**Sun** 4 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 11 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

Tue 13 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.

Sun 18 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 25** 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.

We are pleased to announce that the Rev David Mackenzie-Mills, currently Preceptor and Minor Canon at Canterbury Cathedral, will be our new Rector. We anticipate that David will take up his new post early in the new year; more information regarding this will be provided as and when it is available.

### Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

Jesus said, "I come among you as one who serves." **Church and Children's Sunday Club: Every Sunday** at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross. During each service there will be a time for ministry and

prayer for healing.

**Evening Service:** On the **second Sunday** of every month at 6.30pm. No formal format; lots of praise, worship and joy in the Lord. Everyone welcome, irrespective of faith or denomination.

### **Fossoway Parish Church**

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

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

Sunday Services at 9.45am

November

**Sun** 4 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 11 9.30am Remembrance Service in the Village Hall.

Rev Marina Brown.

**Sat** 18 9.45am Morning Worship. Rev Marina Brown.

Sun 25 9.45am Morning Worship. Rev Marina Brown.

Sunday 28 October Evening Concert, Cleish & Fossoway

Joint Choir. 7.30pm in Cleish Church, Tickets £5.

**Saturday 1 December** Church Bazaar in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall from 10am to 1pm.

Wrigglers Group (0-3 years), Junior Church, crèche and teens group every Sunday at 9.45am. All meet in church for family worship and then move to their own space after the 'Time to Talk'.

**Tots Music**: Friday mornings in hall, 9.30am Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm.

Delicious home baking and lots of chat.

**Yoga classes**: Mondays 7pm - 8.30pm **Joint Choir:** Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm.

**House group:** Contact Fred for details, 01577 840833.

### St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY138AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass TimesSaturday Vigil7.00pmSunday9.30am

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

### Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

### Obituary

**PEACOCK** – Madge, died peacefully on Sunday 14 October 2012 at Levenglen Nursing Home at the age of 102. Beloved wife of the late Harry, dear mother of Michael and Elaine and a dear grandmother and great grandmother, who will be sadly missed. Her funeral service was held at Dunfermline Crematorium on 22 October and then she will be reunited with her dear husband Harry in the Garden of Remembrance at Newcastle Crematorium.

The family would like to pass on their grateful thanks to all the doctors and carers and Levenglen Nursing Home, who took such good care of Madge in her last few months.

### **Acknowledgement**

**EASTON** – Isobel and Audrey would like to thank the nurses in PRI and the local helpers for all their help to Jimmy; thanks also to Stewart Funeral Directors and to all who sent sympathy cards and letters.

## Playgroups & Nurseries

### Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

### Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort Thursday & Friday 9.30am-11.15am

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

### PLACES NOW AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS!



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### **FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP**

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill



Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

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

### **LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS**

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15
Contact Laura Reilly 07779 208919, kinross43@yahoo.co.uk
All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with
children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger
sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

### **FOSSOWAY TODDLERS**

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.15am

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 9.30am - 11am Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am - 12noon

Contact Alaina Dewar (Play leader) 07749 539940 Website: http://portmoakunderfives.wordpress.com

### **SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP**

21 -23 Swansacre

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association
Aka Swansacre Playgroup
Registered Scottish Charity Number SCO17748

Tel: 01577 862071, Mobile: 07592 392235

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

### Playgroup sessions

Tues to Fri 9.15am-11.45am; Mon 12.45pm-3.15pm Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome

#### Inbetweeners sessions

Mon 9.05am-11.20am; Tues & Fri 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club before/after
Children from the age of 3 yrs welcome

### Rising Fives session

Wed 1.00pm-3.15pm

with Lunch Club beforehand

This is complementary to preschool Nursery

For availability or more information, please contact Kim 07504 445949, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com, or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

### 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

Playgroup on 07592 392235

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. For more information, please contact **Michelle 07894 305272** or the **Playgroup.** 

### **LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB**

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross Thursdays 10.00 to 11.30 (term time only)

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/carer. Activities include painting, craft, dressing up, stories and singing as well as a variety of toys. A snack is provided. Younger siblings also welcome.

Contact Victoria Jackson on 01577 865617 for further details,

or email victoriajackson1@hotmail.co.uk

### **GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children

Coffee/tea & biscuits for carer

Lots of toys

Friendly support for all carers

First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Lucie on 07810 201935 or just come along!

### **Notices**



### **Life Drawing Classes**

with tutor Simon Reekie

at Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

Wednesdays 7pm-9pm

Cost per course: Adults: £49 Pupils: £34.50
Course dates: 31 October to 5 December 2012
16 January to 20 February 2013

All abilities welcome. Easels and basic materials provided.

**To book**: Call 01738 475000 for debit/credit payments or send cheques payable to Perth & Kinross Council with your contact details (tel, postal address and email) to: Arts Development, Black friars, North Port, Perth, PH1 5LU.

A discount may be available on written application. Enquiries: 01738 475000 enquiries@pkc.gov.uk

### **Orwell District Guides and Scouts**

are holding a

### Halloween Family Fancy Dress Party

at the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort Friday 26 October

7pm - 10pm

Adults £3 Children £2

Tickets can be bought at the units or just pay at the door **Sorry, no unaccompanied children** 

### Orwell Guide and Scout Open Day

Saturday 27 October 2-4pm and 6-8 pm ON DISPLAY WILL BE

paperwork from the original fundraising for the hall in 1935 and photographs and memorabilia supplied by past and present leaders. See if you recognise anyone. Take a trip down memory lane. £2 entry for the hall fund.

Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort

### Make a Difference Day Family Fun Day

10am – 2pm

### Saturday 27 October

Try a range of activities for all ages.

Support and be involved in your community.

Have fun and find out what kind of things organisations and their volunteers do to make a difference to communities locally, nationally and globally.

### Inspiration Activities Information Refreshments

Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross Further info: T Ramsay 01577 867124, TRamsay@pkc.gov.uk

### The Thursday Group

### 1 November

Jewellers at your service

A fun talk by Mr & Mrs Winski

This is a women's group which meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Lower Hall of the Church Centre at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact 863421.

### Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

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

Monday 29 October, 4pm to 8pm Tuesday 30 October, 4pm to 8pm

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

### **British Summer Time ends**

on **Sunday 28 October** at 2am **Clocks go back one hour** 

### The Combined Choir of Cleish and Fossoway Churches and Friends

**ANNUAL CONCERT** 



Schubert 'Mass in G'

**Sunday 28 October**, 7.30 pm in Cleish Church

Tickets £5.00

(Available from choir members or at the door)

### Orwell Old Folks Association OUIZ NIGHT

Thistle Hotel, Milnathort **Thursday 1 November** at 7.30pm

£20 for team of 4 or come along and make up a team.

We look forward to seeing you at this fun evening.

Flower quiz winners Nan and Lorna Douglas Answers can be seen in Post Office, Milnathort

### **Orwell Book Club**

We are a small friendly group who meet to discuss the book of the month (supplied by the library), other books that we have found interesting and lots more besides.

We meet at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month, with the next meeting being held on **6 November**.

If you are interested in joining us, please call Chris on 01577 864053, to find out more about the club and the venue for the meeting.

### Music in Dollar

www.musicindollar.org.uk

Concerts are held in the Gibson Hall at Dollar Academy, starting at 7.30pm. Concerts usually last two hours. There is an interval with refreshments available. Tickets on the door £8 for adults, accompanied children free.

10 Nov Andrea Gajic and Anna Rastopchina (violin and piano)

19 Jan 'Northern Lights Wind Quintet'

23 Feb 'Stelle' (four singers plus accompanist)

23 Mar Beinn Artair Piano Trio (piano, violin, cello)

### Kinross-shire Historical Society

Meetings are held at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross at 7.30pm. Membership entitles free entry to all talks. Membership fees: Adults £6, 60yrs and over £5, Under 18s free. Visitors £2 per talk.

### Remaining Programme for 2012 - 2013

- 19 Nov Archaeological Exploration at St Serf's Island Loch Leven: The Culdee Project investigating Medieval Monasteries. Dr Oliver O'Grady.
- **10 Dec The Braes of Benarty:** The History of Benarty Hill. Prof David Munro MBE.
- **14 Jan Admiral Cochrane:** The Story of Scotland's Nelson. Cllr Joseph Giacopazzi.
- **18 Feb Kinross Now and Then:** A Comparison of Kinross of Today and Yesteryear. Jim Paterson.
- **18 Mar Around Loch Leven:** A photographic look around Loch Leven, its scenery, history and tales. Willie Shand.

### Royal Geographical Society Talk

Perth Concert Hall

Ian Mitchell, author: *Up the Rocky Mountain Spine* 7.30pm on **Tuesday 6 November** £8 adults. Students, U18s and RSGS members free. www.rsgs.org

### Portmoak Ladies Night

Portmoak Hall **Friday 9 November** 7.30pm – 10pm

Come along and bring your friends for an evening of pampering and Christmas shopping!

Relax with a glass of wine while you visit a variety of stalls. Book your slot to have your nails painted or indulge in an Indian Head Massage with the Zen Zone.

Tickets £3.50 from Kinnesswood shop/the school or on the night. (includes a glass of mulled wine/soft drink and a mince pie)

All in aid of Portmoak Primary School Charity no:SCO43035 Over 18's only

### Kinross Parish Church Craft Group

come along to our

### **CHRISTMAS, CRAFTS AND COFFEE**

Saturday 17 November

Kinross Church Centre, High Street From 10am until 12 noon

Handmade goods • gifts • stocking fillers • jewellery Christmas tree decorations • chocolate tombola Traidcraft • guess Winnie's birthday • refreshmemts Home baking and more

Hope to see you there.

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland Charity No. SC 012555



### \* CHRISTMAS BAZAAR \*

### **SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER**

Our big day is now fast approaching and both venues - the Church itself at the west end of Dollar, and the Castle Campbell Hotel in the main street - will have much to tempt Christmas shoppers from 10am on Saturday 10 November till 4pm. As well as gifts galore and competitions – Guess the Weight of the Cake, Name the Teddy etc – young children can visit Santa Claus and have their faces painted in the Parish Rooms adjacent to the Church.

On Sunday 11 November, the Church will revert to being a place of worship on Armistice Day (come and join us for the Service at 9.45am and walk with us to the Memorial Garden to celebrate and remember those who lost their lives in war) while the Campbell Room in the Castle Campbell Hotel will continue to be open, showing lots of nice original gifts – embroidery, paintings, crafts etc and as a bonus, on both days of the weekend, a snack lunch can be had for £2.50.

A date for your diary – we look forward to welcoming you.

### Orwell Bowling Club BINGO TEA

Wednesday 14 November at 7.30pm Entry £1 including refreshments Bring your own cup please

### Former Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Scouts from Milnathort

### Sponsored Walk on Sunday 18 November

Our Guide and Scout Hall is in need of upgrading. We are trying to get former Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Scouts to come together for a sponsored walk from Kirkgate, Kinross to the end of Loch Leven trail. The walk is 7½ miles and we hope to get 75 former guides and scouts to do the walk with the present guides and scouts.

Log into Facebook – key in former rainbows brownies guides and scouts from Milnathort. You will get all the information on what is going on with our fundraising efforts, or call Alison 01577 864262 for a sponsor sheet.

### Town Twinning Association Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 20 November

7.30pm St Paul's Church Hall

#### Cantamus

Concert in Kinross Parish Church on **Sunday 25 November** at 2.30pm (part of Kinross-shire Music Festival) Music from the shows and operetta by Cantamus No tickets required – retiring offering for Guild charities

### Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade St Andrews Day Coffee Morning

Church Centre, High Street, Kinross
Saturday 1 December

10am to 12 noon Entry: £1.50 Stalls include: Raffle, Cake and Candy, Bottle Stall

### Light Up Kinross SWITCH ON CEREMONY

Monday 3 December

Parade from the Church Centre at 6.45pm Switch on at the County Buildings at 7pm Come along and see Santa, Fireworks and more Bring your loose change – Collection tins will be circulated – Please give generously

### Give A Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings) Mob: 07826244765 (daytime) email us on femiejimmyf@aol.com





Contact us to arrange a time to come along to pick your hound to take home



### **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

### 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, Charles Wilson@pkc.gov.uk

### PKAVS Carers Services Drop In Session for Carers

Do you look after someone, or know someone that looks after a loved one, who would not be able to get by without their help? If so, the Perth & Kinross Carers Centre are now running Drop In Sessions for carers to pop in and have a chat with our Carers' Link Worker about any needs or issues they require information and advice on.

### Every second Monday of the month between 10am and 11am at the Loch Leven Medical Centre, Kinross.

No appointment is necessary. If you would like to meet outwith these times, please contact Kerry Donaghy on 01738 567076 or kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk

### Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open:

Thursdays, 10am – 8pm and Saturdays, 10am – 3pm. Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

### Girls 10 - 14: Kinross Guides

Places are available on both Monday and Tuesday evenings. Thinking of joining? Come along and give us a try. We meet in Millbridge Hall from 7.30pm to 9pm on both nights. A variety of activities/outings are planned from now until December.

Interested? Please contact mbs21@btinternet.com or 862945 (Margaret).



Loch Leven Community Campus The Muirs, Kinross KY13 8FQ www.pkc.gov.uk

### Community Learning & Development Adult Learning

Free local and friendly support with -

### **Basic Computer Tuition**

In small groups at a pace to suit the individual. No prior knowledge of computing is necessary.

- Get to know the computer
- Using Word for basic documents
- Introduction to the Internet
- Using E-mail

### **English as a Second Language**

Would you like to improve your ability to -

- · Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

### **Adult Literacy & Numeracy**

Reading Writing Spelling Numbers

"I can enjoy books now"

"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

"I passed my driving test"

### **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

If you would like further information regarding any of the tuition, please contact:

Roseanne Gray, Adult Learning Worker

Loch Leven Community Campus
Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867216 / 867177

### **Local Correspondent**

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers **Linda Freeman** 

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman\_64@btinternet.com



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Community Learning & Development Adult & Family Learning Team

### **Technology Drop-in**

Confused by your Computer? Intrigued by the Internet? Errors in your Email? Flummoxed by your Phone?



The Community Learning & Development IT Tutor holds drop-in sessions to help with any basic technology questions you may have. Sessions are on **the second Friday of every month** from **2pm to 4pm** in the ICT room within the library at Loch Leven Community Campus.

No need to book, just drop-in!

If you need further information, please telephone

01577 867177 or email sfowler@pkc.gov.uk

#### **Perth Samaritans**

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

**phone** on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us io@samaritans.org

or visit us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays 1630 – 2130 Thursdays 1630 – 1900 Wednesdays 0830 – 1100 Fridays 1000 – 1630 and 1930 – 2130 Sundays 0800 – 2130

> No pressure, no names, no judgment. We're here for you, anytime.

### **Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre**

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it.

We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our website www.careconfidential.com

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP www.careconfidential.com email:hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com
Helpline 01738 621174
We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

### Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

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

No appointment needed. No charge. Totally confidential. Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing. Call 07531 435715 for further information.

www.healingrooms-scotland.com

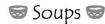
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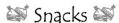


Every Friday 11am - 2pm @ The Millbridge Hall For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring 07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is

FREE!











All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need

### Monthly Reiki Share Group Second Tuesday of the Month, 7pm – 9pm

Venue: Green Hotel, Kinross (Gairney Room). To enrol, email Susan King: sking77409@aol.com or telephone 01577 865533

### Mindspace Counselling Service

### YOUNG PEOPLES COUNSELLING SERVICE 11-25 YEAR OLDS



Mindspace Counselling Services offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11-25 at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sometimes we all have problems that worry us and it's not always easy to talk to someone close to us. A counsellor is someone you can talk to in a different way, someone who will listen to you very carefully, who will not judge you or tell you what to do.

We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: Feeling depressed/anxious; Making friends/keeping friends; Chaos at home; Feeling angry and don't know why; Bullying, Having a tough time; Parents splitting up; Death of someone special; Confused feelings about who I am; Wanting to hurt myself or others.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.



# filmhouse

big screen movies in october

Breaking Dawn part 1 Oct 27th Monsters V's Aliens Oct 28th



Breaking Dawn (12A) **OVER 18's ONLY** 8pm, doors open 7.15pm (BYOB)

Monsters V's Aliens (PG) **FAMILY MOVIE\*** 3pm, doors open 2.30pm

Tickets available on the door and in advance through our Facebook page. Adult £5 (OAP & Student concession £3), \*Child £3, \*Family £15 (2ad, 2 Ch) Tuck shop available

### Milnathort Town Hall



### 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

### 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.

### **Grants and Funding Websites**

www.pkgrantsdirect.com www.scottishcf.org

### **Community Councils**

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945

KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,

CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.govuk

Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616

MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway & District Secy: Kevin Borthwick (01577) 840845,

fossoway.cc@gmail

Portmoak: Secy: Mr J Bird (01592) 840368,

Portmoak Community Council@pkc.govuk

### Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: Michael@mabarnacle.freeserve.co.uk

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY 13 0UZ

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)

Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY 13 8RZ

**Councillor Joe Giacopazi** (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025. Email: councillojjoegiacopazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk 85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

### 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 concems you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK 10 1JF.

### Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY 13 8FQ Telephone: 01577 867205

Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkcgov.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: fccoffice@btinternet.com

### Mobile Library

Week 1: Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort every second Wednesday. Next visit: 14 November

Week 2: Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlomond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Hatchbank and Carnbo every second Tuesday. Next visit: 6 November
 Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949

### **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	07872499145
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	07824313974

### 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.padiament.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

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Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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Perth & Kinross Council	www.pkc.gov.uk
<b>Customer Service Centre</b>	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	Tel: 0800 232323
road and lighting defects)	

### 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 every Thursday afternoon 2.15 - 2.45 pm

**Bookbug Rhymetimes** 

every Saturday 10.30 - 11 am 2.00 - 2.30 pm

**Bookbug Library Challenge**: For children aged 0 to 4: On each visit to the library, children are given a sticker. After collecting four stickers, they are awarded a certificate.

### Kinross-shire Day Centre

Table Tennis • Videos • Cards • Dominoes • Carpet bowls Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

### **Weekly Programme**

Exercise Class	11 am	Elderberries	1.30 pm
Relaxation Class	1.15 pm	Bingo	1.45 pm
Morning Service Dominoes	10.45 am 1.30 pm	Quiz Afternoon Scrabble	1.30 pm 1.30 pm
Film Afternoon	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm
Scrabble	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm
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### Additional Events for November

Concert and Dance Friday 16th 1.30 pm

Kinross Community Care Drop in

Advice & Information Friday 30th 11am - 12pm

Christmas shopping trips to be arranged.

**Please note:** The activities that take place in the Day Centre are open to anyone. Please feel free to come in and have a game of Scrabble or bingo, swing your hips in our exercise class or dance the afternoon away at the Tea Dance, you will receive a very warm welcome.



Coffee Bar open 9 am - 4 pm, Senior Citizens Lunches Daily Telephone: 01577 863869

### LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm & 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm Tel: 862219



Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda,

Dunfermline

### Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

### 13 & 27 November

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.

### **Newsletter Deadlines 2012**

Please note, deadlines are now on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website. In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: **www.kinrossnewsletter.org** 

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
December	Friday 16 November	Saturday 1 December
February	Friday 11 January	Saturday 26 January

### Perth & Kinross School Holidays, 2012-2013

Christmas Holiday Mon 24 Dec 2012 Fri 4 Jan 2013

Spring Holiday Fri 29 Mar 2013 Fri 12 April 2013

In-Service Days and Occasional Holidays:
Thu 15 and Fri 16 Nov 2012; Wed 20, Thu 21 and Fri 22 Feb 2013; Mon 15 Apr 2013; Mon 6 May 2013 (May Day, tbc).
The Academic Year ends on Thu 27 June 2013.

### **Blythswood Care**

Sainsbury's Car Park (if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesday 20 November between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

### 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

#### Large bundle of wood

Large bundle of wood ideal for anyone looking for wood for bonfire night

Seller details: Lorna Thompson 07506689077

#### Single Mattress £15.00 ono

Single mattress only used a couple of times on my daughter's trundle bed.

01577861386 Seller details: Lynn Smith

lvnnhsmith 193@ hotmail.com

8x5 aluminium greenhouse with auto ventilation and potting benches. New owner must dismantle. Donation will be made to

01577864625 Seller details: Robert Thomson

thomson679@btinternet.com

Purple Handbag £1000

Used a couple of times, in fantastic condition.

07760623364 Seller details: Angela Duguid

angeladuguid28@googlemail.com

Brand new Layla armchair £299.99

Layla modern armchair with stylish chrome legs. High back chair. Length 102cm x depth 94cm x height 98cm. Selling as have no room for it, never been used, and only 2 weeks old. Costs £399.99 new. Buyer must collect.

Seller details: Fiona 07500709546

fmr\_piper@ hotmail.com

Lightweight Card Tables £5.00

Free to Youth Club or Charity

Seller Details: 01577864328

### The following items for sale are not on the kinross.cc website:

Sturdy outdoor wooden rabbit hutch

With detachable fully enclose run. Suitable for one rabbit or two.

#### Pair of DVD/CD players

For use in car or at home. Capable of being used individually or in tandem. Set includes 2 headrest mounts, power cables for use in car cigarette lighter and for mains, AV cables to connect to TV, 2 remote control units, 1 carrying bag. The only thing not included is headphones.

For both items contact John Myerscough, by email: Cranstackie@tiscali.co.uk

### THE KINROSS HUB - A CAFE FOR CARERS

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

5th November 2012 Enable Mobility & Christmas Card Making

3rd December 2012 Christmas Café & Santa

7th January 2013 Healthy Living
Talks on Exercise & Healthy Eating

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



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



### 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')

#### Office Junior (full time), Andersons LLP, Kinross

Required for busy Solicitors and Estate Agents. Position will include reception duties, mail, arranging appointments and general admin. Experience not required but a cheery disposition, keenness to learn and friendly telephone manner essential. Applications to C C Watson, Partner, Andersons LLP, 40 High Street, Kinross KY 13 8AN (01577 862405), or email to mail@andersons-kinross.co.uk

#### Voluntary Board Members (part time), PKAVS, Perth

PKAVS (charity) is looking to strengthen its board of trustees and directors to provide strategic leadership and governance of the organisation as it moves through the next stage of its development. Contact lornaower@pkavs.org.uk for details and application pack.

### Temporary Artist (part time), Tayside Healthcare Arts Trust, Cornhill Macmillan Centre, Perth

4 hours per week for 45 weeks over one year, starting January 2013. Rate of pay: £25 per hour based on 4 hrs per week. Artists should provide detailed career history including experience and statement outlining their approach and examples of their work if

For full details and to apply contact Karine Neill, tel 01382 423065. Email to kneill@nhs.net

#### Carer required for special needs teenage boy, Milnathort area

Carer required for happy special needs teenage boy. Hours and activities to suit.

For details contact Jag Rose 07711794896.

### Cleaner, Milnathort area

Cleaner required for country house outside Milnathort so must be able to drive. Hours and pay to suit.

To apply contact Jaq Rose 07711794896.

### Part-time taxi driver, David Colliar

Clean driving licence essential. Must be over 25 years old and be prepared to work on occasional day contracts, evening and weekends. Hours are flexible.

To apply or for more information contact David Colliar on 01577 864037 or 07766 996655.



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!

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

(Bereavement Group) meets at the Health Centre, Kinross on the last Friday of the month, 2.30pm to 4pm A warm welcome awaits all For details phone Marg 01577 863557

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