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Letters



Editorial

Welcome to our December issue – one of our biggest ever. It's bursting with reports from many of the organisations in Kinross-shire and also contains quite a lot of news, which we hope you find interesting.

At a talk given recently to Fossoway Church Women's Group, I was asked why this newsletter is not called 'Kinross-shire Newsletter', as it covers the whole county. The answer, of course, is historical. The Newsletter started out in 1977 purely as a way of letting Kinross folk know what the Kinross Community Council was discussing at its meetings. How it has grown!

As always, we have included a guide to the variation in opening hours over the festive season for some local services (see page 111). The information from most organisations was firm at the time of going to press, but please note that David Sands (Kinross Post Office) is in the process of changing to the Co-operative, and this will be complete in December.

Here at the Newsletter we wish all our contributors, advertisers and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Note to Contributors

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

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CC: Community Council

CLlr: Councillor

CCllr: Community Councillor

Open letter from CC Chair on the Town Hall debate

After a difficult CC meeting on 7 November, I have taken time to reflect and have written this open letter.

Along with other notable buildings in town, the Town Hall has been allowed to deteriorate. In this, the cash-strapped Council must take the lion's share of the blame.

We all want the same objective: a viable long-term future for the centre of Kinross. Some were unhappy with the scale and impact of the proposed flatted development and to have these objections is perfectly reasonable and no cause for scorn.

On the Town Hall, the proposal has changed since the bid was won in 2010 and many in the community are disappointed that these changes have not been "tested" in any way by the Council other than through planning regulations. Some would go as far as to say that the bid should be re-evaluated. These "procedural" objections are genuinely held beliefs and perfectly reasonable objections to have.

The recent planning committee debate was cast in the narrow framework of planning rules because that is the only permitted way to join the debate at the planning committee. Whilst the developer's proposals were couched to meet these criteria, the importance of this site and the way it is being disposed of is of legitimate concern to the community.

The common objective that we all have is a viable future for the High Street and at its heart is the Town Hall site. It is essential that whoever takes over the building has enough resources to repair and develop it. The community would not be so concerned about the sustainability of a developer's project but for the fact that this site is so important to the town.

David West
Chair, Kinross CC

See also article on p 8 and News from Kinross CC, p 24.

Brilliant, Fantastic, Amazing, Spectacular, Fun!

Dear Kinross Newsletter,

We are just writing to say how much fun we had at the Kinross Music Festival. We attended performances such as Wooden Box and Sienna, both of which were brilliant! We also went to some workshops, which were fantastic – the pipe and drumming workshop and the Brazilian drumming workshop. It was amazing. The atmosphere was spectacular; people were clapping like their life depended on it for all the bands! The Kinross Has Got Talent Show was great fun and the Lady Gaga tribute was really entertaining!

Thank you everybody who made it happen!

Rachael and Derek Sneddon
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Hatchbank Planning; Councillor Giacomazzi versus the Objectors

I understand John Drummond's bewilderment that I did not speak up for the objectors, but my job is not to take sides; it is to take decisions; impartial ones. The Development Management committee is termed 'quasi judicial', that is, it sits like a court of law and decides cases on their merits because there are generally two opposing parties whose views have to be considered equally. We can no more go to a Committee with our minds made up in advance than can a judge in, say, a criminal trial. Surely Mr Drummond would not like to go to court only to find that the judge had made up his mind before hearing his evidence?

I listened to the evidence; Mr Drummond's objections convinced nobody. I know this because the Committee UNANIMOUSLY approved the application. Please note that Councillor Barnacle and I were equally unanimous, despite Mr Drummond's claims about the former being on side with the objectors.

The application to build two houses was recommended for approval by PKC planning officials because it was fully in accordance with the Area Local Plan and all other planning criteria. Infill sites like the one in question, or brownfield land such as former stackyards, will be granted permission.

The issue of phosphate emissions will be dealt with when a full planning application is lodged. The Committee received an assurance on this. Be in no doubt, any phosphate emissions from the eventual development **will** be mitigated. On the roads issue, the professional and impartial advice of Roads Department was that the traffic generated by two more houses could easily be accommodated with the existing road infrastructure.

If the Committee had rejected the application, the applicant would most certainly have gone to appeal to the Scottish Government and won.

Should any of the foregoing explanation be less than pellucid to Mr Drummond, he may approach me either personally or at the next Kinross Community Council meeting.

Councillor Joe Giacomazzi
38A New Road, Milnathort

The Milnathort Future Trust

12.11.12

In response to Gillian Galbraith's letter in last month's Newsletter, it might be worth clarifying the role of The Milnathort **Future** Trust.

The Milnathort Future Trust is a company limited by guarantee and set up last year. The company has been formed to benefit the community of Area 49, the Parish of Orwell. The company has the following objectives:

- To advance environmental protection and improvement by reducing the carbon footprint of Area 49, through participation in, or ownership of, the means of renewable electrical generation powered by wind.
- To prevent or relieve fuel poverty among the residents of Area 49.
- To advance environmental protection by enhancing flood protection within Area 49.
- To advance environmental protection through enhancing the energy efficiency of the housing stock in Area 49.

The income for the Trust depends on the successful planning application, construction and operation of three wind turbines, located approximately 3km north-west of Milnathort on Tillyrie Hill.

The Trust has applied for charitable status and is involved in discussions with OSCR on how to achieve this. Indeed we hope to have as many residents of Milnathort as members to help shape how our funds will be distributed in the future.

The initial directors of the Trust are all local people and are freely giving of their time. As directors of MFT, we are only in office until such time as the membership decide; such decision would be taken by a vote at an AGM. None of the directors have a financial interest in the Tillyrie application nor do we stand to make any financial gain in the future. We are simply local individuals with a desire to secure community benefit, in the event that the appropriate authorities approve the planning application for the three turbines at Tillyrie.

David Sands
Director, Milnathort Future Trust
2 Greenburnfield, New Road, Milnathort

Speaking up for wind power

I am certain that I am not alone and most probably part of the silent majority who support or don't mind wind turbines. I would like to point out some positives of medium-scale wind turbines.

People out and about in Kinross-shire will have noticed numerous small scale wind turbines sprouting up. (I have one too.) You will probably have also noticed on your electric bills a green energy tax. It is your green energy tax which is funding all those small turbines through generous "feed in tariffs". The medium scale turbines such as those proposed at Tillyrie may attract some funding but compared to the small turbines are negligible as their efficiency is so good that little subsidies are needed. One Tillyrie turbine is the equivalent to 50 small-scale turbines; a good use of money in times of austerity.

There have been negative comments made about the amount of money being gifted to the local community. I believe that this is generous compared to other sites in Scotland. Are those who oppose these developments going to raise £20-50K annually for Milnathort just as the Tillyrie development would? I don't think so! This is a generous offer from the Tillyrie cluster and should be considered seriously.

Tourism! Yes, tourism is a big factor in the Kinross area and we don't want to stop this, but if 20% say they won't visit an area with wind turbines then the damage has already been done. And is there an opportunity here for the area as there could be tours where visitors could go up to the site for a factual visit just like the hydro dams up the Tay etc. Also this means that there is still 80% who will visit. Is that the silent majority again?

I know that wind energy is not the whole solution to climate change and energy security but it is part of the bigger picture. Just remember we are in changing times and "just because it's aye been like that does not mean that it's aye tae be like that" and change can be good.

We just have to remember that the right development in the right place can enhance our area, but in the wrong place can be a disaster and each one has to be taken on its own merits and how it could benefit the local area as a whole. Tillyrie wind cluster is in a good windy position and does use the natural landscape for screening to minimise any visual impact.

Name and address supplied



News & Articles

Light Up Kinross

The switch on ceremony will take place on **Monday 3 December**.

The procession will leave from Kinross Church Centre around 6.45pm and the switch on takes place at the County Buildings at 7pm.



Come along and meet **Santa** and witness the **firework display**. The Rotary Club will be providing **mulled wine** (non-alcoholic) and cake or shortbread for a donation to Light Up Kinross, and Sainsbury's will be handing out **mincemeat pies**. **Chloë Webster** and the **Pipe Band** will be performing **festive music** and the lights will be switched on by **Hannah Clarke**, Olympic torch-bearer.

Light Up Kinross will be circulating with collection boxes during the evening. Please give generously - all contributions are appreciated and help with maintaining and erecting the lights.

Can we also take this opportunity to thank those traders who have contributed to our appeal this year and would add that any further donations can be collected by Moira Hookham (telephone 01577 861003).

Finally, thanks to all those who were involved in the bag-packing at Sainsbury's on behalf of Light Up Kinross on Saturday 20 October: Sainsbury's and their staff, young farmers and the members of the public who contributed so generously. The princely sum of £426.00 was raised.

Messy Nativity Sheep Trail

Advent Activity

Three of the churches in Kinross are putting on a Messy Nativity Sheep Trail around the town during Advent, 1-22 December. The trail is for children who, with their families, can search the shops for knitted sheep which will be strategically placed in twelve participating stores. Each time they find a sheep they write its name on a trail leaflet. Each leaflet will include the trail, the Christmas story and a picture that can be coloured in of the birth of Jesus. The children may put their completed form into a draw to win one of the sheep that they have found. Trail leaflets will be available from St Paul's, Kinross Christian Fellowship, Kinross Parish Church and also at some of the shops. However, if you are unable to find a Trail Leaflet, please phone 01577 8663894 for a copy. Completed leaflets for the draw should be posted through the letterbox at St Paul's Church which is on the side of the wall at the Hall, or in the draw box in The Church Centre or given in at the other churches on a Sunday morning. All leaflets for the draw must be submitted by midday on the 23 December, as the draw will take place that afternoon.



Update on local issues by Councillor Willie Robertson

Local Development Plan

A report came before the Council's Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 7 November dealing with the Council's handling of the Local Development Plan (LDP) process. It was agreed at the meeting that there had been problems with the electronic feedback of comments. This was put down to problems with the operating system. However it was felt that all those who wished to comment on the draft LDP were eventually able to do so. There were a total of 1526 representations to the consultation on the LDP.

The Council are keen to submit the LDP, which was published in January, without any amendments to the Scottish government.

However a Special Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 January 2013 to discuss the LDP and the submissions which had been made by members of the public to it. I have been assured that there will be an opportunity at this meeting to make changes to the plan and I will do my best to use that opportunity. I think it is important that the plan which is finally agreed by the Council accurately reflects the views of the people of Kinross-shire.

Springfield Road

There is an ongoing problem with traffic building up on Springfield Road, especially at its junction with Station Road.

At the same meeting mentioned above, it was agreed that £209,000 be allocated to construct a roundabout at the Station Road/Springfield junction. It is hoped that this will be carried out in the financial year 2013-14.

There has been a long-standing request for a roundabout here so I am delighted that the money has been found to build one. An added benefit will be that it will slow traffic coming into Kinross from the motorway, which has been another concern.

Proposed improvements to central Kinross

With the opening of the Kinross relief road, there is an opportunity to widen the pavement at the Salutation Hotel. I have written to the Roads department requesting that this work be done as soon as possible. They understand the pedestrian safety issues the pavements at this location pose, but say that the works will only take place once all the plans are in place and agreed. They hope to remove the pedestrian crossing and completely redesign the street in this location.

RSGS honour for Council officer

John McCrone, Regeneration Manager at PKC, was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society (RSGS) on 6 November.

Fellowship of the Society is awarded to individuals for their contribution to the field of geography and/or their contribution to the work of the RSGS. Mr McCrone played a significant role in helping with the society's relocation to Perth in 2009.

Kinross Town Centre

Feedback on the recent public exhibition and community consultation event

by Perth & Kinross Council

The recent public exhibition and consultation event was well attended and Perth and Kinross Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend, view the exhibition, make comments and fill in questionnaires.

The comments and questionnaires have been collated. The overall response was very positive: the majority of people (71% of the people who filled in the questionnaires) supported the proposals for the High Street and 81% of the people who filled in the questionnaires were in favour of the potential investment in historic buildings.

There were numerous comments and the proposals will be developed taking all of these into consideration. We have now included the wish for a clear priority for drivers at the proposed section of single lane carriageway at the Salutation Hotel as well as the associated traffic management measures at Swansacre. These were some of the strongest comments together with a wish to see more parking in the town centre. This is also being considered by the Council.

At the second consultation in the New Year we will show the proposals further worked up as well as the information on the comments from the first consultation and how we have incorporated these into the proposals. If you are interested please do attend, as this will be your opportunity to comment.

Background

The proposals aim to improve the appearance of the High Street to the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors alike. They include footway widening where possible and some traffic calming; with resurfacing of the footways and carriageway including some natural stone paving, setts and kerbs. It is also proposed to renew bus shelters, walls and railings; and to introduce more seating and street tree planting.

The aim is to make the town centre a more attractive place in which to live, work and visit, and to encourage visitors to stop and spend time in the town centre.

This project will be funded by Perth and Kinross Council.

There is also potential for grant-aided improvements of building facades within Kinross High Street. This would be funded through THI (Townscape Heritage Initiative from The Heritage Lottery) and CARS (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme from Historic Scotland). These would run broadly parallel with the improvements to the High Street; and the two projects would complement each other to the benefit of Kinross Town Centre.

Please also refer to www.pkc.gov.uk/kinrosshighstreet for further information.

Tillyrie wind turbines – planning application submitted

The planning application for three wind turbines and associated works at Tillyrie was received by PKC on 3 October and validated on 12 November. For more information, go to www.pkc.gov.uk and click on 'View/comment on a planning application' on the home page to get to the planning pages. The planning reference is 12/01765/FLL.



KINROSS-SHIRE PARTNERSHIP BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Wednesday 5 December 7.30am to 9am

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Kinross-shire Partnership will be hosting another Business Breakfasts at Loch Leven's Larder this winter. 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 cost of attending a Breakfast will be **£10** per person and will include a full Scottish Breakfast, 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 Breakfasts, please email Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator Sandra Ralston at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk, or telephone 07774 181768

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Town Hall plans rejected

A planning application involving Kinross Town Hall has been rejected by Perth & Kinross Council.

In the spring 'Town Hall Developments Ltd' applied to build a block of nine flats on land at the rear of the Town Hall. As part of the same application there was a request for a change of use for the Town Hall to retail and office use and an undertaking to make the Town Hall wind and watertight. The proposal also involved demolishing the billiard hall at the rear of the Carnegie Library to create more parking spaces for the new-build flats. There were no detailed plans, however, as to how the interior of the Town Hall and library buildings would be converted to office and retail use.

The director of Town Hall Developments Ltd is developer Simon Wilson, who owns the land at the rear of the hall.

In recent months the plans were modified to take into account some of the objections that had been raised. The overall height of the new-build block was reduced from three storeys to two and a half storeys, reducing the number of apartments to eight. Some of the windows in the original plan were removed or to be made opaque because of overlooking concerns.

When the application went before the Development Management Committee on 24 October, some members of the committee were concerned that the Town Hall might not be developed further than the 'wind and watertight' undertaking.

The developer's agent, Malcolm Smith, stated that his client could not proceed with plans for the internal refurbishment until potential tenants had been attracted, and this was unlikely to be successful without first improving the external appearance of the Town Hall complex.

Questioning of the developer's agent by Cllr Giacopazzi revealed that no costings had been carried out to determine how much the 'wind and watertight' repairs would be.

Cllr Barnacle felt the new-build block was overdevelopment, would adversely affect the setting of Listed Buildings and would not enhance the Conservation Area.

PKC planning officers had recommended granting planning permission and there was a motion to approve. However, a counter motion by Cllr Giacopazzi and seconded by Cllr Barnacle to reject the planning application was passed by one vote.

PKC decided to sell the Town Hall buildings to Simon Wilson after a bidding process in 2010. The sale is conditional upon a satisfactory planning application being submitted and granted.

See also Letters, p2 and News from Kinross CC, p 24.

Loch Leven NNR featured in BBC Autumnwatch

by Craig Nisbet, Reserve Officer

We tend to take for granted what is on our doorstep, particularly when we see it every day. Loch Leven National Nature Reserve has been afforded the highest levels of designation because of the huge numbers of wintering wildfowl and breeding ducks that use the loch throughout the year. The daily winter morning and evening spectacle of Pink-footed Geese flying over Kinross and around the local area certainly cannot be missed by locals or visitors.

But when the nation's favourite wildlife show turned up to film them in October, we were delighted by the prospect of seeing our wintering pink-feet on national TV. The BBC crew were shown around the reserve, and a couple of filming locations were selected on the evening of their arrival. On the following morning it came to Chris Packham and me to introduce the nation to the loch's star attraction – and they didn't disappoint! A rise of up to 10,000 geese from St Serf's Island was just what the crew were after.



The BBC Autumnwatch crew, with presenter Chris Packham (centre), at Loch Leven

As I spoke to the wildlife cameraman about being cautious and stealthy as he positioned himself in the morning, I didn't realise at the time that Mark Smith was in fact the same cameraman that had previously filmed snow leopards, polar bears, wolves and Adelie penguins for various BBC productions! Hats off to Mark, and well done to the pinkies for putting on a show even for seasoned professionals such as himself!

The film was broadcast as part of the BBC's Autumnwatch programme on Tuesday 30 October 2012.

See also Craig's regular column about the NNR on page 84

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New Year, New Skills at Kinross Learning Centre

Learning a new skill is one of the most common New Year's resolutions and Kinross Learning Centre's programme of taught classes starting in January could help you keep it!



Brand new courses in graphic design and photo-editing aimed at those with little or no experience will provide advice and guidance on image manipulation and incorporating text and graphics into creative publications whilst small business owners could get to grips with Sage accounting software prior to the financial year end!

As well as the ever popular art, computing and language courses running in the Swansacre centre, the impressive facilities offered by Loch Leven Community Campus will provide the venue for the Soft Furnishings, Upholstery, Sew SMART and Learn to Play Guitar courses.

To find out more, or to book your place for any of these courses, please contact Maureen Ross at the Learning Centre on 01577 863863 or by email pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk.

Computing

Welcome to Computing	Mon 14 Jan	7-9pm	8 weeks	£55
Welcome to Computing	Tue 15 Jan	2-4pm	8 weeks	£55
Carry on Computing	Tue 15 Jan	12-2pm	8 weeks	£55

Arts and Crafts

Painting with Acrylics	Mon 14 Jan	10-noon	10 weeks	£68
	Wed 16 Jan	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
The Art of Drawing Beginners 2	Thu 17 Jan	9.45-11.45am	10 weeks	£68
The Art of Drawing Intermediate	Wed 16 Jan	9.45-11.45am	10 weeks	£68
Watercolours Beginners	Thu 17 Jan	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Watercolours 4	Mon 14 Jan	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Sew SMART – Sewing, Mending, Altering, Recycling, Tailoring	Tue 15 Jan	7-9pm	10 weeks	£80
Soft Furnishings	Wed 16 Jan	7-9pm	10 weeks	£80
Upholstery	Wed 16 Jan	4.30-6.30pm	10 weeks	£80

Languages

Spanish Complete Beginners	Wed 16 Jan	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
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Intermediate French Conversation	Wed 16 Jan	10.15am - 12.15pm	10 weeks	£68
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Intermediate Italian Conversation	Thu 17 Jan	10am -12 noon	10 weeks	£68
Introduction to Russian Language, Literature and Culture ^{NEW}	Mon 17 Sep	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
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Genealogy	Thu 17 Jan	2-4pm	10 weeks	£68
History – Life in Ancient Greece ^{NEW}	Tue 15 Jan	2-4pm	10 weeks	£68

Remembrance Day

There was a very good attendance at the Remembrance Service at the Kinross war memorial on Sunday 11 November.

The Kinross and District Pipe Band led a procession of servicemen, ex-servicemen, youth groups and others from the Kinross Parish Church to the war memorial at the County Buildings. There was an ecumenical service and two minutes' silence.

Amongst those laying wreaths were Cllr Cuthbert on behalf of PKC and David West, Chair of Kinross CC. *There are more photographs in the photolibrary at www.kinross.cc*



The procession leaving the County Buildings

Kinross-shire servicemen in the Great War

The Kinross Community Council wondered if there might be interest in a project commemorating some of the servicemen of Kinross-shire killed in the First World War. The idea would involve the compilation of a relatively brief history of some of the names on our War Memorials, a history of the men involved, how they lived, perhaps how and when they died. The only criteria would be that the names were soldiers lost in the First World War and on the War Memorials located in the County of Kinross. There will be people out there in the community with knowledge of the history of some of our servicemen killed during the First World War and if there is any interest at all in this project, if you are interested in providing a history of someone from your family or someone you know about, could you please contact Campbell C Watson at 40 High Street, Kinross (01577 862405).

The intention would be to publish the histories in the Newsletter during 2014, the one hundredth anniversary of course of the opening of the War.

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Kinross curlers look to control their own destiny

Kinross Curling Trust members approved proposals on Sunday 4 November which aim to sustain curling in Kinross into the future. The curling rink at the Green Hotel is threatened by European legislation banning the refrigerant gas used to make the ice at the rink. Without action in the next two years, a long history of curling in the area could come to an end.

Some of the earliest records of curling, one of Scotland's most successful sports, show that the game has been played in Kinross for hundreds of years. In recent times many local curlers have gone on to represent Scotland and brought home medals, including Olympic Gold.

Trust members have now given the board the green light to negotiate a lease with the current owners of the facility, Montgomery Hotels, and re-launch the curling rink as a member-run facility. The Trust aims to make the rink fit for the next 25 years or more, including introducing high standards of energy efficiency, better facilities and a new ice floor to provide ice conditions as good as any in Scotland.

Trust Chairman Blair Melville welcomed the overwhelming support of Trust members for the plans. He said:

"The rink has undoubtedly suffered from under-investment for many years. The Trust will work to secure funding from as many sources as possible to achieve what local curlers want – a facility we can be proud of, and which will attract future generations into one of Scotland's true native sports. We would particularly urge Perth and Kinross Council to get behind us with financial support for a project which will deliver local jobs, health benefits and future sporting success."

Kinross Curling Trust was formed in 2008 to promote the creation of a National Curling Academy in Kinross. That project was abandoned in 2012 when sufficient funding could not be raised. The Trust is now focused on retaining curling in the Kinross area for the long-term.

The Kinross curling rink at the Green Hotel has around 1500 active curlers living within a 15-mile radius. Over 30 clubs use the rink.

News from the Health Centre



Christmas and New Year Closing

Over the Christmas and New Year period, The Heath Centre will be closed on the following dates:

Tuesday 25 December
Wednesday 26 December
Tuesday 1 January
Wednesday 2 January

On all other weekdays over the Christmas and New Year period we will be open as usual from 8am until 6pm. Out of Hours cover for evenings and weekends is provided by NHS24 and the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service. They will also be providing emergency cover on the Tuesdays and Wednesday when we are closed. They can be contacted on our usual emergency number, **01577 865252**. All calls will be recorded and we would ask patients to please only contact them with a medical emergency which cannot wait until we re-open. Thank you.

Repeat medication

We would also ask all patients to please make sure that they have sufficient medication to last over the Christmas and New Year period. If you are due to submit a request for repeat medication over Christmas and New Year, please ensure that this request is with us by **Monday 17 December**. We receive a greatly increased number of requests at this time of year and therefore need a bit of time to process them all. Repeat prescriptions may now be ordered on line. If you have not yet signed up for this service, you can do so on our website: www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk

Carers encouraged to attend café

Carers in Kinross and surrounding area are being encouraged to attend a special monthly event.

The Kinross Hub Café for Carers has been up and running for the last four months. It offers a relaxed social environment to support people in their caring role, helping them to feel socially included and to develop personal interests outwith their role as a carer.

As well as guest speakers, there have been sessions on complementary therapies, card making and glass painting. There are information stalls with details of local services, group and events, and there is time for a relaxing chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

The Café is open to people of all ages. Just drop-in to St Paul's Church Hall, Kinross, on the first Monday of every month between 10am and 12 noon. There is no need to book and there's plenty of parking and suitable access for wheelchairs.

For upcoming events and contact details, see the regular 'Kinross Hub – a Café for Carers' notice in the Notices section of the Newsletter.



Crook of Devon man is Woodland Trust's volunteer of the year

A former Forestry Commission employee who kept to his roots after retirement has been awarded the Woodland Trust's Acorn Award for the most inspiring volunteer, and the Watkins Memorial Medal for overall volunteer of the year for 2012.

JIM CHRISTIE from Crook of Devon has volunteered with Woodland Trust Scotland since 2003, taking on a wide range of tasks including working as a volunteer warden at Geordie's Wood and Glen Sherup in Glen Devon, giving public talks about the work of the Trust, and taking photographs.



Jim Christie with Sue Holden, Chief Executive of the Woodland Trust and Carol Evans, director of the Woodland Trust Scotland

Jim said: "When I retired, I was determined not to become a couch potato and I decided getting involved in charitable work was the best way to prevent this from happening. Fortuitously, it was at the same time as the Woodland Trust's Glen Devon site was being set up, just a couple of miles from where I live in one of my favourite walking areas."

He continued: "Over the years I've had the satisfaction of being involved with the project from the very beginning, and now there are 1.5 million native trees on what was previously a treeless hillside. I've also been able to further another of my interests by volunteering as a photographer, which in turn has led me to become a public speaker. I enjoy every aspect of what I do."

The Woodland Trust Scotland offers a full range of volunteering opportunities. Further information is available at: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/volunteering

Business to charity recycling

A new website developed by Perth College UHI and funded through PKC's Community Waste Fund aims to help businesses wanting to donate items for reuse to link up with charities.

The idea is to divert waste from landfill, help charities receive more donations and save firms money that would otherwise be spent on waste disposal costs.

See www.usetoreuse.org for more information.

Righting an ancient wrong

Memorial to 'witches' unveiled at Tullibole

A memorial to eleven innocent people executed for witchcraft 350 years ago has been erected in the grounds of Tullibole Castle, near Crook of Devon.

The castle was once the home of William Halliday who, with his son John and three others, presided over a court responsible for one of the worst cases of witchcraft persecution Scotland has ever seen. In 1662 the court sat five times. Those who survived the trials were taken to a small mound near the current village hall, strangled by the common hangman and their bodies thrown on a fire. Ten women and one man were killed in this way.



Journalist Lesley Riddoch and Lord Moncreiff examine the carvings on the memorial

There is nothing in the village to commemorate the eleven victims, so in 2003 Lord Moncreiff, current owner of Tullibole Castle, started to construct a garden artwork in their honour. It is a maze 100ft in diameter and consisting of 2000 beech trees as hedging.

Now a substantial sandstone pillar has been placed at the heart of the maze with the names of the victims etched on it alongside carvings of herbs and animals used to cure illness

at the time. The pillar was created by stonemason Duncan Strachan and carved by Gillian Forbes, a stone-carver from Path of Condie.

At a ceremony held on 25 October to unveil the memorial, Lord Moncreiff said: "I dislike public art that has nothing to say and commissioned Gillian because I believe she understands the sensitivity of the task. It is my hope that the memorial will also question our understanding of the past and issues of blame and judgement in modern day society."

He explained: "I do not and have never believed in witches. It is shocking what happened to these poor people – people who had done nothing wrong."

"One of the saddest things is that anyone found to be using folk healers was also sentenced to death – unless they gave evidence identifying a person. That was the only way to save their lives."

"I wanted to create a permanent tribute in the memory of those who died and something that will educate visitors to the castle about what exactly happened."

Campaigning journalist, commentator and broadcaster Lesley Riddoch helped Lord Moncreiff to unveil the memorial and congratulated him on bringing recognition to the injustice of this dark time in Scotland's history when superstition, gossip, jealousy and prejudice took the place of reason.

Lord Moncreiff thanked his family and friends for their support throughout the project and also thanked Kinross Museum for help with historical research.

The pentagonal shape of the pillar represents the five trials. The names etched on the memorial are: Agnes Murrie, Bessie Henderson, Isabella Rutherford, Robert Wilson, Bessie Neil, Margaret Lister, Agnes Brugh, Janet Brugh, Janet Paton of Crook of Devon, Janet Paton of Kilduff and Christian Grieve.

The maze is open to the public and can be accessed from the scheduled churchyard on the Gelvan Road ½ mile to the northwest of Tullibole Castle.

For more photos see the photolibrary at www.kinross.cc and www.facebook.com/The.Witches.Maze

Family history plea

The Newsletter has been contacted by a Dunfermline man who is hoping that readers might be able to help him with his family history research.

Marc Scott Kinleyside (formerly Duffin) has discovered that some of his ancestors lived and married in Kinross and are buried at the North cemetery.

Listed below is the information Marc has so far. Marc would be delighted to hear from anyone who can add to his family tree. He can be contacted by telephone on 01383 734780 or by email at: abomarc@hotmail.com

Family history so far:

Daniel Adam Duffin was born in Bo'Ness in 1882. On 30 May 1924 at 18 Sandport, Kinross he married Fanny Florence Warner, born circa 1896, birthplace unknown. Daniel died in 1960 and Fanny in 1962. They are buried in the North Cemetery, Kinross.

I have quite a lot of information regarding Daniel's parents and siblings but have very little about Fanny. I do know her parents were Harry and Harriet, ms Fox but that is all.

Daniel and Fanny had five children that I am currently aware of. These children are as follows:

Harriet Ann Duffin, born circa 1925 and died 1988 in Kelty.

John Duffin, born circa 1926.

Fanny Florence Warner Duffin, born circa 1931.

Annie Pollock Duffin, born circa 1935.

Daniel Adam Duffin born circa 1937.

Harriet married a John Wilson in 1950 in Cowdenbeath. They are also buried in the North Cemetery in the same grave as Harriet's parents.

Fanny married David James MacKinnon in 1958 in Kinross. Daniel had two sisters that also have connections with Kinross. Information I have as follows:

Rosina Duffin, born 1876 in Bo'Ness and died in 1937 at Hopefield, Kinross. She was married to Andrew Anderson, they married in 1898 in Saline. They had a son Ben, born 1909 at School Wynd, Kinross.

Mary Duffin, born 1884 in Dunfermline married James Anderson (Andrew's brother) in 1912 at The Manse, Kinross.

Are your old cine films and videotapes at risk?

In the sixties and seventies, cine film was the carrier to record your first step, that memorable family holiday, or that Christmas when granddad put on a funny hat and danced around the living room waving to the camera. You might have found the shoebox with those films when clearing out the loft and are wondering what is on those reels but haven't found the projector. Sound familiar? If so, don't delay any longer if you want to save your precious memories, says Michael Alfar of local digital media company, MalfMedia. Michael explains:

"Depending upon the conditions in which the film has been stored, cine film and videotape can deteriorate with age. The changing of the seasons, the warmth and the cold, can all have a huge effect on the film and its overall condition and deterioration, especially if they've been in a box in the attic or cellar for years. This is potentially disastrous to your home movies, cine film, videos and even TV and film archives if they are not stored correctly to protect them from mould and fungal infection."

Cinematographic film has a layer of gelatine on its surface. This emulsion layer is where the image is formed but also provides ideal food for fungi like *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium*. If the fungus forms a layer of mould on a film, it produces enzymes which allow it to use the film as food and to grow. The damage it can cause is irreversible as the mould 'eats' the image stored on the film's surface.

If you are thinking of having your film professionally transferred to DVD, then act now before it may be too late. Michael says:

"If you are unsure whether your films are affected by deterioration, bring them over and I will inspect your films and tapes, review their condition and check for fungi. I can act fast and make preparations to preserve your film and digitally transfer it to DVD or any other media format you require."

Michael can transfer any analogue tape (cine film, VHS, MiniDV, audiotape, vinyl and slides) to DVD or CD. For further information, call him on 07525000334 or have a look at the website, www.malfmedia.co.uk

Active classes for teens

Local 'Activity Energy' classes are proving very popular with local teenagers.

Pre-school and primary school children have enjoyed gymnastics classes for some time, but there was no gymnastics provision for older pupils. In August 2011 a new class was created for S1 to S6 pupils. Around 13 boys and girls attend regularly.

The S1-6 class takes place every Tuesday evening, 6pm-7pm. For further details contact the Loch Leven Community Campus reception on (01577) 867200.

Another class going from strength to strength is Teen Fitness. Students from 12 to 15 years of age can attend the gym at the community campus with Live Active Leisure staff on hand to set them challenges and keep them motivated week after week.



An active life for Graham

A local man has lost over 3½ stones in nine months after joining a Live Active Leisure class.



Graham Kilby at the gym

Graham Kilby was overweight and suffering from type 2 diabetes due to an inactive lifestyle and unhealthy eating when he attended the health centre for advice. His doctor suggested the GP referral class with Live Active Leisure and the results have been impressive.

Graham explained: "I started the class in February and attended twice a week. I was given a programme to follow which was monitored and adjusted as my fitness improved. I thoroughly enjoyed the 12-week programme and have now taken out a gym membership and attend the gym on a regular basis."

Graham started the programme weighing 18 stones and, in addition to the weight loss, has recently completed a 50-mile charity bike ride and is due to run a 5k race.

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Christmas card making sessions

Christmas card making workshops for kids will be held on **Saturdays 1 and 8 December**, 1.45pm- 2.45pm.

The festive craft sessions for children aged 3-11 and their families are completely free. Library staff will be on hand to help, and all materials will be provided.

Youngsters may like to make a greetings card for one of the library's housebound users. These cards will be delivered before Christmas as part of the WRVS 'Books on Wheels' programme.

Booking is not required for the sessions.

Puppet theatre brings Gingerbread Man show to Kinross

The renowned Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre will visit on **Saturday 15 December** to tell the tale of The Gingerbread Man.

Youngsters aged three to eight years old are being invited to the festive show, accompanied by their parents. The event will be held between 11am and 12 noon in the theatre at Loch Leven Community Campus, and promises to be fun for all the family. Tickets, priced at £3.50, or at a discounted cost of £12 for a family of four, are available from the library.

Angel artist book signing and talk

Local artist **Olwen Ballantyne** will give a talk on **Tuesday 18 December**, 7pm-8pm at the library. The book 'In the Arms of Angels' featuring Olwen's paintings was published recently. This is a free event and all are welcome.

Thriller writer visits Kinross

Paul Henke, action and thriller writer, will visit the library on **Thursday 31 January 2013** to talk about his latest book, 'Corruption'. Paul Henke always enthralled readers with books full of passion and adventure, and his talk will not disappoint.

The event will be held between 7pm and 8pm at the community campus, and promises to be interesting and captivating. Tickets, priced at £5, will be available from the library from Monday 17 December.

Book Club at Loch Leven Community Library

Bookworms are invited to attend a monthly book club at Loch Leven Community Library. The group is open to anyone.

Each month one book is read by the group and then an informal discussion is held, with refreshments provided. The books cover a wide range of genres from popular authors to more literary works. All tastes are catered for.

Dates of book club meetings over the next few months are: 14 December, 18 January and 22 February. Meetings are held between 10.30am and 11.30am.

If you would like to attend, or want more information, please telephone or email the library or drop in and speak to a member of staff.

E-book lending service underway

Library customers are now able to download e-books to read on tablets, smartphones, laptops and e-readers (but not Kindle). The service can be accessed from the libraries page on the PKC website.

Library card accolade for local boy

JAMIE SYME (5) of Kinross will see his very own design on new junior library cards after winning the under-5 category in an art competition run by the Council.

Budding young artists were asked to come up with imaginative designs for new Perth & Kinross children's library cards earlier this year. There were two categories: under-5s and Primary 1-7s.

With almost 300 entries it was a tough task for the judges, Liz Conacher from the Council's Arts Development team and local artist, Julian Jardine.

The winner of the P1-7 category was Joseph Ruddy, aged 9, from Aberfeldy.

Joseph came up with a colourful design of an owl reading a book, whilst Jamie came up with an all-action superhero theme.



Jamie Syme of Kinross with his winning library card design

The two lucky winners will see their artwork on the new junior library cards from Monday 12 November. The cards are sure to be snapped up quickly, so all children are invited to visit their local library whether they are already library members and would like a free replacement card, or if they wish to join up for the very first time.

Lifelong Learning Convenor, Councillor Bob Band, said: "Congratulations to Jamie and Joseph on their winning designs. I'd like to thank everyone who sent in a design for the competition. I know the judges had a difficult time picking the winners as the standard of entries was so high."

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Loch safety

As temperatures unfortunately seem to be plummeting below freezing recently, residents are reminded to keep themselves safe around Loch Leven and not to venture onto the loch if frozen.

Earlier on this year people were seen by local fishermen to be venturing onto the ice, which is obviously extremely dangerous.

Please do not let your dogs venture onto the ice on the Loch either, as if they fall through, people's lives would be put at risk during any attempts to rescue them.

Operation Ainslie

12 November to 24 December 2012

Historically the winter months bring with them increased crime linked to darker evenings and poorer weather. This relates to all crime types across the local policing area and what is apparent is the marked increase in the number of domestic housebreakings that occur at this time of year. Travelling criminals have regularly targeted properties close to the A9 main trunk route between Stirling and Inverness. The dual carriageway thereafter affords criminals a quick and easy escape route. This operation aims to target and disrupt such activities.

A team of officers including the Road Policing Unit will be using intelligence and technology to identify and stop suspect vehicles and officers will be out in numbers to deter and detect individuals who think they can come to Tayside to commit crime.

Inspector Iain Ward, senior officer for South Perthshire said: "We need the help of the community. Some of the best successes we have had are where the people who live and work in the area have called us about something suspicious. These people know what is out of place and unusual and we need their eyes and ears to help us by contacting us when they notice something."

He added: "Perth & Kinross, especially the rural areas, are some of the safest places to live in Scotland and we want to keep it that way."

Here is a reminder of some simple steps to protect your property:

- Ensure that you lock all windows and doors.
- Check that all garages and sheds are secure.

- Don't leave anything valuable (such as a bike) lying about in the garden.
- Keep a light on if you are going out – a timer is a good and inexpensive idea if you are going to be away for a few days.
- Check to make sure neighbours are OK, especially the vulnerable.
- Consider installing preventative measures such as outside lighting at your property.
- And of course if you see anything suspicious, report it immediately – don't leave it till later – call us on 0300 111 2222 or 999 in an emergency.

Appeals

1. Between Thursday 1 November and Monday 5 November 2012, a quantity of tools and car wheels were stolen from one of the lock up garages at Green Road, Kinross.
2. At about 1410 hours on Sunday 14 October 2012, a black Ford Focus parked within David Sands supermarket car park was vandalised by two males. The identity of the male witness who initially alerted the car owner at the time of the incident is sought to aid the investigation of this crime.

Anyone with any information with regard the above crimes should contact Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222 and leave any info for PC Heald 1047.

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 November Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 November were: CCllrs D West (Chair), D Colliar, C Watson, B Davies, I Jack, W Freeman, D Mackay, M Blyth and M Scott; Associate Member M Wood; P&K Cllrs Cuthbert, Robertson and Giacopazzi; two representatives of the Police (briefly) and approximately 25 members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr MacKay.

Police Report: Recent incidents include house-breaking and thefts. Some of these are still under investigation.

Neighbourhood Watch: The police are communicating with the co-ordinator in the Seaforth Drive area.

Tillyochie speeding: Cllr Cuthbert advised that a traffic survey is to be carried out before the end of November.

CC Members/Associate Members: Pending a response from PKC, it was agreed that this matter to be left until the next meeting.

Newsletter funding: Kinross AFC have requested funding of £750 to purchase tracksuits. Further applications are expected and it was decided that this matter be left until next month. A letters of gratitude was received from Kinross Squash Club.

Future of Kinross Buildings

Former High School site: The legal process is ongoing with missives nearing completion. However, a question on the title has been raised with the Keeper and a response is awaited.

Town Hall: The Chairman, at the request of last month's meeting, attended the planning meeting in Perth on behalf of the CC to argue against the proposed plans. The application for the flats and the proposals for the Town Hall were rejected. The second application for demolition of the snooker hall was agreed to enable the developer to take it to the next stage of seeking Historic Scotland's approval.

The purchaser and his representative were present at the CC meeting. A lengthy discussion was held with comments from the floor, the CC and Mr Wilson.

It was pointed out by Mr Wilson that he already owns an area of the land in question and has permission to build two houses on the site. He was disappointed at the objection to the flats as he had worked hard with the planners to meet their objections and changes had been made.

The CC's view was that there was not enough detail in the plans as to what was proposed for the Town Hall and was not convinced that the large block of flats was appropriate development. The CC is aware that the application includes change of use to Classes 1 (shops) and 2 (offices) but would welcome more information as to what was envisaged and detailed plans of the proposals.

It was commented that both the purchaser and the CC are working towards the same conclusion, i.e. to see a current eyesore converted into a building that can, once again, be the focal point for the town centre.

Mr Wilson added that water is getting into the building and this requires to be addressed now as, if left for any further length of time, added damage will be sustained and it may be necessary to demolish the building. His plans to make the property "wind and water tight" also include the upgrading of the exterior of the Town Hall. The exterior of the building has to be completed before work can begin internally and suitable candidates sourced to utilise the accommodation on offer.

The Chairman said that personally he is concerned that if planning permission is given for construction of the flats, the Town Hall building to be made "wind and water tight" and conditional work on the exterior completed, there is real danger that the project could not be completed.

Mr Wilson added that a further planning application would follow in the course of time, as following on the building being made "wind and water tight" consideration would be given as to how it can be utilised. Indeed, the works to make the building "wind and water tight" have to be completed before the apartments can be occupied. Mr Wilson added that the Council do not want there to be any community use for the building and the CC are aware that it is not viable for this purpose.

It was commented that the offer for the Town Hall was accepted over two years ago and it has taken until now for the planning applications to be lodged. Mr Wilson answered that it took nine months for the Council to conclude missives and that he had a six-month period in which to submit plans. He reiterated that you cannot identify tenants until the external works are complete and added that he was unwilling to expend thousands of pounds on reports, surveyors etc until he had concluded missives.

There was a discussion about the longstop date - the date after which either party to the sale can withdraw. The CC had been led to understand that this was 28 December, a date contested by Mr Wilson.

On the issue of the cost of restoring the building, Mr Wilson hotly contested the figures used in the rival Kinross Partnership bid, indicating the costs for professional fees in particular were excessive. However CC members argued that

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even with a much reduced figure it was hard to see the development happening if it was to be commercially viable. When asked, the Chair indicated that he personally thought that the building was at a point where demolition of part of it may be the best solution.

One of the concerns raised via the floor was the issue of changes to Mr Wilson's plans since he won the bid.

Comment was made of the Town Hall being an asset of Kinross Common Good Fund. It was noted that there is a deficit on this account. Mr Wilson stated that the Council paid a £122,000 account in 2005 (asbestos) and, as such, there would be no income into the Common Good Fund. This was contested by Cllr Robertson as not being an accurate reflection of how the costs and income was to attributed.

It was agreed at a suggestion by Cllr Roberson that the developer meet with CC members and representatives from the Councillors to see if a way forward could be found. CC members Wood, Freeman and Colliar are to attend. CCllr Colliar was asked to organise this informal meeting. It was suggested that the planners from PKC be invited and CC Colliar will attend to this.

A member of the public suggested that this should be a public meeting. It was decided that given the exploratory nature of the discussion this would not be the best way forward.

County Buildings: The Open Day proved reasonably successful, with some people indicating an interest in parts of the building, including the office accommodation. The majority, however, were looking for facilities for housing weekly groups and clubs. An approach has been made by the Police with a tentative note of interest. The CC does not want to commit to this as a project without giving it further consideration and receiving support from the community. CCllr West added that we should put out feelers for volunteers to assist with this proposal. Cllr Cuthbert suggested that the Chairman approach David Littlejohn in relation to a meeting to scope out the possible arrangements for the community to have the hall. PKC will eventually declare the property surplus to requirements and place it on the market for sale if the matter is not progressed quickly. CCllr West is to arrange meeting with PKC on ways forward.

Mill Street: A Council report declared the property as surplus to requirements. The car park proposal will be placed before committee early next year.

Empty shops: Funding has been identified to complete the works required to both shops and there are parties interested in the properties. The buildings will be advertised.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

12/01704/FLL Various sites on B9097, Kinross: Local widening to verges and amendment to traffic islands (for information only).

12/01861/FLL 12 Tallapark: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

Planning Applications Approved by PKC

12/01424/FLL Land at Chance Inn: Change of house types (modification of 09/01160/FLL to erect two dwelling houses).

12/01301/FLL Vane Farm Nature Centre: Erection of a wind turbine.

12/01376/FLL Croy Cottage, 5 Brewery Lane: Erection of a summerhouse (in retrospect).

12/01580/FLL Land south of Station Road: Subdivision of terraced block to provide two additional units (modification of consent 10/00967/FLL), plots 16 – 20.

12/01416/CON 3 Brewery Lane: Demolition of outbuilding.

12/01533/FLL Baltree Farm, Hatchbank: Erection of a stable block.

12/01561/FLL 42 Muirs: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/01611/FLL Land 250 metres north east of Baltree Farm, Hatchbank: Change of use from agricultural grazing to private equestrian use with stable block and back room (in retrospect) and formation of horse school/arena.

Local Development Plan

The Councillors reported there is to be a Council Meeting in January at which time a decision should be reached on whether to accept or amend the LDP. Before this the latest "concession" is for the ward Councillors to have meetings with planners on details in their area. Councillors across P&K will then have decide if they want changes. Following on this, should changes be made, a six-week consultation period will be put in place. CCllr West thanked the Councillors for their efforts in relation to this matter.

It was commented that the impetus from the Government is to get the plan through as quickly as possible. CCllr West pointed out that having sat on the LDP and representations since April there has been plenty of opportunity to progress this matter.

Cllr Robertson stated that the naming of the document as a "Main Issues Report" confused the public who were not aware that this was the draft plan.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Councillor Cuthbert reported as follows:

Lathro: Investigation of flooding at the path to the rear of Lathro is to be undertaken. CCllr Davies is to meet with a Council representative at the site on Monday.

Miller's Bar: The owner has been identified and, if money were available, would be willing to carry out works to tidy up this area. It was suggested that an approach be made to the Heritage Trust for a grant.

Town Centre Regeneration: A meeting was held on 2 Nov. A consultation with the local traders was advised and that this should be carried out individually in person.

Pavement at Salutation Hotel: A request was made for the proposed widening works to be brought forward. The response was that this would interfere with the planned programme and that the work was scheduled for 2014.

Roundabout: There is funding available for a roundabout at the end of Springfield Road at its junction with Station Road.

Relief road: A member of the public mentioned that the "No Through Road" sign was still in place at the top end of the Relief Road and it was added that new signage is still awaited. The Provost has been invited to formally open the Link Road and a date set for 22 November.

Councillor Giacomazzi reported as follows:

No waiting at campus: It is proposed to introduce "No Waiting at any Time" along the entrance and front of the building. CCllr Colliar answered that this was ridiculous. The siting of the car park was badly designed in that it is a lengthy walk to the front entrance. Some people are unable to walk this distance and this proposal means that, in effect, they will be unable to access the building. It was added that there are only three disabled spaces to the front of the building. CCllr Colliar suggested that there should be a restriction on parking only between the hours of 8.30am - 9.30am and 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Unadopted roads: Grants are available to bring roads up to adoptable standard. CCllr Mackay advised that this has been an ongoing saga in relation to the area in front of the garages

at Green Park. Cllr Robertson will follow this up.

Correspondence

Community Councils: In December 2011, the Scottish Government established a short-life working group to consider and recommend how best to build the resilience, capacity and capability of CCs in the future. The final report and recommendations appear on the Scottish Government website.

Public Liability Insurance Cover: Summary received from PKC.

Common Good Fund: Aberfeldy CC are looking for support from CCs in relation to their request for CC representation on Common Good Funds. Their reason for this is to encourage a more pro-active management of Common Good assets and buildings. It was agreed that we offer our support in relation to this proposal.

Kellieside: Communication from Mrs A James in relation to home composting at the new estate at Kellieside. The residents do not receive the brown bin service from the Council and it is proposed that an application be made to the Community Waste Fund. Mrs James is a volunteer with the Perth and Kinross Zero Waste project and is willing to submit the application. She enquired if the CC would support this project and assist with the application. Cllr West advised that the voluntary group were in contact with the Development Officer regarding this. The CC are unable to assist with the application, however are supportive of the proposal. Cllr Cuthbert added that there is a push for brown bins in countryside estates, however, currently there is full capacity.

CC Training: 1 December 2012 at North Inch Community Campus. Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006.

Community Payback Orders: A representative will attend our meeting in December.

Red Cross: Survey being carried out to discover what CC's think of community resilience.

TAYplan Strategic Development Plan: Following approval in June, the Development Plan Scheme has been revised and published. The CC received a copy.

Kinross business sites: Communication on proposal for business site near Montgomery Way. Comments are invited from the CC. We are to ask that the neighbours affected by this proposal should be notified now.

Keep Scotland Beautiful: Grant information available to reduce carbon footprint in the community and improve local facilities.

Other Business

Balado: A member of the public commented that the police are monitoring the traffic in this area.

World War I Anniversary: Suggestion made by Cllr Watson to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First World War in 2014. (See article on page 12.)

CCs and Council Meeting: A brief summary was given in relation to the recent meeting at the campus. A report is to be compiled on how to move forward. It is hoped that the Council can become Council-led rather than Officer-led and that the communication between the Council and CCs can be improved.

Hatchbank: Associate Member Wood commented on the speeding levels along the Hatchbank Road. Cllr Giacopazzi is to ask the Council to carry out a traffic survey of the hamlet at Hatchbank. A member of the public commented on the size of vehicles that are travelling along this road: horseboxes, farm traffic etc.

T in the Park: Cllr Giacopazzi was asked about the recent T in the Park meeting. Various points were raised, however a fair degree of satisfaction was expressed on the running of the event. There is to be a further meeting in January and Cllr Giacopazzi asked that any further comments be provided for that date.

Bus at Hatchbank: A member of the public advised that passengers for the southbound bus have to step out on to the road to see if the bus is approaching. The reason for this is that there is a mound of grass or earth in the way which requires to be cut or removed. It was suggested that they approach Andrew Warrington.

Bus shelter at Masonic Hall: It was queried whether this would be replaced once the pavement works have been carried out.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 5 December 2012 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for Wednesday 5 December

1. Apologies for absence. 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November. 3. Police Report. 4. Presentation on Community Payback Orders. 5. Matters arising from 7th November. 6. Co-option of Member/Associate Member. 7. Disbursement of Newsletter funds. 8. Future of Kinross buildings. 9. Planning Matters. 10. Reports from P&K Councillors. 11. Miscellaneous Correspondence. 12. Other competent business. 13. Date of next meeting.

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News from the November Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Thomson, Halford, Smith, Pettinger, Bennet and Milne Home to the meeting held on 8 November. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Barnacle and ten members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllrs Cuthbert, Giacomazzi and Robertson.

Police matters: A report was received from Tayside Police. Parking issues at Victoria Avenue / Old Perth Road / Back Loan junction are still being addressed.

Two drivers were warned by the police for speeding on Burleigh Road on 27 Oct 2012. Speeding had also been recorded on Perth Road between the 30 and 40 signs with buses being one of the worst offenders. The Police requested a note from the CC/Public of the worst times for speeding in the village. After some discussion it was agreed during the meeting that 8:30-9:30 and 15:30-17:30 are typically the worst times, particularly on New Road and South Street. A member of the public commented that more uniform presence in the village would greatly assist with reducing speeding.

The theft of bicycle from South Street under enquiry.

Operation Ainslie is taking place between 12 November and 24 December. (See Police Box, page 23.)

Minutes of previous meeting approved with one amendment. P&K Cllr Barnacle noted that the four Ward Councillors not the MOWG would be attending meetings on 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 plus Bus Services.

Minute Secretary: The position was still vacant. CCllr Pettinger to continue taking minutes.

Donaldson Park play area bark: Work still has to take place to remediate the water logged bark. It was noted that the weather had been particularly poor during October.

Planning Applications Submitted

12/01837/FLL A Renewal of consent (07/00531/FUL) Demolition of existing buildings, re-alignment of the access drive and the erection of four new dwelling houses with associated car parking, Shire-End House. It was noted that this was a renewal of consent and the application was already approved by PKC. The original application was approved subject to a bus stop. Although this location is not on a public bus route, the bus stop is required for school children. CCllr Thomson queried whether social housing was required. Cllr Barnacle thought that five new houses required social housing or where social housing was not practical due to the remote location then a developer contribution would be provided by the developer for the provision of social housing elsewhere.

12/01869/FLL Erection of two dwelling houses, Wester Loan Garage, 2-12 Wester Loan, Milnathort. There was much discussion about this application. The CC supported the principle of two new dwelling houses at this location as the current boarded site is an eyesore. Several concerns were raised by the public regarding the flood level proposed which was believed to be 300mm too low; the loss of parking spaces on Back Loan; the construction of the wall to an adjacent listed structure and the proposed colour of white rather than reds/greys which would be more in keeping with Back Loan. Concern was expressed by a member of the public that the development would create additional stormwater run off and increase local flooding. CCllr Pettinger suggested that the parking for the corner plot be to Wester Loan, rather than Back Loan which would provide a safer egress and avoid the loss of parking spaces. It was agreed that CCllr Cottingham would comment on the application that the CC supported the application in principle but had concerns about the matters raised above and could they please be considered as part of the determination.

Planning Applications Determined

12/01493/FLL Installation of a wind turbine, Temple Hill Wind Farm, Glenfarg. Although not in Milnathort CC, it is close to the community boundary and it was noted for information that this application had been refused.

Burleigh Castle Footpath: Cllr Bennet described how a number of locals had raised a concern with her regarding the condition of this community woodland footpath by Burleigh Castle. Due to two years of poor weather and use by ponies, the path is extremely churned up and there is a risk of walkers twisting an ankle. After much discussion it was agreed that it was unclear whether the path is on the list of Core Paths which PKC maintain and Cllr Barnacle agreed to investigate and report back. A member of the public suggested that a fund might be set up for the community to contribute to the maintenance of local paths where no current maintenance regime is in place.

Tillyrie Traffic: Cllr Hamilton read out a letter from a member of the public raising concern about speeding traffic in Tillyrie with a suggestion of speed control such as humps. Residents of Tillyrie were present and after discussion it was noted that most road users travelled through the hamlet within the speed limit. It was noted in the meeting however that PKC had been contacted earlier in the year about providing warning signs for ice as there have been four road accidents this year due to vehicles skidding on ice. Cllr Barnacle agreed to follow this up with Stuart D'All and report back at the next meeting.

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South Street crossing: Cllr Pettinger has written to Daryl McKeown regarding safety concerns with this new crossing.

Horse and cart in Donaldson Park: Cllr Pettinger visited the owner's property to report the complaints by local residents. It was noted since Cllr Pettinger's visit that the horse and cart has not used the park. A member of the public queried whether there was still a metal barrier to South Street and whether this could be put across the entrance to deter future access.

Local road issues: Cllr Hamilton read out a report from Stuart D'All of PKC with updates on local road issues:

Tillyrie: Offlets have been cut to improve drainage.

Stronachie: It was acknowledged that previous remedial works had failed and they are going to endeavour to roughen the road where the exposed binder has become polished so that it is safe through the winter with a view to surface dress the road / spray patch as appropriate early in Summer 2013. Unfortunately this work cannot be carried out at present as it is too cold.

Middleton corner: Some improvement work has been carried out with the remainder to be completed shortly.

New Matters and Correspondence

Volunteer Action Perthshire: This project encourages and supports people to be ready for winter and safe during bad weather particularly vulnerable people. Details as follows: Facebook:

www.facebook.com/WinterWatchPerthand Kinross

Twitter: @WinterWatch2012

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Bulb planting, Donaldson Park: Bulbs are available for planting in the single area designated to promote wildflowers at the top of the hill. Cllr Thomson offered to assist. If other members of the community would like to help, they are invited to contact the CC for more details.

Data protection: PKC had written to confirm renewal of the the CC's entry on the Data Protection Register. Cllr Hamilton to continue as Data Controller.

Milnathort Future Trust: Public meeting on 22 Nov at Orwell Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Perth & Kinross Councillor Comments

Major Roadworks in Nov: details given.

Wind energy workshop: Cllr Barnacle reported his attendance at a recent workshop. This made him very appreciative of the difficult job PKC have in assessing proposed wind developments as well as the cumulative effect of small turbines.

New development plan: Over 1500 representations have been received and a meeting is planned in January 2013 with Ward Councillors to review / approve the final draft. Cllr Barnacle noted that subject to the revised plan being accepted early next year, it is envisaged that the current Local Plan will be replaced early in 2014 but until then the Local Plan will remain in place.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 13 December 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 November Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 13 November were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), R Cairncross, T Smith, S Forde, B Calderwood and R Williamson; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson and six members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs J Bird and M Strang Steel and Ward Councillors J Giacopazzi and M Barnacle.

Previous minutes were approved following a correction to the report from Cllr Barnacle.

B920: The soft verges are still to be identified by reflective roadside poles, and warning signs still to be erected. Works orders for these have been issued by PKC Roads, and work will be completed this financial year. In addition, two pairs of signs at the north of Scotlandwell will warn drivers about pedestrians crossing the A911 to reach the car parks at the Church and Portmoak Hall.

Refreshing of the surface painted road signage on the A911 from Milnathort to Auchmuir Bridge is in hand with PKC Roads Dept. No indication as yet of a completion date.

Kinnesswood bus shelter: The asbestos roof has been replaced, and new interior roof woodwork has been painted. The new floor has been laid, and the external grouting will be done in 2013, as this requires warmer weather. The Chairman had spoken to Mr Moray Fraser of PKC to thank him for this excellent work.

Flooding: A legal solution to the long-standing problem of flooding on the road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond is now in hand with PKC on the initiative of Cllr Giacopazzi.

Stephen's Field: Representatives of the CC held a productive meeting with Mr John Stephen of A & J Stephen Ltd on 11 October to clarify various matters such as vehicular access, orphan ground, and responsibility for the maintenance of some areas. A letter outlining items to be clarified or resolved was sent to Mr Stephen, as agreed, on 18 October. Another meeting in early 2013 is anticipated. Meanwhile the CC is working to establish a management committee for the field, and sources of potential funding are being explored.

Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership: Mr Alex Page, Project Development Officer for the LLLP, together with Board Members Professor David Munro and Mr George Lawrie, were present by invitation and spoke about the LLLP and its objectives.

The LLLP is a landscape conservation and development project, working with landowners and an association of local agencies and organisations, including Benarty Community Forum Group, Centre for Stewardship at Falkland, Fife Council, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, Kinross Museum Trust, Lomond Hills Regional Park, Markinch Heritage Group, and TRACKS.

The Living Lomonds area includes the Lomond Hills Regional Park, Lochore Meadows Country Park, Loch Leven, and surrounding areas. The LLLP has received first round support from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop their project during 2012 under the Landscape Partnerships Grant Programme. A second round application will be made in March 2013, with a proposed three-year delivery phase from late 2013 to 2015.

The HLF Landscape Partnership scheme requires projects to address the following themes relating to the natural and cultural heritage in a specified landscape: Conserving and restoring; Increasing community participation; Access and learning; Training and skills.

A number of background studies have been completed, including archaeology, biodiversity, woodlands, historic landscape, intangible heritage, access, and audience development. These have helped to identify the priorities that the proposed projects are designed to address.

Examples of a number of proposed projects were given, subject to land owner/manager approval, with an emphasis on those planned for the Portmoak area:

- Portmoak Moss – surveys, management planning and follow up activities to conserve this important natural resource.
- Improving the management of access in the area, using self-closing gates, fencing, seasonal signage and involving land managers in the management of access in the area.
- Information centres and posts to direct visitors to key heritage features and interpret these in a variety of ways (e.g. leaflets, smart phone applications)
- Survey/audit of archaeological features using community volunteers guided by an experience archaeologist.
- Inspiring school children to connect with the 'literary landscape' through workshops drawing on the rich history of poetry and literature.
- Training apprenticeships in rural skills to help tackle unemployment and promote conservation/restoration of the local heritage.

During the current development phase, the membership of the LLLP is under review. Portmoak CC expressed the wish to be represented on the Partnership.

The Chairman thanked the LLLP representatives for their time, and for their excellent presentation.

The Lomond Country Inn is currently being offered for sale by Messrs Ballantynes of Perth.

Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill – Supporting CCs: Following the CC response to this on 24 September, the CC was represented at a meeting on 6 November, organised by PKC Democratic Services, to examine the roles and responsibilities of Community Councils, and to the views of CCs on the value of the government's Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill, which considers expanding the role of Community Councils. Portmoak felt that the meeting was useful, but the agenda had not been fully dealt with.

Content of Police reports: The Chairman had previously written to ask if information about solved crimes and road traffic accidents could be included in Police reports. No response to this request had been received.

Vegetation at golf course A911 boundary: There has been no response to the CC letter to the Golf Club on 20 September, to ask if they could clear this vegetation. Another request has been made.

Community Payback Orders: The CC had received basic information about this scheme from PKC asking if there would be any tasks available for people doing community service, and offering to give a presentation to the CC. The Chairman had asked for further information. A reminder had been sent, with the clearance of the gorse and vegetation along the A911 in mind, as above, but still no response. Cllr Cuthbert offered to pursue the matter.

Award signs: PKC is unable to provide a Britain in Bloom Silver Gilt award sign for Scotlandwell because of budget constraints, and a letter to the Royal Horticultural Society had produced nothing. This matter is however still in hand with PKC in connection with the replacement of Scotlandwell village name signs.

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. Cllr Robertson reported that this matter was proceeding satisfactorily.

Wall at foot of field on A911 at "Greenacres"

Kinnesswood: The Chairman had spoken to a member of the family who own the field, and the need to repair this wall had been noted by them. This is to be done.

Accidents on A911 at Wester Balgedie: Daryl McKeown of PKC Roads is arranging a site meeting with the CC and PKC representatives to discuss remedial measures such as signage and anti-skid surfaces.

Developer contribution for Scotlandwell trees: This money, or trees to the same value, for planting in Scotlandwell, should have been given to the CC three years ago. Thanks to various efforts to firstly trace this, and then to have it passed to the CC, Scotlandwell in Bloom have now heard from PKC, who are going to discuss tree types and locations with them.

Pedestrian access between Wester and Easter Balgedie:

The CC had written to both Cllr Robertson and TRACKS to support any future application for funding from Sustrans, as well as writing directly to Mr Brian Cargill at PKC to highlight this as an infrastructure shortfall. TRACKS are due to submit a second application to Sustrans in January 2013 for the funding of a sealed-surface path costing in the region of £80k, to be funded jointly by Sustrans and PKC. The CC will review this application before submission, and will also write to justify and support the PKC funding element of this vital piece of infrastructure. The CC thanked TRACKS for their assistance.

Failure to enforce landscaping conditions in planning consents:

Cllr Cairncross had previously prepared a report for Cllr Cuthbert concerning Portmoak planning consents where landscaping requirements had been ignored, and then not enforced by PKC. There was a general discussion, and it was concluded that PKC did not consider landscaping to be a priority matter. There are six planning consents requiring landscaping still outstanding within Portmoak, and it was agreed that the CC would monitor each for compliance, and would report any default to PKC planning.

Police report: There was no Police presence, but a report was submitted: No crimes solved since last meeting. Overnight on 15 October, a trailer valued at £1,800 was stolen from Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood. This is presently under enquiry. Regular speed checks continue on local arterial roads. In response to resident concern, speed checks were carried out between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on 1 November in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. No speeding was detected. The CC commented that 8am to 9am would be a better time to conduct a speed check, similarly 5pm to 6pm.

Operation Ainslie: This aims to detect housebreaking along the A9 between Stirling and Inverness.

Community Tasking and Co-ordination Groups: These aim to address neighbourhood issues. Six groups have been created, one of which is in Kinross.

Treasurer's report: Balance is £941.84.

Planning

The CC had considered the following two applications to PKC and had made no objection:

12/01704/FLL Widening of verges and amendment to traffic islands on B9097, to accommodate transport of wind turbine components to Westfield Wind Farm. Construction of new traffic island at B9097 / B920 junction.

12/01801/FLL "Iona" Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood: Modification of existing consent (12/01192/FLL) variation of condition 2, roughcasting of wall.

Objections were made to a further two applications:

12/01745/FLL Balneathill House, Easter Balgedie: Erection of a dwelling house (in principle) This is a renewed application. The original (12/00943/IPL) was withdrawn in July 2012.

12/01740/FLL Wellside Park, Scotlandwell: Modification of existing consent (08/01059/FLL) to sub-divide plot 11 to create two plots and to substitute a new house type on plots 9 and 10.

These four decisions were those of the entire CC.

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

Reports by Ward Councillors

Cllr Cuthbert reported that a recent community speed initiative had been successful at Fossoy. As a Portmoak resident had previously expressed an interest in this, the Chairman undertook to contact him again.

As Chairman of KLEO, Cllr Cuthbert also drew attention to the Kinross Music Festival (15 to 25 November).

Cllr Willie Robertson reported that the recent Local Development Plan would be considered by P&K Councillors in January 2013, with a view to making any amendments needed in view of the 1,500 representations made during the consultation process.

Cllr Robertson also suggested that Ward Councillors should be involved with the laying of wreaths at Kinross-shire War Memorials on Remembrance Sunday in 2013, and that War Memorials should be updated to record the names of those who had lost their lives in conflicts occurring after WW2. He would be progressing these two matters.

Other Business

HGVs using the A911: Heavy goods vehicles using the A911 through Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell have long been a problem, which has now been increased by the traffic calming measures in these villages.

The Chairman had been contacted by Elizabeth Smith MSP, who had also received complaints about this during her own work as an MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife.

Elizabeth had been in contact with Inspector Edward of Tayside Police, and there will be a discussion about this problem at the 11 December meeting of the CC, when Elizabeth and a representative of Tayside Police will be present. This will also be an opportunity to raise other traffic issues, as well as a chance to hear from Elizabeth and to raise other matters relevant to Portmoak with her.

Westfield Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund: The Chairman has written to Infinis Plc, the developers of the five-turbine wind farm presently under construction at Westfield, to ask that Portmoak CC be included in the team of local groups that will assist with the management of the Community Benefit Fund to be established by Infinis.

Congratulations: Portmoak CC would like to congratulate George and Margaret Brown, of Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 21 November.

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

Fossoway and District CC

News from the November Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 6 November were: CCllrs A Lavery, K Borthwick, R Paterson, S Anderson, A Cheape and T Duffy-Wigman; P&K Cllr M Barnacle and 13 members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllr S Morrison and P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi, D Cuthbert and W Robertson. There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: Community police officer (Sadie Allan) reports: The lack of 30mph signs at Naemoor Road junction: PKC have been contacted. Community Speed Watch: full report not yet published, but trial was very successful, permanent implementation being considered. Speed checks carried out by Police as requested by previous meetings have resulted in four offences being detected.

Crimes: Red diesel stolen in Blairingone; A lawn mower worth £500 was stolen from a house in Crook of Devon.

Cllr Barnacle reports that the A977 closure for resurfacing (w/c 12 Nov) will result in alternative transport plans using back roads, although these roads are not really suitable, also normal parking places for school runs will not be available. Could Police increase their presence during the works to ensure road safety? PC Allan will inform officers to check whether there are any problems.

Blairingone War Memorial: The application has been passed. Cllr Barnacle suggests that the CC writes to the developer asking when development will commence.

Crook of Devon Church car park: Planning approval has been received and handed to the church for action.

Signposting Core Paths and Rights of Way: Cllr Barnacle reports that letters to landowners should be sent out over the course of the next month.

Lambhill wood chip plant at Blairingone: Alastair reports that Calum Snowie has asked if he can give a presentation to this CC on 4 December (to be confirmed). The CC reminds the public to report any noise or traffic issues. Cllr Barnacle contacted the case and enforcement officers emphasising that the application is being submitted as two parts. No reply as yet.

Travellers' site at Crook Moss: The planning application was deferred at the meeting, however there are still things happening at the site. The CC officially complained about the flaws in the planner's report – this complaint is now being handled as a Phase 2 complaint. The CC's complaint was originally erroneously passed to the Planning Department, who actually replied admitting that there were errors in the report.

Sandy's complaint that the report lacked clarity has been replied to with some points accepted and others rejected: discussion continues. Once the complaint process has been concluded, this CC needs to decide what happens next: We want an apology from the planners for misleading the Planning Committee; also there is currently no way to correct errors in the Planner's Report, so perhaps a review process needs to be put in place.

Cllr Barnacle met the Planning Committee Convenor and Vice Convenor to discuss our complaint.

Entrance to the site has been reinforced because vehicles were sinking into the ground – the work was supervised by the Compliance Officer.

Ann-Marie Dewar of Scottish Water has investigated the capacity of Drum Sewage Works and confirms that it has limited capacity such that this site cannot be connected.

Sandy, Kevin and Cllr Barnacle will be meeting with Gordon Banks MP on 12 November.

Catering kiosk at Craigton Road, Powmill: The CC didn't object to this application, however the report for the planning permission asserted that there would not be a traffic problem. The permission only allows one year of operation (from the application date). The large sign originally erected at the site will have to be removed, since it would have needed planning permission, and will have to be replaced with a smaller (1.2m) sign. Although there is a reasonable amount of parking at the site there have still been instances of HGVs parking on the road.

Report by P&K Councillor Barnacle

Attended a seminar on wind energy. The local plan's coverage of wind farm applications will be revised. Ward Councillors are meeting Planning Officers in November to discuss various planning issues.

The path between Crook of Devon and the river is scheduled for improvement once deer rut is over.

Cambo post box will not be replaced due to insufficient number of houses in Cambo.

U213 passing places: two extra places will be installed at Council's expense rather than the applicant's due to the Highway Department's handling of the planning application.

Planning

12/01789/FLL Extension to dwelling house, Kennels Cottage, Solsgirth, Dollar: No CC comment.

12/01461/FLL Biomass boiler at Scripture Union, Rumbling Bridge: This application was overlooked by the CC and no objection was made, but received no objections anyway. A resident expressed concern about possible HGV traffic to supply the boiler's fuel.

Glendevon Energy hydro scheme (previously presented to this CC) is no longer being actively developed due to GS Brown withdrawing their support pending their own developments at Monarch Deer Farm. A possible alternative route for the pipeline using the old railway cutting may allow development to take place.

Correspondence: Full list was available.

Other Business

A977 road closure in Main Street, Crook of Devon from 12 November: some residents received letter about this, emailed PKC officers about traffic control on minor roads and school buses. Neither Muckhart CC nor Clacks Council has been informed, although diverted traffic will pass through their areas. Further this CC is not on the list of official notifications.

A977 will also be closed in Blairingone from 22 November to 7 December. [*Subsequently Postponed.*]

Councillor Barnacle confirmed that the repairs were due to damage to the road caused by LGVs.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

Welcome and apologies • Declarations of interest • Community Policing • Minute of last meeting • Matters arising • CC Business • Councillors' reports • Planning applications • Correspondence • AOCB

The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 4 December at 7.30pm in Fossoway School, Crook of Devon. All welcome!

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

www.fossoway.org

Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the November Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 November were: CCllrs P Fraser, H Somerville, R Kitchen, F MacGregor and R Jeffrey; Associate Members J Moore and Catriona Culley and three members of the community. Apologies were received from P&K Cllr M Barnacle.

Crime Prevention: no report received.

Correspondence

Data Protection Renewal: PKC have informed us that our Associate Member (CC) is not allowed to continue in this role as she is not a full member. We will write back explaining that she was made an Associate Member for this very role due to her years of experience and knowledge of this role.

There is a CC training day on 1/12/12 at Perth, with particular attention to planning matters.

CC website: The agenda and minutes continue to be sent to Fran for updating the site.

Roads: There is to be a meeting in both Cleish and Blairadam with the Roads Officer (Jake Eadie) on 9/11/12. Cllr Barnacle will also attend. This is a positive step that will hopefully lead to improvements. We have asked for matters to be brought to our attention by local residents prior to this site meeting.

Financial update: There is currently £1303.14 in the account. Cleish Village Hall payments have not been made since Dec 2011 due to not receiving any invoices from the hall committee.

There have been no secretary expenses submitted.

Last year's accounts need to be signed off before PKC will release this year's grant.

Blairadam requested three strings of solar lighting in place of the Christmas tree this year. We have asked for invoice for these and are happy to offer them instead of the tree to both hall committees.

Report from Blairadam: Also looking forward to the roads discussion on Friday. There is also concern regarding the white lines at Junction 5 of the M90 slip roads, as well as the main give way lines leading on the old A90 from the slip road.

There is to be a pie and pint night at the Tabernacle Hall, with the intention of collecting memorabilia for a proposed 'history board' in the village.

Planning

No decisions this month.

One new application: extension to dwelling house, Kinnaird House, Blairadam. There were no comments from local residents.

Craig Mullen from the proposed Blairadam Wind Farm has offered to come and speak to us at a CC meeting. We will also offer SPOT the same amount of time to discuss the application at the same meeting. The timing of this was discussed, and it was concluded that it was sensible to wait until the initial preliminary design has been finalised before the application is submitted.

Hilton Farm wind turbines were also discussed. Even though it is within Fife, it is both very close and very visual to Keltybridge. FMcG will write to Fife Council expressing our concerns and asking to be acknowledged as having an impact upon us.

Tayplan: PKC have adopted and approved the action programme.

A request was made for an update on Nivingston Access Route (to plot 3). This appears to be an internal change in access rather than a new access onto the public road.

Other Business

There have been significantly fewer planning applications recently – this is likely to be as a result of the economic climate. It was therefore questioned whether we revert back to bi-monthly meetings. There were no objections to this motion.

However, it was discussed that more use should be made of the website to get more feedback from our community on planning issues, especially if the submission deadlines are between meetings.

There has been no gritting of our roads yet, despite many frosty mornings.

Whilst most farmers are very good at sweeping mud off roads after potato harvesting, the same cannot be said of some local construction workers. The site at Coldrain has very large potholes, bad verges, and mud on the road due to construction traffic. We will speak to both the enforcement office and the police.

The Next Meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 3 December at the Tabernacle Hall at 7.30pm.

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk

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Club & Community Group News

Orwell Guides and Milnathort Scouts

Our Open Day on 27 October

Special thanks to Georgina Long, Lady Montgomery, Beryl Harley, Jean Toshack, Violet Fowles, Maureen Given and Chris Myerscough, Mairi Rose and Anna Henderson who all donated photographs, cups and memorabilia from bygone years of Girl Guiding, and David Millar, Dale Caldwell and Robert from Scouts.

It was great taking a trip down memory lane. Girlguiding archives supplied old guide uniforms from the 1930s up to present times and the current Brownies and Guides wore them throughout the day.



Brownies and Guides wore uniforms from different eras at the Open Day

Thanks to the kind donations from Mr and Mrs Shiels and to Mr and Mrs J Harley. Prior to the Open Day we received donations from Milnathort Bridge Club and Lodge St Serf. We launched our adopt a day, where for £10 you can adopt a day of your choice which has a special meaning to you, and we recruited for our sponsored walk on 18 November 2012.

See also Thanks, page 86.

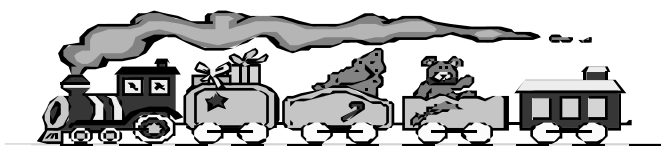
Ladies Circle

As Christmas approaches we have our party night at Perth racecourse with the Round Table and later in the month a Christmas shopping and craft evening.

A future date for your diary: our annual **Comedy Night** in Milnathort Town Hall on **Saturday 16 February**. Telephone or text 07752797731 for tickets.

We raise money throughout the year and welcome any requests for funds from local groups; contact Angela at agault2205@gmail.com

If you are interested in joining Ladies Circle, please contact Yvonne on 07845791318 or for Tangent 45+ contact Amanda on 861434.



Common Grounds

Yes, once again the impending nearness of Christmas will have taken some of us by surprise but do not worry, the shops are awash with good things, something for all. That reminds me, our Traidcraft Fairtrade catalogue is not yet closed for orders; no hurry, call in when you can. Now that winter is upon us our open log fire burns bright giving a warm welcome to all.

Project Lunch: Our project lunch on 30 October was a great success. Unfortunately Alisdair Stewart was unable to speak to us on his involvement with Mission Aviation Fellowship and our thanks go to Ernest Bruce who stood in for him. We wish Alisdair a speedy recovery from minor surgery. Thank you to all who made the lunch possible which include our great band of volunteers who made bread, soup, biscuits and cakes and who served it up to our patrons.

Project: Our next project, for February 2013, will be chosen at our next Volunteers' meeting.

Beetle Drive: Our friends came out on a dark winter's night to play beetle, lots of fun and prizes plus tea/coffee and biscuits at half time. The overall winner also happened to be the youngest person taking part; well done, Grace. Certainly showed up us "olds" and we made £80 plus for our funds.

AGM: Only one significant change to our new Management Committee, we welcome on board Phil Leiper as our Project Co-ordinator. A big thank you to Rev James Galbraith for his time with us as a volunteer and latterly Project Co-ordinator and wish him well in his new home in Broughty Ferry.

Website: Our new website address is:

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

Our website address has reminded me to say thank you to Chris Parry (who set it up for us) for the talk he gave us on Saturday 20 October on his experience of volunteering and at the Paralympics. We at Common Grounds wish everyone the very best of Christmases and a Happy and Healthy 2013. Our opening hours are still 10am – 1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

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

Kinross Garden Group

Lady Catherine Erskine gave a very enjoyable talk and slides of the Gardens of Cambo Estate at the November meeting.

Mr Andrew Lear will talk on **The Management of Fruit Trees** at our meeting on **Thursday 13 December**, 2pm in Millbridge Hall, Kinross. All are welcome to join us.

Names are being taken now, and to be paid at the December meeting, for the **Festive Lunch** at the Windlestrae Hotel on **Thursday 10 January**, 12.30 for 1pm.

Names are also being taken for our planned trip to The Gardens of South West Scotland next August.

For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger, 01577 863785.



Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The December meeting will be held on **Thursday 6 December** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker will be Andy Patterson who will give a talk entitled "Stars of the Silver Screen".

At the November meeting the members enjoyed a talk by Gillian Galbraith entitled "from Advocate to Crime Writer", which proved very amusing.

Away Day December

Thur 13 Dec – 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

"**White Christmas**" at the Pitlochry Festival Theatre on **Wednesday 5 December**. Please note that the coach will leave from the Green Hotel at 1215 hours prompt. Contact Edith Oswald 01577 865731.

Annual Holiday 2013: Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands commencing **Sunday 10 February**. Please note that the balance of the holiday money is due at the next meeting on **Thursday 6 December**. Please make cheques payable to Kinross 50 Plus Club. Contact Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

7 Dec: Starting at Deep Sea World, going along the Coastal Path to Inverkeithing and turning at St David's Bay to come back again - one of our usual winter strolls.

21 Dec: A 6 mile walk through Blairadam Woods along various kinds of road.

4 Jan: The "Sair Heid Walk" to the monument on the hill in Falkland Estate - finishing up as usual with soup and sandwiches in The Bruce Hotel in Falkland.

18 Jan: A circular walk on Kinnoull Hill and Deuchney Hill in Perth, along forest paths.

Contact Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

30 Nov	Braefordie	9.00	Jock
14 Dec	South Queensferry & Xmas Lunch	9.00	Pauline

11 Jan	Bishop Hill (No bus)	9.00	Bob
25 Jan	Fife Coastal Walk (From Crail)	9.00	Anne

8 Feb	Arthur's Seat	9.00	Maureen
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22 Feb	Alyth (Beaver Walk)	9.00	Jock
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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. 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.

Loch Leven Community Campus

Here at Loch Leven Community Campus on **Sunday 9 December**, Kinross-shire Churches Together will be holding a "**Christmas Celebration for the Community**" starting at 3pm with an event that will interest all ages.

We are also currently compiling a full programme of Campus and Community Events for 2013.

Events we are looking at holding include: Car Boot or Table Top Sales, Antiques Fair, Spring and Christmas Craft Fairs, Horticultural Event, Wedding Fair, Charities Christmas Card Sale, Mind, Body and Soul Evening, Fashion Show and Vintage Fun Day. Detailed information and dates will be published in due course so watch this space!

The campus has been open for three years and we are keen to develop the service we provide for all purpose bookings and events. Our facilities include conference accommodation to cater for all business needs, community library and museum together with specialist areas such as music rooms, drama and recording studio, art and design rooms, life-skills room and ICT suites.

For information and help with events, bookings and any special requests you may have, then please contact our new Campus Assistant Gerry McGregor through the campus reception on 01577 867200, and see what Loch Leven Community Campus can do for you.

Boys' Brigade

The Kinross Company has had a busy month in November, with Juniors taking part in a Battalion Bible Quiz and Company members winning the Battalion Table Tennis Tournament for the fourth consecutive time.

Company Section members also took part in the first round of the BB National Competitions winning their table tennis but losing their chess games.

The Company was on parade at the Armistice Parade with the band playing in the church, accompanying the praise and buglers playing the last post at the war memorial.

The Company's annual enrolment service took place on Sunday 18 November with all sections marching to and from the Parish Church behind the Company Colour Party.

The Company's volleyball teams have played their opening games in the Perth District Recreational League and are looking forward to a successful season.

The annual **St Andrew's Day Coffee Morning** in aid of Company funds takes place at the Church Centre on **Saturday 1 December** from 10 till 12 noon with tickets priced at £1.50 available at the door.



Kinross in Bloom



Winter again – how quickly it comes around. Now that all the barrels and planters have been emptied, and thanks again to the volunteers from the Round Table all the hanging baskets have been taken down, we have been planting some tulip bulbs at various points around town, so we expect a colourful display in the spring.

Where we might not see a display is at the entrance to the community campus; we planted daffodil bulbs there, and the contractor laying the pipes may have dislodged them - we will have to wait and see.

Our next project is to think about what we want to plant for next summer, order up the plants, and have them delivered to our polytunnel, where they will be nurtured till they are ready to plant out next year.

There were four winners of our treasure hunt, which took place at the Family Fun Day in the community campus at the end of October. They were: no. 29 Isobelle Wilson, no. 192 Charlie Calder, no. 222 Andrew Todd, no. 231 Tracey Ramsay. Thank you to all who took part.

The winners of our 200 Club are:

November

No.17 Helen Duncan £25, No. 18 Maysie Gibson £10, No. 42 Margaret Lang £5, No. 70 Jean Miller £5.

December

No. 34 Catherine McIntosh £25, No. 82 Helen Miller £10, No. 78 Margaret Smith £5, No. 45 Paul Baughn £5.

Congratulations to all our winners, and may we wish all our friends and helpers a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Kinross-shire Round Table



Round Table raises funds throughout the year and we try to support as wide a range of groups and projects in Kinross-shire as possible. Our annual **Dragons' Den** event where we try to donate as much cash as we can to local community groups and charities will be on **Tuesday 4 December** at the Green Hotel, Kinross at 7.30pm.

Our annual **Santa's Sleigh**, collecting money for charity, will soon be visiting your neighbourhood on the following dates in **December**:

Monday 10th	Portmoak, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
Tuesday 11th	Milnathort
Wednesday 12th	We will be helping in Kelty
Thursday 13th	Kinross south
Sunday 16th	Kinross north

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.

SOLE SOLUTIONS CHIROPODY/PODIATRY

January 2013 - Sole Solutions Chiropractic/Podiatry are opening in New Road, Milnathort.

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Inner Wheel of Kinross & District



Witches Brew

The Inner Wheel ladies, plus many friends, celebrated Halloween in fine style with an afternoon tea and President Liz Pottie's house. Spooky sandwiches, haunted cakes, and ghostly pastries, along with cauldrons of tea and coffee were provided and consumed in aid of raising funds for Alzheimer charities. We would like to thank everyone their contributions and for entering into the 'spirit' of things; there were some wonderful costumes.



Inner Wheel members entering into the Halloween spirit

Mary's Meals appeal

This year we are also supporting Mary's Meals, a charity which provides food and education for some of the poorest children in the world. By attracting children to the classroom by providing a meal, possibly the only one they will have in a day, they also receive lessons. The children come from families so poor they cannot afford basics like pencils and paper or even clothes to go to school in.

If you would like to help, we are collecting basic pens, pencils, notepads, crayons as well as outgrown school shorts and skirts (clean and in good condition), flip flops, sandals, toiletries plus children's backpacks to deliver them in. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, they can be left at 79 Muirs (Burnbank B&B) ready for packing and shipping.

Garden talk

The speaker at our November meeting was Margaret Kilpatrick of Boreland House, who gave an extremely interesting talk about the beautiful garden she has created from a site which was essentially a flat two acre field in front of the house. She has spent eighteen years creating what must be one of the most beautiful gardens in the area. The talk was illustrated with photographs which took us through the development of the garden and all the seasons. Group members were amazed at what can be created with love, dedication and much hard work.

Ann Barlow, Club Correspondent

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

September Draw: 1st No. 7, Chris Cowe; 2nd No. 49, Pat Nicol; 3rd No. 95, Sue Wilson (all Kinnesswood).

October Draw: 1st No. 65, Ian Dandie, Kinnesswood; 2nd No. 46, Elaine Carruthers, Scotlandwell; 3rd No. 73, Ros Irving, Kinnesswood.

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 on 07747534513 or e-mail:

elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk

MPSPC will be meeting on the following dates:

14 January, 25 February, 22 April and 3 June.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus in ICT Room 1 (where possible).

All Welcome.

Milnathort Primary School Big Christmas Fundraising Event

Milnathort Primary School has been lucky enough to be chosen to help with the local **Round Table's Santa Sleigh** in Milnathort this year. In return for our help the school will receive all the funds raised on the night. The more help we can get, the more money the school will make. We are therefore looking for as many volunteers as possible on the evening of **TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER** to walk around the village with Santa! Timings are approximately 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Children and adults are welcome. All children must be supervised by their accompanying adult and please, no children on their own. Your time and generosity will be much appreciated and the school will benefit from your help.

If you are able to help, please contact the Clerk (contact details above). For those who are unable to join us, we look forward to wishing you a Merry Christmas on the night. Have your pennies (and pounds) ready. It should be great fun. Feel free to dress up! A big thank you in advance.

Portmoak Film Society

November's film "The Help" was well received by Portmoak film fans who gave it an overall rating of 92% on the audience satisfaction gauge. It is based on the moving book by Kathryn Stockett about the relationships of black maids and their white 'Misses' in Jackson, Mississippi at the dawn of the civil rights movement.

Time in December to revert to what might turn out to be a theme of this season, when PFS will show '**Hugo**', Martin Scorsese's "exquisite jewel box of a movie, polished and honed to glittering, diamond-hard brilliance" (The Guardian). Ostensibly it's about an orphan who ekes out his existence on the roofs of a Parisian railway station in the inter-war years but perhaps it's more about the director's desire to revive the craft and charm of the first movies. It will be shown on **Saturday 8 December** and guests and members are welcome as always.

Then into the New Year and on **12 January** we will actually be showing an old movie – it's '**Bicycle Thieves**', Vittorio de Sica's 1948 black and white film about a poverty-stricken father whose precious bike, enabling him to do a job and earn money, is stolen before he even gets started. The odyssey he and his son embark on through the scenes of Rome to retrieve it is a classic of neorealist cinema. Not to be missed!

Doors open at 7pm and films start promptly at 7.30pm with refreshments afterwards. More information at our website: www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Seamab School

We've had an interesting autumn term here at Seamab, with all of the children learning new and exciting things. The topics this term were chosen by the children themselves and they have used many different skills to investigate and learn about their topic subjects. This term we have also had a number of assemblies for the whole school which have had a focus on Scottish culture and history. We have also been exploring poetry and our assembly on 9 November was all about Armistice Day and some of the famous poetry from the First World War.

Earlier this term we had a trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park – this was a great day out and very interesting as well, as the children learnt a lot about the different animals and their habitats. Particular favourites were the chimpanzees and the seals.

Another exciting event was our jazz and rhythm workshop, which was led by Richard Michael (MBE) and supported by young musicians from Dollar Academy and Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra. The children spent the morning working on rhythms and songs, learning how to play their instruments together and how to take solos. All the children also had the chance to lead the band and choose who played a solo next. We'd like to give our thanks to Richard and all the young musicians who made this a very special experience for all the children. Our thanks go also to Dollar Academy music department, who supported us by kindly lending music resources and releasing their pupils for the workshop. In early November we had a very special week at Seamab, where we had a Mongolian Yurt at the front of the school. The children had a fascinating week, learning about Mongolian people and traditions. We also had some special visitors who told us all about their travels in Mongolia and shared their experiences. We even had some live Mongolian music in the yurt from one of the talented young musicians from Dollar Academy. We hope to continue to learn about Mongolia and of course other countries throughout the school year.

We continue to develop our outdoor education programme at Seamab. This week the children are working on their archery skills and over the next couple of months we have more outdoor education activities planned. These experiences really help our children by building not just their physical skills but also their self confidence.

We now have a new Head of Care, Dawn Ward, who started work at Seamab at the end of August. Dawn is a qualified social worker, who has previously worked for Fife Council and Barnardo's Scotland. She is gradually settling into Seamab, getting to know the children and all of the staff. Dawn is particularly looking forward to her first Christmas at Seamab with all the special celebrations and events.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joanna McCreadie, Chief Executive

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Rotary Club of Kinross & District



Sometimes the most interesting events can be taking place on our own doorstep without our knowledge. This is certainly the case with what is currently happening on St Serf's Island on Loch Leven, where excavations of the old Priory site by a team led by Dr Oliver O'Grady have unearthed a wonderful collection of interesting artefacts. The site team has been augmented by a number of local volunteers, with the co-operation of Kinross Estate, Historic Scotland and the Living Lomonds Project. The prime purpose is to research and examine the archaeology of Pictish Monasteries, and it is now believed that one was established on the island around 706AD. All this information was gleaned from a most interesting talk by Dr O'Grady, and anyone wanting to 'dig a bit deeper' should look for Culdee Archaeology Project on Facebook.



President Sandy Pottie presents Certificates of Participation for the Rotary Youth Leadership programme to Heather Marr and Callum Ironside

In a talk on more recent history, David Muncey, a Rotarian from the Kirkcaldy Club, took us back to the days when the linoleum from Nairn's of Kirkcaldy 'floored' the world. We also learned about the little red book produced by Nairns (long before anyone had heard of Chairman Mao!) This took the form of a diary distributed annually to

thousands of Nairn's customers and suppliers for over a hundred years. Its researchers unearthed masses of historical information to fill its pages day by day, until it was overtaken by modern technology in the 1990s. This was a truly nostalgic look back at a famous Fife industry.

Each summer, the Club sponsors two young people to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards programme (RYLA), which brings together participants from around Scotland, and is held annually at Abernethy in Inverness-shire. This year Heather Marr and Callum Ironside, senior pupils at Kinross High School, represented the Kinross Club, and reported back on their activities with a very professional and informative presentation. The theme of the programme is based on teamwork, with each individual given the opportunity to manage, make decisions, and develop leadership and communication skills. In addition to physical and mental challenges in the great outdoors, participants were also able to relax a little and listen to some words of wisdom from guest speakers from the business world.

A member of the Cupar Rotary Club, Eric Young, provided us with a fascinating insight into the history of timepieces. Eric's family clock-making business in Cupar is one of only a handful left in the area. There were over 300 in Fife in the 19th century. His talk took us back to when 'time' began, and when the sun and stars were the only measures available. Examples of the earliest commercially produced watches were on display, and we learned that Henry Ford was in the watch making business before he ever thought of the Model T!

At a ceremony at the Windlestrae Hotel, Club President Sandy Pottie distributed cheques to the value of £3000 to local youth and voluntary organisations to assist them with their work in the community. This money came from the proceeds of various fund raising activities the Club had embarked on over the past year, and was in addition to donations already made to international Rotary projects.

We were delighted to learn that one of our members, Past President Ken Paterson, has been appointed to the position of Assistant District Governor for the North of Scotland Rotary District.



President Sandy Pottie (front right) with representatives of local organisations who received donations from the Club

On the social side, in the last few weeks Kinross Rotarians have scaled highland mountains in off-road vehicles, competed against the Rotary Clubs of Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy at various sports, tidied up an ancient graveyard on Portmoak Airfield, and studied antiques at Scone Palace. (A Kinross Rotarian's life is never dull!)

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

For more information contact Secretary Neil Maclure by email at neil.maclure19@gmail.com

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Who knows what the weather will be, but even short winter days can be lovely. Make the most of them 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 1 December: Moncreiffe Hill, 5½ miles. A gentle ascent through mixed woodland on good paths, good views of the Tay and Carse of Gowrie from Moredun top. Registered assistance dogs only. Accompanied children welcome if fit.

Sunday 6 January: Loch Leven's Larder and lunch. Weather permitting, a walk along the Heritage Trail to blow the cobwebs away with lunch (optional) at Loch Leven's Larder. Accompanied children and dogs on leads welcome.

Saturday 19 January: Coastal walk from Kirkcaldy to East Wemyss, 6 miles. Fine coastal walk with interesting sites and views along the way. Some small ascents. (Bus passes where applicable for return to Kirkcaldy.) Dogs welcome. Accompanied children welcome if fit.

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

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

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December Meetings

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| Tue 4th | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.
Annual General Meeting followed by Social Club
Annual General Meeting. Members only please. |
| Tue 11th | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.
Arrange work for next Regular Meeting. |
| Sat 22nd | Regular Meeting at 4pm. Annual Installation of office bearers for ensuing months. Dinner and Harmony to follow. |

The Regular Meeting for 1st January has been abandoned.

Other events in December

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| Sun 9th | Children's Christmas Party at 4pm. Games with prizes etc. Children's entertainer, Face Painter with Santa expected later in evening. |
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Many thanks to all who supported Armistice Day on Sunday 11 November, supplying food etc; a very successful day indeed.

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the end of November and details of the election of office bearers will be available in the next newsletter.

New host families are required for the forthcoming visitation from Gacé this summer.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



On 14 November we heard about the history and development of Scotland's only tapestry studios outlined by Francesca Baseby who is currently researching the century old Dovecote Tapestry studio in Edinburgh.

From its foundation in 1912 by the 4th Marquis of Bute to create hangings for his great houses, Mount Stuart, Bute House and Cardiff Castle, it has reflected social change, creating huge historical based pieces to the smaller, more abstract designs of contemporary artists.

Inherently expensive because of the great skill and time it takes to weave tapestries, they need wealthy customers and the fortunes of the enterprise began to falter until the Salvesen family rescued it in 2000.

This most interesting presentation was accompanied by a large selection of fine slides illustrating some of the past and current work of this prestigious company and its gallery in Infirmary Street, Edinburgh.

Kinross Camera Club

The Club takes part each year in the Perthshire Alliance Inter-Club competition.

This year it was held at Auchterarder and we were fortunate enough to come joint equal with them.

18 November sees the Scottish Photographic Federation Digital Knockout Championship and a number of our members will be travelling to Stirling to see how we fare against clubs from all over the country.

Ricki O'Neil opened our eyes with his talk "Eyes of an Artist" showing what artistic skills coupled with creativity in Photoshop can produce. The following week a different, but no less fascinating vision of what can be achieved was demonstrated by one of our members, Julie Close. She also uses Photoshop to great effect to produce stimulating and beautiful works, in some cases moving into realms such as 3D images on perspex to create an effect not previously seen by us.

The first league competition of the season was judged by Joan Roy. She was faced with a very large entry but successfully gave a helpful commentary on every work presented. The latest competition has been the Greer and Fortune Quaich, judged by club members. This is the third year in which the competition has been held and the high entry testified to the enthusiasm it generates.

Within the club some members have formed a Studio/Portrait group, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month in St Paul's Church Hall, Kinross, and members of the club and from the wider community sit as models. The group is always on the lookout for volunteers and if anyone is interested in 'sitting' for them they should contact Ian on 07704 079459, but note that Kinross Camera Club is a non-profit organisation and therefore does not participate in any form of Commercial Photography.

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



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

Portmoak Primary School

Primary One Enrolment

New P1 pupils for 2013 are invited to register for the next session in the week beginning 14 January 2013.

If you want your child to benefit from the Portmoak experience, please make an appointment to visit the school during this week and complete an enrolment form. These will be available on the day or can be downloaded from our school or the PKC website.

At the visit you will receive a tour of the school and will have the opportunity to ask questions. Please bring your child's birth certificate and also your Council Tax Assessment Letter/Book and a recent utility bill as proof that you live permanently at your address.

If you do not live in the Portmoak catchment area, but wish to make a placing request for your child, then you will need to complete a placing request form. This is the same form for children who live over the border with Fife as it is for Perth and Kinross residents. Placing requests have to be completed by the end of March and places are allocated by the council after that. You are welcome to visit us during enrolment week, but please note that we can only enrol catchment children at this point.

Further details of the enrolment process and forms required can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk

Perthshire Positive Action Awards

Sylvie, Ewan, Ross and Thomas attended this event with Miss Kettles and Ms Gibbon to collect an award certificate and £150 cheque in recognition of the children's contribution to the environment and their enterprising spirit. We are going to put the money towards an outside display case so that we can display our eco flag outside the building without it being exposed to the elements.



Sylvie, Ewan, Ross and Thomas at the Positive Action Awards ceremony on 1 November

Christmas Events in School

Christmas came early this year with our annual Christmas treat, the M&M pantomime, coming to our school on 9 November. This year we watched Pinocchio in our school hall and pupils from P1-7 (and the staff!) had a lovely afternoon.

We have made a change to the format for the Christmas Fayre this year. There will be games for children in school time on the afternoon of Wednesday 19 December and the opportunity for family and friends to come along to a coffee afternoon where home baking by every class will be on sale. Santa will be visiting us on a different day from the Fayre this year – this will be on the 20th for Santa's Grotto in the morning.

On 12 and 13 December our P4-7 pupils will be performing this year's pantomime to family and friends. We are performing Aladdin and the rehearsals are already well under way. We are also going to have an afternoon session this year to make it easier for parents with young children to come. This will be on Tuesday 11 December.

On Tuesday 18 December P1-3 will be entertaining family and friends with our annual Nativity performance. This year's title is 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' and we will be offering two shows, morning and afternoon, so that all family and friends have the opportunity to share in the Nativity.

After School Clubs

After school cricket and football have now stopped for the winter months. Thank you to Mr Surtees, Mr Law and Mr Glass for their tireless efforts in both clubs. The football season went out with a bang with a very successful friendly match against Dysart Primary School. Dancing will resume after Christmas once the pantomime rehearsals are all finished. There are no plans to stop yoga over the winter.

Fundraising News

In September we raised £230 for Macmillan Cancer Care through our open afternoon.

We await a total for our Bags 2 School latest collection. Thank you to everyone who handed in clothing and textiles here or at Buchan's Garage. Our next date for Bags 2 School is Thursday 18 April 2013 at 9am. Any donations of clothing and textiles that you have for this collection can be delivered to Buchan's Garage by 5pm on Wednesday 17 April. Donations from everyone in the area are very welcome and do make a big difference to the amount that we can raise. We are aiming to beat last year's year total of £600.

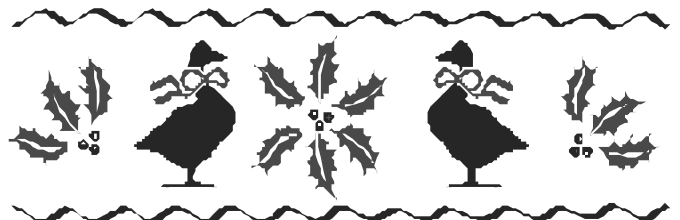
We had our Ladies Night on 9 November. This was a fun-filled evening for women only, which was completely organised by our Events and Fundraising Team of parents and was a huge success. Thank you to all those in the wider community who came along to enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies and a good natter. The stalls went down a treat and some great prizes were up for grabs in the raffle. It was lovely to see so many 'well-kent' faces as well as lots of new ones. We raised a fantastic £1144 - a very big thank you to all involved!

If you have any expertise to share or would like to become involved with our school, we would love to hear from you. Thank you for taking an interest in reading our news.

Louise Gordon, Headteacher

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Probus Club

The speaker for the Probus meeting on Wednesday 17 October was Captain Ivor Bayliss, and his subject, "Life and Laughter at Sea." First he had to explain how a lad born in Birmingham in the middle of England came to be at sea at all.

During the Second World War his dad was involved with the Navy and was moved by his employers to Glasgow, which was full of naval uniforms in those days. So his dad kept on suggesting that he should join the Royal Navy. Ivor hesitated, but then he saw a passenger liner and his mind was made up. "I'm going to sea," he announced when he got home. "So you are joining the Royal Navy," was the reply. "No, no," said Ivor, "The Merchant Navy" and so started a career at sea. First came a year at a Merchant Navy College, which Ivor felt was rather a waste of time, followed by training as a cadet on board ship.

Ivor did his training as a cadet with the British India line whose company sign was a black funnel with two red bands round it. Ivor recalled one amusing incident during his time as a cadet. At a port abroad the Port Superintendent came aboard, walking up the gangway to find that the cadet at the top of the gangway was not wearing the proper naval cap. So the Port Superintendent reprimanded the cadet and said he expected to see him in full uniform with the cap when he returned. On the return trip, though, the Superintendent found the cadet wearing an ancient top hat on which he had painted two red bands in imitation of the funnel markings. Ivor did not tell us what happened to the cadet.

When he had finished his training Ivor joined the P and O and stayed with them for the rest of his sea faring life, retiring as Captain Bayliss.

The vote of thanks was given by Bill Connolly.

The speaker for the meeting on 7 November was Lillian King and her subject, "Women and Mining".



It is a provocative subject as women and children have worked down the mines for over 600 years. 1322 was the first recorded time women were mentioned as working down the mines and 1967 was the last when the pit where the ladies worked closed. Up to 1750 workers in the coal pits were practically slaves. When the mine was bought by another company, the workers were transferred. The work was hard and families usually worked together, the men and the teenage boys hacking out the coal, and the women and children carrying it to the surface. In 1845 the government of the day, having passed the factories laws, turned their attention to the coalmines. In true British fashion they had an enquiry conducted by several experts. Mr Robert Franks was entrusted to report on the Scottish coalmines and his report was illustrated with wee sketches of the women carrying heavy baskets and the children wearing practically no clothes. There was an outrage from the general population, not so much at the hard work, but the fact the children had no clothes and the ladies wore trousers. So the Government passed the mining regulations. It is quite clearly stated that no child under 10 was to work underground and no females either. The only troubles were who was to carry the coals to the surface and that family groups had to have somebody in the family earning, so the females continued to be employed. True enough they had an Inspector of Mines, one for the whole of Scotland, whose remit included safety and wrote to the managers to tell them what day he was coming. The inspector never saw any females at work under ground. Why did the women continue working? Well, they worked in family groups and there was camaraderie down the mines; the whole community was involved. When the miners went on strike, especially in the 20th century, the women organised the soup kitchens and felt it was a worthwhile job.

Alec Johnston proposed the vote of thanks for an informative afternoon.

Kinross Parish Church

9 December: 'Back to Church' Sunday

Would you like to pick up on that resolution to ensure the real meaning of Christmas survives in your life, despite the rush? Many find it helpful to come on a Sunday where there are other 'newcomers' or returning worshippers. Kinross Parish Church's annual 'Back to Church' service will be morning worship at 10.30am on Sunday 9 December. All will be made most welcome.

'Alpha' Course in Kinross

It is intended to start an Alpha Course in Kinross, either on a Monday or Friday in the second week in January. The course will be run at the Church Centre, perhaps at lunchtime (with a small fee for lunch).

The Alpha Course is a 12-week course which is suitable for anyone who wants to better understand the Christian faith but is particularly useful for anyone who is searching for answers to the big questions of life. The course has now been followed by 19 million people in 169 countries.

Anyone interested should contact organiser Alisdair Stewart on (01577) 862262 or 07825 698613.

Kinross and District

Junior Agricultural Club

The ice skating meeting at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink has been changed to Tuesday 4 December due to the commitments from the concert. There will be cars leaving Kinross at 7 o'clock if anyone is needing a lift.

Our annual Christmas Dance is being held on Friday 14 December at Strathmiglo hall and promises to be a great night with a Bar, Disco and BBQ.

There is a Pantomime trip to see Mother Goose in Edinburgh on Wednesday 12 December.

Our club are putting on a few sketches for Kinross Rotary Club on 10 December so if anyone is interested in helping out, just give Richard Harvey a text.

November was a very exciting yet busy month for all our members who took part in the Charity Concert. The club also won the National Clay Pigeon Shooting competition in Rothiemurchus. The team of Craig Nelson, Will Forbes and Ian Cullens brought back the trophy for the third time in twelve years. The club held a successful Root and Grain Show with good quality produce and baking on show.

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)



Bushcraft event at Tillywhally

What can you do with your children on in-service day? Seven families had a great idea and armed with spades and trowels headed towards Tillywhally Community Woodland to stir the ground. The mist subsided over the trees and it started drizzling. But the wood was filled with busy activity, adults digging holes, children putting the bulbs in. It was not an easy job, but undefeated little conservationists planted over 1000 snowdrops! After the busy time the children built amazing dens and even left some tasty treats for woodland birds. After a small cup of cocoa it was time to head home, but they will be back to look out for those "first signs of spring" emerging from below the ground. More woodland fun activities to come, which will be advertised on the webpage www.kinross.cc/milnathort/milnathort_info.htm, and on the Milnathort CC Board. We would like to thank Perth and Kinross Quality of Life Trust for funding the snowdrops and Milnathort in Bloom for organising the event.



Local children enjoying a day of activities at Tillywhally Community Woodland

Black Watch Museum, Perth

Volunteering opportunities

The Black Watch Castle and Museum in Perth is currently closed for redevelopment and is due to reopen in spring 2013. The redevelopment will bring many new and exciting opportunities, including volunteer roles.

Anyone who might be interested in volunteering with the Black Watch Museum is invited to find out more at an **Open Day**. This will take place on Wednesday 16 January from 10am to 8.30pm in the Royal George Hotel, Tay Street, Perth.

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Kinross Museum



The Museum's exhibition on the 1662 Crook of Devon Witch Trials has proved a great success, with people of all ages coming to view it. At the Family Fun Day held in Loch Leven Community Campus just before Halloween, volunteers dressed as witches introduced visitors to 'magic potions' and an assortment of games and puzzles designed for children. Earlier, on 7 October, Museum volunteers had a sneak preview of the witches memorial stone in the Maze at Tullibole Castle which marks the 350th anniversary of the famous witch trials.

The Museum continues to play a major part in the development phase of the Heritage Lottery Fund-supported Living Lomonds Landscape Project and in assisting Glasgow University with its Scottish Toponymy in Transition Project. Anyone interested in the origin of place-names in Kinross-shire is welcome to visit the Museum to view and comment on the research work that has been carried out so far. Did you know, for example, that Milnathort is a Gaelic name meaning the 'mill of the standing stone' and Balado, also of Gaelic origin, is the 'farm at the fording place'. Names like these tell us that Gaelic was once spoken in this part of Scotland.

If you have any historical queries relating to people and places in Kinross-shire, do visit the Kinross (Marshall) Museum in the Loch Leven Community Campus. Our study room is manned by volunteers on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Loch Leven Community Campus Partnership

This group was established to ensure the views of the users and the community are heard and also to influence change and services delivered via the campus. It is important its membership represents the diversity of the community and reflects as wide a cross section of campus users and local community organisations as possible, e.g. local Arts and Cultural groups, Sport, Young People, Older People and CCs.

This is an opportunity for local people to be involved in shaping the future of the campus and its services and to help ensure the campus plays a key role in community life. As the role of the campus and its activities increase, it is important the local community informs future developments. The local Community Capacity Building Worker will attend Partnership meetings in order to provide support.

As part of the on-going development we are currently looking to extend the group's membership and if your organisation would like to be involved in this key area of the campus development, or require more information, please contact your local Community Capacity Building Worker:

Tracey Ramsay, Senior Community Capacity Building Worker, Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ. Tel: 01577 867124.

Email Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Or for more information about the Loch Leven Community Campus visit www.pkc.gov.uk

Kinross High School



It seems such a long time since my last newsletter and then I remembered about the unfortunate placement of our October break in relation to newsletter deadlines. I must be more careful in the future, as I am cheered by your kind words in relation to my articles.

A great deal of success has been made known to me in recent weeks here in Kinross High School.

One of our pupils has won two prizes in the annual Focus photographic competition. We also have pupils participating in: a European Squash tournament, the National Schools Volleyball Finals and the Black Watch Battalion Army Cadet Force Military Band.

Our cricketers were runners-up in the PKC indoor tournament. Hard lines, we were narrowly beaten by Perth Academy again!

The school has recently been accepted as a registered centre for the British Safety Council, thus allowing us to present pupils for their qualifications.

Our new Outdoor Education Teacher Ollie Baylis has begun to make some connections with small groups of pupils by introducing them to new outdoor activities. We look forward to this progressing and hopefully making a difference for those young people.

Elsewhere we have now completed our first Parent Contact evening of this new session, when third year parents visited us and heard how their children are doing across their subject choices. It also gave Senior Managers a chance to discuss with a selected group of parents their experience in relation to homework and workload.

I would take this opportunity to remind parents that all homework is now posted on our website by our teachers and they can view exactly what is being asked of their sons and daughters in all subject areas.

We have also opened a Twitter account where you can follow us and be regularly updated with information about a wide variety of events in the school. It is worth opening an account of your own simply to follow us @kinrosshigh. Reality Babies are back with us. This is part of an on-going Parentcraft programme for pupils in years 3 and 4. Pupils can wear 'The Bump' - experience how difficult things can be for a woman in the later stages of her pregnancy. They can also take a virtual baby home for the night or a weekend - information about how well or badly the virtual baby has been cared for is recorded and staff can then feed this back to the individual. Such are the wonders of modern technology. I am told that the 'baby' cannot be switched off either!

This programme illustrates the role of school in educating the whole person and is all about making our pupils more aware and indeed ready for the challenge of motherhood in the future. This opportunity is not restricted to girls and indeed some of our Senior boys have cared for their 'baby' over the weekend, in the past, and now have a new perspective on the role of fatherhood.

By the time you read this, our S4 will have completed their prelims and we will be looking forward to our Christmas events; dances for all years and also including our concert which will be on the evening of 17 December.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

R H Keatings

Kinross High School Parent Council



Website: www.khspc.org

Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon 0794 667 9815,

Email: jms927@btinternet.com

A full copy of all Parent Council meeting minutes can be requested by contacting the Clerk. The second meeting of the 2012/13 session was held on 12 November and the KHSPC discussed the following items.

Ways of Engaging Parents: A first meeting on this took place in September and another will take place close to the end of the year to discuss progress on the improvement plan. A copy of the Headteacher's presentation is available to view on the school's website. Discussion groups are planned to take place at parents' evenings.

Headteacher's Report: In line with the above point, communication improvements include using the website to provide more information. In addition, Twitter is being used which has the advantage of providing rapid communication free of charge. Focus on dealing with bullying, pupil liaison groups and catering is currently being made. S4 prelims are take place in November.

Homework: Access to homework is now available via the school website <http://kinross.myallocator.com/>. Parents and pupils can view by entering the name of the teacher who has set the homework.

School Uniform: A draft leaflet designed to clarify school uniform requirements was discussed at the meeting. It was noted that at a recent multi-school event at Gleneagles, Kinross pupils attended and appeared very smart alongside the other schools. Girls' school blazers to replace those supplied with faulty embroidery have now been received. Please see the Parent Council noticeboard at school to see when exchanges can be made.

Tutors: Ways in which private tutors support the work of the school were discussed. Some points to consider when selecting a tutor are given on the school website.

Outdoor Education: A suitable volunteer has been found to supervise the Blairadam Walled Garden project and this should move ahead in the spring. Dobbies' Community Champion may also assist.

Appreciation: The many ways teachers at Kinross High School assist pupils above and beyond their teaching duties were discussed and gratefully noted.

Current KHSPC postholders are: Douglas Ogilvie (Chair), Rory Stewart (Vice-chair), Alan Miller (Treasurer).

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 **14 January 2013**. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

Looking for Contact Details?

For listings of local clubs, businesses, public services and more, visit www.kinross.cc

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation (KLEO)



Two great music weekends at Kinross-shire Music Festival

We hope you enjoyed the 2nd Kinross-shire Music Festival! This year it took place over the two weekends: 15-18 and 23-25 November.

A great deal was packed into the two weekends, with workshops, dances and concerts in 14 different venues around Kinross and Milnathort. The Kinross-shire's Got Talent Show for Children in Need was very successful with 20 acts with very talented children taking part. Overall winner was the cabaret act "Sacramento", in second place was Blair Davie on guitar and performing his own song! The third prize went to the singer Luke Smith and the 'most potential' prize went to Sean Keegan with his fabulous rapping! All well done! The evening raised a total of over £700 for Children In Need – thank you everyone who helped with this!

Our special guest this year, Barbara Dickson performed to a packed Assembly Hall at the Community Campus where she announced the release of her new album 'B4 Seventy-Four: The Folk Club Tapes'.

Many thanks to all the venues and artists taking part in the festival - without you it obviously would not have happened! There are too many people to thank individually but we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers, both local and from Scottish Hydro (SSE) who helped us out during the event. In addition, before the event an amazing number of people helped us out by distributing flyers/brochures door to door in Kinross and Milnathort. A fantastic effort from all of you, so thank you very much for your help!

Special thanks are due also to the Round Table and the Ladies Circle who helped us out providing the bar at the campus and doing different door duties at the venues. A big thank you to the staff of MacBeth Currie's Estate Agent, the Post Office in Milnathort and Iain Hunter's butchers who sold our tickets and to the Kinross Newsletter who carried our advertisements and put us on November's front cover!

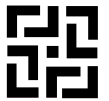
For the KLEO committee it has been a big learning curve and we know there are things we can improve on in the future. However, If you have any feedback about the event (positive or negative), please let us know and we hope to take this into account in future plans. Please e-mail your feedback to info@kleo.org.uk.

Leven Voices

The taster event of Leven Voices during the music festival was very successful. Horsecross Arts Tutor Debra Salem had an inspiring session with 45 participants!

Leven Voices is a new fun, informal drop-in singing group which is for anyone, 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 – it is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! Leven voices will run a set of 10 weekly sessions in January 2013 on Tuesday evenings with the first session on **15 January** and running until 19 March – all at 7.30pm at the Community Campus. Enrolment fee is £8 (which will be used to pay for the hire of the hall) and £4 a session (concessions £3). Just come along, sing and enjoy!

Potager Garden



We are winding down at the garden now, at the end of another busy and successful season. We would like to thank some unknown people who have **left pots and plants at the gates** for us, specifically lots of bugle, and raspberry plants, and also various perennial plants, all nicely labelled, which will be very useful to us.

We are currently needing **someone to act as Treasurer for the garden**, and I would be happy to discuss this, with no obligation if anyone would like to find out more. This is not a complicated role, as much expenditure is handled via petty cash, and we have good support from our accountant re layout of accounts for the end of the financial year at the end of March. Please contact Amanda if you think you could help us in this way.



Make your own Christmas wreath!

To end the year on a festive note, we will be holding a **workshop for you to come and make your own fresh Christmas wreath**, with a demonstration and advice given. This will be in the Institute in Crook of Devon, on **Saturday 8 December** from 2 to 4pm; the cost of £12 includes an oasis ring, which will keep the wreath fresh for several weeks, greenery and berries etc, and refreshments. All you need to bring are your own decorations, whether natural, colourful or sparkly, whatever suits your taste! Gloves, and secateurs or strong scissors would also be useful. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR THIS SESSION**, so that we have enough materials and mince pies, so please contact Amanda as soon as possible.

Fresh wreaths will also be available to order at £12 each, and examples will be available to see at Hunters' butchers and the shop in Crook of Devon; various colours and styles are possible. Again, contact Amanda to order.

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

A dozen Kinnesswood in Bloom members and friends took part in CSV "Make a Difference Day". While a small group knitted hats for premature babies, the rest of the group planted more bulbs below the Golf Course and collected lavender as well as trimming tubs and plants in the area. It's hoped to use the harvested lavender this year to make some lavender bags. At the welcome coffee break at Janette's house later, there were lovely home bakes including delicious scones and mini strawberry tarts made by Janette and lavender cakes baked by Chrissie.



Kinnesswood in Bloom members on CSV Make a Difference Day

Other areas which were maintained last month included Michael Bruce garden, the wildflower area and Portmoak School grounds. Work has continued with the Eco Group in the school, helping with litter picks, finishing harvesting and planting bulbs.

On Monday 5 November a representative attended a meeting of the Rotary at Windlestrae Hotel to receive a cheque towards the work done by the group. We are very grateful for this continued support.

Once again a wreath was prepared by Morag and laid by Janette at the War Memorial on Sunday 11 November.

A Curry and Quiz night was organised by Kinnesswood in Bloom and Scotlandwell in Bloom on 15 November. Our able quizmaster, Raymond, congratulated two of our supporters who celebrated their 70th birthdays that week. We then had to find the answers to a picture round, a general round with an Indian flavour and try to remember not only sixties hits but the dates as well. A delicious buffet prepared by the two groups followed and the raffle rounded off the evening. It was great fun and raised a total of £350 shared between the two groups.

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Cheese Souffle Tarts

These tarts are best served still warm but can be made beforehand and cooked in the oven when you have visitors over the festive season.

Ingredients

Packet of short crust pastry (or make your own)
115g streaky bacon
2 onions
25g butter
25g flour
150ml milk
salt and pepper
2 eggs
55g grated cheese

Method

Prepare the pastry, roll it out thinly and use it to line tartlet tins. Mince the bacon and fry in its own fat. Add the finely chopped onion and fry till golden brown. Divide the mixture evenly between the tartlets.

Make a thick sauce with the butter, flour and milk and season well. Cool, then beat in the egg yolks and the grated cheese and fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Put a spoonful of the soufflé mixture into each tartlet and bake at 200°C.

You can easily make these vegetarian by substituting leftover vegetables for the bacon.



Kinross and District Art Club



This month we have welcomed five new members to the club, leaving seven on our waiting list, whom we hope to include by starting a second weekly session, on Fridays, from February 2013. The aim is to offer the same range of skill development opportunities through advice, DVDs, and invited artists at both the Tuesday and Friday sessions. All club members will be free to attend either or both sessions.

A full calendar of events will be available at our **AGM** which will be held again this year at The Kirklands Hotel, following our Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 4 December**. The AGM starts at 2pm. We will also publicise the schedule on our web site.

To help you find the perfect Christmas gift, look out for the KADAC stall at the former Kincraft building at the service station on **Saturday 15 December**. On sale will be paintings, crafts, Kinross tea towels, calendars and cards. Opening time 10.00am.

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

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Make a Difference Day

The Make a Difference Day (MADD) at Loch Leven Community Campus in Kinross took place on 27 October, organised by the local Community Capacity Building worker and supported by the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group, provided a fun day of activities for all the family with an opportunity for residents of Perth and Kinross to find out how to get involved in volunteering and benefit their communities. I would like to thank all the visitors for supporting the event.

Over 30 local groups and organisations in Perth and Kinross came together to highlight the important role that volunteers play locally, nationally and globally.

Among the groups and organisations who took part were: the Kinross Museum, Library, Loch Leven Diamonds, Kinross in Bloom, Live Active Leisure, Kinross First Responders, Loving Hands, Kinross Boys Brigade, Scottish Women's Rural Institute, Tayside Fire and Rescue, Kinross and Milnathort Allotment Association, Kinross Curling School, Alzheimer's Scotland, Kinross Volleyball Club, Scottish Military Vehicle Group, Recycle, Zero Waste Volunteers, SCARF, Citizen's Advice Bureau, Kinross and District Town Twinning Association, Safer Communities, Duke of Edinburgh Parents Group, Voluntary Action Perthshire, MEAD (Minority Ethnic Access Development Project), RSPB and YMCA. They all promoted the work they do, and some volunteers were recruited on the day.

I would like to say a huge thanks to the stallholders for providing a wide range of interesting and fun activities, which made it a fantastic day for all the family.

The event proved a real success with over 380 people attending. Feedback suggested this be an annual event and also highlighted other opportunities that would support volunteers in the area. Forthcoming events and activities will include Community Achievement Awards.

A prize draw was held by the Children's Games Stall and we are pleased to announce that the winners are the Duke of Edinburgh Parents Group.

For further information please contact: Tracey Ramsay, 01577 867124 or email tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Home-start training course starting in January



Home-Start Perth is a voluntary organisation which supports families with young children throughout Perth and Kinross. Trained volunteers, who all have parenting experience, 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.

Volunteering for Home-Start Perth can be very rewarding. If you feel you could spare some time to support a family in your community, then please get in touch to find out about training courses.

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 or look at the website www.homestartperth.org.uk or email info@homestartperth.org.uk.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



On Monday 19 November, a large audience of members of Kinross-shire Historical Society heard a fascinating illustrated talk by Dr Oliver O'Grady about the Culdee Archaeological Project on St Serf's Island in Loch Leven which has taken place in 2011 and 2012. He explained links to other Culdee sites and where information can be found about medieval priories. Such things as grants of land from kings are recorded but much other information is not. He also explained the meaning of the term 'Culdee' which came from Ireland in 8th/9th century.

It is recorded that the site was given by King Brude who died in 706AD and it is now accepted that St Serf was in Culross in 685AD. Macbeth and his wife Gruach granted land to the St Serf's Priory in 11th century. In 1150 the Augustinians were established and the Oryginal Chronicle of Scotland was written on St Serf's by the Prior Andrew de Wynton in the 15th century.

This project was the first archaeology carried out on the island in modern times, although there was some done in Victorian times and agricultural improvements had been made to the island after the loch was lowered in the 1830s when some finds were made including pottery and seals and spearheads from the loch itself. Because of the special standing of St Serf's within a National Nature Reserve, the dig was restricted to August between the end of the breeding season of the Tufted Ducks and the arrival of the migratory birds such as the geese. Permission was needed from various groups including Kinross Estate, SNH and Historic Scotland.

Volunteers from the local community were involved in the archaeology, arriving each day by boat.

Initially a walkover survey was carried out, recording anything that could be man-made. Then a magnetic geophysical survey was done followed by another using resistivity. As a result of the findings, two trenches were dug, one to investigate a cutting feature and another to investigate a boundary feature. The former may well have been a fish box [pond] and the latter a vallum.

Dr O'Grady showed slides of some of the finds which are still being dated by experts.

One of the volunteers, Anne Milburn, Treasurer of KHS, gave a very enthusiastic vote of thanks.

For details of next meeting, see Notices, page 96.

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Milnathort Primary School

Entertainment at MPS!

Halloween gave us a good excuse to dress up and party! Our Nursery boys and girls came along to their nursery sessions in fancy dress and enjoyed their fun filled Halloween themed parties! P1-P7 were provided with what is now a tradition in Milnathort Primary: the scariest Halloween discos complete with spooky games! The costumes were amazing and a lot of effort and imagination had gone into them. This year we have to thank a bunch of fun loving dads who pulled the event together to make it "spooktastic!" The discos were complete with DJ, disco lights and smoke machine! This year's event will definitely be a hard act to follow! The event certainly put the FUN into fundraising!

Sharing Learning at MPS

Parent Contact meetings are one of the many ways that schools share children's progress with parents. In Milnathort Primary we had another excellent turnout with 95% parents coming into school over two nights in November to meet with class teachers and talk about progress in learning. Thank you to all our parents for their continued support in learning.

Sports in Milnathort Primary

It's been a busy time in Milnathort Primary particularly in sport and physical activities! Our Sports Committee made up of parents has firmly established itself in the "After School Club Calendar" by providing clubs for netball (P5-7) and athletics (P1-3). We have also been able to start Football Coaching thanks to two of our dads getting together with Active Schools to develop football in the area for P5-P7 children who haven't been able to access football coaching outside school. There have been curling sessions for P7 and further rugby coaching provided by Darren Moon, rugby Development Officer. Kinross High School pupils continue to come along every Wednesday afternoon to deliver a dance club and numbers are growing steadily! It's great that so many people are willing to help provide these opportunities for our children.

Swimming Success

Many of you will be aware of the Kinross Otters Amateur Swimming Club which trains at Live Active Loch Leven. Children from Milnathort Primary School who swim with the Otters took part in the Tayside Schools Swimming Championship, and whilst headed up a schools event it is really down to the efforts of the club's staff and parents who take their children to the event that schools in the area (and indeed across Perth & Kinross) are represented. The event took place on Tuesday 6 November at the Olympia Swimming Pool, Dundee. A team made up of Amy Hardie, Ailish Hunter, Honor Ashcroft and Ola Stanton got gold in the Girls 12/U 4x 50m Freestyle Relay after leading from the start and won by 10 seconds! A second Milnathort team of Ruth Ritchie, Ailsa Bennet, Libby Broadhurst and Audrey Doyle got bronze. They had been sitting in fourth place, however after Ruth's final leg she pulled it back to get them the bronze! Team GB Prospects? Sounds like it!

Portmoak Community Woodlands

Choose a Christmas tree and help to save Portmoak Moss! That's the message from the Portmoak Community Woodlands Steering Group who once again are inviting people to help remove conifers from the raised peat bog and get their last minute Christmas tree.

The **Christmas event** will be in Portmoak Moss from 11am -1pm on **Sunday 16 December**. The steering group hope people will come along and enjoy a Christmas drink and pick a tree, to take away with them. Donations to help with future projects will be much appreciated.

It's all part of the bog restoration programme and follows a 'boginar' or seminar on the future of the Moss, attended by 35 experts and villagers in Portmoak Village Hall on 16 November. Before the meeting, Stuart Garvie, a member of the steering group, gave a guided tour of the Moss to explain some of the problems, like keeping it wet enough to encourage rare and colourful sphagnum mosses to grow. More dams will be required to stop water draining away. And a lot more work will need to be done to pull out the birch and conifers which keep re-seeding.



learning about the special qualities of the Moss at the 'boginar'
photo: Sylvia Wilson, Scotlandwell

The Woodland Trust, who own Portmoak Moss, are concerned about the ongoing costs and effort involved, in keeping the trees at bay, and may let the bog revert to wet woodland if they don't think the project is sustainable. Experts from Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Wildlife Trust told the 'boginar' that bog restoration is a slow process but that lowland raised peat bogs were regarded internationally as a priority habitat and that the Scottish Government had just allocated £1.7millions to help with restoration. The steering group will be taking advice on whether Portmoak is eligible for a grant.

Meanwhile, local people can do their bit by collecting Christmas trees. It's not a commercial venture, so trees will not be wrapped. The main thing is to make sure the tree will fit in the car or can be carried home. There are plenty of sizes to choose from and steering group members will cut the trees down. So, a winter walk, Christmas activities and a nice fresh tree are all on offer.

Another date for your diary:

The **Portmoak Burns Supper** will be on **Saturday 26 January 2013**. The actor, Crawford Logan, is giving *The Immortal Memory*; Dr Bill Carr will perform his famous (and terrifying) Address to the Haggis. Tickets can be obtained from dave@davebatchelor.co.uk or by calling him on 01592 840233.

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ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS COMPETITION 2013

Kinross-shire Civic Trust announces the launch of its Architectural Award Scheme for 2013. The award will be for work to an existing building, situated within Kinross-shire, and may be for conservation work to an historic fabric, the conversion of a building to a new use, or for a new extension to an existing structure – or for any combination of these interventions – carried out between June 2007 and completed by April 2013.

The award is made in respect of the building but, of course, credit is attached to all those associated with the works. Applications are therefore welcome from architects, other interested parties, or owners (whose permission must in any case be obtained). The assessing panel will comprise experts in the conservation of buildings who will make an initial assessment of all entries received and inspect short listed sites in the summer of 2013.

Patrick Milne Home, chairman of the Trust's Awards Committee said: "The award is to encourage high standards of design and imaginative solutions for the conservation, adaptation and extension of existing structures. Kinross-shire's built environment provides it with a rich heritage that we hope to see maintained for future generations. The award gives architects and other interested parties in this specialist field an opportunity to demonstrate the quality of their work for the benefit of the wider community and to encourage further excellence in design".

Further details and entry forms can be obtained from the KCT website or Mr Robert Galbraith, Garden Cottage, Ledlanet, KY13 0RR. Email: rhwgalbraith@gmail.com

Portmoak Priory project

The project to mark on the ground the site and history of the original Portmoak Priory is making steady progress, despite a horrendous summer, where the weed growth almost overtook us. But hard work has got it back under control again, for this year anyway. The building plot itself has been totally cleared, a geotextile membrane laid and covered with a 100mm layer of sand. The cairns at the four corners are about to be built and an Interpretive Panel is ready for setting up on site.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust website

We have now created a new website: www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org on which you will now be able to keep up to date with all the Civic Trust activities as well links to other useful web sites.

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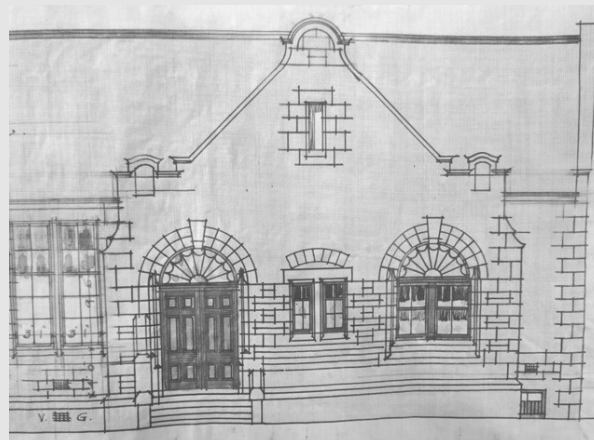
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Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire The former Kinross High School

The townscape of Kinross is dominated by a number of important and substantial public buildings, one of which is the former High School which was first erected at the upper end of the High Street in 1823. Designed by the mason-architect John Simpson, that building was topped by a bell tower whose bell announced the beginning and end of classes. John Wood's *Plan of the town of Kinross*, drawn in 1823, shows the new 'Parish School' which stands separated from the Green Hotel by Kinross Green. The schoolmaster for the next 50 years at this new Parish School was Robert Burns-Begg senior, a nephew of the poet Robert Burns.

To cope with an ever-increasing population, the school was enlarged in 1905-07 with the building of a tall single-storey U-plan block designed by the Dunfermline architect Andrew Muirhead. The frontage of this building looking onto the High Street has two Dutch-gabled boys' and girls' entrances, both with matching pairs of umbrella fanlights. Plans of the 'New Public School', drawn by Muirhead in his office at 4 Abbey Park Place and approved by the Scottish Education Department in May 1906, are held in the archive at Kinross (Marshall) Museum. They show a central hall, six classrooms designed to accommodate 60-80 pupils and separate outdoor play sheds for the boys and girls.



Andrew Muirhead's 1905 design for one of the Dutch-gabled entrances to the High School

Two further additions were made to Kinross High School in the 20th century. The first, a harl and brick extension to the north-west, was built in 1930 to a design by A. Watt Allison, Master of Works to Perthshire Education Authority from 1919 to 1942. Watt Allison had previously served for 14 years as Burgh Surveyor in Crieff. A second extension, again to the north-west, was added in 1961. This was designed by Perth and Kinross County Architect Ian A. Moodie. The original 1823 building was subsequently demolished in 1969, but the round-arched bell-cote with its old school bell was saved and erected as a feature in the playground by the school's Technical Department. When Kinross High School moved into the Loch Leven Community Campus in October 2009, this bell was relocated to its present site opposite the main entrance to the campus.



Sports News

Kinross Otters

Midland District November Championships Olympia Pool, Dundee, 2 – 4 November



These Tayside championships are in fact graded, which means that a swimmer cannot have a personal best time quicker than the entry time. This ensures that second line swimmers, or swimmers who are not particularly quick at a given stroke, have a chance of glory for a change. To complicate matters, there were Championship events in the 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle races and the 400m Individual Medley. These events were open to the quickest swimmers in the Tayside area.

Highly impressive was **Finlay Nesbitt** (12) in the 9-12 yr old category who won gold medals in the 400m Freestyle (5.21.68), 400m Individual Medley (6.02.33), 800m Freestyle (11.04.35) and 1500m Freestyle (20.41.17). He was also first in the 200m Butterfly in 3.07.72 but got no medal as he was "too fast" (a certain percentage quicker than the entry time).

Next best, with a very welcome return to winning ways, was **Mhairi Boyle** (15) in the 15 and over category where she won gold medals and set personal bests in 100m Freestyle (1.07.82), 100m Backstroke (1.18.24) and 200m Freestyle (2.25.31). She also won silver in the 200m Individual Medley (2.49.43). She had a fair few battles with team mate **Rachel Brisbane** (15), who came out top in the 200m Individual Medley (2.48.70) thanks to that super fast Breaststroke. **Rachel** had to settle for silver in the 200m Freestyle (2.33.88) and bronze in the 100m Backstroke (1.22.01) behind **Mhairi**.

A rare appearance by **Ryan Curtis** (13), was well worth it when he won gold in the 100m Freestyle (1.13.73) and silver in the 200m Individual Medley (3.06.87) in the 13 yr old age group.

Jack Watson (12) excelled when he stormed to a 100m Freestyle gold (1.15.87) in the 9-12 yr old category. Although he came 3rd in the corresponding 200m event (2.45.03), he got no medal as he was "too fast".

Similarly, **Euan Boyle** (13) could only rue the fact that he was considered "too fast" in the 100m Breaststroke where he was quickest in 1.29.67.

Jordan Curtis (16), also fell foul of this rule in the 100m Freestyle (1.00.62) when he came second as did **Amy Broadhurst** (11) in the 200m Individual Medley (3.15.17) when she managed third.

Real medals resumed again when **Niamh Mullen** (13) and **Aaron Gillon** (14) won bronzes in the 100m Breaststroke (1.39.06) and 400m Freestyle (4.49.97) respectively.

District Leagues

As the league season comes to an end, Kinross Otters Premier League team came a very solid 4th overall behind Perth City, Dundee City Aquatics and Arbroath St. Thomas, guaranteeing another season in this top league. Forfar Falcons were relegated.

In Division 2, Kinross Otters have sort of dominated and barring a complete disaster they should get promoted at the final meet of the year on 24 November.

It will have been a great achievement if a club the size of the Otters could have teams in the Premier and First Divisions. Here's hoping.



Some of the Kinross Otters Team at the Midland District November Championships

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Kinross Men's Hockey Club

The 1st XI plays in East District Division 1 and the 2nd XI plays in East District Division 2 with each team playing 22 league games this season.

1st XI

Kinross lost their second game of the season 5-0 to Erskine SM 3rds before letting Edinburgh University 4ths get a last minute goal to snatch a 1-1 draw. Kinross then easily cruised to a 4-0 victory against Carnegie 3rds, before defeating an unbeaten Grange 5ths 2-0. Two goals by Bradley Harrison could not stop Grange Development winning 3-2. So far played 5, won 2, drawn 1 and lost 3, having played the all the top five teams in the league and currently in ninth place.

2nd XI

Kinross lost 0-5 to a very fit and skilful Edinburgh University 5th XI. In the following game against Edinburgh Colts, a last minute goal by Graeme Malcolm gave Kinross a 1-0 victory. An excellent Ian Clark hat-trick against Erskine SM 4ths saw Kinross run out 3-1 winners. A good start to the season having played 6, won 3 and lost 3 and currently lying in sixth place in the league.

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.

Forth coming league fixtures:

December

1st	1sts v Grange 6ths	Away
	2nds v Inverleith 3rds	Away
8th	1sts v Reivers	KGV at 12.00pm
	2nds v Watsonians 3rds	KG at 1.30pm

Season break for annual over-indulgence in goodies!

January

19th	1sts v Falkirk 2nds	KGV at 12.00pm
	2nds v Falkirk 3rds	KGV at 1.30pm
26th	1sts v Alloa	KGV at 12.00pm
	2nds v Fidora Lions	KGV at 1.30pm

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.

James is Scotland's top young coach



Kinross Cricket Club coach, James Ross, has been named Sport Scotland's Young Coach of the Year for 2012.

James is due to be presented with a certificate, award and a cheque for £300 in front of 200 coaches and guests at the Perth & Kinross Coach Development Evening in Perth on 28 November.

James joined Kinross Cricket Club when he was only ten years old, before the club had a designated junior section. James showed his talent and was soon playing for the Scotland youth teams and made several trips overseas to play for Scotland in European Championships as well as a highly successful tour to South Africa.

At 17, James took the decision to step out of the Scotland squads to concentrate on his university education, coaching and his growing musical interests, which have included the release of two albums and numerous live performances.

Scotland's loss was very much Kinross's gain. As opening bowler and opening batsman for the 1st XI, James has been at the forefront of the club's success in recent senior league cricket. He currently holds various club records for batting, including the highest individual league batting score of 144 not out as well as the most centuries scored for the club.

James has contributed to developing coaching across Perth & Kinross for several years. He became an Area volunteer coach in 2007 and has been acting Area Head coach for the past 18 months. Having graduated from Edinburgh University, he was delighted earlier this month when Live Active Leisure offered him a full-time professional contract to become the Perth & Kinross Area Development Coach. This role will build on the work James has done in not only bringing cricket to children across the county's primary and secondary schools but also further develop disability cricket, which is one of his driving passions. James coaches the full spectrum of players in Perth and Kinross from those adults and children with disabilities to the high performers that play at various level of the national performance pathway.

Jim Moyes, Chief Executive of Live Active, said: "James is an inspirational young man who is a 'shining light' for others in terms of his selfless devotion to coaching, his unrivalled enthusiasm for all his activity and his ability to motivate, guide, encourage and inspire those with whom he comes into contact".

James has also been named as one of the three finalists in the UK Young Coach of the Year awards. He is being flown down to London on 20 November to attend the Sport UK Coach of the Year Awards with HRH Princess Anne and a number of the UK Gold Medal Olympians in attendance.



James Ross of Kinross, Sport Scotland's Young Coach of the Year

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Kinross Badminton Club

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The Kate Francis Mixed Tournament was recently held and winners were Steve Thomson and Maureen Macpherson. Runners up were Ian Coulter and Alison Scott. Thanks to Graham Sorbie for organising this event.

League matches have resumed and results to date are: Kinross lost to Perth 20 17:1; lost to Taybank A 12:6; beat Forgandenny 13:5. Next match is Wednesday 12 December.

The junior club continues to go from strength to strength and last night of play before Christmas is Thursday 13 December. The junior club resumes on Thursday 10 January. Thanks to Alison Walker for her continued involvement. Alison appreciates the support she gets from Lewis Hunter, and coach Kirsty, who encourages our young ones to have fun, get fit and enjoy fair play.

Forthcoming events include a **Yonex evening** at the club on **Thursday 6 December**, 7.30pm onwards, when Yonex badminton rackets, footwear and clothing can be purchased. Then, on the last night of play before Christmas, Thursday 20 December, players can enjoy a fun but competitive evening playing in the Macdonald Quaich. This will be followed by a social at Bill's house.

The Adult Club resumes on Tuesday 8 January at 8pm when a full house is expected following the festive period.

If you're new to badminton or wish to start playing again, please contact President Bill Macdonald on 01577-862592 or Secretary Rory Cooper by e-mail on: rtc00001@students.stir.ac.uk

Further information can be found via the website.

Kinross Junior Curling Club



Our curling season is well underway and the junior curlers are enjoying a mixture of coaching and games at the Sunday night sessions. Many of our juniors are in rinks which compete at various external competitions throughout the year and the club has members who have been successful at the various different age levels. Grant Barr and Finlay Campbell were in the rink that was runner up at the Lockerbie U17 slam at the end of September. Then at our own Kinross Junior Classic Competition at the beginning of October, Grant Barr was part of the boys' rink that won the competition, while Fraser Thomson, Hamish Geyer and James Hay were runners-up in the boys' low road and Kirsty Paterson and Fiona Spain were in the girls' low road runners-up rink. Kirsty and Fiona were also runners up at the Inverness Junior International in November. The club also had success at the recent U14 slam in Perth, when Gavin Hay and Ben Cormack were two members of the winning rink at this competition.

The club meets at the Green Hotel curling rink most Sundays from 5pm-7.15pm. For further details contact Fiona, telephone 01577 830268 or email fionam.campbell@bopenworld.com

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Kinross Colts FC Juniors

November has been a significant milestone in the continuing progress of Kinross Colts FC Juniors.

The Scottish FA have recognised the standards achieved by the club's officials, coaches and other volunteers by awarding the club the SFA Quality Mark status. Club Secretary, Denis Sweeney, has been working with the SFA over the last year to ensure that the club implements the required structures and processes to achieve the Quality Mark criteria.



The new Kinross Colts 2004 (Under 9s) squad

Club Chairman, Justin Beveridge, will be presented with the Quality Mark Certificate at the Scottish FA Quality Mark Awards on Saturday 24 November at East End Park. This is a great recognition for all connected with the club as it continues to aim to provide the children of Kinross-shire with the opportunity to play Scotland's (and the world's) most popular sport.

Having only been established seven years ago, the club continues to grow and now has added an under 9s squad to the existing six teams.

The club is run by volunteers and is both looking to add teams at younger age groups and welcome new players into existing squads where space allows. If you or your child would be interested in being involved with our club then please e-mail: kinrosscolts@gmail.com

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Kinross Road Runners

Race round-up

Parkrun

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At the first ever Parkrun in St. Andrews on 6 October, there was a personal best for Steve Hopton at 22:05 and another for Ashley Balfour at 21:32. Ashley was also first female, so a big congratulations to her on her first ever first place.

Aviemore Half Marathon

Aviemore Half Marathon is a must for anyone who appreciates their surroundings as much as their finishing time. This year's race on 14 October saw perfect running weather, amazing autumn colours and stunning scenery.

Maureen Hill was 1st FV 50 and equalled her Chicago Half Marathon time to the second (1.33.29), unbelievable on two so very different courses! Maureen is now the new course record holder in the FV50 category for Aviemore Half.

Well done also to Linda Palmer who achieved a PB of 1:45:02.

Jedburgh Three Peaks Ultramarathon Race

This is a 38 mile event which starts and finishes in Jedburgh. The route is a mixture of some road, track, path and hill running and passes through some of the most iconic and beautiful Border countryside. This year, on 28 October, Andy Johns represented Kinross Road Runners and came fourth in 6hrs 7mins and 55secs. Very well done Andy!

Templeton Woods, Dundee

Jillian Gordon was first female overall in this 10 mile race on 4 November, her time being 1.05.52. Angus McCulloch was first male KRR (36th overall) in 1.08.43, closely followed by Rashmi Shah in 1.08.57. Judith Dobson was first female in her age category (1.16.18). The other Kinross runners taking part were: David Scott (1.09.46); Paul Allcoat (1.13.35), Ashley Balfour (1.15.28), Steve Hopton (1.18.37), Vicky Parsons (1.19.43) Marinos Calothis (1.22.52) and Struan Robertson (1.25.36).

Glen Clova Half Marathon

Well done to everyone who ran Glen Clova Half Marathon on 10 November. It's a tough course but there were a few PBs and a great performance from the KRR ladies who took the 1st ladies team prize (Jillian Gordon, Hazel Porter and Pippa Coutts). Jillian Gordon was 1st female and Andy Laycock was 2nd male vet.

The members who took part (and their times) were:

Andy Laycock 1:20:10; Jillian Gordon 1:25:25; Graham Kemp 1:30:48; Hazel Porter 1:31:32; Allan Kemp 1:31:33; Martin Hill 1:34:27; Paul Allcoat 1:35:07; Peter Hookham 1:38:30; Pippa Coutts 1:44:04; John Boyle 1:45:29; Linda Palmer 1:49:54; Val Findlay 1:51:37; Gordon Donnachie 1:57:00; Ann Malcolm 1:59:22; Allison Smith 2:01:59; Anne McIntyre 2:10:18; Peter Cowie 2:27:03.

This was another great showing from the club and a fantastic way to round off the club championship season.



Milnathort Golf Club

We've played six weeks of the Thursday Winter League already and strangely enough no cancellations through bad weather!

The winter greens and tees are now in use and golfers have the choice of either using a mat or taking the ball to the side rough if they are fortunate enough to land on the fairway. With five points for a win, four for second etc, leading the field is Billy Kay (14), followed by Jim Hunter (13), Bob Tolson (11), John Mills (10) and Phil Leiper (9). It goes without saying that all eyes are now firmly on the Leader Board.

The Sunday Winter League has two different start times of 9.00 and 11.00 and competition is fierce (but friendly). Because of the shortened course and fewer hazards in play, some remarkable scores have been achieved with not even a net 60 being the lowest round to date. At time of writing John Mills is in the lead with nine points, closely followed by Bob Lond (8), Pete Graham and Keith Craver (7) and three others tied with five points.

The Saturday Competition also attracts a good crowd and we turn up at 8.45 for the draw. David J Malcolm is in the lead with 15 points, Phil Leiper second (12) Jack Mackintosh third (7) and Charles Payne fourth (6).

There's pride as well as a few coppers at stake and it's still not too late for a seasoned campaigner to craftily leave the field behind, so watch this space!

Senior Section

The Senior Section AGM was held on 1 November.

Office bearers who were duly elected are to serve for 2013.

Senior Captain	Charlie Payne
Senior Vice Captain	Phil Leiper
Secretary	John Mills
Treasurer	Bill Michie
Committee Member	Ron MacDonald
Ex officio Past Senior Captain	Roy Cogbill

We take this opportunity to wish all members, whether playing or not, the Compliments of the Season and Good Health and Prosperity in the coming Year.

The season is now over and the winners can look forward to receiving their prizes on 24 November. It promises to be a good night with dinner in the clubhouse.

Ladies Section

After a difficult year weather-wise, we are now into our Autumn/Winter Sweep which we play every Wednesday at 10am and Saturday at 1pm (weather permitting). We play a nine-hole Stableford with our own winter rules. We have had a good turnout for the Sweep, it's a lot of fun and the social side is as important as the game. This takes us right through until the season starts in April. When the weather is bad, a coffee and a blether in the clubhouse is enjoyable instead and as Christmas approaches we wish all our members and the community a Merry Christmas and All the Best for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Kinross Ladies' Hockey Club



It has been a busy month of matches for both teams, prepared for with some really focused training sessions.

1st team

Against Brechin, the firsts won by a convincing 12 goals to nil, with goal scorers Vicky Carver (4), Gail Nelson (3), Lynn Paterson (3) and Chelle Best (2). Dundee University 2s lost to us 5 to 2, followed by their 3rd team losing 11 - 0. Scorers in that match were Vicky (4), Gail (3), Chelle (1), AJ Combe (2) and Maggie Best (1).

In the District Cup match against Inverurie the score was tied at 3-3 (scorers were Megan Montgomery, AJ and Gail) and went to penalty strokes which we unfortunately lost.

2nd team

In a very exciting match, the seconds met Perthshire 3s at home. We were down 0-2 at half time but pulled it back to equal the score in the second half. A further two goals followed, taking us to 4-2 up, but we were unfortunately unable to hold onto this lead and the final score was 4-4. Goals were scored by Wendy, Emma and Lyndsey (2).

This was followed with an away League Cup match against Brechin, which, despite hairy moments and goal-mouth scrambles, finished 0-0 with some great goal keeping from Chantal Guillot.

The club has two teams playing in the Midlands Outdoor League in divisions 1 and 2 and have been winners of division 1 for 3 consecutive years. Both teams are entered in the Midlands knockout 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 until 8pm; please feel very welcome to join us. We would also love to hear from anyone who would be interested in coaching either developing, experienced, or a mixture of players.

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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Kinross Vaulting Group



Equestrian vaulting is a rapidly growing sport, which can best be described as 'gymnastics on a moving horse'. The horse is controlled by a lunger and moves in a 15-metre circle. Most exercises are performed at canter, although practising difficult manoeuvres and some classes are done during walk. We have vacancies at the moment for anyone, boys and girls, who would like to take up this sport. Anyone from the age of 8 is welcome, also if anyone is interested in coming along to our training sessions to watch what we get up to please contact

lizmacward@hotmail.com or angelapettinger@gmail.com

We had a very busy time training in September with both the Scottish and British Equestrian vaulting championships taking place less than a week apart!

The Scottish championship took place on 16 September at Kingsbarns Equestrian centre, Falkirk. Results were:

Junior male individual: 3rd Duncan Lewis, on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Junior female individual: 5th Yazmin Williamson, 7th Hannah Ballantyne on ILPH Islay, 9th Hayley Roberts on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Child male individual: 2nd Atholl Pettinger on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Child female individual: 7th Heidi Ballantyne, 9th Kirstin Henderson, both on Robbie, 11th Kayleigh Ritchie on Dazzling Edition, all lunged by Liz Mackay.

Novice team: Hannah Ballantyne, Hayley Roberts, Heidi Ballantyne, Kirstin Henderson, Duncan Lewis and Atholl Pettinger, on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay were 2nd.

Novice individual: 2nd Hannah Henderson, 8th Laurie McFarlane, on Robbie, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Pre-novice individual: 3rd Louise Scott, 12th Robbie Park on Dazzling Edition, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Canter individual: 7th Hannah Henderson, on Dazzling Edition, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne

Walk pairs B: 1st Hannah Ballantyne and Kirstin Henderson, on ILPH Islay, lunged by Janice Henderson.

Walk individual: 20th Mark Porteous on Robbie, lunged by Janice Henderson.

On Friday 21 September we travelled down to Bishop Burton near Hull for the British championships. This was held over two days. Again we had some great results and personal bests. Results were:

Novice team: Hannah Ballantyne, Hayley Roberts, Heidi Ballantyne, Kirstin Henderson, Duncan Lewis and Atholl Pettinger, on ILPH Islay were 2nd.

Senior individual: 6th Lesley Campbell on ILPH Islay.

Junior individual: 7th Hannah Ballantyne, 8th Yazmin Williamson on ILPH Islay.

Child individual: 3rd Atholl Pettinger on Robbie.

Novice individual: 1st Kirstin Henderson, 6th Duncan Lewis, 7th Hayley Roberts, 8th Joanne Drysdale, 9th Heidi Ballantyne, all on Robbie.

All these were lunged by Liz Mackay.



Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

It has been a busy few weeks for the Kobras with teams playing in tournaments in Edinburgh, Perth and at our own tournament on 4 November in Kinross. In the second round of the East District U12 league, the Kobras team came back from losing their opening games against Inverleith Pumas and Perthshire to win against Watsonians Warriors and Eskvale. In the third round the Kobras won all three matches against Grange Stags, Watsonian Wildcats and WIT Striking Kobras. The Kobras sit sixth out of the 14 teams in the league with one round left.

The Kinross tournament on 4 November saw six Kobras teams taking part together with fifteen other teams from Dunfermline Carnegie, Dundee Wanderers, Stirling Wanderers, Perthshire HC and Blairgowrie HC. At U10 level the strength in depth of Dunfermline Carnegie shone through with few of the other teams matching them. The two Kobras teams all won a few matches and benefited from the experience gained.



The Kinross Kobras U12 hockey team

At U12 level it was the Kobras teams that dominated, showing great skill, determination and teamwork. They ended up as the top two teams in this age group with only goal difference separating them.

The winning team (pictured) was made up of Lucy Smith, Daisy Foniciello, Jenny Walls, Calum Kitson, Fraser Kitson, Duncan Montford, Olivia Mears, Georgia Smith and Sally Montford.

At U14 level there were some very high quality and very close games. The two Kobras teams played very well to end up third and fourth in this section which was also won by a team from Dunfermline Carnegie.

Many thanks to the volunteers that helped out on the day and helped make it a great success. There are still a few competitions left before the end of the year, including the final round of the U12 league, so all Kobras should have the opportunity to put their training to good use over the next few weeks.

Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrossstennisclub.org.uk

Winter is a quieter season at the club, however there is still plenty of tennis activity both on and off the courts as we prepare for season 2013. In conjunction with Active Schools, head coach Alan Russell has been running tennis taster sessions for P2/P3 pupils at Kinross Primary School - we hope to offer sessions for other age groups in the future. Alan is also running mini red coaching for ages 5-8yrs at the community campus on Thursday evenings until December; some spaces are still available and further information is available from kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com. Congratulations to Toby Irwin on completing his Tennis Leaders award.

Senior club sessions will run throughout the winter on Wednesdays from 6.30pm and Sundays from 10.30am – all members are welcome. Floodlights costs are £2 per person at winter club night sessions. The Thursday 1.30pm drop in sessions continue weather permitting – members and non-members are welcome at this session. The gents also meet on Thursday evenings to practise their match skills.

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday **19 December** at The Kirklands Hotel – the more the merrier, so if you are interested in joining us please let us know. This is open to club members, parents of junior members and partners.

May we also take this opportunity to thank the owners and staff at John & JH Sands Ltd for agreeing to hold our visitor key this season – their assistance has been very much appreciated.

Enquiries as ever can be made to our secretary by email to kinrossstennis@gmail.com.



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.org

Web: kinrosscurlingrink.blogspot.com

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Kinross Volleyball Club

The Club has welcomed a few new members both male and female to coaching sessions on Monday evenings at the Campus from 7.30pm till 9.30pm and with the league season being delayed due to the unavailability of Bell's Sports Centre.

The opening Premier League games at the end of November pitched Kinross Scotrange against Kinross Kintronics. The Club is also preparing for the Central Scotland Regional League, which should start in January. Kinross finished as runners-up last season and will be looking to go one step further this time round.

Anyone thinking of trying volleyball is invited to come along any Monday evening to the campus to join in with the current squad consisting of males and females from the age of 14 up to 60+.

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News from the Rurals

MILNATHORT – President Fiona Hynds welcomed us all to the October meeting. After the business she introduced our speaker, Lyn Macpherson from Mostyn McKenzie foot care centre, Perth. Lyn is a Chiropodist/Podiatrist. She told us about lots of foot conditions and the treatment given for them. She also advised on what type of footwear to wear. May Paterson was the lucky winner of the voucher for a free treatment.

Competitions:

- Fancy socks - Cathy Cochrane
- Cheese straws - Nan Patrick
- Flower of the Month - Sheila Wardell

President Fiona Hynds welcomed us all to the November meeting. After the business she introduced Brian Cowing from SSPCA and Eric Rennie from Owls & Co, Blairgowrie. Brian gave a very interesting talk about the work of the SSPCA. Eric brought along two beautiful birds of prey, an owl and an eagle. It was fascinating to see them so close up and hear about how they train them.

Competitions:

- Knitted toy - Fiona Hynds
- Plum Jam - Cathy Cochrane
- Flower of the month - Cathy Cochrane

BISHOPSHIRE – Lyn Haworth gave a fascinating, fact-filled talk on hedgehogs. Lyn cares for late-litter baby hedgehogs, who wouldn't be able to get through the winter on their own, and she also takes in sick hedgehogs. If she is unable to look after them she enlists the help of the SSPCA or the British Hedgehog Society. Hedgehogs are becoming an endangered species, in large measure due to current farming methods which have destroyed hedges and ditches. There is much information on helping the animals by putting out suitable food and creating spaces for their nests.

Competitions:

- Photo of a sunset - Sylvia Herrington
- 3 Empire biscuits - Avril Rogers

GLENFARG – President Margaret Scott introduced Mr Willie Macfarlane, Curator of the Police Museum in Dundee who gave a comprehensive talk on the history of Perth & Kinross Policing since it started in the early 1800s. He also brought along many slides of policing through to the present day.

Margot Moran proposed the vote of thanks and was the tea hostess.

Competitions:

- Autumn scene photo - M Moran
- Slice of Quiche - L Yull
- Flower of the Month - M Moran

CLEISH – President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed members to our November meeting. After business she introduced our speaker for the evening, Mrs Isobel Watt, who gave us a talk on Traidcraft/Fairtrade. There was also a wonderful sales table of Fairtrade produce. Mrs Marian Bisset gave the vote of thanks.

Competition:

- Flower of the month - Betty Robb
- Chocolate mousse - Anne Bayne
- Bookmark, any craft - Catherine Erskine

CROOK OF DEVON – Mrs Isobel Mill presided and welcomed members to the November meeting, introducing Fiona Ritchie from the Ochil Soap Company who gave us a talk on how she started making her own soap. She also showed us some of the different products she makes and decorates for here and abroad.

Mrs Isabelle White gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

- 3 Tray Bakes - Margaret Paterson
- Flower of Month - Sheila Lamont

POWMILL – President Mrs Mary Wilson welcomed members to the first meeting of the new syllabus which was held at Hillfoots Country Butchers and Farm Shop, Tillicoultry. Owner, Amanda Snowie explained how the business started with a butchers shop in Tullibody and this is now the second shop to be opened in the area. Members were then shown how a lamb is butchered and a range of items sold in the shop such as readymade meals, homemade soup, steak pies, stovies, quiches etc all prepared by the chef were on display.

Members were then treated to a glass of wine and a hot/cold buffet which was enjoyed by all.

Competition:

- Holiday Souvenir - Mrs Margaret Broomfield
- 4 pieces of Fruit Fudge - Mrs Janet Mitchell

President Mrs Mary Wilson welcomed members to the October meeting. She then introduced Mr Graham Butler from Briglands Nursery who gave a very informative talk about alpine plants for your garden and in particular suitable ones for this part of the countryside. This was accompanied by a slide show.

Competitions:

- Pot plant - Mrs Margaret Broomfield
- Floral brooch - Mrs Janet Mitchell
- Garden gem - Mrs Mary Wilson

CARNBO – President Mrs Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members to the November meeting. The British Red Cross gave a most informative talk on their work here and abroad, and also demonstrated how to give CPR.

Competitions:

- Favourite Remedy - Grace Paterson
- Flower of the Month - Cath Mearns

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Out & About

RSPB Loch Leven

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Hello again for the last time this year! Man, that's fair went in a bit quick.

On the reserve we hiv been chappin doon soft rush tae help control it, and the new wetland area seems tae be settlin doon nicely.

The geese seem tae be enjoyin it wi some guid numbers bein seen richt oot the front o' the hides some days. Numbers will start tae drop a bit noo, wi family groups headin sooth tae Englandshire afore they return next spring. Some big duck flocks hiv been aroond as weel, wi guid numbers for things like goosander, red breasted merganser, the odd black tailed godwit, a redhead smew and yin o' the white tailed eagles turned up oan 6 November. No share which wan, but we think it might be H, the large female from the 2009 release and yin o' the pair that hiv come back every winter since then. Ony sightings, please let us ken. An influx o' Scandinavian birds has seen redwing, fieldfare and waxwing in the area as weel. Usually we dinnae get waxwing this side o' the loch but we hiv seen a few oan the rowan bushes across the road fae the car park entrance – smart lookin birdies they are tae.

Next events comin up are **Contemporary Christmas Craft Workshops** oan **Wednesday 5 December** and then **Wednesday 12 December**. The first yin will be makin gifts from recycled 'n' natural materials and Christmas wreaths. The second Wednesday will be a felt scarf makin workshop. Baith these events run fae 6.30pm tae 8.30pm.

We will also be doin Drop in Kids' Crafts, makin cairds and decorations – no share o' the date fur that yin, please check the website or gie us a tinkle oan the usual number 01577 862355 fur mair details and ask fur Caroline.

The **talks** I mentioned the last time will start in January through tae March 'n' will start oan **16 January** wi a talk oan **Sea Eagles** by Rhian Evans, East Coast project officer, followed oan **6 February** by a talk oan **Red Squirrels** from the Perth and Kinross Squirrel group. The **27 February** is yin oan the plight o' **Scottish Seabirds** fae Rory Crawford, RSPB Scotland's Seabird policy officer. Then oan **6 March** Richard Smith fae Lochore Meadows Ranger Service will gie a talk oan **bats** followed by a wee jaunt oot wi bat detectors tae see whit we kin hear. Bit o' a contradiction that, tae see whit we kin hear, like yasin yer een tae listen, but ye ken whit ah mean. Awe these talks will be oan a Wednesday nchts startin at 7pm till aroond 8.30ish. Bookin essential tae reserve a place.

The shop still hiz oaffers oan cairds, calenders, Christmas gifts etc and yer helpin nature at the same time.

The centre openin' hours ower the **festive season** will be: Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve we will close at 3pm (café 2pm). We are closed on 25 and 26 December and 1 and 2 January. The week in atween we will close at 4pm.

Finally, kin ah wish ye awe a tremendous festive season, hope ye get whit ye want fae auld Santa, and best wishes fur the New Year and no ower bad a hangover! Fae awe the staff and volunteers thanks fur yer visits and custom ower 2012. Hope 2013 brings health, wealth n' happiness tae ye awe!

Till next year, tata,

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



With the nights getting longer we can hear many thousands of geese flying in to roost before the end of the working day. A splendid sight indeed before the darkness sets in! Over 12000 Pink-footed Geese were seen during the last count so I'm sure you've all been enjoying them as much as we have. We've also been seeing high numbers of Whooper Swans out on the loch. If in doubt, they're the swans making the racket as they call incessantly to each other! It's also worth looking out for the Sea Eagles as they have returned again this month. You'll not mistake them for anything else; with a wingspan of over two metres they're almost twice the size of a buzzard, and are sometimes referred to as 'flying barn doors'.

We've had a couple of groups in to assist with management activities over the last month. A group of youngsters from Perth came down for a week of scrub clearance and gorse burning on Carsehall, followed by Countryside Management students from Elmwood College assisting with the ongoing task of removing redundant tree guards. Many thanks to these two groups for their time and efforts.

After a summer of relaxing and feasting on St Serf's Island, the sheep went home for the winter this week. We'll have them back out grazing the island again next year, as they do an excellent job of maintaining a relatively constant grass height throughout the summer months which benefits the wintering goose population. The operation is always a challenge, but our new boat has made it significantly easier than it used to be. More sheep can now be transported, and they have much easier access to and from the boat.



Winter Bird Walk, meeting at Findatie Car Park Saturday 29 December, 10am – 12pm

With the festive season approaching, we'd like to invite you out to walk off those Christmas feasts and have a look at some of the bird life that braves the unpredictable Scottish winter. We'll be searching for all sorts, from wildfowl to thrushes and redpolls to eagles. There's sure to be a few surprises in store too as we venture out into Levenmouth woods, so be sure to book your place by calling 01577 864439 if you'd like to join us for some festive birding! Binoculars, walking boots and waterproofs are recommended, particularly at this time of year.

Look out for next year's events programme to be published in the next issue of the Newsletter. In the meantime, I wish you all a Merry Christmas (eek!) and a Happy New Year!

Craig

See also article about Autumnwatch visit, page 8.

Fact of the Month

In 1948 George de Mestral invented Velcro, having gained inspiration from picking burdock seeds from his clothes after walking his dog in Switzerland.

Farming



Well, here we are getting well through November and the good old Scottish dew is still causing problems here at Backward Farm. The winter barley seed left from last year is still sitting in the shed as the fields were too wet to plough. Hopefully next September might be dry enough to allow us to get it sown – I'm nothing if not an optimist! The cattle were all brought into the sheds in the last week of September after what must have been the shortest grazing season on record. They were outside for just under four months, which is way short of the six months we would realistically aim for in a reasonable year. All the store cattle have been sold (store cattle are ones which are not fully grown and are bought by other farmers called finishers who fatten them up for beef) and I was pleasantly surprised by how heavy they were when they went over the weigh scales considering the amount of Scottish dew they had endured over the 'summer', although they had been given some extra feed to help them along. The remaining cattle on the farm are merrily munching their way through the winter feed stocks which are running a bit low so a decision will have to be taken very soon on what to buy to supplement our own supply to make sure we have enough.

The lambs are growing slowly but surely and we have sold about half of them so far. They still have a reasonable amount of grass but it is low in nutrients so we are starting to give them some cake (refer to last article) to keep them fattening up. The tups have been out with the ewes for a few weeks now so they are hopefully getting along well together. To help us see which ewes have been mated we have been putting coloured marking ink on the tups' chests but some of the tups have been easier to catch than others so it will be a rough guide rather than an accurate one. We have been continuing our tradition of naming our cross-bred tups with words with the same meaning as cross. Hence we have had 'angry' (rip), 'furious' and 'raging'. I picked up the latest cross to join the ranks today (a bit like as in football he will be used as a sweeper tup) and after a discussion of our tradition with his previous owner it was decided that due to his mild temperament it would be appropriate to christen him 'mildly perturbed' tup. I hope 'the Captain' would have been amused.

On reading Fiona's article last month I ended up hoping that our ewes don't read the Newsletter as they would certainly be very envious of the beauty regime she lavishes on her sheep. I'm afraid the quick wheech through the 'salon' ours received was a poor comparison to the 'Vidal Sasoon' treatment of Fiona's. I won't tell them if you won't. We had intended to increase our ewe numbers quite a bit this autumn but as the grass supply is pretty short we have only increased them slightly for the time being in the hope that we will be able to buy some in-lamb ewes after the new year.

With the cereal harvest being poor both in terms of quality and quantity, the price of seed for next season has shot up. Without mentioning prices I will try to put it into some context. A conversation with a well known follically challenged seeds salesman resulted in the realisation that our farm 4x4 vehicle is worth about as much as two tonnes of spring barley seed. From this information you could deduce that either the price of seed has reached astronomical levels or that our budget for our farm vehicle is pretty miserly. The reality is that both deductions are probably true but given the choice of a rugged, dependable, if slightly ageing 4x4 or a couple of tonnes of seed barley, I know for sure which offers the best value, any day of the week.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year,

John

Weather



October Weather Report From Carnbo

Dry, settled weather was lacking in October, although the total rainfall for the month was less than in previous months.

The outstanding details of the month were the low day and night-time temperatures, leading to more ground frost and air frost. Around mid month a deep low in the North Sea caused stormy North East gales with very heavy rain, causing flooding in many areas, especially to our neighbours in East Fife.

Rainfall for month	92mm (73% of average)
Heaviest fall	38 mm (11th)
19 Rain days, 5 trace days, 7 dry days	
Highest temperature	11°C (1st)
Lowest temperature	-2°C
Average temperature	5.7°C (2011 8.9°C)
Ground frost on 11 nights, air frost on 8 nights	
Snow not recorded	
Cloud cover	65% app
Sunless days	11

Tuesday Mornings

Loch Leven Leisure Centre

@ 9.45 - 10.45am

11-12, 12.15 - 1.15pm

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Tuesday Evenings

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Congratulations



Congratulations to my granddaughter, **SHONA CARCELES**, who has obtained her Diploma "de Master en Traduction littéraire" with Distinction (French, English & Spanish) from the Institute Supérieur de Traducteurs et Interprètes in Brussels, and on her 23rd birthday.

Well done, also, on finding a job! - **Mary Smith**

At a reception recognising the achievements of Edinburgh Napier University students, **HANNAH CLARKE** received the Student of the Year 2012 Award. The award was presented by Professor Dame Joan Stringer DBE, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the university. Hannah is in her second year, where she is studying for a degree in Marketing with Digital Media.



Professor Dame Joan Stringer and Hannah Clarke

Enable Mobility Health Centre, Kinross

is celebrating their First Birthday and Hazel, Sue and Stefan would like to thank all their customers for their support over their first 12 months of trading.

**Join them between 10 and 11.30am on Thursday
13 December in their shop at the Health Centre
for a free cuppa and mince pie to celebrate**

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**

Thanks



Orwell Girl Guides and Milnathort Scouts: We would like to thank everyone who helped out at and made our Jumble Sale a great success. We raised £714 towards repairs and renovations to our guide and scout hall. Special thanks to the hall committee members John Ramage for helping set up and being there on the day along with David Millar; Eric Caldwell who supplied his car and trailer to help collect the jumble round the village and to Walter, Eric and Robert who donated their time collecting tables and again helping set up on the Friday night. Thanks to the Milnathort WRI for donating to the cake and candy stall. But huge thanks go to the people of the village who donated jumble to make it all possible.

GORDON BANKS MP presented a cheque for £357 to Mr Dudley Booth, Chairman of Macmillan Cancer Support Stirling Committee. The sum was raised at the MP's constituency coffee morning held as part of the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee morning initiative.

BURNBANK B&B supported an Australian charity runner on his 1000km run from Inverness to Brighton. Trevor and Ann gave Harald Ulriksen dinner, bed and breakfast during his 'Run A2B' run in November and hosted a meal for friends to contribute towards his fundraising for the charities Children with Cancer UK, CLIC Sargent and World Child Cancer.

TRIPUDIO DANCE

is having a **CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR** on
SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

The Fair is to showcase local talent & skills so if you knit, sew, make jewellery, paint or something else and would like the chance to sell & exhibit your material then book a stall now to avoid disappointment.

Or, if you are after that last minute Christmas Present then come along for a chance to purchase a one-off designer gift.

DOORS OPEN AT 10am, ADMISSION FREE

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Kinross-shire Churches Together

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity number SC012555)
 Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952
 Reader: Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602
 Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780
 Church Office, Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon: Tel. (01577) 862570
 Church E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org
 Church/Church Centre Lets: lets@kinrossparishchurch.org
 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 toilet.

Regular Services and events

- Sun** 10.30am: Morning Service. Crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary age) during Morning Service and, at 7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.
- Tues** 10am Pram Service (during term time).
- 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).
- Sat** 10am-noon 2nd hand book stall and café, Church Centre.

Special Services and events

December

Sat 1 10am-12noon: Coffee Morning, Church Centre. Boys Brigade 4pm ADVENTure, Church Centre. A follow-on from Family Week.

Sun 2 Advent Sunday Retiring collections for Mary's Meals
 10.30 am: Quarterly Communion.
 6.30pm: Evening Communion - Common Cup.

Mon 3 8am: Time for Prayer - Silent Meditation (30min).

Tue 4 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.
 7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre. Christmas Party.

Thu 6 7.30pm: Thursday Group, Church Centre. Christmas Dinner.

Sat 8 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office)

Sun 9 10.30am: Morning Service - **Back to Church Sunday**
 3pm Community Christmas Celebration, Loch Leven Campus.

Wed 12 7.30pm: Christmas Wrap: the church's House Groups and anyone else get together to wrap gifts for the homeless.

Thu 20 9pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline (20min)

Sat 22 2pm-4pm: Junior Church Christmas party, Church Centre.

January

Sun 6 10.30am: Morning Worship, followed by informal Communion

Mon 7 8.00am: Time for Prayer - Silent Meditation (30min).

Tue 8 7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre. 'Ethiopia Medical Project'.

Thu 10 7.30pm: Thursday Group, Church Centre.

Sat 12 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast

Thu 17 9.00pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline.

Sun 20 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

10.30am: Worship - Rev. Angus Morrison, Orwell and Portmoak.

6.30pm: United Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Tue 22 7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre. Rev Alan Reid.

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 2.30pm

Services at Levens: 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

December - Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday 2 Cradle Roll Service

Sunday 9 Sacrament of Communion

Sunday 9 at 3pm

Christmas Celebration at Loch Leven Campus (KCT)

Sunday 16 at 6.30pm

Service of Carols and Readings at Orwell Church

Monday 24 at 6.30pm

Christmas Eve Family Service at Portmoak Church

Monday 24 at 11.30pm

Watch-night Service at Orwell Church

Tuesday 25 at 10.30am

Christmas Day Family Service at Orwell Church

January

Sunday 6 at 10.30am

Family Service at Portmoak Church

(No Morning or Evening Service at Orwell)

Everyone Welcome

Oasis Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15-11.45am last Friday of the month.

Guild meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Orwell Hall

7pm between September and March.

Church office & shop open Mon-Sat. 10am until 2pm.

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200

orwellportmoakchurch@yahoo.co.uk

Christmas Services in Kinross Parish Church

Sunday 23 10.30am: Nativity Service, with Junior Church

Monday 24 Christmas Eve:

4.30pm Crib Service: Worship especially for young children and their families, organised by Pram Service.

11.15pm: Watchnight Service.

Tuesday 25 Christmas Day: 10.30am Morning Worship.

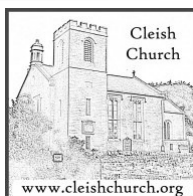
Sunday 30 Christmas Sunday:

10.30am Service of Lessons and Carols.

2.30pm Annual Bereavement Service.

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

December

- Sun 2** 11.15am Advent Service and Sacrament of Holy Communion: Rev. Marina Brown.
Sun 9 11.15am All Age Worship: Rev. Marina Brown. Followed by Congregational Lunch in village hall.
Sun 16 11.15am Morning Worship and Nativity Play: Brian Ogilvie.
Sun 23 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.
Mon 24 11.15pm Watchnight Service: Brian Ogilvie.
Tue 25 11.15am Christmas Day Toy Service: Brian Ogilvie.
Sun 30 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

January

- Sun 6** 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.
Sun 13 11.15am All Age Worship: Brian Ogilvie.
Sun 20 11.15am Morning Worship.
Sun 27 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

Other Activities

Sunday 9 December Congregational lunch in Village Hall after the service.

Monday 28 January Guild meeting in Village Hall at 7.15pm. Topic "A Faith to Proclaim". All welcome.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Mrs Sarah Oxnard Telephone: (01577) 864213
Mr Sandy Smith Telephone: (01577) 862536
Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

December Services

- Sun 2** 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.
Sun 9 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Tue 11 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.
Sun 16 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 23 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Mon 24 23.30pm Midnight Service and Eucharist.
Tue 25 10am Christmas Day service and Eucharist.
Sun 30 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.

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

December

- Sun 2** 9.45am First Sunday in Advent. Rev M Brown.
Wed 5 Advent Reflections. Church will be open 3-5pm and 7-9pm to provide an opportunity for personal reflections.
Sun 9 9.45am Second Sunday in Advent. Rev M Brown.
Thu 13 2-4pm Christmas Refresh home baking.
Sat 16 9.45am Third Sunday in Advent. Family Service J.C. Nativity. Locum B Ogilvie.
6.30pm Christmas Remembrance for loved ones lost. *Followed by light refreshments.*
Sun 23 9.45am Fourth Sunday in Advent. Locum B Ogilvie.
2.30pm Christmas Children's/Family film afternoon, Elizabeth Wilkie Hall.
Mon 24 5pm Christmas Family Service.
11pm carols, 11.15pm Watchnight Service.
Worship Leader S Hamblin.
Tue 25 9.45am Family Christmas Day Service. Locum B Ogilvie.
Sun 30 9.45am Readings and carols. Locum B Ogilvie.

January

- Sun 6** 9.45am Service for Epiphany. Locum B Ogilvie.
Sun 13 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum B Ogilvie.
Sun 20 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum B Ogilvie.
Sun 27 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum B Ogilvie.

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

Café Refresh: 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.

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

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

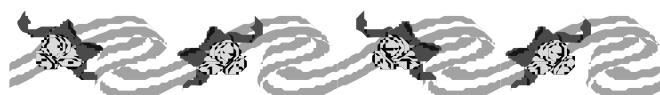
Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

Christmas

Mon 24 Dec Carol Service at 9pm, followed by first Mass at 9.30pm

Tue 25 Dec Mass at 11.15am

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



Obituaries

GEORGE LUKE MacLAREN of 79 Montgomery Street, Kinross, died peacefully at home on 7 October 2012, aged 77.

George, who was a well known character around Kinross, was born on 25 October 1934 at Ladybank, to George MacLaren, a railway signal fitter and Janet Rodger. He was predeceased by his one big sister, Ruby, in 1985. The family moved to Kinross when George was three due to his dad's work as a railway signal fitter, setting up home at 186 High Street.

George's dad passed away when George was only seven. His mum then got a job as a signal woman to support the family, firstly at Loch Leven signal box at the bottom of the town and then at Milnathort. George recalled helping, by climbing near vertical ladders, to light the paraffin lamps at the top of the signals! George was also proud that his mum had pulled the final signal for the last ever train passing through Milnathort when our railway was closed in 1970.

George was educated at Kinross Secondary School and gained a scholarship for Perth Academy in 1948. He also played football for Kinross, enjoyed snooker, fishing and his motor bike and was a member of 1735 Kinross Squadron of the ATC.

On leaving school George trained as a brick layer, completing his apprenticeship with Davey Chalmers Builders in the High Street. George worked for many builders, including Wimpey when Argyll Road was being built, and has left his mark on many buildings around the town, including helping to renovate 186 High Street. Prior to his retirement eight years ago, George worked for Kinross Estates, making many friends and colleagues.

George met his wife Cath at the dancing in Kinross Town Hall and they were married at Strathmiglo Parish Church on 26 October 1957. They set up home together with George's mum at 186 High Street, eventually moving to the newly built Montgomery Court. They had two children: Kenneth was born in 1963 and Catherine in 1967. The final move was to 79 Montgomery Street, the family home for the last 40 years.

George was a great socialiser. He and Cath were members of Kinross Ex-Servicemen's Club, Sandport, where he would sing at the Sunday sing-song. They also loved to dance the tango to their favourite 'Spanish Eyes'.

George was a family man, with a wicked sense of humour, always there to lend a hand and give advice. He was a keen gardener and regularly fished Loch Leven until recent years. He was winner of the Scottish National Championships in 1978. He also attended the Gala bingo in Glenrothes, daily, where he made many friends.

George was predeceased by his loving wife Cath in September 2002 and is survived by his son Kenneth, daughter Catherine, son-in-law Chris and grandchildren Luke and Kelsey.

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

BEALES – Ruth died peacefully with husband John by her side at the Edinburgh Western General Hospital on 17 October 2012. This followed a long illness borne with exemplary poise and grace. She was a deeply loved wife and wonderful mother to Jayne, Ian and to John's children Laura and Hannah. Treasured granny to Keira and Joel.

Cremation at Dunfermline was followed by a beautiful celebrant-led service at RSPB Vane farm.

Enormous thanks go to the staff at Western General ARU and Ward 20. Also the Cancer day-care staff at Dundee Ninewells, who enabled Ruth to extend and retain quality of life to the end.

Ruth was also superbly supported through Maggie's Cancer Care at Dundee, to whom charitable donations are invited in her honour.

A tribute page is available for friends at:
www.facebook.com/RuthieBealesTributes.

Acknowledgements

MacLAREN – Kenneth, Catherine and family wish to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and beautiful floral tributes received in their recent sad loss of dad.

Special thanks to Mrs Margaret Michie for her comforting service, to James Connelly for his very fitting tribute given in church and to Gordon and Alison Stewart, funeral directors, for their professional help and support.

Thanks also to everyone who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. A total of £365.59 was received for Rachel House.

TOD – Jim and family would like to thank all the nurses and doctors at Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy who looked after Gwen so well. Thanks to Stewart Funeral Directors and to all who sent flowers, cards, letters and who attended the funeral. We raised £838.33 for ward 53, Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy. Also a big thank you to Dr McCracken; he has been a great help.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross
Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

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.



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
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Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

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

Babies and Toddlers (birth- 3yrs), Tues 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



Swansacre Playgroup
Winter Wonderland
21-23 Swansacre, Kinross
 Come along to our Magical Christmas Marquee
 Join our celebrations from
 Friday 30th Nov - Saturday 1st Dec 2012

Christmas Shopping Night Tickets £2
 Santa's Grotto Tickets £5
 Christmas Party Night Tickets £5

Shopping Night Friday 30th Nov 7.30pm
 Visits Santa's Grotto Saturday 1st Dec
 Slots to be booked available from 11am-3pm

Christmas Party Night Saturday 7.30pm

Call 01577 862071 for tickets & info
 Charity No SC017748 Registered Scottish Charity

Logos: USAC, BAYNES, KLEO, WINTER WONDERLAND, Blue Sky Gazebos, USAC

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

The Thursday Group

6 December

Christmas Dinner

10 January

Members' Evening: *Show and Tell*

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.

Orwell Bowling Club BINGO TEA

Wednesday 12 December at 7.30pm

Entry £1 including refreshments

Bring your own cup please

Kinross Floral Art Club

Thursday 13 December

7.15pm in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

Demonstrator: Mrs Peggy Reid '*Christmas Joy*'

Royal Geographical Society Talks

£8 adults. Students, U18s and RSGS members free

Mike and Karen Small: *The Fife Diet*
 (sustainable food project)

7.30pm on **Tuesday 4 December** in Perth Concert Hall

John Beatty: *Wild Vision*

(nature, travel and adventure photographer)

7.30pm on **Tuesday 11 December** in Battleby Conference Centre, Redgorton, Perth

Timothy Allen: *Human Planet*

(maker of multi-award winning documentaries)

7.30pm on **Tuesday 15 January** in Perth Concert Hall

www.rsgs.org

Kinross Guides – Coffee Morning/Sale

Kinross Church Centre

Saturday 15 December 10.15am to 12.15pm

Admission £2.00 (Adult) £0.50 (Child)

(includes tea/coffee/juice and biscuits)

Sales tables

Home Baking

Tombola

Children's Games and more

Please come along and support three worthy causes:
 Kinross Guides, Light Up Kinross and the Potager Garden

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.

Interested? Please contact mbs21@btinternet.com or 862945 (Margaret).

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.

19 Jan 'Northern Lights Wind Quintet'

23 Feb 'Stelle' (four singers plus accompanist)

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

Milnathort Primary School CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 15 December 10am until 12noon

In the School Hall

There will be school stalls including a Lucky Dip, Pocket Money Stall and Bottle Stall, and also various retail stalls. Items on sale will include handmade jewellery, cards, personalised pictures, handmade hand creams, soaps and massage vouchers.

There will also be a Tombola and Raffle with lots of fabulous prizes to be won.

Children will be able to decorate muffins, have their faces painted and get festive tattoos.

Refreshments will be available in the Dining Hall.

Entry: £1 for Adults and Free for Children

Orwell Bowling Club MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 22 December at 7.00pm

An evening of Fun and Entertainment

Free Entry

Orwell Bowling Club Darts, Pool and Dominoes Night

Thursday 27 December at 7.00 for 7.30pm

OPEN TO ALL

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, Blackfriars, North Port, Perth, PH1 5LU.

A discount may be available on written application.

Enquiries: 01738 475000 enquiries@pkc.gov.uk

The Portmoak Burns Supper

Portmoak Village Hall

Saturday 26 January

That Hens Tooth - the Good Fun Burns Supper
The Haggis - the terrifying, hilarious Dr Bill Carr
The Immortal Memory - Crawford Logan,
distinguished TV and Radio actor of many voices

Folk and Classical Music

Singing - chiefly yourselves

Poetry readings and quiz (with prizes)

Magnificent catering again from Lochend Farm Shop

Tickets: dave@davebatchelor.co.uk 01592 840233

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

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 Giacomazzi.

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.

Milnathort filmhouse arthur christmas



Find us on
Facebook

monday dec 24th 5pm

Arthur Christmas (PG) **tickets available in advance only phone Susan on 07737 461293 or request through our Facebook page.**

Family £15 (2 ad + 2 chd) Adult £5 (OAP & Student concession £3), Screening 5pm at Milnathort Town Hall, doors open 4.15pm. Tuck shop available.

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.



Trefoil Guild

Trefoil Guild is guiding for ADULTS – fun, friendship and making a difference!

We are hoping to restart the Trefoil Guild in Guide and Scout Hall, Milnathort one afternoon during the week. Anyone interested, please contact Alison on 01577 864262



newbies

Every Monday, 2- 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether, whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

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

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, CharlesWilson@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

Christmas Gift Idea

Subscription to the Newsletter

Why not give a Subscription to the Newsletter as a present? A subscription for one calendar year costs £24.20. This covers eleven issues, from February to December (we don't publish a Newsletter at the start of January) and each issue will be delivered by post. The price quoted applies to the UK only.

If you would like to arrange a subscription, please contact our Subscriptions Manager, Ross McConnell (contact details on page 1).

Let Ross know if the subscription is a Christmas gift, and he will send a letter to the recipient to let them know when to expect their first issue. For Christmas gift subscriptions, please contact Ross by 17 December at latest.

Community Website

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



Give A Greyhound A Home
Look on our Website
www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Greyhound Rescue Fife wish all their Friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year





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

Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings)
Mob: 07826244785 (daytime)
email us on ferniejimmyf@aol.com





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



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 jo@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

Newsletter Deadlines 2013

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
February	Friday 11 January	Saturday 26 January
March	Fri 15 February	Saturday 2 March



THE
TALKING
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring 07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is

FREE!

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need



Monthly Reiki Share Group

Second Tuesday of the Month, 7pm - 9pm

Venue: Green Hotel, Kinross (Gairney Room). To enrol, email Susan King: sking77409@aol.com or telephone 01577 865533

Mindspace Counselling Service

YOUNG PEOPLES COUNSELLING SERVICE 11-25 YEAR OLDS



Mindspace Counselling Services offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11-25 at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sometimes we all have problems that worry us and it's not always easy to talk to someone close to us. A counsellor is someone you can talk to in a different way, someone who will listen to you very carefully, who will not judge you or tell you what to do.

We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: Feeling depressed/anxious; Making friends/keeping friends; Chaos at home; Feeling angry and don't know why; Bullying; Having a tough time; Parents splitting up; Death of someone special; Confused feelings about who I am; Wanting to hurt myself or others.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.



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:

11 December and 8 & 22 January

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.

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.

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

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.scottishcf.org

Kinross-Shire PARTNERSHIP



Loch Leven Heritage Scooters

Volunteer required

We are looking for a volunteer to help maintain the scooters on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. The scooters would require to be checked, maintained and cleaned on a monthly basis. They are sited at Loch Leven's Larder, The Boathouse Kinross, and at the Cafe at Findatie. The Partnership would pay expenses. The scooters have allowed many people to enjoy the trail free of charge. You can see more information at

<http://kinrosspartnership.org.uk/trail-scooters/>

If you are interested please contact Alisdair Stewart, Chairman, Kinross-shire Partnership, tel 07825 698613 or email alisdairstewart@yahoo.com

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Fossoway & District: Secy: Kevin Bothwick (01577) 840845,
fossoway.cc@gmail
Portmoak: Secy: Mr J Bird (01592) 840368,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)
Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: Michael@mabarnacle.freemove.co.uk

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)
Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi (Scottish National Party)
Tel (home): 01577 864025.
Email: jgiacopazzi@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 concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

Loch Leven Community Library

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

Telephone: 01577 867205

Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 6pm
Saturday	10am – 3pm

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays	2 pm - 4 pm
Saturdays	10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesdays 18 December and 22 January

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Collier (Vice Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Laura Mackay	Brunthill Farm	07872 499145
Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
David West (Chair)	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

To raise a concern or issue or to book an appointment to see Roseanna, you can contact her directly by email or by phoning or writing to her constituency office at:

9 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Telephone: 01738 639598

Fax: 01738 587637

You can also follow Roseanna on Twitter @strathearnrose

Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Claire Baker MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Annabelle Ewing MSP (SNP) Tel: 0131 348 5066

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Dr Richard Simpson MSP (Lab) Tel: 0131 348 6756

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Elizabeth Smith MSP (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 6762

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Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Regular Library Sessions for Young Children

At Loch Leven Community Library.

No need to book, just come along.

Story Telling

every Monday morning 10.15 – 10.45 am

and every Thursday afternoon 2.15 – 2.45 pm

Bookbug Rhymetimes

every Saturday 10.30 – 11 am

and every Wednesday 2.00 – 2.30 pm

Bookbug Library Challenge: For children aged 0 to 4: On each visit to the library, children are given a sticker. After collecting four stickers, they are awarded a certificate.

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*



**Table Tennis • Videos • Cards • Dominoes • Carpet bowls
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11 am	Elderberries	1.30 pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15 pm	Bingo	1.45 pm
Wednesday	Morning Service	10.45 am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30 pm	Scrabble	1.30 pm
Thursday	Film Afternoon	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm
	Art Class	1.30pm		
Friday	Scrabble	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm

Additional Events for December

Touch of Class (clothes show)	Tuesday 4th	1.45 pm
Christmas lunch and concert	Wednesday 12th	noon
Christmas carols	Friday 21st	1.30 pm

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.

Holidays

The Day Centre will be closed on Monday 24, Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 December.
Open as usual on Thursday 27 and Friday 28.

We will also be closed on Monday 31 December, Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 January.
Open as normal on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 January 2013.

May we take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers and customers for their support throughout the year, and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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 & Kinross School Holidays, 2012-2013

	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
Christmas Holiday	Mon 24 Dec 2012	Fri 4 Jan 2013
Spring Holiday	Fri 29 Mar 2013	Fri 12 April 2013
<i>In-Service Days and Occasional Holidays:</i>		
Wed 20, Thu 21 and Fri 22 Feb 2013; Mon 15 Apr 2013; Mon 6 May 2013 (May Day, tbc).		
<i>The Academic Year ends on Thu 27 June 2013.</i>		

Mobile Library

Week 1: Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge,
Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort
every second Wednesday. Next visit: **12 December**
(**NO SERVICE on 26 December**)

Week 2: Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlomond, Kinnesswood,
Scotlandwell, Hatchbank and Cambo
every second Tuesday. Next visit: **4 & 18 December**
(**NO SERVICE on 1 January**)

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949

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

- Tae Kwon Do uniform £5.00**
International Tae Kwon Do uniform, hardly worn, excellent condition, white belt, size 0, fit child 8-9 yrs old.
Seller details: Christine Stewart 07749 340103
- Printer £40.00 ono**
Epson Stylus cx4300/5500/4400 series + instructions.
Seller details: Anne Robertson 01577 850391
- Graco Baby Travel Cot £20.00**
Handy travel cot in blue and multi colour. Used for one child and in original carry bag and box. Good condition.
- Britax Baby Car Seat 0-9 months £10.00**
Good condition. Used with one child. Dark coloured.
For above items contact: L Ray 07790 230036
- Sharp Stereo £25.00**
Sharp 3 cd stereo, twin tape decks, radio, 250 watt side firing bass system with small cabinet.
- Wheelchair £60.00**
Pro-Glider wheelchair, folds down for easy storage/transportation. As new condition.
- Safety Walker £60.00**
Lightweight aluminium safety walker complete with low rest seat, little used.
- Tile cutter £25.00**
Power Craft 600w portable electric tile cutter. New unused.
For above items contact: Deborah Dickson 07716 233650 debbie007_@hotmail.com
- Out and About Nipper Double Buggy £200.00**
Includes raincover, double storage basket and newborn snuggler. Very good condition. Independent rear suspension, easy lock brake, quick release wheels, lockable 360 swivel front wheel. Lightweight frame & compact folding, multi-positioning reclining seats, lie flat newborn position. Sun canopy, removable seat liners. Pneumatic tyres.
Seller details: Christine Findlay 01577 865394 christine_findlay@hotmail.co.uk
- New Mizuno Rugby Boots £35.00**
Brand new never worn, still in box, size UK 7.5. Bought for £50.
Seller details: Aisling Thompson 01577 862011 aisling.thompson@bopenworld.com
- 3 wheel all-terrain pram £40.00**
Full working order, good but used condition. Seat reclining. Removable front wheel. Raincover included. Parcel rack under seat.
Seller details: Charlotte Mackinnon 07881 668035 charlotte_mackinnon@yahoo.co.uk
- Bass Guitar £50.00**
Westfield Bass guitar with case and amplifier. As new, hardly ever used.
- Electric Guitar £50.00**
Squire Strat electric guitar with amplifier and case. Very good condition. Suitable for learner.
For above items contact: Morag Wellman 01592 840387 morag.wellman@btinternet.com
- Nintendo Wii Sports £45.00**
Used only once, still in original box.
Seller details: Sheila Auras 01577 864569 sheilaauras@yahoo.co.uk

Classified Adverts continued...

- Reclaimed Junkers beech flooring £45.00**
Around 15 sq m of flooring. In a past life was an old gym floor. Solid wood. Buyer uplifts.
Seller details: Ian Auras 01577 864569 ianauras@fsmail.net
- Exercise Bike £35.00**
Confidence stow-abike foldable exercise bike. As new.
- Sofa bed £150.00**
Ikea Lyksee sofa bed, width 142cm, depth 100cm, height 87cm, with loose royal blue needlecord washable cover. Includes Havet mattress, mattress cover and underbed storage box.
For above items contact: Joan Gibson 01577 865895 joanpgibson@mypostoffice.co.uk
- Children's books age 7-10 years £3.00-£6.50**
Soft back book sets – Enid Blyton adventure books, Jacqueline Wilson inc. 3 Style Sisters books, Horrid Histories Series, Varied 'gruesome' fact and fiction books, Lemony Snicket Unfortunate Events series. All good condition. Can be sold in sets
Seller details: Christine 07749 340103
- TV Cabinet £10.00**
Vintage G-plan TV cabinet with shelf and drawer below. Decent condition.
Seller details: Lesley Borland 01577 863959 simon.lesley@dsl.pipex.com
- Captain Scarlet Skybase & Vehicles £15 + £5 each**
Space themed toy suitable for ages 5 – 10 yrs. Skybase £15 inc. small plane. Vehicles (three cars & two planes) £5 each. All in great condition. Will sell together or separately.
Seller details: Julia Fulton 01577 865530 juliafulton1@hotmail.com
- Wanted:**
- Toy kitchen/cooker suitable for toddler**
Must be in good condition.
Buyer details: Edna Burnett 01577 862977
- The following item is not on the kinross.cc website:**
- Three piece cream leather suite Free**
Cushions on chairs need a little TLC, otherwise very sturdy.
Seller details: 01577 862868

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').

Maths Tutor (Part time), Muckhart

Maths tutor required for student studying Advanced Higher Maths. Contact Ann Wilson 01259 781328.

Volunteers (Part time), Scottish Cot Death

Looking for local volunteers for various roles and responsibilities: Fundraising, Volunteer Speakers, Administration and Befrienders (for this role must have personal experience of cot death within the family).

Please contact Lorna Waddell, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow 0141 357 3946 or email lorna.waddell@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Andersons LLP require a Legal Cashier (Full time)

You will be responsible for the running of our Cash Room, processing the daily accounting, preparation of Reports and Tax Returns. Please see www.kinross.cc for further details.

Applications in writing enclosing a current CV and details of referees to: Mr C C Watson, Andersons LLP, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN



Christmas & New Year Holiday Arrangements

Recommended Last Posting Dates

Airmail

Asia, Far East, Australia, New Zealand	Wed 5 Dec
South & Central America, Caribbean,	
Africa and Middle East	Fri 7 Dec
Eastern Europe, USA and Canada	Mon 10 Dec
Western Europe	Wed 12 Dec

Within UK

Second class	Tue 18 Dec
First class	Thu 20 Dec
Special delivery	Sat 22 Dec
Parcels (express service)	Fri 21 Dec

Kinross Post Office (David Sands/Co-op)

Mon 24 Dec	normal hours
Tue 25 Dec	CLOSED
Wed 26 Dec	CLOSED
Mon 31 Dec	normal hours
Tue 1 Jan	CLOSED
Wed 2 Jan	open

Milnathort Post Office

Mon 24 Dec	close at 12.30pm
Tue 25 & Wed 26 Dec	CLOSED
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jan	CLOSED

Loch Leven Health Centre

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Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon 24 Dec	9am – 6pm
Tue 25 Dec	2pm – 3pm
Wed 26 Dec	CLOSED
Thu 27 & Fri 28 Dec	9am – 6pm
Sat 29 Dec	9am – 5pm
Mon 31 Dec	9am – 6pm
Tue 1 Jan	CLOSED
Wed 2 Jan	2pm – 4pm
Tue 3 Jan	normal hours resume (see page 107)

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon 24 Dec	9am – 6pm
Tue 25 Dec	CLOSED
Wed 26 Dec	2pm – 4pm
Thu 27 & Fri 28 Dec	9am – 6pm
Sat 29 Dec	9am – 12.30pm
Mon 31 Dec	9am – 6pm
Tue 1 Jan	2pm – 3pm
Wed 2 Jan	CLOSED
Thu 3 Jan	normal hours resume (see page 107)

Loch Leven Community Campus

Mon 24 Dec	7am – 4pm
Tue 25 – Thu 27 Dec	CLOSED
Fri 28 – Mon 31 Dec	9.45am – 4pm
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jan	CLOSED
Thu 3 Jan	normal hours resume

Live Active Loch Leven

Mon 17 & Tue 18 Dec	CLOSED
Wed 19 – Sun 23 Dec	normal hours
Mon 24 – Wed 26 Dec	CLOSED
Thu 27 & Fri 28 Dec	12 noon – 6pm
Sat 29 – Mon 31 Dec	10am – 4pm
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jan	CLOSED
Thu 3 Jan	normal hours resume

Loch Leven Community Library

Mon 24 Dec	10am – 3pm
Tue 25 Dec – Thu 27 Dec	CLOSED
Fri 28 Dec	10am – 6pm
Sat 29 Dec	10am – 3pm
Mon 31 Dec – Wed 2 Jan	CLOSED
Thu 3 Jan	normal hours resume

Perth & Kinross Council

Mon 24 Dec	close at 3.30pm
Tue 25 Dec – Wed 2 Jan	CLOSED
Thu 3 Jan	normal hours resume

Registrar, Kinross

Hours as for PKC above, except:

Mon 31 Dec open 10am – 2pm

Telephone: (01577) 867333 for appt.

Registration emergencies tel 07771 666868

Waste and Recycling Services

Domestic collections

There will be no domestic collections on 25 and 26 December 2012 or 1 and 2 January 2013.

Unless householders are notified directly by letter the following will apply:

Collections due on

Tue 25 December
Wed 26 December
Tue 1 January
Wed 2 January

Will take place on

Sat 22 December
Sun 23 December
Sat 29 December
Sun 30 December

There are no scheduled garden and food waste collections from 22 December to 4 January. Collection dates will return to normal from 5 January.

Recycling Centres

All Recycling Centres will be closed on 25 and 26 December and 1 and 2 January. Opening hours otherwise remain the same as normal over the festive period.

Special Uplifts

The last uplift collection will be Friday 21 December. Normal collections resume on Monday 7 January.

Christmas Wishes and Happy New Year
from the

Community Learning and Development Team

Loch Leven Community Campus,

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Tel. No. 01577 867177

The office will be closed for the Christmas period from
Mon 24 December 2012 to Thursday 3 January 2013



Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
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