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Letters

Editorial

On 3 May there will be a **Local Government Election**. Here in the Kinross-shire Ward, we have nine candidates standing for election, the largest number in any ward in the Perth & Kinross local authority area. The Newsletter invited each candidate to provide an election statement and you can find these on pages 8-9, with election information starting on page 7.

Some of the candidates have raised the topic of empty buildings in Kinross. It so happens that a planning application has been lodged recently in relation to **Kinross Town Hall**. It is important, however, to read beyond the basic description of the planning proposal and actually examine the details of the application. There is an article about this on page 13.

With the adoption of a new model constitution for **community councils** back in November, all CCs in Perth & Kinross now have to hold their Annual General Meetings in the month of May, so this is a particularly good time to go along to the CC meeting in your area to find out more about it. CCs are responsible for ascertaining local opinion and reflecting this back to the local authority and other bodies. Dates for the five CCs meeting in the county of Kinross-shire are listed in the Diary on page 108.

As far as local events are concerned, there are some big ones happening on the last weekend of April, so if you have bought this Newsletter as soon as it is published, check the Diary for a reminder of these. And watch out for all the cyclists!

Throughout the next few weeks there are lots of community events, many of them outdoor, so here's hoping the weather will be fine.

Note to Contributors

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PKC: Perth & Kinross Council

CC: Community Council

Cllr: Councillor

CCllr: Community Councillor

Provost Lamp

The Provost Lamp was blown down in the January gales and was badly damaged. My son-in-law has repaired and renovated it and now it is back in place in the town centre.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth McBain

Wife of the late Provost Tom McBain

Attack on individual rights

At a recent community meeting to discuss a controversial planning application in Crook of Devon, the public were made aware of a policy adopted by the current SNP and Liberal-led Perth and Kinross Council.

The policy relates to how planning objections from individual members of the public are formally taken on board by the Council. It would appear that whilst we are seen as individuals in terms of our duties to pay tax, and when exercising our democratic rights at the ballot box, when it comes to commenting on planning applications we are no longer seen as individuals, but as household units only.

The policy adopted by the current SNP and Liberal-led Perth and Kinross Council will only register one letter of comment from each household in relation to any planning application, irrelevant of how many adults live at your premises. So whilst you, your partner, or any other person in the house may have very different views and thoughts on a particular planning application, Perth and Kinross Council will only register, and count, one of your views!

This policy must be illegal in terms of an individual's right of freedom of thought and expression, and is an outright attack on local democracy. I would urge all readers to contact the current Councillor Willie Wilson (Liberal Democrat?!), who was Chair of the Members Office Working Group which agreed this policy, and demand that this illiberal and undemocratic policy is dropped immediately, and that an individual's right to free thought and expression is restored.

If Cllr Wilson does not give you a pledge to remove this policy then I would urge you to use your democratic right (while it still exists) on 3 May 2012 and vote for a Councillor who does understand the basic principles and values of democracy - make the point that in line with current Council Policy the whole household will be voting the same way!

Yours faithfully

David Smith
Cardrona, Drum

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Partnership review required

I have had sight of election literature which concurs with an internal Perth & Kinross document I have also seen. Both seem to suggest the partnership working between the Council and Friends of Kirkgate Park was such a success that it should be rolled out in other areas.

I would like it to be clear that this conclusion has been drawn without any appropriate debrief including any members of Friends of Kirkgate Park.

The group requested a 360 degree review during the process and a proper debrief when the group ultimately wound up. This, which would take a matter of a couple of hours, was refused by officers on both occasions.

If the project was considered such a success and a process to be repeated I would have thought such a debrief would be imperative.

I consider it critical that the Council listens to those who have tried to work with them in partnership to progress local issues. I have yet to hear about a candid and progressive appraisal of just what did and did not work for many joint ventures the Council have undertaken in Kinross-shire. Until these happen such ventures will go around in circles and will never reach the potential they could. Heads in sand and devaluing the community effort will not do it.

Susan Bathgate
Ex-Chair, Friends of Kirkgate Park
42 High Street, Kinross

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March and April update from Councillor Baird

Observant readers would realise that my article last month had appeared in April 2011. Entirely my fault – I sent the wrong one. This article covers March and April.

It was good to see so many people at the recent Better Place to Live Fair. Groups from all parts of Kinross-shire were represented, some selling their wares, others trying to promote their organisation.

Newsletter team members were present and it was interesting to see how the Newsletter has developed over the years. It is a great publication and well done to all correspondents who contribute regularly. The editorial team produce a first class publication at a very modest price.

Kinross-shire Partnership were also looking for comments regarding community use of part of the County Buildings. I did not see many people putting forward suggestions or comments. I hope that a decision can be made which will please the majority of residents.

Everyone seemed to have enough space and tables, plenty coffee and food available at a reasonable price. Thank you to the organisers and to those who helped on the day to make the event run smoothly.

I hope all those who took a table or visited the event enjoyed the day.

Buildings, and in particular redundant buildings, are very topical. Last month a preferred bidder for the High School site was agreed. The site is proposed for residential use. I have asked if public car parking could be part of the plan. Negotiations are still ongoing, subject to planning; developer hopes to be on site next year.

The proposed Local Plan has been the hot topic; many residents have attended community council meetings to express their views. I hope residents will continue to attend CC meetings. The most contentious site is H46 and this has been fully discussed at Kinross CC meeting and elsewhere. I would like to congratulate the Action Group on the way they have approached this issue and conducted themselves at CC meetings. My representation supported the Action Group's objection to the proposal and I hope that this will be removed from the plan.

This is the last issue before the Local Election and I would like to think that I have done my best for the residents of Kinross-shire.

It has been a privilege to represent Kinross-shire on Perth & Kinross Council and I hope you will give me the opportunity to continue.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Kathleen Baird

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News & Articles

Church records to Kinross Museum

The clearing out of an old press when Kinross Parish Church of Scotland established a church office in 2010 has now led to hundreds of documents relating to local church and social history being handed over to the local Kinross (Marshall) Museum Trust.



Rev. Alan Reid hands over records from Kinross Parish Church to Prof. David Munro for safe keeping at Kinross Museum watched by two of the church's volunteer archivists, Hilda Macpherson and Margaret Bowman.

Over the past year the documents found in that cupboard have been supplemented by others held by the church in a local bank and even by Communion Plate previously on loan to Perth Museum. Over the winter a team of church volunteers have indexed all the documents and these have now been handed over for safe keeping to the Kinross Museum at Loch Leven Campus, apart from some Kirk Session minute books which are on their way to the national collection at the National Archives of Scotland.

Speaking at the hand over, Rev. Alan Reid, Minister of Kinross Parish Church said: "Our Kirk Session wanted these old records to have a good long-term home where they would be available to researchers and we wanted that home to be local if at all possible. We are grateful therefore to the Kinross (Marshall) Museum Trust for taking on this responsibility in a way which so closely matches our own wishes."

Accepting the documents as chair of the Museum Trust, Professor Dr. David Munro said: "We are delighted to add these documents to our collection. They provide not only insights in to local church history but also in to wider social history, with their accounts of work by local tradesmen for example. Our thanks also to the Kinross Church volunteers for indexing the documents and starting to investigate their contents".

Among the interesting stories already uncovered by the church's researchers are that in 1737 the beadle walked to and fro Kinglassie to borrow Communion Cups and that one enormous effort in 1901 to reduce the debt of the Free church (now the Kinross church centre building) by running a bazaar raised the equivalent of £64,000.

Olympic torch route confirmed

Flame passes through Kinross-shire on 13 June

At 8am on the morning of Wednesday 13 June, the Olympic torch will arrive from St Andrews and pass through New Road and South Street, Milnathort and Muirs and Springfield Road in Kinross before going on through Crook of Devon.

Local celebrations

One activity to celebrate the torch passing through the community is a choir singing a specially composed song (see article below).

Milnathort CC has organised a 'Scarecrow Festival' to celebrate the Olympic torch relay. Local residents are urged to decorate their windows and gardens with a scarecrow, and the CC invites residents to bring sports-themed scarecrows or displays to the relay route.

For more ideas on community celebrations and further information on the Olympic torch relay, see www.pkc.gov.uk and www.london2012.com

Throughout the UK, a total of 8,000 inspirational people will take a turn at carrying the torch.

Carrying the flame through Milnathort are: Christine Claydon (41) of Dunkeld, David Anderson (19) of Alyth and Hannah Clarke (18) of Kinross.

Carrying the flame through Kinross are: Iain Houston (23) of Kirkcaldy, Rhona Dunbar (43) of Blairgowrie, Steve Birnie (47) of Dunblane and William Black (25) of Dunfermline.

Carrying the flame through Crook of Devon are: Brian Turnbull (39) of Edinburgh, Lee Hesp (46) of Strathgryre and Luke Matthewson (13) of Dunblane.

Singers needed for Olympic torch celebrations

The Olympic Torch will be met with by the sound of song when it passes through Perth & Kinross on 12 and 13 June, thanks to the Council's Arts Development Team.

The team is organising a Singing Relay, which will see singing groups perform along the torch route.

The groups, led by professional vocal tutors, will learn and perform a song written by Perthshire songwriter Dougie Maclean. The performances will take place at appropriate spots along the route in order to welcome the torch and support the torch-bearers as they pass by.

Five community singing groups are being created in the different areas, including one in Kinross.

Whether you are a professional singer, enjoy singing or just want to come along and take part in the fun, the Arts Development Team wants to hear from you.

You must be available to attend three rehearsals in the lead up to the event, and be available on Tuesday 12 June, and for a special breakfast celebration on Wednesday 13 June.

To register your interest, or for more information, contact the Arts Development Team by telephoning 01738 477834 or emailing artsdev@pkc.gov.uk

T in the Park brings £2.7 million to Perth & Kinross

T in the Park generates more than £2.7 million for Perth & Kinross, according to figures released in March by the festival organisers. The figure comes from a study of 2011 data and was carried out by EKOS, an independent consultancy specialising in economic and social research and development. Other figures released claim that the event's economic impact to Scotland as a whole was almost £9.6 million, a 31% increase since the last study in 2005.

Said a spokesperson for the event:

"These figures show T in the Park's continued and increased value to the Scottish economy as a whole, as well as at a local level. The festival has taken place in Kinross for fourteen years and we are delighted that we will be continuing our commitment to the area and our positive relationship with the local community and the council."

"As indicated previously, from 2014 additional fields will be available to us, so we will be redesigning the site to take in some new fields in the same area – as we often do."

"We look forward to welcoming 85,000 fans per day to Kinross to enjoy T in the Park this year, and for the foreseeable future."

Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 18 May
for publication on Saturday 2 June

First ever P & K Business Week

June 2012 will see the first ever Perth & Kinross Business Week taking place, with a focus on supporting and encouraging business growth around the area.

A series of exciting free workshops, seminars, exhibitions and presentations from keynote speakers, aimed at current and prospective businessmen and women alike will be held in Perth itself from Monday 11 to Friday 15 June at the Dewar's Centre. The Week has been organised by PKC's Business Growth Team.

The interesting and inspirational line-up of speakers will include, among others, Fergus Ewing MSP, the Scottish Government's Minister for Energy, Enterprise & Tourism; Bill Jamieson, Executive Editor of The Scotsman; Fiona Gibson from Highland Spring Ltd and Stephen Leckie from Crieff Hydro.

The Council's Head of Planning and Regeneration, David Littlejohn, who will give the opening welcome, said: "The Perth & Kinross Business Week will focus on the key areas important to business growth: planning, collaboration, new ways of raising finance, developing skills and knowledge, and growth strategies and opportunities. We want this event to have maximum impact for both existing companies and would-be entrepreneurs, to encourage, inspire and challenge them to take the next step."

For more information, contact the Business Growth Team on 01738 477952 or look at the website www.perthandkinrossbusinessweek.co.uk

Local Government Election

On Thursday 3 May there will be a poll to elect Councillors to Perth & Kinross Council. A total of 41 councillors will be elected, representing 12 wards. Our ward is Kinross-shire, which covers the county of Kinross-shire plus Glenfarg. Our ward will be represented by four councillors.

Single Transferable Vote: As in 2007, the Local Government election will be by Single Transferable Vote, a voting system that aims to achieve Proportional Representation. With the Single Transferable Vote, you rank the candidates in order of preference using numbers. Put a 1 next to your first choice candidate, a 2 next to your second choice, a 3 next to your third choice, and so on. You can rank as few or as many candidates as you like.

How the votes work: Each voter gets one vote, which can transfer from their first-preference to their second-preference, so if your preferred candidate has no chance of being elected or has enough votes already, your vote is transferred to another candidate in accordance with your instructions.

How the votes are counted: To be elected, a candidate must reach a set amount of votes known as the quota. The calculation of the quota is made using the numbers voting and the number of vacant positions.

The votes are counted in stages. In the first stage, only first preferences are counted. Anyone who reaches the quota is elected. Any votes received over the quota are not needed by the elected candidate and so are transferred to the second preference. If not enough candidates have then reached the quota, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated and all of their votes are passed to the next preference on the ballot papers. This process is repeated until the required number of councillors for a ward (four in the case of Kinross-shire) have been elected.

For more information on the Single Transferable Vote, see these websites:

www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

www.electoral-reform.org.uk/single-transferable-vote

The candidates for the Ward of Kinross-shire are listed below and you can read elections statements provided by them overleaf.

AULD, Russell	Scottish Liberal Democrats	10 Burleigh Castle Steading, Milnathort, Kinross, KY3 9GG
BAIRD, Kathleen	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	Easter Clunie Farm, Newburgh, Cupar, KY14 6EJ
BARNACLE, Mike	Independent	Moorend, Waulkmill, Crook of Devon, KY13 0UZ
BRAMWELL, Simon Edwin	Scottish Labour Party	3 Coventry Way, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9TD
CUTHBERT, Dave	Independent	8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ
FRASER, Donald	Scottish Green Party	61 New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT
GIACOPAZZI, Joe	Scottish National Party (SNP)	38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT
MILLER, Sandy	Scottish National Party (SNP)	Crannog, Aldie Road, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross, KY13 0QQ
ROBERTSON, Willie	Scottish Liberal Democrats	85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

Local Election, Thursday 3 May 2012

Kinross-shire Ward

The electoral ward of Kinross-shire is represented on Perth & Kinross Council by four councillors. There are **nine candidates** standing for these four positions.

The ballot paper: The election is by Single Transferable Vote. Rank the candidates in order of preference using numbers. Put a 1 next to your first choice candidate, a 2 next to your second choice, a 3 next to your third choice, and so on. You can rank as few or as many candidates as you like.

For more information on how the Single Transferable Vote works, see the previous page.

Polling stations for the Kinross-shire ward are at: Milnathort Town Hall; Millbridge Hall, Kinross; The Institute, Crook of Devon; Moubray Hall, Powmill; Cleish Village Hall; Tabernacle Hall, Blairadam; Portmoak Village Hall and Glenfarg Village Hall.

Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm.

AULD, Russell

Scottish Liberal Democrats

I have been involved in local politics, community and the church for many years. I am a Further Education Lecturer and I live in Milnathort with my wife, Ginni. I was previously employed as an Environmental Health Officer so I know how councils work and how to get things done. This I have

carried forward into my personal life where I have often achieved results when others have previously failed.

I am standing as a Scottish Liberal Democrat because we believe that power must lie with local people and communities. I also believe that a Councillor should be both accessible and accountable to residents and be in regular contact with them. I will ask for

your views; listen to your problems and act wherever possible; and I will, at all times, promote the interests of Kinross-shire.

So, as someone who has spent most of his life in the service of others, I'm asking you now to give me the opportunity to serve as one of your Councillors.

BAIRD, Kathleen

Scottish Conservative and Unionist

I am delighted to have been selected again as the Scottish Conservative Candidate for Kinross-shire.

I have been a Perth & Kinross Councillor since 1999.

My commitment to improving Kinross Town centre, and supporting Community initiatives, is well known and absolutely solid. My regular attendance at Kinross Partnership

meetings, as well as Business Breakfasts, and numerous Community Council meetings, allows me to provide advice and to receive information as to what is actually going on.

I also give support to all the volunteer groups who look after the elderly and vulnerable, and you can rely on me to make sure that these vital groups get their fair share of the Council Budget.

I have been Convenor of the Scrutiny Committee of Perth and Kinross

Council and member of the Environment, Policy and Resource Committees.

Our wonderful County has many and differing needs, and I have represented them to my best as your Perth & Kinross Councillor and I will always continue to represent the interests of all the residents of Kinross-shire. So I now ask for your support on 3 May, which will enable me to continue my work for us all. Thank you.

BARNACLE, Mike

Independent

I am seeking re-election for a fourth term, having represented Kinross-shire since 1999.

I have significant Committee experience in the areas of Environment, Planning, Roads and Transport.

Working hard with the community over many years, I have a number of achievements I can record: improving educational, environmental and recreational facilities, along with traffic calming measures to make our roads

safer.

I have been involved in two local plans, seeking to protect the shire's environment from over-development, and made a detailed submission to the latest plan (2012 to 2024) on 9 April, seeking changes. There are also policies within this plan, still to be developed, that I am very involved with.

I remain concerned at failings in the planning process and the need to address them.

Kinross-shire needs a strong

independent voice to protect its identity and interests up at Perth that will not be compromised by party positions.

I feel there are a number of matters that require further attention and I wish to ensure the community's voice is heard by being in place for ongoing discussions on the local plan and related issues.

To enable me to continue the work in progress, I seek your support on 3 May. For more information, visit my campaign website:

mikebarnacle.co.uk

BRAMWELL, Simon Edwin

Scottish Labour Party

I am a former college lecturer at Inverness College of Higher Education, where I taught electronic engineering and as such, I am very concerned with the high rate of unemployment, especially amongst our young people.

Having an elderly parent in Milnathort, I am also aware of the fear that senior citizens have over local cuts to social and health services and potentially having to lose their homes to pay for

care.

The recent 5.2% increase in council house rents seems excessive, especially with ever increasing fuel and energy bills to pay. With a chronic shortage of affordable housing, we should be building more homes, especially on 'brown field' sites, and improving our existing council housing, which would also boost the local construction industry.

As a strong believer in social justice, and fairness, I would challenge the

inequality that seems to be becoming increasingly prevalent in Scotland. In these tough economic times, those on low incomes are paying a disproportionately high amount, which is plainly wrong.

The ongoing saga of the proposed extension to Glendevon quarry, and a new road to it, is worrying many people and a very detailed study is needed.

As a proud Gaelic speaker, le deagh dhùrachd!

CUTHBERT, Dave**Independent**

Have you walked up Kinross High Street recently? Gone past the derelict, decaying Town Hall? Been splashed by passing vehicles driving over the failed road? Seen the boarded up old High School which is now a derelict dangerous building? Noticed our County Building which is now deserted and likely to go the same way as the Town Hall? Why is it such a mess?

Dave believes it's because there is not enough focus on Kinross-shire at Perth and Kinross Council.

What can YOU do about changing things? There is an election going on and you have the power to vote for someone willing to fight to reverse the degeneration.

Vote for Dave Cuthbert and he will attempt to bring focus on Kinross-shire and not party politics at Perth.

Why vote for Dave Cuthbert? Because

he listens and then gets things done.

He chaired Kinross High School Board who pressurised Perth to give us a new school. He helped form Kinross in Bloom. He helped establish Friends of Kirkgate Park. He chaired Kinross Community Council. He formed KLEO, bringing you the music festival and Gazebo Gatherings.

If you want action, not words, make Dave Cuthbert your number 1 choice.

www.kinrossfocus.co.uk

FRASER, Donald**Scottish Green Party**

The Scottish Green Party is not just a single issue environmental party. We offer a different perspective on economics and the financial crisis. Rather than prioritising consumerism, Greens believe that economic policy should also take quality of life into account - things such as our health, our relationships, and our sense of community.

We have a vision for Scotland where

power is exercised far more locally. Bringing power from the UK to Scotland is only one step; it's just as important to empower local councils and communities. With a land valuation tax, councils would enjoy more independence and secure local finance instead of just passing on the cuts to local services as dictated by central government.

We would invest in publicly owned renewable energy generation and energy efficiency for all homes and

council-owned buildings to raise revenue, create new long-term jobs, and cut fuel bills and fuel poverty.

We reject the government's approach of attacking the poorest and most vulnerable sections of society to pay for the greed of the few. We will protect council services and work towards a fairer, sustainable society.

Your vote counts – vote Scottish Green Party.

Our full manifesto can be found at www.votegreenscotland.org.uk

GIACOPAZZI, Joe**Scottish National Party (SNP)**

The local candidate. Born and raised in Kinross-shire and having an attachment to it, I have many acquaintances and an understanding of local issues.

Over a decade of service on Milnathort Community Council, latterly as chairman, has given me an insight into the workings of the planning system and of Perth and

Kinross Council.

32 years of running my own business has taught me the value of financial prudence which I would bring to my elected council position. I would always seek best value for council tax payers and the most cost effective solutions.

As trustee of two local charities, and as a member of the team seeking to refurbish Milnathort Town Hall, I have useful knowledge of the workings of the voluntary sector in Kinross-shire.

Being part of the SNP team on Perth and Kinross Council would give me greater effectiveness in promoting the interests of our area and its residents, an advantage denied to independent councillors who may be excluded from council committees and lack the support of a group.

As a member of the SNP group, I am committed to the **six year** freeze on council tax; to the building of council houses and to continued investment in schools.

MILLER, Sandy**Scottish National Party (SNP)**

My vision of Kinross-shire is one of a living, vibrant community where everyone has a part to play. I have always rejected the idea of our community being like a theme park where everything is frozen in time and nothing changes.

I have been a councillor for the past five years and I have played a very active part in a number of decisions affecting Kinross-shire including the

new community campus, improvements at Swansacre and the new link road. I was the first to suggest that the community should consider local ownership of the Town Hall and County Buildings.

From day one I was in contact with Todd and Duncan who at that time were in danger of closing down. During this period I was in daily contact with council officers and the Scottish Government in order to assist and support the company. Consequently we

now have a world class company which is prospering and employing more people under new ownership.

I have been involved with schools in the area in a variety of ways and with planning issues in Blairingone, Cambo, Milnathort, Glenfarg, Powmill and Kinnesswood.

If elected I will continue to work with and support other councillors in doing our best for Kinross-shire.

ROBERTSON, Willie**Scottish Liberal Democrats**

I am pleased to stand for election again to represent the people of Kinross-shire, the county I have lived in for most of my life.

Since first electing me in 1995, I have worked hard to make Kinross-shire a better place to stay. I have taken a leading role in helping to provide facilities such as the skate park, the creation of the Loch Leven Heritage

Trail, the upgrade of many of our parks and open spaces and the building of the Loch Leven Community Campus. The campus has given Kinross-shire residents and their children some of the best community facilities in Scotland.

I campaigned for the reintroduction of the Kinross-shire county boundary signs.

In the future I want to see the regeneration of Kinross High Street, the completion of the Loch Leven Heritage

Trail, more local jobs and more affordable housing for local people.

I am concerned about the national growth agenda and am opposed to the never ending demand for growth in our town and rural villages.

I have always tried to respond quickly to all issues raised with me be they big or small and if I am re-elected I promise to continue to do so.

News from the Health Centre



At the end of June 2012, St Serf's Medical Practice will bid a sad farewell to Dr Ian Campbell. Dr Campbell, who has been with the practice since 2001, has decided that the time has come for him to retire. Dr Campbell graduated in medicine from Glasgow University and, after hospital jobs in Glasgow, worked in general practice in Canada for 14 years. His practice there included caring for his patients in hospital and providing full obstetric care, including delivering babies. He and his family returned to the UK in 1991. Dr Campbell was in practice in Louth, Lincolnshire before returning to Scotland.

During his 11 years at the Health Centre, Dr Campbell has been a very popular GP and we are sure that he will be missed by all his patients, as well as by all the staff, his GP partners and the partners of Orwell Medical Practice. We would all like to wish Dr Campbell well and hope that he has a long and happy retirement. We know that Dr Campbell loves travel and he and his wife, Jean, will no doubt be making the most of the opportunity to see more of the world and also to spend more time with their children and grandchildren.

The practice is delighted to announce that Dr Sandy Dalgety has been appointed to replace Dr Campbell. Dr Dalgety trained at Glasgow University and then spent a year in a combined post as both a GP in a practice in Airdrie and also working in the Accident and Emergency Department of Wishaw General Hospital. Dr Dalgety also has experience as a locum GP. Dr Dalgety will take up his new appointment with St Serf's on Tuesday 3 July. Dr Dalgety will be working all day on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and all patients on Dr Campbell's list will be transferred to Dr Dalgety.

Campus block booking deadline

Community groups, sports clubs and individuals interested in placing block bookings at Loch Leven Community Campus are invited to submit their application of interest. Applications for the four blocks that will take place between July 2012 and June 2013 should be received no later than **Sunday 27 May 2012.**

The campus offers a wide range of facilities including indoor sports halls, a dance studio, a range of outdoor pitches and a climbing wall.

Jim Moyes, the Chief Executive from Live Active Leisure stated: "Live Active Leisure welcomes a high number of community groups, sports clubs and individuals in all of our LAL leisure venues. Loch Leven Community Campus in particular has been a great addition to our portfolio and has been extremely popular since its launch in 2009. Our aim in 2012 is to continue to provide a high quality of service and allow a diverse range of groups to enjoy the benefits of the new campus."

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Kinross Town Hall planning application – Is it really progress?

Two planning applications have been made involving Kinross Town Hall and a plot of land lying to the west and south of the building.

The phrase ‘Kinross Town Hall’ is generally used to refer to a range of buildings stretching from 108 to 114 High Street, comprising the old steeple and former Post Office, the Town Hall and the Carnegie Library.

One application is for the “erection of an apartment block (9 apartments), formation of access, parking and amenity space and change of use of Kinross Town Hall and related buildings to Class 1 (shops) and Class 2 (offices).” The PKC planning reference is 12/00477/FLL.

The other application is for alterations and partial demolition of the Town Hall (PKC planning reference 12/00478/LBC). This application is required because the proposal involves the demolition of the former billiard hall at the back of the Carnegie Library, which is a Listed Building.

The applications have been made by a company called ‘Town Hall Developments’. The company has one director, Simon Wilson.



There is a planning application for a new-build block of flats on this site to the west and south of the Town Hall and Carnegie Library. The application involves demolishing the old billiard hall to provide car parking.

The Town Hall is currently owned by Perth & Kinross Council but PKC has an agreement to sell the Town Hall to Simon Wilson or his nominee. It is understood that this is on condition that a satisfactory planning proposal is made and permission granted.

Although the planning application involves requesting a change of use to Class 1 (shops) and Class 2 (offices), this is purely a change of classification. There are no proposals here to actually refurbish the inside of the buildings to create shops and offices. The only work proposed for the Town Hall is to demolish the billiard hall and to make the building wind and watertight.

The applicant already has planning permission (ref 07/02781/FUL) to erect two houses on the land behind the Town Hall, known as ‘Land to the Rear of 106 High Street’. The main development proposed in planning application 12/00477/FLL is for a three-storey new-build block containing nine flats to be located on this site at the rear. The applicant also wants to demolish the former billiard hall at the back of the Carnegie Library and use this space to create some of the parking spaces for the new block of flats, which are intended to be one-bedroom retirement flats.

The applicant’s agent, Malcolm Smith, says in the Planning, Design and Access Statement submitted to PKC: “There are fundamentally 2 distinct but linked parts to the submitted proposals. These are, in effect, the use of the adjacent site for the erection of a residential block containing 9 units designed as retirement apartments, and the demolition of an unsightly rear extension to the Town Hall building and the repair and upgrading of the listed buildings in order to make them fully wind and water tight in preparation for their productive re-use.” He continues:

“There are clearly links between the individual proposals as the new development will act as the trigger for the repair and upgrading of the listed buildings and, a section of the parking area for the apartments will be positioned on the area of the demolished extension.”

The “Proposed Works” for the actual Town Hall buildings are stated in the agent’s Planning, Design and Access Statement as follows:

“Prior to any works commencing a full condition survey of the structures internally and externally will be undertaken. This will address any pressing issues related to the deterioration of the buildings and identify measures to address these and the required timescales for such works. It is anticipated that works to the roof, guttering and downpipes, and to secure window openings will be the minimum required in order to prevent further damage.”

Kinross Town Hall and Carnegie Library were declared ‘surplus to requirements’ by PKC in February 2002.

PKC tried to sell the buildings in 2004 but was advised that it should seek permission from the Sheriff Court before disposal as the buildings were thought to be ‘common good.’ Legal moves between 2005 and 2008 confirmed this. In early 2008 PKC was given permission to sell the buildings on condition that proceeds go to the Kinross Common Good Fund. PKC decided on 29 September 2010 to sell the buildings to Simon Wilson or his nominee. After the Council’s decision in September 2010, Simon Wilson told the Perthshire Advertiser: “I am very happy that our patience has been rewarded and we can go forward and refurbish the building.”

Eighteen months on, we have a proposal that, in physical terms, amounts to no more than demolishing the billiard hall and making the building wind and watertight.

The Town Hall, former Post Office and clock tower are B Listed and the Carnegie Library is C(S) Listed. In addition, the clock tower is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. PKC is responsible for their maintenance at present.

‘Town Hall Developments Limited’ was incorporated on 18 February 2011, as was ‘Simon Wilson Homes Limited’, which also has Simon Wilson as its director. Mr Wilson put his former company, SPJ Wilson Homes Limited, into voluntary liquidation on 9 February 2011.

One local resident who had examined the planning application told the Newsletter: “This isn’t a planning application for the Town Hall at all, it is really just about getting permission to build flats in the ground at the back. Is anything really going to be done with the Town Hall?”

The deadline for comments on planning application ref 12/00477/FLL is Friday 4 May, but the deadline for related application 12/00478/LBC is understood to be Wednesday 2 May. There appear to be problems with the Council’s electronic comments system at the moment.

Development Plan submission

Cllr Mike Barnacle has made a detailed submission to PKC on the proposed Local Development Plan (LDP). The Independent Councillor gave six presentations about the LDP to Kinross-shire residents at various locations around the county between February and April. Local residents' comments at these meetings helped inform his response to the Council.

Kinross and Milnathort area

There is significant opposition by residents to proposed Housing Site H46 (west Kinross) and Cllr Barnacle recommends the site be left as open space or community woodland. He is opposed to the H47 Housing Site at Lathro Farm as he believes this will contribute significantly to a coalescence of Kinross and Milnathort. Given his opposition to these proposed housing sites, he reluctantly concludes that sites Op12 (former High School) and Op24 (Kinross Town Hall) may have to be considered for residential use, although he would like to see car parking for the town at the former High School site. He wants Op10 (Market Park) to remain green space.

As in his MIR response, Cllr Barnacle remains opposed to the Employment site E17 at Turfhill, believing that the M90 should be regarded as a settlement barrier.

He agrees with Kinross CC that Opportunity site Op13 (Motor Auctions site) should be for Employment use only.

The Councillor is of the view that the LDP does not provide the necessary overall strategy for the rejuvenation of Kinross town centre.

Kinross-shire Landward Area

Blairingone: He supports E22 (Vicars Bridge Road) for general employment use but opposes the lack of a zoned housing site which he, Fossoway CC and the Long-Term Strategy Group think should have been site B for 30 houses (Option 1 in the MIR). He writes in his submission: "the only local service left in the village is the school and I have long campaigned for its retention and improvement, which such a site would assist".

Cleish: Cllr Barnacle fails to see the reason for a divorced settlement boundary.

Crook of Devon: Cllr Barnacle is "delighted" that Option 2 of the MIR for 90 houses has not been brought forward to the LDP.

Greenacres: Cllr Barnacle supports the introduction of a settlement boundary here, although it is more generous than he would have proposed.

Powmill: Cllr Barnacle, Fossoway CC and the Strategy Group feel that the numbers at site H53 should be reduced from 120 to 90.

Scotlandwell: Like Portmoak CC, Cllr Barnacle does not agree with a divorced settlement boundary between Kilmagadwood and Scotlandwell.

The Councillor supports the LDP proposals for Balado, Drunzie, Glenlmond, Kinnesswood and Wester Balgedie.

Cllr Barnacle is concerned that many of the settlement boundaries shown in our current local plan have been removed for smaller settlements in the proposed LDP.

A full copy of Councillor Barnacle's submission can be found on the website www.mikebarnacle.co.uk

Nordic neighbours

Local councillor Sandy Miller, who is a member of the Council's International Outreach group, has been active in promoting an interest in our Nordic neighbours. These countries have similar populations to Scotland and, along with Norway, have common interests in fishing, farming and defence. Together we are Europe's major source of oil and have the greatest wind, wave and tidal power in the EU. Cllr Miller, who is a member of the Nordic Horizons Group, led by writer and broadcaster Lesley Riddoch, has been involved in a series of discussions about a wide range of subjects that we can learn from the Nordic countries such as local government, education and the advantages of a written constitution.



Cllr Miller with broadcaster Lesley Riddoch, both members of the Nordic Horizons Group

Cllr Miller has helped to set up a link between one of our schools and a comparable school in Finland.

Cllr Miller said: "Another country with whom we are building relations is Russia. One of Perth and Kinross's twinning arrangements is with the Russian city of Pskov. Last year an essay competition was launched with the winning pupil and teacher spending a week with us. This included a visit to Kinross High School and an overnight stay in Kinross with a local family. This year we will be bringing over a Russian art teacher who will be spending time in some of our schools, one of which is likely to be Kinross High School and possibly one of our primary schools, with Portmoak expressing an interest."

Circuit of Loch a step nearer

A planning application has been submitted as part of the The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire's effort to complete the Heritage Trail around the loch.

The proposal is to create a 6.5km stretch of new trail from Kinross Mill to Vane Farm, thus completing the Heritage Trail circuit of Loch Leven. The route will pass through a disused railway line, agricultural land, the Loch Leven NNR and the RSPB reserve. A change of use from agricultural to leisure use will be involved on all sections of the trail. A 12m bridge over the Gairney Water will be constructed. The planning reference is 12/00703/FLL.

Milnathort Summer Festival 2012

Here are some dates for your diary!

This year's Milnathort Summer Festival will be taking place from Friday 1 June until Sunday 3 June.

The main event as always is the **Summer Fair**, which will be held in the playing fields of Milnathort Primary School on **Saturday 2 June**. All the fun in the sun starts at 1pm until 4pm. It is a fantastic family day out with lots to entertain the young and old alike!

There will be a wonderful and varied selection of stalls, a bouncy castle and bouncy slide, face painting, a miniature

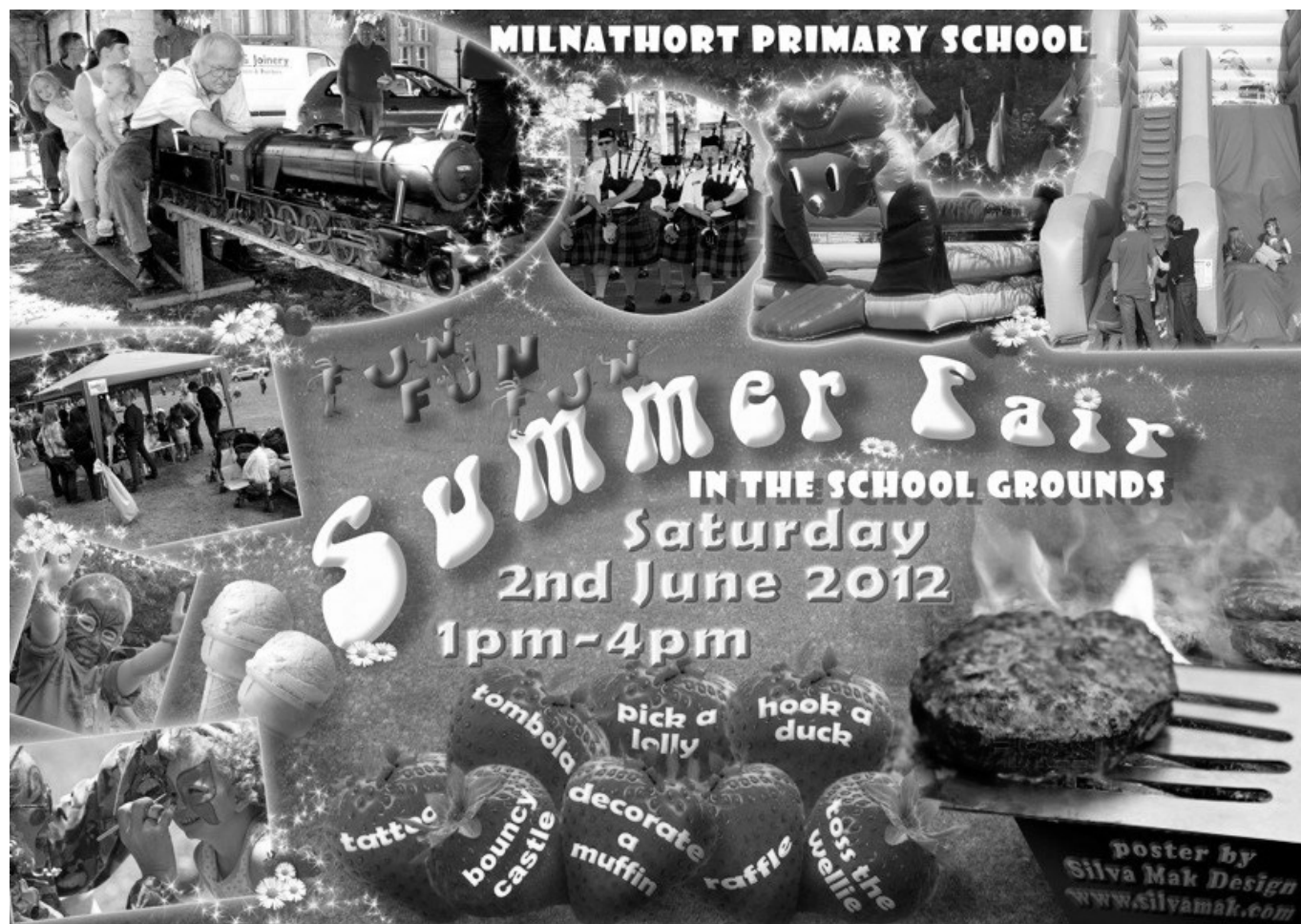
steam train, a barbecue and much much more! Come along, enjoy the fun and support Milnathort Primary School and the local community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

In addition to the Summer Fair there will also be a **Diamond Jubilee Flower Festival**, with floral arrangements and exhibition of memorabilia relating to the Queen's reign, to be held in Orwell Church and Hall.

The opening hours will be:

Friday 1 June	6pm-8pm
Saturday 2 June	10am-12 noon and 6pm-8pm
Sunday 3 June	2pm-5pm



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Cultural and Community Services Community Learning and Development

Tracey Ramsay

Senior Community Capacity Building Worker for Kinross-shire, Bridge of Earn, Glenfarg, Abermethy and surrounding areas, based in the Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross.

Dear Community Members, my role is to support:

- People to be confident, skilled and active members of the community.
- Communities to be active and have more influence.
- Community organisations to get access to resources and to deliver services effectively.
- Community organisations to plan, manage and assess their work effectively.
- Community organisations to include a wide range of people in their work.
- Productive networks and relationships.

This is an overview of the work I have been involved in over the period April 2011 to March 2012.

Funding Workshops were held at the campus to raise awareness of what funding is available and what to consider when writing a funding application. Forty-one community members, groups and organisation representatives attended the workshops.

Workshops and Information distributed:

- Funding information distributed to CCB database of local community groups and organisations in the area, the local Kinross-shire website and Newsletter.
- Big Lottery Fund workshop delivered 6 Sep 2011.
- Funding workshop, PKC Grants Direct, 22 Sep 2011.
- Networking for Communities event, 23 June 2011, with funding presentations from PKC Grants Direct and the Scottish Community Foundation Officer.

Networking for Communities: This session was held in June 2011, giving community members a chance to meet each other and exchange information about services and activities, including funding advice from PKC Grants Direct and the Scottish Community Foundation Officer.

Central Registered Body in Scotland workshop: Community members, groups and organisations were invited to find out about the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007:

- To ensure voluntary groups and organisations are prepared and understand their requirements and obligations under the new PVG Scheme.
- To determine who within organisations should be asked to join the Scheme.
- How to access disclosure applications.
- Understanding the new types of disclosures.
- Defining regulated work with children and protected adults.

There were two workshops, 15/9/11 and 13/3/12, attended by 26 community members and organisation representatives from all sections of the community.

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, CCs and Residents Association. 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. The local Community Capacity Building Worker will attend LLCC Partnership meetings in order to provide support. **As part of the on-going development we want to extend the group's membership. If your organisation would like to be involved, or require more information, please contact me, Tracey Ramsay.** Or for more information about the campus, visit www.pkc.gov.uk

Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group: KCLDG membership reflects representation from across all sectors, with 47 members. Partners meet monthly to share information, develop positive working relationships, and work together to deliver local services and activities in the area. The group organised the Better Place to Live Fair 2012.

The Better Place To Live Fair took place on 3 March 2012 at the campus. I am pleased to say there were 90 local community groups, voluntary organisations and businesses involved in promoting their services, achievements and activities. Overall the event made obvious the high level of community activity and services that Kinross-shire has to offer, making it a fantastic day. The event saw over 500 visitors through the doors and 350 attending for stallholder involvement. The KCLDG thank everyone who participated in the event as it would not have happened without you. For more information about the KCLDG, visit: www.pkc.gov.uk or www.kinross.cc/cld_group/index.htm

Drop in - Community Learning and Development: With thanks to Common Grounds charity for giving the local CCB worker, Adult Learning worker and Youth Services an opportunity to host an information morning at the local café in Milnathort on 7 June 2011, it was a successful morning, which enabled Community Learning and Development workers to provide advice and information to local residents, whilst getting to meet the volunteers at Common Grounds and taste some lovely home baking.

Community Profiles have been updated and will be available soon on the PKC local CC websites. They will be distributed to information points throughout Kinross-shire.

Texting Project: Over 200 people from Kinross-shire have signed up to this free information service that uses text messages to send relevant, up-to-date information to people of Perth and Kinross about events and services that directly impact on them. Please contact Tracey Ramsay for a registration leaflet.

CCB Database up-to-date: There are over 200 groups, organisations and local services on the CCB database. If anyone would like to be added or removed from the database, please advise your local Community Capacity Building Worker, Tracey Ramsay.

If you would like to discuss this report, please contact Tracey Ramsay (Senior Capacity Building Worker), Loch Leven Community Campus, The Muirs, KY13 8FQ. Alternatively, you can call 01577 867124 or email Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk





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Review of recent events

Since the start of 2012, library staff have organised visits from a variety of authors, as well as staff from The Royal Observatory, Edinburgh. These have been greatly enjoyed, some having sold out well before the event.

Jess Smith: At the end of January, Jess Smith, who was brought up within the travelling community, entertained a packed audience with story telling, poetry and song. She reminisced about her early life with highly amusing tales. One member of the audience remarked, "this is the third time we've heard Jess and it is better every time".

Starlab Planetarium: Back by popular demand, The Royal Observatory Edinburgh staff visited the campus in February with their inflatable planetarium. Audiences of mixed ages were held captivated by the talks, star constellations and seasonal night skies. As one mother put it, "Excellent – made a big impression on Adam (age 3)!"

Alistair Urquhart: In March, to a full house, Mr Urquhart, the author of the well-known book, 'The Forgotten Highlander', re-lived his time as a Japanese prisoner of war. His talk was very emotional, powerful and thought-provoking. Although his talk could not be described as 'enjoyable', due to the subject matter, it drew you in. As one of the audience said, "it was a compelling talk; an amazing story of endurance, a celebration of the human spirit and strength".

Debi Gliori: The very talented children's author Debi Gliori entertained us in March. She talked about where she finds her ideas for her wonderful picture books, especially her recent story, 'The Scariest Thing of All'. Debi also illustrates her own books and showed us the sketches she uses to paint and develop the characters. She finished the fascinating session with a couple of stories, including a new one she has been writing for the Story Cloud, which is to be announced in summer 2012.

Forthcoming events

Share a Story Through Song – a celebration of adult learners' achievements within Kinross-shire: Singer, Amy Lord will be sharing stories through singing at this free evening event on **Wednesday 16 May**, 7pm-8pm.

Alex Gray, author event: Crime author Alex Gray visits on **Thursday 7 June**, 7.30pm-8.30pm. Tickets cost £5.

Bookbug Rhymetime Teddy Bear Picnic: Bring your teddy bears and enjoy our imaginary picnic! Meet Bookbug!

Wednesday 13 June, 2.00-2.30pm – Bookbug Rhymetime.

Sensory Evening as part of 'Make a Noise in Libraries' Week: Free evening of entertainment to stimulate your senses. Ms Irma Brown, Relaxation Techniques. Seonaid Birse, Celtic Harp. Miss Pauline Murray, Textiles/ Textures with Felt Making. **Thursday 21 June**, 6.30- 8pm.

'Living Painting' Scottish Collection Art Display as part of 'Make a Noise in Libraries' Week: **Monday 11 June** to approximately **Sunday 24 June**

3D paintings will be on display for visually impaired individuals and the Kinross-shire community.

Loch Leven Olympic Torch Treasure Hunt

Come and join the fun at this free event! Take part in the Olympic-themed treasure hunt in the library – suitable for all ages. **Wednesday 13 June**, 10am -7.30pm.

Milnathort business scoops award

A family-run Milnathort business famed for its ice cream has scooped a top award.

Giacopazzi's was named Convenience Store of the Year at the Scottish Grocer Awards 2012, beating off competition from all over the country.

It was praised by judges as 'a modernised business that has everything expected from a high-quality convenience store – and some extras', with 'friendly staff who are fully committed to customer service.'

The shop's proprietors, Joanna Giacopazzi and her partner Franck Casonato, were presented with their award by TV personality Kate Thornton, who hosted the event.

Joanna is the fourth generation of her family to run the business, which was founded in 1910 by Giuseppe Giacopazzi, who had left his hilltop village near Parma, Italy, as a teenager 12 years earlier to work with his elder brother in Dundee.



Joanna and Franck are pictured with their award alongside Kate Thornton and Kevin Mitchell (left), of sponsors Japan Tobacco International.

The couple took over the shop in August 2010 from Joanna's parents Joe and Anne, who had transformed the business from a corner shop and café into a modern convenience store.

Although they have made further changes such as extending the shop's product range and installing a new scanning system, Joanna and Franck still make the traditional ice cream to Guiseppe's original recipe.

The couple have also strengthened the store's links with the community, sponsoring the local football team and majorettes; donating ice cream to local causes and raising money for local charities. Last year, they donated £800 to CHAS and recently raised more than £200 towards the refurbishment of Milnathort Town Hall with a 'guess the Easter bunny's birthday' competition.

Said Joanna: "We have extended our range of products quite considerably to include toys, seasonal hampers and some exciting new ice cream flavours.

"We also now offer fine quality coffee, tea and hot chocolate to complement our popular range of hot and cold food to go.

"We continue to be extremely competitive on many prices, particularly fine wines, malt whisky and other spirits."

She continued: "We are fortunate in that we have a great team of staff, most of them long-serving, who have a good relationship with customers and will go out of their way to make their shopping experience an enjoyable one."

A977 speed watch pilot begins

A group of volunteers clad in high-viz jackets has joined Tayside Police in the drive to get Scotland's roads safer. The volunteers are part of a Community Speed Watch pilot, which started in Crook of Devon on 13 April.

The A977 (Kincardine to Kinross road) has seen a considerable increase in traffic since the opening of the Clackmannan Bridge. The community has campaigned for mitigation measures along the route but it has proven very difficult to get the traffic to slow down.

'We live on the Main Street and have noticed this increase,' says Maxine Gray, one of the volunteers. 'When bringing our children to school, we are very aware of the vehicles, heavy lorries among them, and there is so little to separate the traffic from the pedestrians.'

Trudy Duffy-Wigman, secretary of Fossoway and District CC explains: 'We've got a group of 13 volunteers together, who were vetted and trained to a high standard by Tayside Police. We follow the same protocol as officers from Tayside Police. Our primary aim is not give out speed tickets; it is to make people aware that this is our community they are passing through. All of us have been guilty by going on the auto-pilot and then realising we were doing 38mph in a 30mph area. We want to raise awareness of speed restrictions so that we can all live in a safer community.'

If the three-month pilot is successful, the group may try to raise funds to obtain their own speed-detecting equipment to continue with the project, rolling it out over other villages.

When the volunteers take to the road, they do so with the support of Tayside Police, who will also be monitoring the results. Inspector Emma Bowman of Tayside Police said:

'Community Speed Watch is a scheme that has seen much success south of the border and allows communities to take control of one of the issues that commonly affects quality of life and safety i.e. speeding motorists. For years now there has been a speeding problem in the villages along the A977, and although Tayside Police along with the Tayside Safety

Camera Partnership regularly enforces the limits, officers cannot be present as often as they would like. It is a known fact that an increase in speed increases the dangers for road users, and often those responsible for speeding are not doing it deliberately but have either failed to observe a speed limit sign or have not really been paying attention to their speed. Initial monitoring suggests that almost 41% of vehicles travelling through Crook of Devon do so in excess of the 30mph speed limit. Of these, a disproportionate number are drivers of small commercial vehicles. The presence of volunteers in their high visibility clothing provides a gentle reminder of the speed limit causing the driver to adjust their speed accordingly. All volunteers are trained to Police standards on type approved equipment which is correctly maintained and calibrated, and the Road Policing Unit in Perth will be looking out for patterns of repeat offending and acting upon it. The scheme will run for three months, during and after which we will assess the speeds and ascertain if there has been a significant speed reduction. It is hoped that if the scheme is successful it can be rolled out elsewhere across Tayside.'

Rod Paterson of Fossoway and District CC said:

'Volunteers will monitor traffic speeds at various times of the day and week. Motorists who choose to ignore the existing speed limit and the additional advance warning signs that will be in place will be at risk of being reported to the Police, and will receive a warning letter through the post. Several warning letters or excessive and dangerous speed may result in more serious action being taken by the Police. All information passed to the Police will be shared with other agencies as would be the normal case, including the DVLA and VOSA (the latter for Large Goods Vehicles). For the community and volunteers it is more, however, about trying to change motorist's attitudes when driving through all the communities along the A977 and A91 in the area; respecting our speed limits and the reasons why speed limits are in place in our village communities and beyond.'

The pilot started on Friday 13 April continues for three months.

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At this point alarm bells should go off. Of course, there are honest tradesmen, going around to find work. There are also less scrupulous people who talk you into letting them carry out work you don't need, for a price you should not pay and maybe even to a substandard level. So what should you do?

First of all, do you need the work? You have a look and yes, your eaves are dry and there are dangerous overhanging branches. In that case, ask for a quote – which should be provided free of charge – and ask other businesses to give you a quote as well. Ask neighbours and friends for recommendations and use if possible an established and locally based company. Never, ever agree to work being carried out before you know the exact price and conditions. Will the company remove the branches once they are sawed off? Will the company give you a guarantee for the work done?

There are companies going around neighbourhoods to ask whether they may give you a quote for double glazing, thermal roof treatment or whatever. They can be very insistent; and most of us do not like being impolite, saying 'no' and closing the door on them. Tactics used are mentioning your neighbour's name: 'Mrs Soandso asked us to give her a quote.' What sometimes happens is that they come back the next day with a quote and once they are sitting in your living room it takes a couple of hours to get them out again. Try to have family or a friend with you. Please remember it is YOUR time, they are in YOUR house and they ask you to part with YOUR money. If you say 'no' and ask them to leave, they should leave. Otherwise phone the police.

When you buy something from a door-to-door seller, the goods should be free of faults and the services carried out meeting the standard you expect for the price you paid. With a few exceptions, you have a seven-day cooling off period for goods and services over £35. So even if you have signed a contract, you can cancel the sale, provided you do so within a week. A written, recorded delivery cancellation is the safest.

By Trudy Duffy-Wigman

Household paint reuse project resumes

Householders in Perth and Kinross can again pass on their unwanted, good quality paint for reuse via the Paint Collection container at Friarton Recycling Centre in Perth. Castle Furniture Project, which is expanding into the Perth area this spring, will be running a trial scheme to collect water-based paints that can be reused. These include:

- * Emulsion (matt, silk, etc), gloss, vinyl, undercoat, primer
- * Paint in a container with a securely fitted lid

* Paint where one litre or more is left in the container
Paint with a hazardous symbol on the tin, empty or rusty containers, dried-up paint or paint more than 10 years old cannot be donated.

Silv Ingram of Castle Furniture Project explained: "We take the usable paint to our Glenrothes Reprocessing Facility where we sort the paint into different types – for example emulsion, egg shell, gloss – and into similar colours.

"After reprocessing, we have a range of different coloured paints which Perth and Kinross householders can buy from our Victoria Street shop in Perth City Centre, in either 2.5 litre containers or 5 litre containers."

A proportion of the reprocessed paint is also sent to other organisations for donation for individual or community use.

Changes to services provided by Trading Standards

The Trading Standards team at PKC is no longer providing consumer advice direct to the public. This service will now be provided for residents of Perth and Kinross through the government-funded Citizens Advice Consumer Service, which offers advice on the telephone and online, and is supported by Scottish councils and by Citizens Advice Scotland. Working in partnership with PKC's Trading Standards, the Citizens Advice Consumer Service will deliver clear, practical consumer advice to help people sort out their problems and disagreements with suppliers of goods or services. Trained advisers will offer individual solutions for individual problems and information on a wide range of consumer issues.

Where a complaint relates to criminal legislation enforced by Trading Standards Officers, the Citizens Advice Consumer Service will refer details of the complaint to Trading Standards teams around Scotland, including Perth and Kinross for further investigation.

You can call the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 04 05 06 (local rate charges apply), Mondays to Fridays between 9am and 5pm.

PLANNING PERMISSION BUILDING WARRANTS

McNeil Partnership is a locally based practice with LOCAL knowledge providing drawings and processing applications for Planning permission and Building Warrants.

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New grant to help voluntary groups

Annabelle Ewing MSP has highlighted the launch of the new Volunteering Development Grant from the Voluntary Action Fund (VAF), which offers a grant of up to £10,000 to charities that want to improve and develop their capacity to involve volunteers.

The Volunteering Development Grant is available to registered charities working in Scotland who:

- Do not currently involve volunteers to any significant extent but who want to add value to their existing services or develop new ones that can involve volunteers, or
- Already involve volunteers but want improve and develop their capacity to deploy and support volunteers.

The grant could be used to increase the hours of an existing staff member or buy in support to help develop volunteering opportunities and practices. It could also be used to pay for volunteer expenses and training for staff, committee and volunteers.



Annabelle Ewing highlighting the new Volunteering Development Grant during a visit to the Potager Garden. From left, Amanda James, Convenor of Potager Garden, Annabelle Ewing MSP and Fiona Thackeray, Development Manager from Trellis, which supports therapeutic horticulture projects in Scotland.

The grant has to be spent by 31 March 2013, at the end of which organisations will have made specific improvements to the way they recruit, involve and support volunteers, and these improvements will be sustained beyond the end of the grant period. The deadline for submitting the applications is 5pm on 8 June 2012.

Ms Ewing highlighted the new grant on 16 April, the same day she visited the Potager Garden in Kinross.

"It was a delight to visit the Kinross Potager Gardens, a wonderful community resource that provides not just a relaxing and beautiful place for local people to visit but also provides facilities to enable folk to learn more about gardening.

"Many organisations across Mid Scotland & Fife – like the fantastic Potager Gardens here in Kinross – depend on the hard work and time given by volunteers.

"So I am pleased to be able to highlight a new grant funded by the Scottish Government that is available to registered charities working in Scotland who are looking to start involving volunteers for the first time or to improve or develop the way in which their volunteers are deployed.

"Grants of up to £10,000 are available and I am sure there are a great many local groups who would happily put that sort of sum to good use."

For more information, see the website
www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk



Police Box

Smart Water Property Marking

One widely used crime prevention measure is SmartWater - a hi-tech forensic property-marking scheme in a liquid form that contains a unique DNA style code in every container. No two containers are the same. It is very easy to apply and is painted into nooks and crannies of the property concerned. It is also versatile and can be used on the vast majority of items of property. Once dry, it is virtually impossible to remove and is almost invisible to the naked eye. It can only be found using UV light and is harmless and odourless.

Police services and other agencies all over the UK routinely check property for SmartWater in a number of types of second hand businesses, including recovered stolen items, and of course the criminal knows that. SmartWater has a 100% conviction rate with those found in possession of marked items. Stolen property with SmartWater is 'too hot to handle' for a thief. It is a proven scheme that has reduced thefts in a number of areas such as house-breaking, garden thefts, car crime, retail crime and rural crime within the UK. SmartWater is a Secured by Design (SBD) accredited product. SBD is the UK Police flagship initiative supporting the principles of "designing out crime" by effective use of crime prevention and security standards for a range of applications.

For more information, contact your local Community Officer or visit the website www.smartwater.com

Domestic Heating Oil Theft

With the recent increase in the cost of fuel, domestic heating oil is becoming a target for thieves. It is difficult to secure such a valuable asset as it is kept outside, often in full view and has to be accessed easily by your fuel supplier. Here is some advice to improve the security of your fuel supplies:

- Consider erecting a metal cage round your tank with a secondary lockable access hatch to the filler cap. Obviously you have to ensure you are available when the tanker driver requires access to fill it up. Any padlock should be the highest quality you can afford and be of the closed hasp design.
- Position of the tank is important. If it is out of view of your house windows and near a path or road then it is easier for the thief to target. You have also to consider access to the tank by the legitimate tanker driver.
- Security lights can deter thieves. It is not always necessary to floodlight the area with high power beams. Low energy dusk to dawn lights positioned close to the tank can provide a deterrent. This type of lighting is inexpensive and effective. Movement detectors which operate security lights can also activate alarms.
- Oil level gauges which are remotely operated are now available which set off an alarm if the oil level in a tank suddenly drops or falls below quarter full. These can be bought for less than £100.
- Check the oil level in your tank regularly for any spilt fuel, marks on your lock or any suspicious object alien to your garden nearby.
- CCTV is a deterrent to thieves. We recommend you purchase the best system you can afford, ensuring the camera is capable of capturing pictures at night or with your supplementary lighting.

- Tanks can be stored inside outbuildings but there are strict regulations which must be followed and advice could be sought from the fire service.

Further information is available on the website:

www.tayside.police.uk/Information-Advice/Crime-Prevention and you can also contact your local crime prevention officer.

Seat Belts and Child Restraints

Seat belt legislation has been in existence for many years now and, over that period, many lives have been saved and serious injuries prevented by the simple act of wearing a seat belt. Whilst the majority of drivers and passengers recognise the benefits of wearing a seat belt and comply with the law, there are still too many people who, for some incomprehensible reason, do not.

Any adult who fails to wear a seat belt, whether a driver or passenger, is liable to receive a £60 fixed penalty. Drivers should also be aware that they are personally responsible for ensuring that a child under 14-years-old is suitably restrained. Children up to the age of three in the front of the vehicle must be placed in a correct child seat.

Children older than three, but less than 135cm (approx 4'5" tall), or under 12 years of age (whichever they reach first), must use a correct child restraint, such as a booster seat and an adult seatbelt. If one is not available they can conditionally use an adult seat belt in the rear.

It is important to ensure that all child car seats are fitted correctly and are of an appropriate size and type for the child.

Street Sports

Your local Community Officers are once again running a series of "Street Sports for All" sessions in an effort to engage with young people in our area. Street Sports provides young people with alternative activities in the evenings to help keep them active and healthy whilst diverting them from possible anti social activity.

The "Street Sports For All" project is a partnership between Tayside Police, Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership and St Johnstone FC.

The Community Officers will be advertising upcoming events in local shops, businesses and community notice boards as well as linking in with local schools. Look out for upcoming dates in your area.

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.

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

Community Council News



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

Kinross Community Council

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 April were: CCllrs C Watson, I Jack, D West, B Davies, D Cuthbert, W Freeman, M Blyth and M Scott (Secy); P&K Cllrs K Baird, W Robertson and M Barnacle; a police representative; a deputation from Wallace Land and many members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs D Mackay, L MacKay, D Colliar and P&K Cllr Miller.

Police report: The Police representative reported on recent crimes, including a theft in the Turfhill area, a bike stolen from outside Blockbusters and gardening equipment taken from a shed. All these are under enquiry. Diesel was also stolen from the construction works for the bypass. Incidents involving bogus callers have been increasing, mostly in the Perth and North Perthshire area. The Police ask everyone to be vigilant.

Regeneration of town centre: CCllr Cuthbert reported on the meeting he attended. An application has been lodged for funding. Cllr Robertson added that there is money in the budget for the town centre regeneration and that PKC would also apply for lottery funding to match this.

Future of Kinross Buildings

County Buildings: The Royal Caledonian Curling Club has engaged Quantity Surveyors/Architects to carry out surveys and costings.

Former High School: PKC has received several bids for this site and is negotiating with a preferred bidder. The proposal is residential use including a portion of affordable housing. A member of the public commented that private houses are not required; what the town needs is Council rental properties.



PKC has received several bids for the site of the former High School

Town Hall: Cllr Baird advised that a planning application has been received by PKC, but not yet registered. *[Editor's Note: A planning application has now been registered and any comments must be made by Wednesday 2 May. See Articles p. 13 for more details.]*

Planning Applications submitted to PKC

12/00422/FLL Plots 57 and 58, land south of Station Road: Modification of consent - change of house types.

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

12/00328/FLL 1 Muirfield Grove: Alteration and extension.

12/00336/FLL 1 Morlich Place: Alterations and extension.

12/00338/FLL Tarhill Farm: Modification of existing consent (10/01651/FLL): revised route for access drive.

12/00433/FLL Kinross House: Alterations to Gate Pier.

Applications Approved by PKC

11/02125/LBC Kinross House: Alt to ballroom.

11/01911/FLL 249 High Street: Erection of conservatory.

12/00084/FLL 39 Argyll Road: Alterations and extension.

12/00012/FLL Kinross House: Installation of a formal pool, formation of hard standing, landscaping and associated works.

11/00997/FLL Jetrigg: Erection of nine holiday units, hostel, café and leisure facilities.

Heritage Trail

The route is following the old railway line south round to RSPB land and Vane Farm. Cllr Barnacle added that there is no mention of the railway line returning to Kinross in the Local Plan, although this was reserved for a link to the Fifé Circle.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Mill Street (former Social Work offices): Cllr Baird advised that PKC is proposing to demolish this building and use the area for parking.

CC Agenda: Cllr Robertson suggested that the CC remove the timescale referred to in its agenda; agreed.

A977: Cllr Barnacle gave an update on the operation of new speed limit signs.

Correspondence

Association of Scottish CCs: Conference 18 April.

Council housing: PKC has designated the entire council area as "pressured" for a period of 10 years with effect from 1 February.

TAYplan: The updated scheme (March 2012) has been published. This explains the timetable for the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan during 2012.

Core paths: The CC received a map showing local core paths and an accompanying list of paths.

RTO: Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Variation) (No. 1) Order 2012. The CC received a copy of the Road Traffic Order which came into effect on 31 March.

Other Business – Partnership AGM

CCllr Freeman attended this meeting.

Visiting Kinross-shire?

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

www.kinross.cc

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

Local Development Plan (LDP)

*Reminder from Newsletter Editor: As stated at the beginning of the Community Council News section, the CC News is **not** a complete reproduction of CC minutes. It is a shortened summary, based on draft minutes. For the full CC draft minutes, see the www.kinross.cc website or the local library. In particular, this section on the Local Development Plan is considerably shorter than the equivalent section in Kinross CC's draft minutes. Much of the content of this section, such as decisions reached on whether to agree or disagree with the PKC's proposed zoning in the LDP, and related comments, are in any case included in the copy of the CC's submission to PKC on the LDP which is published on the following pages.*

Cllr West took the chair for this part of the meeting.

The CC summarised its actions in relation to the Local Plan up to this point.

Some members of the public reported difficulty in submitting comments on the LDP online to PKC. Cllrs Baird and Robertson would approach PKC about this.

Following a suggestion that the water and sewage system could not cope with further expansion, Cllr West reported that Scottish Water had advised the CC that with planned improvements it could.

Cllr West said he would suggest a general flood and pollution risk assessment to ascertain the burden of more housing and development across the Loch Leven catchment.

Some general points in relation to planning were made. Some of these were:

There has been a shift of focus to the north of Kinross with move of public services to the campus.

Initiatives such as the Boathouse Bistro and a proposal for Jettrigg to the south of Kinross may help to bring economic activity to the town.

Traffic congestion is now worse in the north part of Kinross.

Does the relief road at the south end of town now make any sense from an infrastructure point of view?

PKC should be asked to provide a coherent vision for Kinross.

The meeting considered the specific proposals in the LDP for Kinross, zone by zone.

In relation to site H46 (West Kinross), Wallace Land confirmed that an application to PKC for a wayleave had been applied for but had been denied. Representatives of Wallace Land sought to answer local concerns in relation to

Davies Park, stating that they do not want to remove the playpark or destroy it. Wallace Land are willing to listen to the public and accept suggestions on how they could improve the access arrangements. Cllr West said that the CC did not alter its representations and support this site as asked to by Wallace Land following their presentation meeting, which had been suggested by Wallace Land outside the meeting.

H47 (Lathro Farm): Comments were raised regarding road safety should a housing development go ahead here.

Op 14 (former Health Centre): It was reported that negotiations are ongoing for the construction of a care home on this site. The CC supports use for residential.

There was a discussion about Balado's inclusion as an active airfield in the plan when maps describe it as unused. Cllr Barnacle said that being zoned as an airfield brought more control as to its usage in the future. Many people indicated they were unhappy with microlight overflights.

Cllr West brought the meeting to a close by thanking those present for their input, patience and consideration during the meeting. He will draft a response and seek comments from fellow Cllrs before submitting to PKC prior to the deadline.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC and its Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 May at 7.30pm in the Masonic Lodge, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 2 May (AGM)

1. Apologies for absence
2. AGM: Minutes of 2011 AGM, Chairman's report, Treasurer's report, Appointment of office bearers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Cllr for Planning, Data Controller)
3. Minutes of meeting held on 4 April 2012
4. Police report
5. Matters arising from the minutes of 4 April 2012
6. Future of Kinross buildings
7. Planning matters
8. Reports from P&K Councillors
9. Miscellaneous correspondence
10. Other competent business
11. Date of next meeting (6 June 2012)

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Below is the considered response to the draft Local Plan on behalf of Kinross CC

Before moving onto consider the draft proposals for Kinross in detail we have some general points that we would like the Council to consider:

Kinross Community Council believes significant sections of the population have only just become aware of the issues involved and the draft plan should not remain the “settled position of the council” without further review and consultation. To this point in the process the vast majority of people involved have been those with a financial or professional interest and it is now time for those that will have to live with the consequences of the plan to have their say and be heard. The published plan for the process allows for further amendments and the Council should be encouraging participation at this stage not closing it down. Many residents have expressed frustration with the consultation process, they have had difficulties using the online form, they found that staff at the consultation meetings were unable to answer their questions and have been unhappy at the lack of follow up to these enquiries. We therefore support the requests for an extension to the consultation period.

We would make the point that a Councillor indicated that the system being used to collate replies is in a pilot mode, and this has resulted in difficulties being experienced by the public lodging responses. With the system not being available and it not being clear as to which format should be used for replies, their ability to respond electronically has been denied. We believe these difficulties warrant an extension for the lodging of comments from the residents of Kinross. By not granting an extension, the public may have been denied their democratic right to participate in the democratic process for replying in the allotted time frame. If the system used was tried and tested then the normal deadlines should apply but when the system is incapable of accepting responses, allowances should be made for this situation.

Many people have raised the broader issue as to whether the Loch Leven catchment area can cope with the extra waste and

(as importantly) changes to the flows of water resultant from development. We understand that at peak flow there is discharge of untreated waste into the Loch and are concerned that extra housing will add to the problem and the recent upward trend in pollution in the loch will therefore be exacerbated. Development will change the rate of flow into drains and may also increase the problem of peak flow. Whilst we understand that in essence this is Scottish Water’s problem and not a reason for not developing we would argue that there must surely come a point where the Loch Ecosystem cannot cope. We urge the Council to move away from an arbitrary percentage reduction and seek a more scientifically based rationale for permitting development in this most protected water basin.

We ask that for all of the sites within the catchment area of the Loch that an additional condition be added that makes development contingent on wider assurance that Scottish Water can deliver a level of waste the Loch is able to cope with. This is broader than the current condition included in some that is site specific, we believe this wider impact must be taken into account.

Other residents expressed views about traffic flows and congestion. New residents from almost all of the proposed development in Kinross and Milnathort would have to travel south to get to the motorway at the Kinross junction. There are already choke points along this route and we are concerned that this wider impact has not been fully thought through.

Prior to the meeting we sought and received some information about the kinds of representations that had already been received to gauge whether we had our finger on the pulse of local opinion. From these conversations the issue of the status of Balado Airfield had been raised. After discussion and information we concluded that the additional controls brought by its recognition outweighed the disadvantages.

Moving on to the sites specifically within our area:

Location, Size, Uses	Ref	Kinross CC answer	Conditions/Reasons
South Kinross, 1.2 ha. General employment uses	E16	we support the inclusion of this area in the plan but ask for the additional conditionality	The impact of the site on levels of pollution and run off patterns into Loch Leven need to be included.
Station Road South, 3.2 ha. General employment uses	E18	we support the inclusion of this area in the plan but ask for the additional conditionality	The impact of the site on levels of pollution and run off patterns into Loch Leven need to be included.
Turfhills, 15.3 ha General employment uses. Phase 1: 2.3 ha Phase 2: 13 ha	E17 E36	We are in favour of wider employment opportunities in the area and subject to a preference that sites on the east of the motorway are developed first, support this zoning.	The impact of the site on levels of pollution and run off patterns into Loch Leven need to be included
Balado Bridge, 1.9 ha, General employment use	E35	We support the inclusion of this area in the plan but ask for the additional conditionality.	The impact of the site on levels of pollution and run off patterns into Loch Leven need to be included.

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Community Website

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

Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover the myriad things to see and do in Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit **www.visitlochleven.org**

Location, Size, Uses	Ref	Kinross CC answer	Conditions/Reasons
West Kinross 8 ha 125 houses	H46	This area has attracted much public concern, which we share. We ask for the area to be deleted from the Plan. We believe the housing that is planned now in the Old high School site should be substituted to make up for the shortfall.	Reasons for Kinross Community Council's position: Access to H46 will be required. The developer has identified an access route through the edge of Davis Park. The CC view this park as an essential facility for the children on the Western quartile of Kinross. Utilising the route suggested by the developer would make access to the park unsafe for unaccompanied children. Should a secondary entrance be created either through the adjacent housing estate or Gallowhill Road, it is feared that a rat run avoiding the town centre will be created. Proximity to the Motorway Network Kinross Community Council considers that H46 is too close to the Motorway. Houses will suffer from noise and vibration. This could lead to the site remaining partially developed in the same way that the GS Brown site has been for the last few years. Former Railway Line path The Former Railway Line is now a much used path, offering walkers the opportunity of experiencing a green space. The impact of the site on levels of pollution and run off patterns into Loch Leven need to be included
Lathro Farm 13 ha 220 houses (120 up to 2024)	H47	We offer conditional support for this site. This is in the main is because we took the view that our objections should be focused.	Concerns have been raised with us over the impact on the infrastructure of Kinross of the inclusion of this housing site. Residents will need to access the Motorway through Kinross town centre when travelling south. This route is already heavily used. It is widely felt that no additional housing estates should be added until this situation is resolved.
Balado, 3 ha 35 houses	H51	We are content with this	The impact of the site on levels of pollution and run off patterns into Loch Leven need to be included.
Market Park 1 ha	Op10	As the National Curling Academy is no longer an option for this site, Kinross Community Council would request that the site be zoned for recreational use or green space only	The National Curling Academy was a very special situation. Kinross Community Council considers the Market Park as an integral part of the streetscape in perhaps the most picturesque part of the town.
Turfhills Motorway Service area, 5 ha Improvement of existing motorway service area etc	Op11	We are content with this	The impact of the site on levels of pollution and run off patterns into Loch Leven need to be included.
Former High School 2.95 ha Employment/Retail/Hotel/Community/Residential	Op12	We understand that the preferred bidder is a house builder. As this is now primarily going to be housing we offer this up as a part replacement for H46.	We would like in due course to see the proposal and trust that it will include additional public parking at the rear of the church and onto the High Street.
Scottish Motor Auctions, 3.7 ha Employment and high density residential	Op13	We wish to object to the scope of this opportunity	Kinross-shire has a shortage of 15 Ha of employment land. This will increase with the addition of the planned 880 houses over the period of this local development plan. We would therefore request as per our initial submission (August 2009) that this land be retained as employment land.
Former Health Centre, 0.6 ha Employment use compatible with residential amenity or high density low cost housing	Op14	We are content with this	The impact of the site on levels of pollution and run off patterns into Loch Leven need to be included.
Lethangie, 3.5 ha Primary School	Op15	We are content with this	The impact of the site on levels of pollution and run off patterns into Loch Leven need to be included.
Kinross Town Hall One or more: Community, Retail, Office, Hotel, Restaurant, Residential	Op24	We wish to object to the inclusion of residential in this opportunity	We do not wish to see the Town Hall as yet more residential accommodation. This building is in the very heart of our town centre and should retain some community use.

Milnathort Community Council

News from the Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on Thursday 12 April. It was called because a petition had been submitted by Mr Stuart McHardy bearing 20 signatures.

The meeting was chaired by CCllr Milne Home in the absence of CCllrs Hamilton (chairman) and Cottingham (vice chairman), both of whom submitted apologies. CCllr Giacopazzi advised that he had stepped down as secretary as he was a candidate in the local government elections. Also in attendance were CCllrs Smith, Halford, Bennet and Thomson; P&K Cllr Robertson; minute secretary E Rougvie and 14 members of the public. All members of the public, including a further seven who arrived at 7.30pm, were asked to record their attendance. P&K Cllr Baird joined the meeting at 7.30pm.

Issues raised in the petition: At the request of Mr McHardy, the petition was read out in full by CCllr Milne Home. It claimed that the CC was not representing the views of the local community in many of what Mr McHardy described as the 'so called improvements' in Milnathort. Three of the members of the public who were in attendance, including Mr McHardy, had signed the petition, which listed a number of specific issues. CCllr Milne Home addressed each item in turn and asked for comments from CCllrs and the floor. They were as follows:

Grass in Donaldson Park: The issue of the grass not being fully mown has been raised on a number of occasions at the CC. On a show of hands, four members of the public who were present were unhappy with the new mowing regime.

Mountain bike trail: This has also been raised at previous meetings. As indicated in the minutes of the meeting of 8 December, it had been informally suggested that Donaldson Park might be suitable for a mountain bike trials loop, but the idea has never been progressed.

Tree in Donaldson Park: It was unclear to CCllrs what they were being accused of as far as this issue was concerned as they had done everything possible within their limited powers. They had written to PKC calling for action and expressing their displeasure that none was taken, resulting in the dangerous tree causing extensive damage to a house during high winds. The householder concerned had been satisfied with the CC's action and had no complaints against them.

Placecheck: In response to Mr McHardy's complaint about a lack of information about Placecheck, CCllrs responded as follows: There had been two consultations in the Thistle Hotel, which had been widely advertised and the projects that were being undertaken were as a result of a 'wish list' drawn up by the community. The last Placecheck newsletter was issued in November and every effort had been made to personally distribute these by CCllrs to every household in Milnathort and outlying areas. However, two members of the public in attendance had not received copies of the November issue; the CCllrs apologised for any omissions. The next newsletter is due to be published in May and again will be delivered to all households.

CC Chairman: Mr McHardy complained about the chairman's 'attitude' but as the chairman was not present it was not considered appropriate to discuss this.

Safety at zebra crossings: Issues relating to the poor condition of the existing crossing in New Road had been reported; it has now been refurbished. The work at the zebra crossing in South Street was progressing. A member of the

public raised an issue about flooding at the crossing which Cllr Robertson will report.

Winter preparations: Cllr Baird had given a very full report on this and had taken up any issues on behalf of the community that had been raised through the CC.

Council house repairs: Mr McHardy said that many PKC houses were not wind and watertight and that repairs were not being carried out. This was the first time this issue has been raised at the CC and anyone experiencing problems is advised to contact PKC's repairs department directly. In the meantime the CC will write to PKC and report back to the next CC meeting.

Police and criminal matters: The CC had represented the views of the community by contacting the police on numerous occasions with regard to illegal parking since parking on double yellow lines had been de-criminalised. Anyone with any concerns about this issue is advised to contact PKC as it is their responsibility, although it was considered to be unfortunate if the police were seen to drive past illegally-parked vehicles without intervening. It was unclear as to what other issues Mr McHardy was referring to as no other activities had been de-criminalised.

PKC: Mr McHardy then raised an issue about a personal dispute with PKC, but it was thought to be inappropriate to discuss this in a public forum and not within the CC's remit. CCllr Milne Home concluded the EGM by asking the 21 members of the public to raise their hands if they agreed with Mr McHardy in that the CC was not representing the views of the community. No hands were raised. Mr McHardy left the meeting at this point.

News from the April Meeting

Police matters: The CC were disappointed to note that the police yet again had not attended the meeting. However an e-mail had been received reporting a break-in with intent to steal in Marshall Place, for which someone had been detected. They also advised that they were seeking comments on Tayside Police's draft community policing strategy, which closes on 16 April.

Litter pick: CCllr Giacopazzi advised that he was organising a litter pick and, after discussion, it was agreed to arrange this for 19 May. CCllr Giacopazzi will source the necessary equipment and CCllr Milne Home will find out more about the litter-picking campaign being organised at national level.

Ochil Hills hospital site: It was noted that the fencing had been damaged, possibly as a result of someone climbing over.

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Placecheck: CCllr Giacopazzi reported that Diane Cassidy of Placecheck had asked CC members to distribute the May newsletter. It was agreed to ask for extra copies that could be left in local business premises. A number of concerns were raised about the ongoing work currently being undertaken under the Placecheck scheme, including the speed bump on North Street/Wester Loan; the new build-outs at the New Road/Victoria Avenue junction and the positioning of the bus shelters. Following discussion, it was agreed to invite a PKC roads engineer to the May meeting to explain the rationale of the improvements. The CC also agreed to ask about the progress of the introduction of a 20mph limit in the village, although it was noted that this can take some time because of Scottish Government legislation. CCllr Robertson confirmed that the process had been started.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

- Extension to house 46A New Road. Noted.
- Erection of garage and storage premises (in principle) at Hattrick Bruce, South Street. Noted.

Applications Decided by PKC

- Alterations, refurbishment and change of use of Royal Hotel to a single dwelling-house. Approved.
- Erection of a wind turbine on land 520 metres north east of Tay Forth Machinery, Newhill. Refused.
- Erection of a house on land 30 metres north east of 25 Victoria Avenue. Refused.
- Alterations and extension to house at 6 Auld Mart Lane. Refused.

New Matters

Flower Festival: CCllr Thomson advised that a Jubilee Flower Festival will be held in Orwell Parish Church from 5 to 7 June. Anyone who would like to contribute an arrangement celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is welcome to do so.

Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Torch events: The CC discussed ideas for marking the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Torch relay, which passes through Milnathort at 8am on 13 June. It was decided to revive the children's fancy dress parade, which will start at Donaldson Park at 6pm on 2 June, following the annual school fête, and to organise a scarecrow festival involving the whole community. CCllrs Bennet and Milne Home will progress arrangements.

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Club Correspondents

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Correspondence

Paint recycling: Residents can now donate good quality surplus paint at Friarton Recycling Centre. Noted.

Planning Aid for Scotland: An event is to be held in the A.K.Bell Library, Perth, on 2 June. Noted.

Milnathort in Bloom: Graham Stewart of Milnathort in Bloom was in attendance to elaborate on the committee's plans to refurbish the area at the War Memorial. This will include planting shrubs, raising beds and improving the paths. Funding is currently being pursued.

Tillywhally Wood: Gosia S-Stanton was also in attendance to seek the CC's support for her ideas on enhancing Tillywhally Wood. These include planting wild flowers and installing bird and bat boxes. All such ideas are welcome and, after discussion, it was agreed that she will meet with CCllr Halford to progress matters.

Members of the public

The following issues were raised:

Flood defences: It was noted that the requirement for flood defences had changed since the floods of 2006. The standard was now based on a 1 in 200-year event rather than a 1 in 100-year event.

Cyclists on pavements: The police view is that only very small children should be permitted to cycle on pavements. The CC reminds people that it is very dangerous to do so. Motorists are also asked to be aware of cyclists on the road. Following discussion, it was agreed that the CC will ask the police for further guidance in the light of new advice from Scottish Cycling which suggests that cyclists should position themselves nearer the centre of the road.

Old railway track: No motorised vehicles are permitted on this track. Anyone seeing one should report it to the police.

Ochil Hills Hospital development: Cllr Robertson will contact PKC's enforcement officer with regard to alleged breaches of planning conditions. The member of the public who raised the concerns was advised to contact CCllr Cottingham.

OCB: Cllr Robertson will again raise the issue of the dangerous condition of the **BT service box** at the corner of Wester Loan.

The AGM and monthly meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 10 May 2012 at 7.30pm in Orwell Parish Church Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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www.kinross.cc/milnathort/milnathort.htm

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 10 April were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), R Cairncross, T Smith, R Williamson and M Strang Steel; P&K Cllrs K Baird, W Robertson and M Barnacle and seven residents. Apologies were received from CCllrs S Forde and J Bird and P&K Cllr S Miller.

Police Report: Constable Sadie Allan reported the theft of equipment from the allotments at Scotlandwell. The CC enquired about the detection of thefts of heating oil previously reported, but no result as yet. Constable Allan advised residents to report any suspicious activity near oil storage tanks, as oil was now an attractive target for thieves.

Treasurer's Report: £191 in the general account following some operational expenditure and £755 in the MBW account. There was still expenditure to be accounted for in the year to 31 March 2012.

Update on TRACKS by Mr George Lawrie

Concerning the A911, he reported that there was 50% funding potentially available from Sustrans from their Linking of Communities Scheme, in conjunction with Safer Routes to School, and after discussions with various landowners, it emerged that the landward (east) side of the A911 from Wester Balgedie to Easter Balgedie was the favoured option for a 1.8 metre wide whinstone covered path running parallel to the A911. Meetings with various organisations and one further landowner were in progress to advance this project.

Mr Lawrie also reported that the Loch Leven Heritage Trail was scheduled for completion by October 2013.

He also reported that there might be assistance via the Lomond Hills Project to improve various walkways, including that from Portmoak Hall to Scotlandwell, but this project is still in the early stages of investigation and evaluation.

These matters were discussed in some detail, and the Chairman thanked Mr Lawrie for the information about these projects.

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

Wellside Park: The CC was aware of the need for either a mini-roundabout or a build-out and bollard at this location, and a site visit last year with Jill Robinson of PKC Roads and the CC had centred on the latter. Cllr Robertson however advised that the developer of Wellside was required to build a mini-roundabout under the terms of planning obligations for the site. The CC would therefore speak to Ms Robinson to clarify the position, and to prevent duplication of works.

Kinnesswood bus shelter: PKC had promised to undertake some remedial and maintenance work on the bus shelter after April 2012, in conjunction with Kinnesswood in Bloom. The Chairman agreed to progress this.

Dog waste at Grahamstone: Although it had been agreed that the CC members would conduct their own survey as to the need for a dog waste bin at the top of Grahamstone, this had not been done. It was agreed that this matter should be closed.

Flash flooding at Wester Balgedie: The reasons for this were discussed at length, and a solution was suggested by a resident, which was the replacement of a broken clay pipe running from a water storage tank at the head of the village. The resident, himself a farmer, explained how the existing drain had become broken by tree roots, and that the cure was the laying of a new plastic pipe. Cllr Cairncross undertook to pursue this possibility.

Blocked ditch on B919 at Newlands Farm: The owner of Newlands Farm was present, and he reported that Tayside Contracts had twice tried to cure this problem but without success. The owner felt that the work undertaken was inappropriate, and a different approach was needed. Cllr Baird, who had been dealing with this problem, undertook to pursue this again. The CC suggested that PKC should not pay Tayside Contracts until the work was satisfactorily completed.

Water leak on west side of A919: The CC had reported this suspected water main leak on 13 March, and it had been immediately identified and inspected by Scottish Water. The water main was repaired on 10 April.

Reports

Roads and Paths: It was agreed that a list of core paths in Portmoak, but only those identified as priority paths, would be submitted to PKC for their consideration of funding for items such as signposting and maintenance. PKC would then decide which of these paths deserved attention from their limited funds. PKC Access Officers had already asked for this information, and this would now be provided urgently by CCllr Smith.

It was also agreed that Dave Stubbs, Access Officer at PKC, would be asked to clarify the responsibility for the clearance of core paths overcome by vegetation, and thus rendered impassable. It was noted by CCllr Strang Steel that while PKC has the power to keep core paths free from obstruction, it is under no obligation to do so.

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Planning

The CC had considered, and had no objection to, the following applications:

12/00221/FLL Loch Leven's Larder: Modification of previous consent – formation of extension.

12/00300/FLL East Brackley Steading Cottage: Alteration and extension to dwelling house.

12/00364/FLL Land 20 metres east of Climpby Cottage, Leslie Road, Scotlandwell; Erection of dwelling house.

12/00521/FLL Avalon, Main Street, Kinnesswood; Alterations and erection of a balcony.

12/00404/FLL Land 200 metres south west of Loch Leven's Larder: Change of use of agricultural land to form cricket ground, erection of pavilion, formation of access road, car parking, and associated works.

The CC objected to the following application:

12/00261/FLL Land at Young's Moss, Scotlandwell; Erection of a dwelling house.

Local Development Plan: The CC's response to the draft LDP had been submitted to PKC, and a copy was available on the CC website. It had also been circulated to Ward Councillors. The Chairman thanked Cllr Cairncross for the considerable work that he had done preparing this submission and also thanked Cllrs for their valuable input.

A resident from **Queen's View** raised the question of effective screening of the now larger development at Loch Leven's Larder, to protect his own view, and after some discussion, it was agreed that the CC would respond to his individual concern with another site visit.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Barnacle gave the CC a copy of his own submission to the draft Local Development Plan.

He also spoke of the PKC Tree Warden scheme.

Cllr Robertson gave an entertaining account of his work to find the owner(s) of Well Road, Scotlandwell, in connection with the Well and Wash House restoration project. This had so far uncovered the possible owner as being a British doctor, now resident in Saskatchewan. Cllr Cairncross, himself a doctor, offered to assist further by contacting the Records Office of the General Medical Council.

Other Business

The Causeway: It was noted that bushes had been removed from part of the east side of the Causeway (B920). This led to a discussion regarding the stability of the Causeway, and also to the danger of the soft verges, which had contributed to a number of accidents. It was agreed that signage to warn of these verges would be appropriate, and Cllr Baird undertook to investigate this.

Snow-clearing: During the heavy snow on 3 April, a PKC snowplough had cleared Gamekeepers Road, but had not entered Bruce Road to clear Whitecraigs. The Chairman undertook to investigate the reason for this.

Communications: The Acting Secretary has a list of communications received since the last meeting.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 8 May 2012 at Portmoak Primary School. This meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 2 April at the Tabernacle Hall were: Four CCllrs (RK, PF, HS and RJ); Associate Members Catriona Culley and James Moore; P&K Cllrs K Baird and M Barnacle and two members of the public. Apologies were received from Fiona MacGregor, Police Officer.

Crime Prevention: There was no police officer present at the meeting. There was a general increase in the whole PKC area of 'bogus callers'; a radiator theft at Watergate; suspicious people reported in cars around Ryebog.

Correspondence: An e-mail had been received from Duncan Robertson raising several points.

The minutes from the CC meetings are not currently put on notice boards, but are available on the website.

There has been further deterioration of the U236 (Keltybridge and Maryburgh Road), with the numbers of HGVs, farm traffic and buses all causing cars to pull onto verges causing more damage. There is also a feeling that speeds are often excessive between the two villages.

There were several points discussed further, and it was agreed that a complaint to the bus company, or a request for a reduced service or smaller vehicles, may well lead to losing the service altogether in the current financial climate.

There are not viable options available for passing places due to the gas mains.

A speed limit review request was agreed – to extend the 30mph region to the section between villages. There is also the option of a walking and cycling friendly route, with suitable signage that may help reduce the use of the road as a cut-through. The CC will reply to Duncan and write to PKC.

Community Council Website: Fran Gillespie owns the domain name and maintains the site. We should try to secure or change the domain to include Blairadam. We should use the newsletter to advertise the site further, and request e-mail addresses so that more direct communication (e.g. of newsletter and agenda) can be circulated. This could help with more community engagement. It was agreed to invite Fran to the next meeting to discuss the site further.

Tracks and Trails: Following the approval of the Core Path Plan, this is now going to be taken off the Agenda.

Financial update: RJ reported that Blairadam had been paid for their Christmas tree, and was waiting for an invoice from Cleish Village Hall Committee to release their payment.

Report from Blairadam: It was confirmed that at the last election, there were three CCllrs that were elected (HS, RK, PF). RJ and FMacG both submitted their

applications, but were late (40mins in one case!) and so were not elected. They were subsequently co-opted to the CC. Cleish & Blairadam CC can have a total of six CCllrs; one third of these can be co-opted. Therefore it is not currently possible to co-opt James Moore onto the CC – however we can invite him to become an Associate Member (without voting rights). This was agreed.

To progress this matter further will require a bye-election whereby JM and the two other co-opted members could put themselves forwards for election. This will only be allowed to happen after the PKC local elections later this year.

Sandy Morton had reported that the judges from Take Pride in Perthshire had recommended that Keltybridge and Maryburgh should have a stronger display of its local history, and therefore the matter of new noticeboards was raised – it was agreed to look into the costings of this. Cleish Village Hall Committee had paid for the Cleish board to be replaced (condensation is reported to be the biggest problem.)

There is significant dog fouling in the lane up into the forest, despite dog bins already provided – there is no easy solution to this. More signs, and dummy cameras may help?

Planning update – LDP: 10 April is the deadline for submissions on the draft plan. The CC has formulated a response following the successful presentation by Cllr Barnacle in the Village Hall last month. The volume of comments is just as important as the comments themselves – and it was stressed that our community should also send in representation. The website and noticeboards will have information on when and how to comment.

A new application is at Shepherds Neuk, Cleish. There are no objections from neighbours or any representations made to the CC.

The Greenacre site seems to be expanding again prior to the adoption of the proposed settlement boundary in the LDP. The CC will write again to the Planning Dept.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration: RK reported that plans are progressing well for this community celebration.

Other Business

Potholes: Thanks to PKC for filling in some of these.

C & B newsletter: Catriona Culley will help our current Newsletter Editor with the content of the newsletter from now on – it was reiterated what an incredible job Catherine has done over many years for our community, and we will be acknowledging all of her hard work.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 7 May at the Cleish Village at 7.30pm. This meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting.

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Fossoway & District CC

The draft minutes of the April meeting of Fossoway & District CC were not received in time for news from that meeting to be published in this Newsletter.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC, which includes the Annual General Meeting, will be held on Tuesday 1 May at 7.30pm at Moubray Hall, Powmill. All welcome.



Club & Community Group News

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Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon / Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest

In conjunction with the Kinross Road Runners and the Kinross Pipe Band, KLEO will be arranging some entertainment and fun activities at the finish line of the Loch Leven Half Marathon on **Saturday 12 May**.

Change of location!

The Feel Good Fair starts at 1pm on the fields next to the car park of the Community Campus (so not at the KGV Rugby Field!) and we finish when the last runner passes the finish line. While you wait for the runners coming in, come along and browse through the wares of local stall holders, kick a football at the street football, take part in a tug of war (come along with a group and take part!).

A new addition to this event is the Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest, which will attract pipe bands from all over Scotland! Some of the pipers will send the runners off at 1pm at Bridgend Ind Est. We had publicised before that there would be a pipe band street march through Kinross. This can unfortunately not go ahead this year. Hopefully another time!

Children can take part in the Fun Run, which Swansacre Playgroup organises every year at 1.30pm.

If your local group/club or charity would like a free stall at the Feel Good Fair, please let us know. Businesses can hire a stall space for £10 (you have to bring your own gazebo/table and chair).

Come along and enjoy!

Kinross-shire Music Festival, 15-25 November Your input for the next festival!

Please let us know what your thoughts are about last year's event and this coming event. We have put a link to a very short survey on our new website www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk and it would be great help if you could fill it in. We hope to take your suggestions into account for our next festival.

This second Kinross-shire Music Festival will take place over two weekends (15-25 November) at a wide variety of venues in Kinross-shire. It is a festival that promotes live music of all styles and genres, and at all levels!

If you as a local band/musician would like to be involved please let us know. Also let us know if you, as a local group, would like to organise a music event under the umbrella of the festival. You will then be included in all the PR. For more information contact info@kleo.org.uk or call 01577 863107.



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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The May meeting will be held on **Thursday 3 May** at 2pm. Please note that due to the elections this meeting will be held in the **Parish Church**. (Apologies for error last month). The speaker will be a representative from the "Samaritans".

At the April meeting Professor David Munro gave a talk on Kinross which brought back pleasant memories to members present; a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Away Days May

Thursday 10 May: Montrose

Thursday 24 May: Edinburgh (Open Top Coach Tour)

The coach leaves from opposite the Green Hotel at 0915 hours. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting. Contact Edith Oswald 01577 865731.

Friday Walkers

May 11: A repeat of the successful walk at this time last year from just above Butterstone Loch along to Loch Ordie, and then down to finish at Dowally. This is along estate roads and paths, and about 6 miles.

May 25: A new walk for the club, starting at the Falkirk Wheel, going along the Forth and Clyde canal to Bonnybridge, and returning along the Antonine Wall and Rough Castle, back to the Wheel. The first half of the walk is along the canal path, and the way back is over grassy slopes - a fascinating historic stroll, and just about 6 miles. Please note that the walker's membership list is currently closed. Contact Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

May 4: To be rearranged by Anne Milburn so members should keep an eye on their inbox for details.

May 18: Ecclesiamagirdle and Castle Law Fort. This is a circular route starting just south of Bridge of Earn going up nearby hills and is lead by Alan Crabb. Start time 8.30am at Green Hotel.

June 1: Glen Sherup starting at the car park in Glen Devon and going up Innerdouny returning by the reservoir. Some longish steady climbing initially so here is hoping for good 360 degree views. Malcolm Mason leads this one and start is 8.30am at the Green Hotel.

Activities

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

Carpet Bowling: This group meets each Monday in the Millbridge Hall at 2pm. New members will be very welcome. Please note that the last day will be 30 April. The season will start again during late September early October with exact date being advised in due course. Contact Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

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

The Fly Tyers meet each Monday between 2 and 4pm. This group has both men and ladies within its membership. Please note that the last day was 9 April. Contact: Ian Campbell for details of venue 01577 830582.

Keep-Fit: This enjoyable activity runs every Tuesday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. The cost is £1.50 per session and mats are provided. The class is now full and is not accepting new members for the present. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

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

The Line Dancers swing and sway every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am. Contact Betty Fergus 01577 866961.

L.U.S.T. The slimmers meet each Thursday, 9.30am to 10.30am. Contact Norma Anderson 01577 863548.

Boys' Brigade

Congratulations to our table tennis team of Mitchell Brown, Mark Cathro and Murray Raeburn for reaching the UK finals of the BB National Competition. Good luck on 12 May.

At battalion level, Andrew Jack won the Battalion Scripture Search (Intermediate Level) and our drill squad finished in second place, one point behind the winning team from Scone.

The Battalion sports are due at the end of April for both Junior and Company sections at Perth Academy Sports Field (indoors if wet weather).

Company members enjoyed an away night at Dunfermline ten-pin bowling during the school Easter break.

A group of seven S3 and S4 members of the Company Section successfully undertook a day training course entitled "Build your Skills" organised by the Perth Battalion at Scone Church Hall. This leadership course is one of the stepping-stones to gaining the President's Badge.

Band members performed at Kinross Parish Church's Easter Service and are also preparing to enter, for the first time, the national band competition in late April.

Junior Section members are looking forward to their weekend camp at Dalguise over the May weekend and Company Section members are finalising the administrative



documents required for their continental summer camp based in Noordwijk an Zee in the Netherlands over the first week of July.

Anchor section members, for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three, continue to meet on a Friday evening in the Church Centre from 6 pm till 7.15pm.

Junior section members, for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six, meet from 7pm till 9pm in the Church Centre. Company section meets from 7pm till 10pm for boys and girls from primary seven up to eighteen years of age.

The Annual Display and Presentation of Awards will take place at Kinross Church Centre starting at 7pm on **Friday 18 May** to which all parents and friends are cordially invited.

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Kinross & District Rotary Club



The local round of the Rotary Primary Schools Quiz took place on 14 March and was again a fiercely contested event, with teams from Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Milnathort and Portmoak Primaries, and was eventually won by the narrowest of margins by Kinross, who now take part in the Area final, to be held in Dalgety Bay Primary School on 25 April. We wish the team the best of luck in the next round.

The first of our speakers in March was Helen Lawrenson, who gave a most interesting life story of Charles Dickens, with character enactments thrown in. Helen related how Charles' father worked in the Naval pay office, but amassed sizeable debts and the family were taken to the Debtors Prison. Later, Charles' education was curtailed as he was obliged at the tender age of 12 to work in a factory to bring some money into the family. Much of this early life, and the people he met, gave rise to the many characters he later wrote about. His writing started as episodes in various magazines and later developed into the many books we all know so well. Interestingly, during a visit to Edinburgh he was intrigued by a headstone he came across in a graveyard in memory of an Ebenezer Scroggie, who had apparently been a particularly mean character, and Dickens adapted this to the well known Scrooge in his "A Christmas Carol".

At the end of March, we were taken on an Atlantic cruise aboard the sailing ship Royal Clipper by Robin Webster. He and his wife had embarked on this remarkable cruise last November, sailing from Portugal to Barbados in the luxury 5 masted sailing ship, built in Rotterdam in 2000. The steel hulled ship has 5 decks, is 439 feet long and has 42 sails which are hoisted mechanically and can be fully rigged in 15 minutes. Compared to Robin's early years at sea when in the RNVR he captained a minesweeper, this was sheer luxury. The Royal Clipper makes the voyage twice a year, spending the summer months cruising in the Mediterranean and the winter in the Caribbean.

On 29 March, our members were challenged by the Interact Club to a return match of the 'Gavel' competition, darts, pool, jenga and indoor putting. Unbelievably, the match resulted in a draw once again and was resolved by a tie-break, which this time was a one dart throw, nearest the bull. Rotary showed no mercy! We await the reaction from the rest of the Interact members.

An exciting outing to the new Transport Museum in Glasgow is planned for April, when members will drive to the Park & Ride at Perth, travel to Glasgow by bus, then use the 'Clockwork Orange' (Glasgow's famous underground railway) to Govan and finally 'cruise' across the Clyde to the Museum. After what promises to be a very interesting visit, the intrepid adventurers will retrace their steps to Kinross.

If any of the above appeals to you or you would like to know more about Rotary, please visit our web site at www.kinrossrotary.org for further information.

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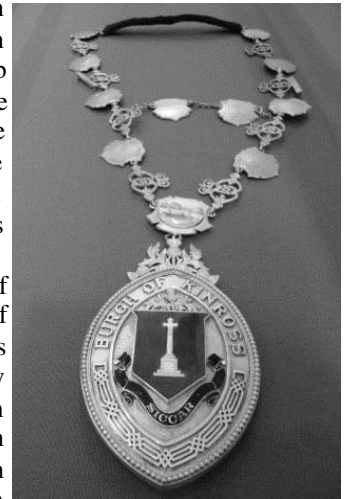
Kinross Museum



On 31 March the Museum hosted its first conference in the Study Room where 17 members of the Families in British India Society (FIBIS) gathered to hear papers on a variety of subjects relating to the Scots in India and sources for tracing family links with that corner of the British Empire. This proved a successful event and we look forward to hosting other meetings in the future.

Museum Trust Chairman David Munro gave a talk on Kinross to the 50 Plus Club on 5 April and on 11 April he led an excursion to the Kirkgate for members of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society's Dundee members centre.

Work on the mounting of new displays on the burgh of Kinross and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is now under way and the Museum has been fortunate in obtaining on loan from Perth Museum the chain of office of the former Provosts of Kinross to put on show.



*The Chain of Office of the
Provosts of Kinross*

Amongst numerous additions to the Museum's collection is an extensive collection of old bottles and jars, some of which were sold by local companies such as J & J Harris's Green Hotel, J Fairgrieve and Allan Ireland. This was the generous gift of Mr George Guthrie. The Museum has also acquired from Mr Colin Downie, visiting Kinross from Canada, a silver plated tea pot, milk jug and sugar bowl that once belonged to Margaret Downie, proprietor of the Lochleven Inn.

Friends of Kinross Museum are invited to renew their annual subscriptions this month and we would welcome the support of anyone who would like to become a Friend and take an interest in the conservation of our cultural heritage. Forms are available in the Museum Study Room which is manned by volunteers on Thursdays and Saturdays during Campus Library opening hours.

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Would you like to go to the dogs? It's time once again to show a leg or four at the 5th Greyhound Rescue Fife dog show that will take place indoors in a sandy horse-riding arena on **Sunday 13 May** at Caldwell's Farm near Collesie, by Ladybank, Fife, KY15 7UY.

This will be a family friendly event, raising awareness of the plight of greyhounds in a relaxed atmosphere and giving people not only the opportunity to talk about their dogs, but show them as well. Although the show will have a predominantly greyhound slant to it, some classes will be open to other breeds as well. This event is for everyone even if you do not have a dog, so come along and see these majestic dogs 'strut their stuff' and learn more about them and dispel many of the myths.

GRF are delighted that the Moffat Catering Equipment Company are sponsoring the show. Entry to this whole-day event costs only £3.50 with accompanying kids going free (16 and under). Although people can pay on the day, buying an advance ticket will give you entry to our free prize draw, which will take place at the half way stage. These tickets can be purchased at any of the Greyhound Rescue Fife dog walks or from Jimmy or Celia at the Kennels and also various places in the area (look out for the posters).

This year, to ensure that everybody entering the show hall has paid, we will be issuing wristbands at the front door, so please wear at all times during the event otherwise you may be asked to pay again! Doors open at 11am, with the first class starting at 11.30am. The winners of each class will go into the 'Best of Show' final. Your dogs can be entered into as many classes as you want; entry to each class will cost £1 per dog (payable on entry to the ring).

Car parking and toilet facilities are available at the venue. GRF merchandise, tombola, home baking, kids' lucky dip, greeting cards, jewellery, hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, crisps and confectionery will be available for sale. We will also have several commercial companies who will have various dog treats for sale. These commercial companies help sponsor our event and we would encourage you to visit their stands to find out what these companies have to offer. We also have the use of the adjacent field for anybody wanting to walk their dogs during the day. As it is a working farm, owners are asked to be in control of their dogs at all times and clean up any mess they may make. More information is available on our website. Let's all make it a great day to remember – see you there.

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 07747 534513 or email elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk
 The Parent Council will be meeting next at 7.30pm on **Monday 4 June** at Loch Leven Community Campus (ICT Room 1).

Milnathort Primary School Fundraising Event: SUMMER FAYRE to be held at Milnathort Primary School on **Saturday 2 June**, 1pm – 4pm. Everyone welcome.

Kinross in Bloom



After the exceptionally warm weather at the end of March, we suffered the return of winter at the beginning of April. Our plants have survived however, and after the crocuses have died away, a beautiful display of daffodils are to be seen around the town. Polyanthus, hyacinths and pansies are brightening up the rather dull days, and a colourful display of tulips planted at the fountain is particularly eye-catching. In company of her husband Andrew, and in memory of our late secretary Anne Herring, we were pleased to plant out some snowdrops at the Community Campus corner, one of Anne's favourites; they should be the first to flower next year.

The 200 Club winners for April were:

1st No. 74 Linda Band 2nd No.38 Elizabeth McGregor
 3rd No. 21 Elsa Sinclair 4th No. 68 Tom Duncan

Congratulations to all.

At our last meeting, the proposed quiz night was discussed, and since we have not had any replies from the groups invited, we have decided to cancel the event, so with regret the Quiz Night scheduled for 9 May will not now take place.

We are still looking for some younger volunteers to join our small group, and help with the planting, watering and generally looking after the barrels and baskets around the town. A few hours each month is all we ask, so if you can spare some of your spare time, we will be pleased to see you at our next meeting, which is 7.30pm on **Wednesday 9 May**, at the Green Hotel.

We also give notice that our **AGM** will be held on **Wednesday 13 June** at the Green Hotel, 7.30pm.

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk



There have been a variety of events. The Greer and Fortune Cup, donated by two of our members now in the USA, is an internally judged competition where teams of members discuss the images and award marks. The set subject this year was "In the Woods" and there were numerous interpretations of the theme.

At the Practical Night members demonstrated various aspects of photography including among other things macro (very close up), mount cutting and lighting of subjects as well as allowing opportunities to view and handle unfamiliar models of cameras and lenses, and to discuss numerous aspects of photography generally. On the Thursday, following the return of winter, members set out on a Treasure Hunt with the brief to photograph various types of subject, such as "very old" and "patterns in nature" where the snow striped Lomond Hills offered one good subject; the results of the teams' efforts will be displayed later in the month.

The Annual Competition, in which there is no set subject, was judged by the distinguished photographer Stan Farrow of St Andrews Photographic Society, and the successful images well deserved their placings.

Though we are now nearly at the end of this season, there are still more events to come including Summer Outings. For further details, please contact the Secretary: alisonbradley101@btinternet.com or via the website.

1st Orwell Brownies

Congratulation to Trina Lee, Anna Smallwood and Kendall McLean from 1st Orwell Brownies on receiving their promise badges and certificates at their promise ceremony on 12 March.



Making the Brownie promise

Brownie Camp

Ailsa Bennet, Ola Stanton, Zosia Stanton, Heather Brown, Tamzin Fleming and Courtney Ramage from 1st Orwell Brownies attended their first Brownie camp at Newbiggin Perthshire. The camp was also attended by 5th Perth (Viewlands) 16th Perth and also Blackford Brownies. The theme for the weekend was 'Pirates of the Caribbean'. A great time was enjoyed by everyone including the leaders Margaret Caldwell and Dawn Ramage, who were undertaking training to enable them to take the Brownies away on future camps. All Brownies worked hard learning cooking, cleaning and waitressing skills as well as having so much fun, that no one slept until midnight each night, but don't let their parents know!



1st Orwell Brownies at camp

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Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



On 14 March Gavin Grant of the Kirkcaldy museums and Art Galleries gave us an insight to the developments in the department's work in the forthcoming year. Through his excellent presentation and photographs we became aware of Kirkcaldy's heritage and the Council's plans for preserving it and making it more accessible to the public. He pinpointed some of the town's treasures such as the restored Merchant's House and we drew comparisons with Culross in the town's early rich trade with the Baltic.

We learnt of the legacy left by 19th century industrialisation, not least of which was the Blyth Bequest. This wonderful collection of Scottish colourist paintings, judiciously added to over the years, graces the Gallery and draws many visitors to the town.

The audience shared his enthusiasm for what will be an important development in our knowledge of Scottish life past and present and of Kirkcaldy's appreciation of its own rich history.

The members on 11 April welcomed back a previous speaker, Margaret Brodie, and she did not disappoint. She had brought an impressive selection from her collection of "pop-up" books. Gasps of astonishment and admiration were heard as she opened books displaying pictures and scenes made from specially stiffened paper. These paper sculptures sprang erect with the opening and miraculously folded themselves away on the closing of the book. Some were for children, others for adults. One beautiful creation was a series of flower arrangements; another a book on architecture with superb buildings illustrated. Margaret gave a history of the craft and showed some 19th century examples dominated by German artists and finished with the contemporary intricate masterpieces of Robert Sabudo. These books are much collected and early ones fetch a high price but modern ones are still made and are about £20. A Moveable Books Society exists in America for collectors. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



Summer Visit to Gacé

Anyone interested in sampling Normandy life, experiencing French culture as well as visiting local attractions by living with a French family should contact chairperson Jeannie Paterson (01577 862159). The only cost is the travel cost with accommodation, food and visits all covered by our Norman hosts (including a day trip to Paris). We leave Kinross on the morning of Sunday 29 July and return on the afternoon of Tuesday 7 August at a total cost of £275 per person with spaces still available on the coach. Contact Jeannie Paterson for more details.

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You may also have noticed that the new website can be viewed in French, Italian, Spanish and German by clicking on the flags at the top left-hand side of the webpage.

The very popular series of Business Breakfasts has now finished for the meantime and will resume again in the autumn. The dates of the next series of Breakfasts will be posted on the Partnership website over the summer. www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk

Portmoak Community Woodland's orchard news

A young King of the Pippins and the Reverend W Walker have joined older members of the community on the Field Abin the Kirk in Scotlandwell. They've become neighbours to James Grieve and Kaiser Wilhelm, who moved in last year.

This flourishing population of fruit trees has now doubled in size, following the second phase of planting the Portmoak Community Orchard. Members of the community woodlands' steering group were joined by around a dozen volunteers on a hot Sunday morning at the end of March to ensure 48 trees were safely in the ground before the growing season.

Pupils from Portmoak Primary School also came to help and were extremely useful, carrying heavy stakes up the hill to support the new trees and distributing tree ties to the team of planters. The weather had been so dry in the preceding week that wheelie bins of water had to be trundled into the field to give the trees a good start.

There was also tea and juice and warm apple cake to make sure the volunteers didn't peg out before the work was done.

Thanks to generous donations, from the Kinross-shire Round Table, Portmoak Festival and Kinross Rotary Club, the orchard now has 98 trees, with lots of apple varieties for cooking, eating and making jelly, as well as plums, pears and cherries.

Why 98 and not 100? The steering group decided to donate the final two apple trees, a James Grieve and a Worcester Pearmain, to the primary school, where pupils helped Karen McDonnell and Louise Batchelor, to plant them. It was another lovely spring day and, as well as digging the holes, and staking and labelling the trees, there was time to sit in the sun and read about the apples, learn about the insects and birds that will enjoy the trees and how to prune them, to ensure they produce plenty of fruit for everyone.

Orwell Rainbows

Alison Hamilton has previously received a presentation for 20 years dedicated service to the Girl Guiding Association. Orwell Rainbows, however, were delighted to present Alison with a further presentation of flowers and a keepsake vase. All leaders, leaders-in-training and helpers from the Orwell Rainbows, Brownies and Guides would like to say a 'Special Thank You' to Alison for all the hard work, support and patience she freely gives to us all.



Orwell Rainbows show their appreciation to Alison Hamilton

Portmoak Film Society

Thirty-six people including two children gave the last film of the 2011/12 season at Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell which was Steven Spielberg's 'War Horse', an 81% enjoyment rating. As it happened, the Grand National was on earlier that day too, and maybe there were one or two extra horse-lovers in the audience, as we had six visitors along with the usual suspects! The undoubted star of the film was Joey, the war horse, a beautiful, strong and gutsy character who survived the 1st World War to be ultimately reunited with his childhood owner. I could but marvel at the way he had been trained – is there an Oscar for the best animal-trainer, as he/she would have deserved it?

Prior to the film the AGM was held and nothing much changed in terms of the office-holders. The audience was given the opportunity to select some films for the next season, beginning in September and there will be one or two gaps for other films, which will include a 'classic' and perhaps an art-house or foreign language film. So watch this space and check our new website nearer the time at: www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Until then, a big 'thank you' to all our loyal filmclub members in the past season, and we wish them and our many guests a good and sunny summer!

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Plans went ahead to plant more seeds in the wildflower verge and this took place at the work party on 14 April. Hopefully the results will be seen later in the year.

The Community Payback Scheme have been very busy at the school during the Easter holidays, painting the shed, all the handrails and seats, replacing a couple of rotted bench seats and making raised beds and a new compost bin. Not only is this helping the school with its eco projects but it is making it possible to improve the grounds at a time of limited budgets. The children of the health committee can now look forward to growing their own vegetables in their raised beds. Thank you Jenny Williams and Fraser White from Perth and Kinross Council for organising this. Thanks also to the Drysdale family for providing the recycled wood.



The work party relaxing after gardening

At the same time the eco committee have worked hard to prepare an area for a new hedge and the bushes have now been planted. On the same day the Woodland Trust planted fruit trees. It's a shame not to have such good weather in the holidays but the damper weather should have helped all these plants develop good roots.

Since the boats mentioned in the last newsletter are in poor condition it was decided not to proceed with this project.

Once again Kinnesswood in Bloom are taking part in the National Spring Clean and our event will take place on **Saturday 12 May**. This is the opportunity to give the village an extra special facelift, tidying up those hidden corners and making sure it is litter free. Mostly it is very tidy but as usual there is a constant need to clear litter on the main road. Anyone of any age who wants to help should turn up at the school at 10 a.m. on the 12th.

The next meeting is on 3 May at Janette Gardiner's house. Please check the notice board for more details of work parties.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

February Draw

1st	No. 41	Elaine Carruthers, Scotlandwell
2nd	No. 32	Steven Nicol, Glenrothes
3rd	No. 66	Nora Booth, Kinnesswood

March Draw

1st	No. 12	Vicki Silvera, Scotlandwell
2nd	No. 78	Sheila Drysdale, Kinnesswood
3rd	No. 76	Maggie Byford, Kilmagadwood

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Baked Rhubarb and Orange Sponge

At this time of year, before other local fruits become available, this is a cheap recipe using rhubarb. The addition of oranges enhances the flavour.

Ingredients 450g rhubarb
55g soft brown sugar
small orange divided into segments
2 teaspoons grated orange rind
3 tablespoons melted honey
55g butter
55g caster sugar
1 egg
85g self raising flour

Butter a small casserole dish. Cut the rhubarb into 2.5 cm lengths, place in the dish with the orange segments, sprinkle with the brown sugar and half the orange rind and pour the honey over.

Cream the butter with the remaining orange rind and caster sugar till light and fluffy. Add the egg and stir the flour into the creamed mixture. Spread evenly over the rhubarb and orange mix.

Bake in an oven at 375 degrees F, 190 degrees C for about 40 minutes until well risen and golden.

Serve hot with custard, yogurt or ice cream.

Traidcraft well-supported in Kinross-shire!



As part of the activities that continue to promote Fair Trade in the county, we have been selling Traidcraft goods after the service in Kinross Parish Church. Last year, due to the enthusiasm of members in other local churches, this has now spread to include Orwell and Portmoak Church Office and Cleish and Fossoway Churches.

In the past year, the total we have purchased from Traidcraft is £5957! This is a tremendous amount, and Cleish and Fossoway combined account for just over £1000 of this total.

Recently, we have been very grateful to local businesses who have agreed to sell some Traidcraft food - Divine Chocolate at Heaven Scent in Milnathort and groceries in Buchan's shop in Kinnesswood. Thank you to all.

Traidcraft have their catalogue online, www.traidcraftshop.co.uk and there are catalogues at the Kinross Parish church office and the Orwell and Portmoak church office. Please take a look, and if you would like to place an order please contact Isobel (01577) 864551 or Karena (01577) 866769.

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Sunday 29 April: Tentsmuir Circular, Beach, Forest and Morton Lochs. 8 miles, 4 hours. Circular walk from eastern end of Tayport across the sandy beach towards the nature reserve at Tentsmuir Point. Returning through forest tracks past Morton Lochs and the SNH hides back to the car park. Dogs on leads. Accompanied children welcome if fit.

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

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

Kinross and District Art Club



Spring seems to have come in a burst this year and for those of us who take inspiration for our paintings from the landscape and the world of nature around us, we've had to adjust to the early crocuses disappearing almost as quickly as they came, followed hot foot by daffodils and tulips! At the Club we are starting to think about venues for our outdoor painting in the summer.

Over the past few years we have enjoyed some very successful outings to local venues like Kinross House and The Boathouse, Aldie Castle and Tullibole Castle. Other visits have included Glenfarg Green and Dysart Harbour. This year we have been invited by The Dalmeny Art Club to make use of their facilities for a day of painting in Dalmeny and South Queensferry Club. Members are also coming up with other suggestions for our Outdoor Painting Co-ordinator, John Tydeman to arrange. If you know of any local gems that we haven't thought of, please get in touch via our web site at www.kadac.co.uk or contact me on 01577 830347.

We have recently changed our display of paintings at The Boathouse, so do pop along and see the new exhibition over a coffee or a fine meal. Do also take the opportunity to look around at the magnificent view of the loch and its surrounding hills and fields, which are a rich source for the increasing number of artists who live and work in this area.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group And Rural Outreach Scheme



We are as busy as ever these days driving our Service Users to various destinations, fortunately without much in the way of winter hazards this year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 22 May** at 7.30pm in Church Centre. If you would like to know more about us then come along, you will be very welcome.

Common Grounds



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Here at Common Grounds all is ticking along nicely. Our Beetle Drive was an absolute hoot and made for us some £130. Our thanks go to all who made the evening a success. Here's a bit of history: in my school days we were taught that although Clackmannan-shire was the smallest county by size, Kinross-shire was far and away the smallest in population. Also in those far off days we had some half dozen railway stations.

As we progress to summer, don't be tempted to plant summer bedding plants as our mini heat wave in March was no more than a blip.

Project: Our project for April is RUDA. The rain in Tanzania is very heavy and a covered walkway between the classrooms and the toilet block at the school is urgently required. Our funds will also help to build dormitories in the school grounds, so avoiding the need for a bus to drive pupils through extensive mud roads the length of a ten minute walk from their rented accommodation to school.

Our project for May is WaterAid. This project we visited in November 2009 with our donation being used in Zambia. More about WaterAid next month.

Website: Our new website address is:

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

Finally, but still concerning our website, we have had people visit our coffee shop from Perth and other places all due to our new website. Plus one lady from Edinburgh was willing to bake cakes for us but sadly we had to decline that offer on logistical grounds. Nonetheless, if you feel able to help us in whatever way suits, do please make contact, either by phone or come into our café, you will be most welcome.

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



April Meeting and AGM

We started our Thursday 12 April meeting with our AGM. The Chairman, John Porter, presented the members with his annual report and financial statement. Christina Rodgers, Outings Convener and Deputy Chair, highlighted some of the summer excursions programme. As there was no other business, the Chairman, Mr John Porter, Outings Convener/Deputy Chair, Mrs Christina Rodger, Treasurer, Mrs Anne Walker, and Secretary, Mrs Helen Leslie, were elected and willing to serve for the following year.

Our speaker for the meeting was Mr John Dewar of Cupar who gave us a very interesting talk and slide show presentation on "The cultivation of Alpine and Rock Garden Plants." Illustrating with slides the choice of site, types of soil, plant selection etc that a rock garden can consist in size from one home made tub to an island bed or a structure as big as one seen at the Royal Botanical Gardens Edinburgh.

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

Milnathort Primary School

Woodlands, Words and Wonders: P7 children participated in this unique project, led by Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust in partnership with PKC Countryside Ranger Service. The day long event took place at the local Tillyrie Community Woodland near Milnathort and was full of excitement and adventure. The outdoor learning project aims to connect children with their local environment by using characters in costume, a tipi and storytelling. The programme encourages exploration, participation and creativity.

Bingo Tea: Our School Association supported us in a fun night for all the family in early March. Well over 100 parents, extended family, friends and children joined us for an evening of laughs and prizes and several games of Bingo! The evening was a resounding success, not only raising funds for the school but also displaying how our school is at the heart of the community.

Nursery News: "Nursery Natters" has had presentations from School Health, Speech and Language and our Community Link Worker has delivered sessions Handling Children's Behaviour. Pre School picnics have been taking place as part of supporting the move from nursery to Primary 1 and we have extended the provision to neighbouring schools too.

Scottish Dog Trials: We supported Tayside Police at the recent Scottish Police Dog Trials in Kinross. Furthermore two of our P4 children, Ailsa Bennet and Rachel Leslie, took First and Third place respectively in a competition to design the cover for the programme for the day!

Quiz Masters: We entered teams at both the Kinross and District Rotary Quiz and the Perth & Kinross heats of

the Euro Quiz: well done to all our Milnathort Quiz Masters for their sterling efforts!

Storytelling Focus Week: We had a whole week where Milnathort Learners were immersed in all things to do with books. We had learners reading and reviewing books as well as our very own "authors" doing their own readings and book signings! We even had a Famous Five Picnic complete with tomato sandwiches and ginger beer! The week was topped off with an afternoon of Sharing learning to which parents/carers were invited.

Health Promoting School accolade: Milnathort Primary is a Health Promoting School and, as such, has to undergo regular review to ensure we can hold onto this prestigious status. Last term we had a visit from an inspecting team from PKC who were overwhelmed by our approach to delivering health and wellbeing across the curriculum! They were so impressed that they want to use us as a model for Best Practice!

World Book Night: This annual event happens on 23 April and have been lucky enough to have been chosen from



Milnathort Primary School pupils in "Ocean Commotion"

Lights, Camera, Action: P5, P6 and P7 took to the stage at the end of last term and performed to packed houses over two consecutive nights! The show "Ocean Commotion" had an eco theme with a musical and humorous twist. The children and staff had put a huge amount of effort into making the show the success it was: Milnathort has more than a few stars in the ascent!

A Bird Friendly School! P1 took part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch and as a result we now have the status of Bird Friendly School.

tens of thousands of applications to be Book Givers and have 24 copies of a Maggie O'Farrell novel to give away to parents/carers and spread the love of reading in our community.

If you would like to be involved with our school then please feel free to contact us. We are keen for local people to share local traditions and history as well as practical help such as maintaining our school grounds to include playgrounds and gardens. Feel free to contact us as we would dearly like to hear from you.

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Probus Club



The title for the talk on 21 March was an intriguing one: "A baby grand is not a piano" but what could it be? When the speaker, Mr Ron Stevenson, arrived with pamphlets about trams, pictures of trams, even model Dinky toy trams, we guessed that a "baby grand" must be a sort of tram and so it was. Ron Stevenson must be the "Authority" on this subject. Trams are metal-bodied vehicles with electric engines running on rails. The first one in this country arrived in 1885. There are very few municipalities left which have trams, the Isle of Man however has a tram system covering the whole island. The City of Edinburgh is building a brand new tramway system which is very expensive. Mr Stevenson illustrated his talk with many lovely pictures.

The speaker for the meeting on 4 April was Mr Ron Stark, a member of the local Probus Club. The title for his talk was "Food, Drink and a Hundred Years and more". In essence it was a look at the diet of the British people over the last hundred years or so. As most people are aware the population is getting fatter. In fact a fairly high percentage of the population is classified as obese due to various factors such as the lack of exercise from all sectors of the population, and the ready availability of prepared foods. Few people are going to slave over a hot oven in making a special meal when the same meal can be bought from the supermarket in a matter of seconds. Unfortunately processed food in tins and packets inevitably contain a lot of sugar and/or salt, because as far as the manufacturers are concerned it is the taste that sells the product, and sugar and salt have this taste which people like. Ron Stark, as a trained chemist, is interested in nutrition, and has made study of the situation. He was intrigued to find out how many of Granny's sayings are absolutely true.

"Start the day with a good breakfast". One would think that in this day of overeating, any cutting out of meals would be beneficial, but no. Breakfast (in moderation) starts the digestion.

"An apple a day...". We have all seen the Government posters advising us of the ideal of eating portions from five different vegetables and fruits.

"A little bit of what you fancy...". Food is meant to be enjoyed. There is no need to be miserable in the cause of dieting.

Robin Webster gave the vote of thanks for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Kinross Ladies Circle



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For further details about us, to join or to see upcoming events please go to our website:

www.kinrossladiescircle.co.uk

Potager Garden



Our coffee morning on 24 March was very successful, **raising £85 for Marie Curie Cancer Care**, and good plant sales for the garden; thanks to all who attended and helped. We also hosted a stand from P&K Zero Waste which received plenty of interest.



Visitors enjoying a coffee and the spring flowers

Mrs Drew and Mrs Williamson's P5 class visited before the holidays, and were very enthusiastic about sowing pea and bean seeds, and searching for bugs! They will now be coming to the garden on Thursday afternoons until mid June.

We will be holding a **Plant Sale at Kinross Primary School on Friday 1 June**, open to the public from 3pm, selling young vegetable and some bedding plants, grown by the children. We will also have a stall at the **Feel Good Fair on 12 May**, and you can **also buy plants at the garden on Monday mornings, from 10.30 to 12**, when the volunteers meet. We have a wide range of edible and ornamental plants and shrubs, and can advise about planting for particular areas. Our **THANKS** are again given to several local businesses and other groups for their support to the garden: **Dobbies** have recently given us pots of flowering bulbs, and the **Geddes Quarry at Balado** donated two tonnes of gravel, to re-surface the paths around the vegetable beds. **The Rotary Club** and **Kinross-shire Round Table** also responded magnificently to our appeal for help to replace fencing which was damaged in the January gales, and we can now go ahead with this work.

We have been pleased also to **welcome on visits** two MSPs, Roseanna Cunningham and Annabelle Ewing, with Councillor Sandy Miller, and guests from Perth College and Trellis, who support and promote therapeutic gardening in Scotland.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Church Centre on **Thursday 17 May** at 7.30pm, and all are welcome to hear about our successful year at the garden.

There are still places on the **Introductory Gardening Course on 19 May**, cost £20, please contact Amanda James as soon as possible if you are interested. Tel 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com.

Dobbies Little Seedlings Gardening Club is for children aged 4 to 11. It is free and is at 11am on the first Sunday of each month at Dobbies Garden Centre, Turfhill. On 6 May, we will be planting runner beans, to see who can grow the longest bean. Enquire at Dobbies (863327) or come along on the day. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult at these sessions.

Kinross High School

At this time of year our thoughts are firmly fixed on exams and preparations for the coming session.

However we also appreciate that for some this will be their last few weeks in Kinross High School and is therefore a time to celebrate and indeed to recognise.

This session our S6 pupils were taken off timetable on Wednesday afternoons and challenged to do something in our wider community – something which would help them, perhaps, but more importantly something which would allow them to ‘pay back’ in recognition of the support that various sections of our community have afforded them during their time in High School.

I want to take this opportunity through the columns of the Newsletter to tell you something of the work they have been doing.

In association with Cath Devanny, our Active Schools Coordinator, some 20 sixth year pupils have been helping develop sporting activities in our associated Primary schools as well as the High School. Our Primaries have been coached in basketball, rugby, gymnastics and hockey as well as a club for girls. At High School they have helped in delivering football, rugby, athletics, badminton, dance, basketball, netball, gymnastics, hockey and girls’ fitness.

We have also enjoyed the expertise and encouragement from some external adult helpers: Julie Oldham (athletics), Natalie McLintock (boys’ football) and Dave Munro (volleyball). I thank them for their efforts on our behalf.

As well as helping in the field of sports, a number of sixth year have been assisting in our classrooms. Here they have been helping younger pupils in class or helping teachers with tasks around the department. This has been much appreciated and has helped some of our pupils with an insight into teaching, a career which they may be considering. In addition, our younger pupils have enjoyed the extra help available from older pupils who have maybe had similar difficulties with subjects themselves in the past. Outwith the High School, we have had sixth year pupils helping in many other ways in our associated Primaries: in drama, cookery, art and craftwork activities, as well as teaching guitar and generally helping in classrooms.

And finally there have been other sixth year pupils helping out in many different ways throughout our communities. Rather than list all of these, can I say that our young people have been involved with all sections of our communities from the very young to the more elderly, and they have provided support, entertainment and a general helping hand, hopefully improving lives in the process.

Having now established these activities, we would like to continue them, and as such I would be pleased to hear from any organisation or group who would be able to utilise our young helpers on a Wednesday afternoon from August to March for next session.

Dick Keatings



Kinross High School Parent Council

Website: www.khspc.org

Clerk: Sheila Herron 01577 864015, Email: clerk@khspc.org

A full copy of all Parent Council meeting minutes can be requested by contacting the Clerk or by visiting our website at www.khspc.org.

The next KHSPC meeting is at 7.15pm on **29 May** in the community campus and will be followed by the **AGM**.

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



Kinross and District Pipe Band

As promised in last month’s issue, a quick update on the first contest of the season for the band, the **Lothian & Borders Mini-Bands**, held in the new and slightly nearer location of Livingston this year on 24 March. We came **3rd overall** with one of our two mini-band entries, with the pipers doing particularly well, coming **first**. So, an encouraging start to what we hope will be a record-breaking year for us as we aim for promotion into Grade 3.

We will once again compete at our own Branch (Dundee, Perth & Angus) Mini-Bands up in Forfar at the end of April, and at our very own, **brand new Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest**, being held alongside the Half Marathon and the Feel Good Fair at the Community Campus on Saturday 12 May. This promises to be a great day out for everyone, with the Pipe Band and Drum Major contest providing a musical backdrop to the many activities of the Feel Good Fair, and of course the runners as they come back in. And sustenance for all visitors will be available, from the campus café who will be putting on hot rolls along with their usual fare, and in liquid form from the all-important **contest Beer Tent**, complete with “Beer Garden” if the weather is kind to us! Unfortunately, we won’t be able to hold a Street March of bands up the High Street, as originally billed, as the Police and Roads Department together felt it would be too much to entertain on a busy Saturday lunch-time, while trying to look after the runners at the same time. They did suggest we may have more luck next year, though, once the new Western Link Road is complete, providing an effective diversion option from the High Street for the half hour or so we would need.

So, a busy time coming up – must get back to practising...

As usual, any queries, please contact:

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Kinross-shire Civic Trust Website

We have 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 websites. Please have a look and let us know what you think.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust was held in the Windlestrae Hotel on 5 April. Minutes of the AGM are on the website.

The meeting was followed by a presentation by **Cllr Michael Barnacle** on the latest stage of the Perth and Kinross Proposed **Local Development Plan**. This was the sixth occasion on which Cllr Barnacle made a presentation on the Local Plan to various bodies around Kinross-shire. There was a lively discussion after his presentation and people have very much appreciated Cllr Barnacle's efforts in explaining the Local Plan. Cllr Barnacle was thanked from the floor by a member of the Trust and the Chairman extended his thanks also to Cllr Barnacle as well as to Mr Whalley, who assisted.

Proposed Local Development Plan

The Planning Committee of the Trust has submitted its response on behalf of the Civic Trust. This is also available in full on the Trust website.

Scottish Civic Trust and Planning Aid for Scotland Seminar

This seminar was hosted by Kinross-shire Civic Trust in order to give SCT and PAS and opportunity to explain to local bodies what the two organisations do for both the environment and planning. This was an extremely useful event and after the presentation it was followed by an extensive discussion by those presents on the problems of planning in Perth and Kinross Council. SCT and PAS found the discussion period very helpful and has given them food for thought for the SCT Annual Conference to be held in October in Edinburgh. The Seminar was attended by local bodies and CCs outside Kinross-shire. Unfortunately none of the Kinross-shire CCs was represented, which was a great pity as they would have found it of great benefit.

This Year's Programme

The Best Kept Village Competition

The Trust will be organising the Best Kept Village Competition again this year and judging will be taking place on Thursday 12 July 2012.

Architectural Awards Competition

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

Visit to Blair Adam House

by kind invitation of Keith and Elizabeth Adam. 2.30pm, **Sunday 17 June**.

The land at Blair Adam has been in the Adam family since 1731, when the successful architect William Adam bought the estate of Blair Crambeth in Kinross-shire. There he built a simple two-storey house, with single storey wings, for his factor, and began the landscaping and planting of the estate. William's son, Robert, designed a grand new house for the family on the estate, but the family fortunes declined and it was never built. Instead, the next generation commissioned architect David Bryce to extend and 'gentrify' the factor's house into a family residence. The result, by 1833, is more or less what you see today.

Keith and Elizabeth Adam will take you round the main rooms of the house and show you some of the interesting mementoes of eight generations of the family who have lived there. The tour will be followed by a cup of tea and cake. Afterwards, those who bring stout shoes may like to walk down to the walled garden.

As some rooms are quite small, **numbers are limited to 25, so book early**. Cost £11. Please make your cheque payable to 'Kinross-shire Civic Trust'.

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Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire

Tullibole Mill

The village of Crook of Devon takes its name from the natural 'crook' in the River Devon that occurs in Fossoway Parish to the west of Tullibole Castle. At the eastern end of the village, where the road from the original settlement of the Crook joins the main road heading east to Kinross, stands a large rubble-stone building topped by a pyramidal roof with a ventilator. This is the corn mill of Tullibole that used to be more commonly known as the Crook Mill.

The building you see today, converted with a modern extension into a shop selling country fabrics, is largely an early 19th century reconstruction of a mill that had occupied the site for several hundred years. In a charter granted by the king to Andrew Hering in 1582, mention is made of the lands of Tullibole and its mill. The mill wheel, once used to turn large stones that ground corn, still operates on the north side of the building, powered by water drawn along a mill lade from the River Devon and dispatched back to the river via another man-made stream. A title deed in Kinross (Marshall) Museum describes how the Tullibole Mill operated as the principal corn mill in the Barony of Tullibole. Farmers were 'thirled' or bound to take their corn for milling to this mill and no other. For this service the miller charged the farmer a fee of "one peck of sheeling for each five firloths of sheelings of the hail meal corns growing within the hail bounds of the Barony of Tullibole." In other words, a percentage of the sheelings, or grain from the husk as a result of milling, was taken by the

miller. An additional 'knaveship' was charged to pay the miller's servants, which at Tullibole Mill amounted to "one lippy of meal for every boll of sheeling." Pecks, firloths, lippies and bolls were all forms of old measure used at a time when payment was made in the form of grain. By the early 19th century the fee was converted to a cash payment known as multure money.



Tullibole Mill

Opposite the mill, to the east of the road heading towards The Crook is the Tullibole Mill House where the miller once lived. There used to be many more such mills in Kinross-shire but the old Crook Mill is perhaps the best example of a corn mill to find a new use and survive to the present day.

Inner Wheel

At the April meeting, the Inner Wheel ladies learnt of the connection of Kinross with some very influential statesmen who stamped their mark in Scottish and British history during the past 300 years. Campbell Watson, our guest speaker, having looked at an ancient map on his office wall for over 30 years, was eventually motivated into doing some research into the authenticity of it and consequently found himself following the life of Charles Joseph Comte de Flahaut, born 1785. His research highlighted just how influential Scotland was as a naval base in the 17th-20th centuries and the amazing ability of the armed forces and statesmen to travel the world during this period. Aldie Castle and Tulliallan Castle are two of the local estates with Flahaut connections.

On 13 April, Portmoak became a hive of activity when the Inner Wheel ran a Bridge Afternoon to raise funds for local charities. The event attracted 19 tables of players who all enjoyed lunch, 24 hands of bridge and ended with wonderful spread of 'goodies' for afternoon tea.

Appreciation is extended to members of the Kinross & District Rotary Club for their assistance in the parking of the vehicles and setting up and clearing the hall. For ease of running the bridge was played in three sections. Winners as follows:

		North / South	East / West
Section 1	1st	A Rafferty / J Lawrie (Milnathort)	S Logan / N McMahon (Alloa)
	2nd	M Donaldson / L McClure (Dollar)	M Bowie / M Webster (Alloa)
Section 2	1st	B Thomson / M Cleary (Dunfermline)	J King / R Ferguson (Dollar)
	2nd	J Mitchell / L Pottie (Milnathort)	R Irving / M Byford (Milnathort)
Section 3	1st	B Sandison / C Coutts (Dunfermline)	S Imrie / I Paterson (Dunfermline)
	2nd	S Ballantyne / L Bayne (Milnathort)	E Harley / M Campbell (Milnathort)

Before the start of play, the Line Draw that had been running over the previous six weeks, with all its proceeds going towards Chest, Heart & Stroke Charity, was finalised. The winners were: Two tickets for the Royal Highland Show with afternoon tea at the Show Jumping arena: F Lindsay. A weekend ticket for two at T in The Park - Karen Nicholson. A meal voucher for £40 for Jute Café and two tickets for the DCA Cinema, Dundee - Zoe Frazer. Two tickets for Blair Castle International Horse trials including lunch in the Saltire Hospitality Marquee - David Glover. A presentation of Hair Care products from Bower's Hairdressers - Marjory Eglington. A voucher for the Shop at the Green - Margaret Keith.

The sponsorship of these prizes, given by T in The Park, The Royal Highland Centre, Blair Castle & Saltire Hospitality, Jute Café, Dundee, Bower's Hairdressers, Kinross and The Shop at the Green, is very much appreciated. Thank you all.

Liz Pottie, Club Correspondent



Sports News



Kinross Kobras (Junior Hockey)

In March a Kinross Kobras U12 team took part in a tournament hosted by Dunfermline Carnegie. This featured many of the top Edinburgh clubs and was a great opportunity to play against some different opposition. The Kobras team came sixth, ahead of most of the Edinburgh teams, only coming up short against some strong Dunfermline Carnegie teams.

To support Sport Relief, the club held a "Beat the Goalie" competition with the assistance of Andy Marsh, the goalie from the men's 1st team. A total of £147 was raised with some of the more junior members scoring the most goals. Four of the Kobras are taking part in the U14 Midland District trials which, if successful, will see them competing in the U14 District Championships in May.

Training continues through the summer term on a Thursday evening 6.30 to 7.30 at the KGV astro turf pitch.



The U12 Kobras team that played in Dunfermline

Kinross Volleyball Club

The club is now in its "summer season" having moved outdoors to King George V Park on Monday evenings starting at 7pm (weather permitting). New members are most welcome to come along and participate, free of charge, in park volleyball games. This helps prepare players for two big outdoors competitions over the summer, the first being the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament which takes place on Perth's North Inch over the Jubilee weekend in June with over 100 teams from the UK and Europe playing in nine separate levels of competition (four for men, two for women and three for mixed). The second outdoor competition sees 13 members (two teams) travelling to Belgium to compete in the De Haan Tournament, which has become a favourite with the Kinross Club for a number of years.

The Kinross Club has again had a successful season, winning the Perth Premier League and currently leading the new East Central Scotland Regional League with one game to play against Motherwell's Volero Club.

The Kinross BB side look favourites to win the Perth and District Recreational League with two games to play so congratulations all round.

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org

The tennis season is in full swing and we are looking forward to a season of 'strawberries and cream' and getting fit!

The Easter Camp was a major success with all the juniors having a ball under the guidance of Iain, a former Junior Wimbledon finalist!

Our adult and junior coaching programmes for the summer term, under the guidance of new head coach Alan Russell, have just started. The league competitions commenced on 23 April and our regular club members' drop in sessions on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings and social tennis on Thursday afternoons and the first Sunday of each month are proving extremely popular – all members are welcome to come along for a game of tennis.

Any Juniors wishing to participate in our Summer Term Coaching (11 week block), it's not too late – simply contact Helen Buchanan as per below. We are also delighted to give advance notice of two Summer Tennis Camps which are scheduled during those long summer holidays – the first one runs from Monday 16 July through to Friday 20 July followed by a second camp on Monday 6 August through to Friday 10 August. For further information and booking for junior coaching and camps please contact Helen Buchanan, Junior Coordinator at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com or mobile phone number (07918055434).

We also have a Primary School competition planned for 9 May and the Mini-Tour will be coming to Kinross on 3 June.

Adult players may be interested in our coaching for adult beginners/improvers which goes through to the end of May. Price per session is £4.00 members and £6.00 non-members. Details for all adult coaching can be obtained from Susan Malcolm, the Secretary, by emailing kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Non Members: Visitors can obtain a key to the courts for a small fee from John & J.H. Sands Ltd (Ironmongers) in the High Street.

New members are always welcome at the club, so if you are new to tennis or you would like to get playing again please contact Susan Malcolm on 01577 863774, Secretary, at kinrosstennis@gmail.com or visit our website.



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Kinross Road Runners



We started off our 'summer' training schedule at the beginning of April with a two mile time trial. Thirteen hardy runners completed the trial on an extremely chilly evening, but at least the snow had gone by then! Despite the windy conditions, four members achieved PBs.

As well as monthly time trials, we are now doing weekly speed work sessions and enjoying a variety of off-road runs.

Taking to the hills

As mentioned in last month's article, hill racing is becoming more popular in the club, thanks in part to keen hill runner Marino Calothis who is enthusing others. On 8 April three of our members competed in Norman's Law race in Fife. This is an 8km race, with a climb of 215m and is on our list of championship hill races. Allan Kemp's 11th place in his first hill race was a noteworthy achievement, all the more so as he beat the course record holder with a time of 35.22. Also taking part from the club was Andreas Rogowski, 43:41 and of course, Marino himself, who completed the course in a time of 41.46.

Alloa Half Marathon on 18 March produced new personal bests for twelve of the twenty-two members who took part. There was a closely fought battle with Allan Kemp passing Jillian Gordon in the final few hundred metres, beating her by only 3 seconds after she led the way for the club for the full race.

Three of our members travelled all the way to Germany for the **Berlin Half Marathon** on 1 April, a beautiful spring morning. The route took the runners round all the famous landmarks, through the Brandenburg Gate, cheered on by 180,000 spectators!

Graham Kemp was first KRR home in a new PB of 1:31:28. Michael Cooper, hampered by injury, followed home in 1:38:56, and Gillian Reid, running in her first ever half marathon, and running in her former home town, ran an excellent 1:53:26. A great weekend was had by all, aided by Gillian's degree in German! Well done to all three!

The next major event in our calendar is our very own **Loch Leven Half Marathon** on **Saturday 12 May**. We hope to see you there, whether you are taking part in the race or just coming along to enjoy the atmosphere.

As always, we welcome new runners. Join us for a few evening sessions before you commit to membership. Visit our website for more details: www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk

Kinross Vaulting Group



The weather was very kind to us this year over the winter and only a few sessions had to be cancelled. All our vaulters have worked hard to improve on last year and it was with much enthusiasm we set off for the first competition of the year at Kingsbarn equestrian centre, near Falkirk on 17 March.

Results

Junior individual male: 2nd Duncan Lewis on Robbie, lunged by Carole Pow.

Junior individual female: 7th Emma Paterson on Equus maximus, 8th Emma Paterson on ILPH Islay, 10th Hannah Ballantyne on Equus Maximus, 11th on ILPH Islay, all lunged by Liz Mackay.

Pas de Deux: 3rd Hannah Ballantyne and Emma Paterson on Equus Maximus, lunged by Liz Mackay, 4th Heidi Ballantyne and Kayleigh Ritchie on Dazzling Edition, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Under 14 individual male: 1st Atholl Pettinger on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay, and 6th on Dazzling Edition, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Under 14 individual female: 12th Heidi Ballantyne and 13th Kayleigh Ritchie on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Pre novice team: 6th consisting of Laurie McFarlane, Grace Cowie, Luke Crichton, Niomi Davidson, Grace Cowie and Carenza Pinn, lunged by Carole Pow on Robbie.

Fun walk team: 3rd consisting of Hayley Roberts, Heidi Ballantyne, Duncan Lewis, Atholl Pettinger, Kayleigh Ritchie and Erika Machan on Robbie and lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Walk individuals-c: 1st Louise Scott on Dazzling Edition and 3rd Laurie McFarlane on Robbie, both lunged by Janice Henderson.

Walk individuals-b: 5th Luke Crichton and 12th Robbie Park on Dazzling Edition, 7th Niomi Davidson, 8th Mark Porteous, 13th Grace Cowie all on Robbie and lunged by Janice Henderson.

Walk individuals-a: 6th Carenza Pinn, 11th Jessica Turner both on Robbie, lunged by Janice Henderson.

Walk pairs: 5th Carenza Pinn and Jessica Turner on Robbie, lunged by Janice Henderson.

We've got a fairly busy few weeks ahead. Ross Foreman, British Male champion, is coming to spend the day with us to do some training with our vaulters. We have a club competition followed by an Easter egg hunt and barbecue. The following week four vaulters and two of our horses are travelling to Hull for our next competition, followed by yet another competition more locally at Oatridge agricultural college on 12 May.

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Kinross Junior Curling Club



Kinross Juniors held their closing bonspiel, AGM and Prizegiving on Sunday 25 March at The Green Hotel.

The bonspiel was a fun affair with points being awarded for stones in various locations of the house. The eventual winners were Lise McGregor, Finlay Campbell, Linzi Sim and Niamh Mullen.

At the prizegiving the following trophies were presented:

Fossway Cup: Andrew Johnston, Kirsty Paterson, Beth Sutherland and Faye Mathieson

Jubilee Cup: Fiona Spain, James Russell, David Kettles, Gavin Hay and Kirstin Bousie

Jamie Birrell Memorial Quaich (points): Fraser Thomson

Anderson Rosebowl (pairs): Hamish Geyer and Rachael Wood

Low Road Pairs: James Russell and Craig Barr

Most Improved Curler: Linzi Sim

Perfect attendance: Ross Cormack, Ben Cormack and Gregor Bousie.

President Fraser Thomson welcomed everyone to the AGM when office bearers for the year ahead were elected:

President	Grant Barr
Vice-President	Fiona Spain
Secretary	Fiona Campbell
Match Secretary	Alistair Wood
Treasurer	Julia Cormack
Lead Coach	Jim Steel

Many of our members have been playing in various competitions in the last week of the curling season. At the end of March, nine junior curlers travelled to Dumfries to play in various rinks at the Junior International competition, where Kirsty Paterson was a member of the winning rink.

The same weekend others were taking part in the Easter Pairs competition at Kinross while some of our younger members travelled to Greenacres to compete in the Newcomers competition. At Greenacres, Kirstin Bousie was in the winning rink, Lewis Leslie skipped the rink that came third and Scott Barr's rink won the Draw Shot Challenge.

On 4 April, ten of our curlers took part in the first Under-17 slam competition for this season at Perth. Congratulations go to Grant Barr and Finlay Campbell who were in the rink that won the low road competition.

Hopefully everyone will have a nice summer and be ready for the new season in September.

For any information about Kinross Junior Curling Club, please contact Fiona Campbell on 01577 830268.

Orwell Curling Club

Club President Steve Williams welcomed the company to the annual social and prize giving in the Thistle Hotel on Friday 13 April and 40 members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal served by Scott Catering.

The evening commenced with a moving tribute to Sandy Braid, a member for 53 years and the Club's Lord's Officer for much of that time, followed by a minute's silence. Tributes have already been paid to Sandy in these pages including the kind and thoughtful article from our brother club, Kinross, in the April Newsletter. He is greatly missed by us all and to Rosemary and family we again extend our sincere sympathies.

Our competitions this year were dominated by two players, Willie Stevenson and George Skea, each collecting five prizes. The prize giving, presented by match secretary Duncan McEnhill, commenced with the Channel Quaich which had been given by Sandy for the opening bonspiel and this was won by Willie Stevenson, Jim Brownlie and Ken Paterson.

The results of the other major competitions were:

Holton Cup (main competition): Willie Stevenson, Doug Harley, George Skea, Dave-Jo Chaplin.

Nelson Cup (early season competition): Sandy Hay, Robin Kay, John Cullens, Jim Saunderson.

Black Kettle (development competition): George Skea, Allan Dearing, Gez Eaton, Donnie Scott.

Golland Trophy (skipped by club third): Tom Lawrie, George Skea, John Cullens, Doug Cameron. (Tom Lawrie, a club third, is promoted to club skip).

Tom Page Cup (skipped by club second): Allan Dearing, Billy Nelson, Bob Duguid, John S Nelson, John Cassells (sub). (Allan Dearing, a club second, is promoted to club third).

Duncan McEnhill Trophy (skips and thirds): Willie Stevenson, Johnny Nelson, Jim Brownlie, John Kyle.

Kenya Cup (pairs): Willie Stevenson, Dave-Jo Chaplin

Points: Willie Young

Alex Gardiner Trophy (best lead or second in points): George Skea

Lorimer Cup (Most improved curler): George Skea

Orwell Bowling Club

By the time this issue is published, our green will have opened for another season, and donations collected for the Blind Bowlers Association.

'Tis an ill wind that blows nobody any good' - the late winter gales cleaved one of our Cypress trees in two, whilst the other was distinctly shaken AND stirred - so down they had to come. Over many years these two substantial trees had spread their roots beneath the green's surface, thwarting the most able bowlers' efforts on rink 6 to send a bowl in the intended direction. No excuses now.....

Anyone wishing to try their hand at bowls will be made most welcome at the club, initially being provided with equipment and free coaching if desired.

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Kinross Otters

Scottish National Age Group
Swimming Championships
Sunderland Aquatic Centre
31 March – 4 April



Sunderland was the venue for this year's Scottish National Age Group Championships, as there was no suitable 50m pool available in Scotland due to refurbishments in Glasgow and Edinburgh in preparation for the Commonwealth Games in 2014. Scotland's talented masses headed south for five days of top quality swimming. Kinross Otters had more qualifiers than ever before with five individuals and one relay team. The most prominent of the Otters at present is **Cameron Nelson**, who managed to qualify for six separate swims in the 13 year old Boys category. However, it was his best event, the 100m Butterfly, where the sparks really began to fly. To the surprise of many, **Cameron** produced the performance of his life in the heats smashing his personal best by over a second and a half to qualify quickest in 1.05.98. The cream of Scottish swimming was over a second behind him and left the crowd wondering how much they had held back.



Cameron Nelson achieved the best swim by any Otter, ever, at the Scottish National Championships at the beginning of April. He is now officially the quickest swimmer in Scotland for his age group!

In the final **Cameron** took nothing for granted and sprinted to a lightening quick 29.97 seconds at the 50m point, which was half a second quicker than his heat and his fastest ever turn, but still left him third quickest. In an amazing last 50m he actually overtook both swimmers to finish in a superb 1.04.13, taking an enormous 1.9 seconds off the personal best he had just set and winning by over half a second. The time was not only a Club Record but a Midland District Record too and ranks him quickest in Scotland! **This was quite simply the best swim by any Otter ever. No Otter has ever won a medal at these finals let alone achieved the status of Scottish Age Group Champion.**

Cameron continued his battle with the best and smashed personal bests all over the place coming second in the 200m Butterfly in 2.24.16 in another Midland District Record, third in the 100m Backstroke in 1.09.34, fifth in the 400m Individual Medley in 5.17.12, sixth in the 200m Individual Medley (2.29.56) and seventh in the 100m Breaststroke (1.20.96). Head Senior Coach **David Haig** said, "Cameron has worked really hard over the last year and really deserves this result. It shows that swimmers can achieve great results swimming for small clubs with limited pool time. Who knows, the next Hannah Miley might come from Kinross".

The Otters party continued with storming performances from **Conor McCormick** (12) in the 10-12 year old Boys 100m and 200m Breaststroke where he qualified for both finals. He came sixth in both the 100m and 200m in excellent new personal bests of 1.25.64 and 3.01.32 respectively.

In the same events **Rachel Brisbane** (14) managed 21st in the 14 year old Girls 100m (1.27.33) and 17th in the 200m (3.08.50). **Niamh Mullen**, who has just turned 13, came 31st in the 13 year old Girls 200m Butterfly in 3.01.74 and **Euan Boyle** managed 41st in the 10-12 year old Boys 200m Backstroke in 2.55.78.

The Otters relay team was kept busy in the 10-14 year old Boys category coming 12th in the 4 x 100m Freestyle in 4.16.64 (**Cameron Nelson, Aaron Gillon, Conor McCormick and Cameron McCloskey**), 11th in the 4 x 200m Freestyle in 9.34.39 (**Cameron McCloskey, Aaron Gillon, Conor McCormick and Cameron Nelson**) and 12th in the 4 x 100m Medley Relay in 5.06.29 (**Cameron McCloskey, Aaron Gillon, Conor McCormick and Euan Boyle**).

Even to make these finals is a tremendous achievement and congratulations to all for doing so. In addition, special mention must go to the coaching staff, Head Coach **David Haig** and assistant Head Coach **Jane Simpson**, who have proved beyond doubt that good coaching and good results are not just for the big clubs.

More Kinross Otters over page...

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Kinross Otters Swimathon 2012

Loch Leven Leisure Pool, 28 April

The world's biggest fundraising swim is taking place at over 500 pools nationwide over the weekend of 27 – 29 April 2012. Over 20,000 swimmers will aim to beat the £1.7 million raised by Swimathon 2011. In recognition of Loch Leven Leisure's remarkable achievement of having the most swimmers and raising the most money in Scotland, the face of Swimathon, **Olympic gold medalist Duncan Goodhew**, dropped in recently to give a master class coaching session to those taking part in this year's event. This was the only location chosen by him in Scotland!! As usual, several Kinross Otters are taking part.

The money raised goes to the Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Swimathon Foundation. Your fundraising will allow Marie Curie Nurses to provide more care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses. Marie Curie Nurses care for patients in their own homes, throughout the day or overnight. It costs Marie Curie Cancer Care £20 to provide one hour of nursing care. Every £1 you raise makes a big



Left to right: Cameron McCloskey, Conor McCormick, Duncan Crawford, Vicki Reid, Iona Crawford and Olympic Gold medalist Duncan Goodhew.

difference. As well as managing and promoting Swimathon, the Swimathon Foundation offers grants to organisations and individuals who provide and promote swimming to their local community. **Please give generously.**

To sponsor a swimmer of your choice, visit the website www.swimathon.org. Click "Sponsor a swimmer", then "Sponsor a swimmer" under the "Distance Challenge" heading, and fill in the details.

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Kinross Golf Club

The start of the 2012 season got underway with the Club Captain, Jim McKay hitting the first ball, watched by his Vice Captain John Fraser and their partners for the round, Heather Gough Ladies Captain and Anne Moore and assembled members. In total seventy-nine members played in the opening match and as predicted by the Captain, his team won by two matches.

Unfortunately the Ladies Mail on Sunday Team lost their away match against Canmore. In the SLGA Foursomes first round, Heather Gough and Lyn Murray won their home draw against Dunblane 3 and 1.

On the social side, Iain Hunter entertained a full house with songs made famous by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond, Matt Munro and Dean Martin. April's event is one not to be missed, it's the **annual Charity Quiz** night on **Saturday 28th**. Jim McKay, apart from being the Club Captain will double up as the 'Quiz Master'. A man of many talents! Details will be posted in the club house, but in the meantime, look out the pub quiz books and get revising. Who knows what questions Jim will come up with this year! Social Memberships are available for an in creditable price of just £30 per annum.

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

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

On 14 March the 2nds were away to Auchterarder to play the Youth Development Squad of Perthshire. They were a very well coached and skilful side. We felt we did very well to only lose by two goals. Meanwhile, the 1sts were playing Madras, always a tough game, and came away 2-1 winners with Michelle and Lynn scoring.

In the Midlands Cup Competition the first team were away to Stirling Uni and were convincing 10-0 winners. Goal scorers were Catherine, Lynn, Kari, Vicky, Michelle, Gill x 3 and AJ x 2. In the same competition the second team were playing Blairgowrie and were beaten 3-1.

April 1 saw the first team playing Mary Erskine at home. They were 2-0 down within the first 10 minutes but got a goal back before half time. Mary Erskine then increased their lead to 4-1, but our girls fought back to bring the score to 4-3, but unfortunately ran out of time. A great effort. Lynn scored twice and Vicky once.

The season is drawing to a close but training continues in April as the first team still have some outstanding fixtures and the second team have to play in the semi-final of the District Plate.

Training is on Wednesday evenings at KGV at 6.30. For more information contact Morag on 863356 or visit our website.

Finally, I have been particularly careful with my spelling as a former schoolmate corrected my mistake in last month's article. Thank you Anne!



Milnathort Golf Club

Senior Section

Well, after a glorious spell of weather, the club opening game took place on Saturday 31 March when the Course was looking great.

Since then, on Thursday 5th, the Seniors enjoyed an away match at Dundas Park Golf Club where we were made most welcome and accorded the hospitality of the Club. However, this did not extend to allowing us much leeway on the course and we sustained an emphatic loss.

On 10 April we visited Falkland for our annual match which we unfortunately lost to the home team, 4 & 2. However, old friendships were renewed and we were entertained to great comradeship and excellent hospitality.

On 12th, the Seniors Captain v Senior Vice Captain game marked the opening of the Club Seniors competitions. The Captain's team were the winners on this occasion. The Salver for the Best Pair was won by Charlie Payne and Bill Michie, who returned an excellent score of 65. Well done to both and also to all who took part.

Now the serious stuff starts with the Charlie Macari Trophy and Senior Quaich competitions finishing off April. Keep a close eye on the Seniors Notice Board for forthcoming attractions – if you don't read the board, you will miss out on the goodies.

Junior Section

The first competitions of the season have now taken place and congratulations go to Blair Addison and Gareth Hutchison for their success in the April Medal.

Blair, Gareth, Aaron Tate and David McIntyre also took part in the Perth & Kinross County Golf U14 Coaching Medal over the Wee Course at Rosemount, with David the highest placed, just two shots off the winning score. David also competed in the Sports Club Cup, a boys U14 matchplay competition held at Elie Golf Club, winning his first round match before losing in the second round to the eventual winner of the competition.

The Club golf coaching starts on Wednesday 2 May and the first block will run on Wednesday evenings till end of June. There are fewer coaches available this year so will be fewer places available; please contact the club if you are interested in taking part.

Junior competitions are held most Thursdays during the golf season and new junior members are always welcome.

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News from the Rurals

CROOK OF DEVON – President Mrs Isobel Mill welcomed friends and fellow members to our Annual Coffee Evening. Angus Whitson, “The Man With Two Dogs”, gave us a very entertaining talk about writing his article in the Courier every Saturday, and the people he has met through writing it. Also about the countryside, wildlife and changing seasons he enjoys while walking his two dogs.

Mrs Alice Johnston gave the vote of thanks.

Coffee, tea and cake was then served by the members.

CLEISH – President Dorothy Morris welcomed all members to our April meeting. After business she introduced Linda Retson and Freda Andrew, members of Rattray rural, who gave a talk about their history of working with crafts. They also displayed their beautiful works. Marion Bisset gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	-	Dorothy Morris
Two Meringues	-	Alison Morris
Small Flower Arrangement	-	Fiona Barnfather

BLAIRINGONE – Jessie Hope, aged 97, founder and honorary member of Blairingone WRI.

Jessie was an active member, renowned for her baking and poetry, until ill-health intervened. She was able to attend as guest of honour at our 60th birthday party in 2010 where she shared many stories of her rural days. She will be sadly missed by the whole community.

POWMILL – President Mrs Mary Wilson welcomed members to the March meeting entitled “Show and Tell”. Each member had been asked to bring an item from home and give a very brief talk on it. Weddings rings, a shepherd's crook, a poetry book, a salvaged clock and a tapestry from abroad were a few of the items on show. It was a lovely evening with lots of laughter and some very amusing stories were revealed.

Competitions:

Oriental Item	-	Elsie Johnston
Exotic Fruit Chutney	-	Elsie Johnston
Garden Gem	-	Mary Wilson

President Mrs Mary Wilson welcomed members to the April meeting and after business had been discussed handed over to Gillian Taylor, one of our own members. Gillian then talked about hypnotherapy, which is a natural and relaxing way of helping people with various problems such as bad habits, smoking, overcoming fears and phobias, exam nerves and weight loss. Gillian also treated us all to a short relaxation session.

Competitions:

Scented Candle	-	Elsie Johnston
3 American Cup Cakes (1926 recipe)	-	Catherine Stewart
Garden Gem	-	Mary Wilson

BISHOPSHIRE – The members enjoyed a very interesting illustrated talk on the history of linen in Dunfermline. Lesley Botten, who works with Fife Museums, enthusiastically explained the plans for a new museum in Dunfermline to be built on to the existing Andrew Carnegie Library. This will be a great asset for Dunfermline – did you know that the silk for the Queen's wedding dress was woven here? Maybe one day we will be able to see it on display at an exhibition.

Competitions:

Most interesting collection	-	Margaret Crighton
in a matchbox		
Handcraft article from	-	Norma Smith
Kinross Show schedule		

GLENFARG – Members of Cleish SWRI were welcome guests at Glenfarg's April meeting where they entertained with a varied and sometimes unexpected programme that kept all members on their toes. It was a highly enjoyable evening and Mrs Dorothy Morris and her team received a well-deserved vote of thanks from Glenfarg President Ursula Stewart.

Competitions:

A4 pencil drawing	-	Muriel Bell
Three Truffles	-	Irene Bettaney
Flower of the Month	-	Margot Moran
Border Tart heat winner	-	Catherine Fairweather

CARNBO – President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members to the meeting. After the business Elizabeth introduced Willie Shand who took us on “A Journey Through the Great Glen of Scotland” and we all thoroughly enjoyed his talk and photographic skills.

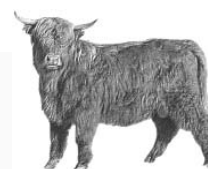
Competitions:

Flower of the Month	-	Mary Lapsley
3 Oat Biscuits	-	Anne Petherick

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Out & About

Loch Leven NNR



After our insect survey training day last month, our voluntary insect surveyors are now out in force on a weekly basis on all sides of the loch, in search of (and sometimes chasing after!) butterflies, bumblebees and dragonflies around the reserve. If you are interested in helping out, it's never too late. All you need to do is get in touch and we'll get you started with one of these groups. More searching eyes are always a bonus! I'd also like to draw your attention toward the British Dragonfly Atlas, being compiled by British Dragonfly Society that is now in its final year of recording. I have been contacted by BDS requesting any records from a number of 10km squares in our area. Anybody interested in finding where records are needed in order to assist BDS in their efforts to produce a comprehensive reflection of national dragonfly distribution should either contact me at the reserve office, or visit www.british-dragonflies.org.uk and contact BDS directly.

Gull Counts on St Serf's

Friday 11 and Saturday 12 May, 10am - 2pm
Meeting at the reserve office, Kinross

With the gulls now on territory and preparing for another breeding season, the time has come to once again monitor the size of the colony on St Serf's Island. Each year a sample survey is conducted with minimum disturbance to the gulls, in order to assess the size of the population.

Gulls are particularly important on St Serf's as they act as security for nesting ducks. Tufted duck, Gadwall, Shoveler, Pochard and Mallard all nest on St Serf's in tufts of grass, amongst the ground-nesting gulls. Jackdaws and Crows are particularly fond of duck eggs, and were it not for the larger gulls nesting all around them, the corvids would be much more likely to find and predate the duck nests.



Volunteers needed to count gulls' nests on St Serf's Island

We'll be taking a group of up to six volunteers over to St Serf's to count the gull nests, and also record any duck nests that we find. For a rare opportunity to get over to the island and see the primary breeding site of the loch, please call the reserve office on 01577 864439 to book your place.

Botany Walks at Loch Leven
Burleigh Botany – Tuesday 22 May, 6-8pm
Findatie Botany – Tuesday 29 May, 6-8pm

As summer is just around the corner, we'll all have seen the butterflies out and early flowers blooming, and this means it's nearly time for our annual botany walks. This year Heather McHaffie from Royal Botanical Gardens Edinburgh, Robin Payne, formerly Vascular Plants Specialist for SNH, local botanist Liz Lavery and our new member of staff and keen botanist Stephen will be leading walks at Burleigh (22 May) and Findatie (29 May) in search of Loch Leven's plant life, both common and rare. If you'd

like to learn more about the plants you see whilst walking around the loch, be sure to book early by calling the reserve office on 01577 864439.

Finally, an early reminder that **The Big Discovery Day** with **RSPB Loch Leven's Open Day** takes place on **Sunday 10 June** at Kirkgate Park and RSPB respectively. More information to follow in next month's newsletter, but for now look out for the flyers and save the date!

Cheers for now,

Craig

Weather



March Weather Report From Carnbo

March this year was very dry and mild, especially warm towards the end of the month, when maximum temperature records were broken in many parts of the country.

Total rainfall	36.8 mm (36% of average)
Heaviest fall	10.8 mm (19th)
Rain days 10, trace days 2, dry days 18	
Highest temperature	19°C (29th)
Lowest temperature	-3°C (5th)
Average temperature	11.2°C *

Ground frost on 10 nights, air frost on 5 nights

1 snow day, no snow lying

*March 2011 average temperature 4.2°C!

The total rainfall this year for the 3 months so far is lower than the total for December 2011:

2011	2012
December 220 mm	January 102.5 mm
	February 069.2 mm
	March 036.8 mm
	209.0 mm

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



Famously where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567 and forced to abdicate before dramatically escaping, this semi-ruined 14th century castle is set on an island in beautiful Loch Leven, within a National Nature Reserve. There are lawns and picnic benches on the island. No wheelchair access. Dogs not permitted.

The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier, where there is parking, a Historic Scotland shop and a bistro. Opening times for 2012:

1 April to 30 September:	Daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm (last outward sailing 4.30pm)
1 to 31 October:	Daily, 9.30am to 4.30pm (last outward sailing 3.30pm)
Admission prices: (includes boat trip)	Adult £5, Child £3, Conc £4. HS members free.

Balvaird Castle

A late 15th century tower on an L plan. Refined architectural details. View exterior only. Near Gateside and Glenfarg. Grid ref NO 169 115.

RSPB Loch Leven



Looks like spring is here, wi awe the trees breckin intae leaf. Still a bit snell tho, wi some chilly winds keepin the temperature doon.

Ne'er mind, at least wur oan the up tae summer.

Bird activity oan the reserve is progressin at a rate o' knots, wi loads o' tumblin lapwing displayin ower the new wetland areas claimin territory 'n' nestin. Some guid numbers o' pinkfeet are still hingin aboot wi the rarer Tundra bean goose in amongst them. We saw twa ower the weekend o' the 14th and 15th tae the right o' the middle hide in the pinkie flock enjoyin the grub oan the new flatter, wetter, better area.

Birdsong is fillin the air roond the centre, especially the annoyin great tit that keeps beltin oot its repetitive call fae dawn tae dusk - kin it no get laryngitis or sumthin? Summer migrants are slowly appearin wi sand martin and a solitary early male swallow seen along at Findatie oan 9 April. By the time ye read this, tho, they shid be here in bigger numbers, beltin aboot the courtyaird catchin flees. A few ospreys hiv also been see passin ower the loch headin further north tae breed and willow warbler wiz seen in the gairden oot the front o' the centre oan the 15th. We still keep gettin reports o' sea eagle sightins so they are still hingin aroond the vicinity, claimin a territory mibee? Well ah hope so, tho it will be a year or twa before they are breedin age.

The new centre seems tae be goin doon weel wi visitors. Lots o' positive comments oan the new bright shiny shop "it's much bigger lookin", "whit a difference"... ye seem tae have mair stock". The new café is also goin doon a treat tae, wi chefy boy's new hame-made cakes provin popular, along wi the ever favourite scones.

Shop offers oan the go at the minute are the environmentally friendly "Skinny Dipper" range o' products. Discoonts range fae 10% tae 20% depending oan hoo much ye purchase. Dried mealworms in the hunner gram pouches remain at the total bargain price o' £10 fur six pouches - normal price £29.94 - savin ye nineteen poond ninety fower new pence! Jist the thing fur feedin up yer gairden birds tae gie them a wee boost at nestin time. Mac in a Sac rainwear is also oan offer, now reduced tae £19.95 fae £27 each - the very thing fur them showers which we will nae doot get durin whit's meant tae be summer! The pink yins seem tae be a favourite wi the laydeez that dae the "Moonwalk".

Next events comin up durin May. Tae celebrate "International Dawn Chorus Day" we will be runnin a "Dawn Chorus" guided walk on **Sunday 6 May** fae (brace yersel) 5.30 tae 7.30am. Come along and hear the wonderful sound o' oor avian chums givin it laldy without the drone o' hunners o' traffic droonin it oot followed by a bit o' brecky in the café. Cost per person £5 members £10 non-members. Advance bookin required as places will be limited to 15 folk. First come, first served! We will also have a self-guided trail oan the same theme for the kids over the weekend - free tae dae, but normal reserve charges apply. As always, to find oot aboot events and tae book events, phone us oan the usual number 01577 862355 or check oot whit's gawn oan on the website www.rspb.org.uk/lochleven.

Think that's it again. Ta ta till next time.

Colin

Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 18 May
for publication on Saturday 2 June

Farming



April lambing flew past, with four fifths delivered during three weeks of annual leave from my part-time job. As my colleagues wished me a great holiday, I couldn't help but think of myself as a rare breed, choosing to spend so much of my annual leave in the lambing shed, but it's my business and I'm lucky I love it too!

The Mules and Blackfaces are good mothers and this spring had plenty of milk for their offspring, thanks to the 20 tonnes of concentrates, more than 100 bales of silage and 4000 litres of treacle they chomped through since Christmas. Lambing inside is an intensive task with our 60 maternity pens requiring regular feed, water and cleaning out. Everyone mucked in again this year and got the job done.

We've one sheep that I have a lot in common with. She is the sole pure Shetland ewe in the flock; a small black six-year-old who, true to the breed characteristics, is fine boned with soft wool and pretty prolific. She is also one of only two ewes who have a name. She is called Pauline. (That's a bit of a long story for another day.)

Pauline produced her third set of twins in the final week of the lambing season and spent the day licking the pair clean and getting to know them. The lambs jumped up and filled their tummies of milk within an hour of birth but then she ran dry and we topped them up for a day until her milk came in.



Pauline with her twins on the day they were born (15 April)

After that, it was out to the fields.

Thankfully the grass is now growing and taking care of all Pauline's (and the rest of the flock's) nutritional requirements during lactation. Indeed, we are hoping that milk and grass alone will see many of the lambs grow to their optimum sale weight of 40kg. Not Pauline's family though - her two ewe lambs will be retained for breeding as we are keen that her presence is felt for a long time to come! Shetlands are a hardy prolific breed; they are very thrifty and can survive on poor quality grazing; a typical fully-grown female like Pauline weighs only 30-35 kg. Named after the islands, Shetlands are a native breed but for over 20 years were also a rare breed. Their numbers in Britain were at a critical level from 1977 but, due to resurgence in popularity, they were removed from the rare breeds endangered list in 2002.

As a part-time farmer, I'm not sure if I will be in the rare breed category for such a long time as this breed. Increasing numbers of farmers are part-time, choosing to combine some off-farm employment with running their business, either to make ends meet, or to ensure the farm can stay in the family. It's certainly an interesting and busy combination.

Fiona

Gardens Open

More information about these gardens
can be found on our website,
www.kinrossnewsletter.org
Leisure info also on www.kinross.cc



Gardens, and some properties, open regularly not too far from Kinross				Admission		Disabled	Contact
	Opening Arrangements			Adult	Child	Access	Number
Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	to 31 Oct	Mon-Sat	1100-1700	£11.50	£8.50	gdn only	0844 4932186
		Sun	1300-1700				0844 4932186
Hill of Tarvit mansion & gdns (NTS)	1 Apr-29 Oct	Thu-Mon	1300-1700	£9.50	£6.50	partial	0844 4932185
Hill of Tarvit grounds only (NTS)	all year	daily	to dusk			yes	0844 4932185
Kellie Castle & garden (NTS)	1 Apr-27 May	Thu-Mon	1230-1700	£9.50	£7.00	partial	0844 4932184
Kellie Castle garden & estate only (NTS)	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	1000-1800			yes	0844 4932184
Culross Palace, study, town hse and gdns	1 Apr-31 May	Thu-Mon	1200-1700	£9.50	£7.00	no	0844 4932189
Culross Palace gardens only (NTS)	all year	daily	1000-1800			difficult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gdns, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£6.00	£5.00	partial	0844 4932193
Glendoick Gardens, Glencarse, PH2 7NS	1 Apr-31 May	Mon-Fri	1000-1600	£4.00	free	yes	01738 860205
	1 Apr-31 May	Sat&Sun	1400-1700	£4.00	free	yes	
Scone Palace grounds only	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£5.80	£4.00	yes	01738 552300
Botanic Garden, Canongate, St Andrews	Apr-Sept	daily	1000-1900	£2.00	£1.00	yes	01334 477178
Pittencreeff Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 720285
Barham, Bow of Fife, KY15 5RG (SGS)	25 Apr-26 Sep	Weds	1400-1700	£3.00	free	no	01337 810227
Braco Castle gardens, Braco (SGS)	1 Feb-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.50		partial	01786 880437
Cambo House, Kingsbarns, KY16 8QD	all year	daily	1000-1700	£5.00		yes	01333 450313
Dowhill, Cleish (SGS)	1-31 May	Tue&Thu	1000-1600	£4.00		no	
Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff	1 May-31 Oct		1300-1800				
Gardens open by arrangement							
Briglands House, Rumbling Bridge	on request			£4.00	free	partial	01877 840205
Glassmount House, by Kirkcaldy	19 Mar-30 Sep	by arr		£3.00		no	01592 890214
Arndean, by Dollar, FK14 7NH (SGS)	mid May-mid Jun	by arr		£5.00	free		01259 743525

Notes: Other prices may be available, eg Concessions, Family. NTS = National Trust for Scotland (entry free to members). At some gardens there are plants for sale and refreshments available. Some gardens do not allow dogs.

Scotland's Gardens Scheme: SGS, a registered charity since 1931, organises the opening of hundreds of gardens, ranging from formal castle gardens to small cottage gardens, to raise money for charity while giving pleasure to garden lovers. 60% of entry fees to gardens in this scheme benefit SGS's charities, which include: The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres and The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society. 40% of entry fees goes to a charitable cause chosen by the garden owner. For more information, see the book "Scotland's Gardens: Our Guide for 2012" or the website www.scotlandsgardens.org

Special Days Open in May under SGS

There are many gardens open in May under SGS, particularly in Fife, well within an hour's drive of Kinross - too many to mention individually here. See the SGS website for more gardens.

Dowhill by Cleish, a garden set off by the background of Benarty Hill, is open every Tuesday and Thursday in May (see chart). Lovely woodland walks to the ruins of Dowhill Castle. Blue poppies and primulas with temptingly placed seats make the garden a wonderful place for a picnic. 40% of admission to Motor Neurone Disease. Take exit 5 of the M90, ¾ mile towards Crook of Devon on the B9097.

The garden at **Briglands House, Rumbling Bridge** is open on **Sunday 6 May**, 2pm-5pm. (Also by arrangement on request.) Rhododendron and other spring shrubs. Walled, rock and woodland gardens. Specialist alpine plant sale. Admission £4, children free. 40% to Fossoway School Millennium Walk Fund. Half way between Crook of Devon and Powmill. Signposted off A977.

There will be a **Spring Plant Sale** at the **Botanic Garden in St Andrews** on **Sunday 6 May**, 11am-5pm.

Admissions at **Branklyn Garden, Perth** (see chart) on **Sunday 6 May** will benefit SGS charities. An outstanding collection of plants.

In addition to the times shown in the chart above, **Glendoick** is open for SGS on **Sundays 6 and 13 May**, 2pm-5pm.

The magical grounds of **Fingask Castle at Rait** are open on **Sunday 13 May**, 2pm-5pm. Admission £3, children free. 40% to All Saints Church Glencarse and Fingask Follies. Homemade teas. Halfway between Perth and Dundee. From A90 follow signs to Rait until small crossroad. Turn right and follow signs to Fingask.

The seven-year-old garden at **Pitcurran House, Abernethy** is open on **Sunday 13 May**, 2pm-6pm. Many interesting and unusual plants. Good plant stall. Disabled access, homemade teas, dogs on leads welcome. Pitcurran House is at far eastern end of village. Admission £4, children free. 40% to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The Fife Diamond Garden Festival begins at Cambo House, Kingsbarns on **Friday 18 May**. A further eleven gardens will be open during the following two days, many opening to the public for the first time. See the SGS website for more details.

• Gardens info on our website •



More information about gardens open can also be found on our website, www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Congratulations



Congratulations to Alison and Steven **NICOL** on the birth of their daughter, **ZARA GRACE** on 22 March 2012. First grand-daughter for Pat and John of Kinnesswood.

Proud parents Chris and Pauline **NEALE** are delighted to announce the birth of their son, **LOGAN ALEXANDER** on 23 March 2012. A brother for Rebecca and grandchild for Bill.

HUNTERS THE BUTCHERS of Kinross achieved tremendous success at the Scottish Craft Butcher Sausage Championships 2012, winning four awards. They won a Gold award for their Scotch Beef Italia Sausage, made with Scotch beef, fresh vine tomatoes, oregano and garlic. They achieved another Gold for their Scottish Wild Venison, Redcurrant and Rosemary Sausage. Hunters also picked up Silver awards in the burger category, for their Scottish Wild Venison, Redcurrant and Rosemary Burger and their Scotch Pork Fresh Apple and Cider version. Business owner and Master Butcher Iain Hunter collected the awards at a ceremony at the Inchtute Hotel in April.



Hunters staff (from left) David Winton, Dean Miller, Brian Hanlon and Iain Hunter holding the Scottish Craft Butcher Championship Speciality Burger and Speciality Sausage Awards

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Milnathort Town Hall Caretaker Retires: ANGUS WILSON, the caretaker of Milnathort Town Hall for many years, has retired due to ill health. We would like to express our thanks to Angus for his continuous hard work over the years and his loyalty to our Town Hall.

Many thanks, Angus, from all of us, you will be sadly missed. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Love and best wishes, Milnathort Town Hall Committee

Sport Relief Bake Sale: SALLY MONTFORD (11) and ELISE ATKINSON (11) would like to thank everyone who came to their bake sale on Saturday 24 March. They baked for hours, producing banana loaf, carrot cake, scones, oat cookies and more, and sold out pretty quickly, raising £53.70 for Sport Relief.



Sally (left) and Elise did lots of baking to raise £53.70 for Sport Relief

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Kinross-shire Churches Together



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Church open for visiting or quiet contemplation Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon (But note Pram Service on Tuesday mornings).

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

To Lease Church or Church Centre: Helena Cant (01577) 862923
helenacant@aol.com

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, includes a crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and Jam Pact (secondary age).

7.30pm (during termtime) Church Centre.

Crossfire, for S1 age upwards.

'..Connect.' Group for S5+, students, young workers. Varied social events (contact John or Shona McKay 865388).

Mon 8pm Housegroup (contact Brenda Fraser 862000).

Tues 10am Pram Service (except school holidays).

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

12 noon Mid-week and Mid-day: Time to Pray (30 min)

1.30pm Craft Group.

7.30pm Various Housegroups (contact Margaret Michie).

Fri The Brigade meets in the 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

April

Sat 28 Crossfire: sponsored walk over Forth Road Bridge for Christian Aid

Sun 29 6.30pm Evening Service: Hearing the Word of God - Song of Songs: reading through the Old Testament's 'Song of Solomon' as an introduction to the theme of Sunday Services in May

May

Tue 1 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court

Thu 3 7.30pm: Thursday Group at church centre

Sun 6 10.30am Morning Service will be followed by informal Communion

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

Sat 12 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office)

7.30pm: HomeBru concert: performances by local musicians

Thu 17 9.00pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline (20min)

Fri 18 7.30pm: Brigade Annual Display and Awards, church centre

Tue 22 7.30pm: Monthly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sat 26 10.00am: **aMAYzingFUNraising** at church centre. A variety of stalls, games and a Pirate's Cove, all with the emphasis on fun. All welcome (contact: Maureen Taylor 863759)

Sun 27 **Pentecost Sunday** 6.30pm: United Service for Pentecost at Portmoak Parish Church

Tue 29 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court

June

Fri 1 7.30pm Perthshire Brass Band: This popular local band returns to Kinross in a fund-raising concert organised by the Guild

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Phone: 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.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

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

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

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

Morning Prayers at 9am

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

Oasis Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15-11.45am last Friday of the month.

25 May, **Marg Meade** - Marie Curie Care.

Guild meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Orwell Hall

7pm between September and March.

Dates for your diary - Everyone Welcome

Sunday 27 May Pentecost Praise, 7.30pm, Portmoak Church

Saturday 2 June Milnathort Summer Fayre at the school

Diamond Jubilee Flower Festival

Friday 1 June 6- 8pm, **Saturday 2 June** 10am - 12 noon and 6 - 8pm, **Sunday 3 June** 2- 5pm

Sunday 10 June Communion in both churches

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200

orwellportmoakchurch@yahoo.co.uk

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

Jesus said, "I come among you as one who serves."

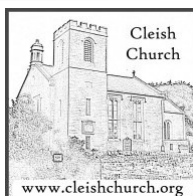
Church and Children's Sunday Club: Every Sunday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross. During each service there will be a time for ministry and prayer for healing.

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.

Discover Loch Leven Website

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

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland



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Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am
Crèche and Junior Church 11.15am

May

Sun 6 11.15am Preacher: Brian Ogilvie.
Sun 13 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay.
Sun 20 9.45am Early Birds Worship for all ages.
Sun 20 11.15am Preacher: Rev. Joanne Finlay.
Sun 27 11.15am, Preacher: Reader, Brian Ogilvie.

Saturday 12 May at 2.00 pm: Cleish Church Annual Fete.
Usual stalls including Dog Show and Floral Display.
All Welcome. For further details please phone 01577 850345.

Advance notice for June

Flower Festival in Church, Saturday 2 June.

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

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

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

May Services

Sun 6 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.
Tue 8 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.
Sat 13 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 20 8.30am morning prayer, 11.00am, Sung Eucharist.
Sun 27 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.

The installation of Rev Valerie Walker, our new rector, will be on Thursday 14 June at 7.30pm

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

Fossoway Parish Church Church of Scotland

Rev Joanne Finlay Telephone: (01577) 850231
E-mail joannefinlay196@btinternet.com
Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Sunday Services at 9.45am

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

Tots Music: Friday mornings in hall, 9.30am

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

Yoga classes: Mondays 7pm - 8.30pm

Joint Choir: Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm.

May

Sun 6 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay:
Theme: Gone Fishing.

Wed 13 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay:
Walking the Way.

Sun 20 9.45am Preacher, Rev. Joanne Finlay:
The Waiting Game.

Sun 27 9.45am Preacher, Brian Ogilvie.

Follow weekly events on the church Facebook page.

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
	8.15pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6.30pm	Children's Club (term time)

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

Acknowledgements

BARRIE - Hazel and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and 'phone calls received on the sudden sad loss of John; especially to Jim and Avril for their support over the last few months; to Rev. Dr Angus Morrison for his comforting words and service and to Stewart Funeral Directors for their guidance and support.

Thanks also to David Scott and the girls of Milnathort Bowling Club for arranging the lovely spread, to Jinty for her help with the beautiful floral tribute, to all who attended Perth Crematorium to pay their respects, and for their kind donations of £313.75 received for Macmillan Nurses.

STRACHAN - Myra and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, 'phone calls and visits received in their recent sad loss of Ed.

Thanks also to Mr Jim Petherick for his comforting service and to Stewart Funeral Directors for their guidance and support.

Playgroups & Nurseries



MILNATHORT BABIES & TODDLERS

Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort

Milnathort Babies and Toddlers offer a relaxed, friendly environment.

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

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

Thursday & Friday, 10am – 11.30am.

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

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

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



LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact - Aileen 07866 670745

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers with children
aged birth to 5 years are welcome to attend.

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 am

All Mums to-be and Mothers, Fathers and Carers with
children aged birth to 3 years are welcome to attend.

Contact - Fiona Eastop 01577 864194

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

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

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

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

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

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Playgroup sessions

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

Children from the age of 2 yrs welcome.

The Inbetweeners session

Tues 12.45-3.15 with Lunch Club beforehand

Children from the age of 3 yrs welcome

Rising Fives sessions

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

This is complementary to preschool Nursery.

**For availability or more information, please contact
Kim 07504 445949, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com,
or Playgroup 01577 862071**

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

Ante-natal to pre-school.

Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer.

For more information, please contact **Caron 01577 861607**.

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. For
more information, please contact **Michelle 07894 305272** or the
Playgroup 07807 908833.

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 10.00 to 11.30 (term time only)

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

**Contact Victoria Jackson on 01577 865617
for further details,
or email victoriajackson1@hotmail.co.uk**

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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

Healthy snack for children

Coffee/tea & biscuits for carer

Lots of toys

Friendly support for all carers

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

Contact Lucie on 07810 201935 or just come along!



Notices

The Thursday Group

3 May:

Outing to be arranged

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 01577 863421.

Perth Samaritans Volunteer Information Evening

If you would like to know more about Perth Samaritans, the volunteer experience or information about our external talks, please come along to our information evening on:

Friday 4 May
at 7.30pm

at our Perth branch at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA
You can contact us on 01738 626666 or by email at perthsamaritans@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Bishopshire Horticultural Society

PLANT SALE

Teas and Coffees
Portmoak Hall, 10am – 12 noon

SATURDAY 5 MAY

Bedding Plants, Leeks, Tomatoes, Perennials
Come along and stock up your garden for summer

Music in Kinross Parish Church

Saturday 12 May is the date for the next **Home Bru** concert at 7.30pm. Players and singers of all ages and stages will come together to create a programme of immense variety, full of surprises! Family quartets, madrigals, debutant pianists, piano duets, who knows what will turn up? Entry will be free, and a retiring collection for Christian Aid will be taken.

Friday 1 June will be a visit from **Perthshire Brass** to help the Church Guild raise funds for this year's good causes. The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £6 (children £3) available from Kinross Church Office or Church Guild members or at the door. If you are a fan of the cinema there will be lots of music for you to enjoy, and with all the brass instruments displayed, it will be a good night for all the family.

CEILIDH DANCE

Sat 12 May 8-12pm

Portmoak Village Hall
With the Glenfarg Ceilidh Band

Tickets £10.00 adult £5.00 child

In aid of Hall funds

Supper included - Licensed bar
Tickets available from Kinnesswood Village Shop

Elizabeth Porter – tel. 01592 840655
and Wendy MacPhedran – tel. 01592 840779

Cleish Church Fete

Dog Show

Tombola

Children's Games

Plant Sale

Bric a Brac

Baking & Produce

Floral Display

A Brilliant Family Afternoon Out!
2.00pm SAT. 12th MAY
Cleish

Kinross Garden Group

BUS OUTING

Seats available to Howick Arboretum Nr Alnwick

Thursday 17 May
Cost £16.60

For more details contact Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785

Plant Sale for CHAS

in Jean's Garden, 24 Gallowhill Road

Saturday 19 May

10.30am to 4.30pm

Gazebos up for sun or rain

LOTS OF BARGAINS, including
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Rudbeckia, Lupin, Grasses, Hosta;
Potentilla, Willow, Succulents, Herbs;
Gooseberry, Strawberry, Tomato;
AND MORE!

Please come along to raise CASH for CHAS

Public Holiday – Libraries

All libraries in Perth & Kinross will be closed on
Monday 7 May
*(The A.K. Bell Library in Perth is closed from
 14 April to 13 May for improvements)*

Loch Leven Community Campus presents

Antiques & Collectors Fair

Saturday 26 May
 10am – 3pm

Free Public Entry

Farmers Market

Saturday 17 June
 10am – 3pm

Free Public Entry

For more information on above events or to book a stall
 please contact Campus reception tel: 01577 867200
 Email: lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk

aMAYzing FUNraising

SATURDAY 26 MAY from 10am

Kinross Church Centre

The emphasis is on FUN and FELLOWSHIP for all. Join us
 for a morning of teas, coffees, cakes, stalls with baking,
 crafts, Traidcraft, garden plants, floral displays, bottles, the
 Pram Service 'good as new' stall, children's pirate cove,
 treasure map, silent auction and more!

On behalf of Kinross Parish Church.

More information? Contact Maureen Taylor 01577 863759

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland
 Scottish Charities No. SC012555

Loch Leven Community Campus Partnership

As a member of the Community, your views and ideas in
 the development of this facility can be represented through
 the Partnership.

Contact the Loch Leven Community Partnership on
 campuspartnership@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk

Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide
 Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need
 a partner and it is all very informal and great fun.

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit.

Kinross Recycling Centre, Bridgend

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Aluminium & Steel Cans, Car Batteries, Cardboard, Engine Oil,
 Fluorescent Tubes, Electricals (inc Fridges, Freezers, Televisions &
 Monitors), Garden Waste, Glass Bottles & Jars, Inert Waste, Metal,
 Paper, Phone Directories, Plastic Bottles, Rigid Plastic Containers,
 Textiles, Wood, Bicycles.

Greyhound Rescue Fife 5th Annual Dog Show 13th May 2012

Caldwell's farm near Collesie, Fife,
 KY15 7UY



Tickets £3.50 kids (under 16 free)
 See local Posters or our Website

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Can you give A Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website www.greyhoundrescuefife.com
 or contact us to arrange a suitable time to come along
 and see them for yourself find **your** perfect hound
 Mob: 07826244765 Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings)
 email us on ferniejimmyf@aol.com

Milnathort Primary School Summer Fayre

to be held at Milnathort Primary School on

Saturday 2 June
 1pm - 4pm

Everyone Welcome

Jubilee Celebration Flowers

By Claire Paton

In Cleish Parish Church

Saturday 2 June 2 – 5pm
 and **Monday 4 June 2 – 5pm**

Afternoon Teas will be served in the Village Hall 2 – 5pm
 both days

Milnathort's Fancy Dress Parade is back

To Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
 and the Milnathort Festival

Saturday 2 June
 12 noon to 1pm

Starting and finishing at Milnathort Primary School

Prizes for Best Jubilee Themed Costume
 Judging at Milnathort Summer Fete

Organised by Milnathort Community Council

Milnathort Scarecrow Festival

To celebrate the
 Olympic Torch Relay
 which passes through Milnathort on

Wednesday 13 June at 8am.

Decorate your window or adorn your garden with a
 scarecrow to celebrate.

Sports Themed Scarecrows or Displays
 Bring your scarecrow to the torch relay route on the day
 Organised by Milnathort Community Council

Newsletter Deadlines

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



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

Are you suffering from Macular Degeneration?

A meeting is held by the Support Group at The Blind Society, New Row, Perth on the last Wednesday of the month. If you are interested or require further details, please contact **Hazel Rennie, telephone 01738 442358.**

Nearby Historic Buildings

Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

A fascinating tower house dating from around 1500. The grounds are open during daylight hours. The keep can be opened on request. Please follow signs on site for key.

Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

A 16th century fortified mansion, five miles NE of Bridge of Earn, in a tranquil setting. It has an orchard and dovecot. Opening times: 1 April to 30 September, daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Admission prices: Adult £4, Child £2.40, Concessions £3.20.

Abernethy Round Tower

One of the two round towers of Irish style surviving in Scotland dating from the late 11th century. Good views of the Firth of Tay. Follow signs on site for key (not Mondays).

Milnathort filmhouse

Alvin and the Chipmunks

chipwrecked



sunday june 24th 3pm

CHIPWRECKED (U) tickets available on the door and in advance through our Facebook page. Family £15 (2 ad + 2 chd) Adult £5 (OAP & Student concession £3), Screening 3pm at Milnathort Town Hall, doors open 2.15pm. Tuck shop available.

2012 Forthcoming Programme

Rio	Sun 26 August, 3pm
Facebook Vote Winner!	Sat 8 September, 8pm
<i>(We will be getting YOU to vote for what film will be shown in this slot on our Facebook page so join us!)</i>	
Breaking Dawn 1	Sat 27 October, 8pm
Monsters vs Aliens	Sun 28 October, 3pm
Arthur Christmas	Mon 24 December, 5pm

Blythswood Care

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

The Round South Truck accepts small items of furniture, clothing and bric à brac. The uplift of any larger items of furniture (e.g. sofas, beds, wardrobes etc) can be arranged by phoning Hillington on 0141 882 0585. All soft furnishings (e.g. beds, sofas, three-piece suites etc) donated to Blythswood Care must have a fire label with the British Standards code (BS7177) attached to it.

We regret that the Round South Truck cannot accept books. We are also unable to accept bikes, carpets, coat hangers, gas appliances, prams, televisions, small electrical appliances, exercise equipment or wall units.

The next collections will take place on

Tuesday 22 May

between 10.30am and 11am

in Sainsbury's car park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945

KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,

CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Milnathort: Secy: Mr J Giacopazzi (01577) 864025

MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway & District: Secy: Trudy Duffy-Wigman (01577) 840669,

FossowayCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Portmoak: Secy: Mr J Bird (01592) 840368,

PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Dave Cuthbert	Highfield Circle	861001
Barry M Davies (Vice Chair)	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 (Chair)	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

Perth and Kinross Councillors

Local government elections take place on

Thursday 3 May.

A list of the elected members for Kinross-shire will appear here in the June issue.

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

Closed on Monday 7 May (public holiday)

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays	2 pm - 4 pm
Saturdays	10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

Mobile Library

Week 1: Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort every second Wednesday. Next visit: **2 May**

Week 2: Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlomond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Hatchbank and Cambo every second Tuesday. Next visit: **8 May**

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

To raise a concern or issue or to book an appointment to see Roseanna, you can contact her directly by email or by phoning or writing to her constituency office at:

9 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Telephone: 01738 639598

Fax: 01738 587637

You can also follow Roseanna on Twitter @strathearnrose

Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Claire Baker MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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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
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11 am	Elderberries	1.30 pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15 pm	Bingo	1.45 pm
Wednesday	Morning Service	10.45 am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30 pm	Scrabble	1.30 pm
Thursday	Art Class	1.30 pm	Film Afternoon	1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30 pm		
Friday	Scrabble	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm

Additional Events for May

Open Day

Holiday, Inveraray

Drop in - Advice & Information

Thursday 3rd 10am - 12pm & 1.30pm - 3pm

Monday 7th - Friday 11th

Friday 25th 11am-12pm & 1pm-2pm

Coffee Bar open 9 am - 4 pm, Senior Citizens Lunches Daily

Telephone: 01577 863869



Public holiday

Please note that the Day Centre will be closed on Monday 7 May



LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &

2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219

Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline



Newsletter Deadlines 2012

Please note, deadlines are now on a **FRIDAY**. Deadlines for the whole year can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
June	Friday 18 May	Saturday 2 June
July	Friday 15 June	Saturday 30 June
August	Friday 13 July	Saturday 28 July

School Holidays, Academic Year 2011-2012

Academic year	Tue 16 Aug 2011 - Wed 27 Jun 2012
In Service Day	Mon 16 Apr 2012
May Day	Mon 7 May 2012

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:

8 & 22 May

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.

Funding Alert!

P&KC produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of Trusts and Foundations giving away grants.

The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or go to www.pk.gov.uk and look for the voluntary sector page.

Contacts:

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000

Steve MacDonald, P&KC External

Funding Officer

01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to P&KC's regular e-funding bulletin.)

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

Fire and Surround £30.00

Electric fire and surround in good condition.

*Seller details: Ann 07851 758853
annnicoll36@btinternet.com*

ELC Police Outfit/Firefighter Outfit £4.00 each

Police Jacket and Trousers approx age 3-6. Firefighter Jacket and Trousers approx age 3-6.

Tag-along bike £45.00

Children's tag-along bike. Would suit 4-7 yrs old. Only used a few times and now outgrown. Bought new for £90, will sell for £45...Bargain!

Pre-school DVDs £2.00

Selection of 7 DVDs: Bob the Builder-Bob's Winning Team; The Knights of Can-a-Lot; The Great Race; Koala Brothers Outback Christmas; Tractor Tom Buzz to the Rescue; Numberjacks; Postman Pat Football Crazy. DVD and casing in good condition. £2.00 each or £10 for all 7.

*For above items contact: Debbie Gachagan 07973 533468
stackyard4@aol.com*

Upright Freezer £250.00

Grey, Indesit, 7 Drawer. Less than one year old. Move to smaller home forces sale. Mint condition. Can deliver within reasonable distance.

*Seller details: Billy Dunn 07730 009858
bwbilly@sky.com*

Black glass tv stand £25.00

Suitable for up to 40 inch television. In very good condition.

*Seller details: Geraldine White 01577 865128
geraldine7517083@aol.com*

Boy's bike £10.00

Raleigh Mini X, red and black. Suit 3-5 yrs, height to seat 50 cm.

*Seller details: Lesley Borland 01577 863959
simon.lesley@dsl.pipex.com*

Gazebo £20.00

4 x 3 m, green hexagonal gazebo with mesh side panels.

Scanner £20.00

Canon CanoScan 8000F colour image scanner 2400x4800dpi with facility to scan 35mm slides to digital.

For above items contact: Doreen Cameron 01577 863537

Trampoline £120.00

11ft by 8ft rectangular, good condition. Kept indoors during winter months. My brother and I have moved out and it is no longer being used.

*Seller details: Sam Hutchison 01577 861025
s.hutchison1.09@aberdeen.ac.uk*

Kinross High School Blazer £30.00 ono

Brand new unworn boy's blazer, size 34R.

*Seller details: Liz Baglow 01577 864074
liz.baglow@googlemail.com*

Total Fitness Trainer £50.00 ono

Multi activity exercise bench equipment. Very neat, folds flat for storage. Can be used for cardio training such as rowing, resistance training using elastic cords and weight training by adding weights (included). In excellent condition.

Classified Adverts continued...

Dog cage/crate £20.00

Measures 36in long by 24 in high, suitable for indoor/outdoor use or transporting in car. Folds flat for storage, has removable tray and pet bed. In excellent condition.

*For above items contact: Val Oswald 01577 864020
valerie_oswald@hotmail.com*

Fridge £35.00

Beko under container fridge with icebox. Good condition approx 2 yrs old.

*Seller details: Jennifer Best 07720 849604
best_jennifer@hotmail.com*

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').

Kitchen Staff (Part Time/Full Time), Heaven Scent Kinnaids Restaurant at Knockhill, by Dunfermline

Must have own means of travel. Experience preferred. Weekend work required and some evenings. Must enjoy working as part of a busy team.

Please submit a CV to andrew@scottishhospitalityservices.co.uk

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.



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

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.scottishcf.org

Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
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