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# Letters

## Editorial

It is lovely to read in several of the club reports what a difference the good summer has made to community activities this year. The gardening and outdoor sports clubs have particularly benefited.

However, we are now heading into autumn. Remember to put your clocks back one hour on the last weekend of October. British Summer Time ends at 2am on Sunday 27 October.

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I read with interest Marg Mead's article on Kinross becoming a County of Compassion and the golden rule "Treat others as you would have them treat you". This is a mantra which my son Damon, daughter Sarah and myself have tried to live by.

Little did we realise how much this would resonate with us this year. I lost Damon quite suddenly and unexpectedly in March on my birthday while I was away on holiday. Sarah had to deal with the immediate aftermath of this terrible event until I arrived home two days later. During that time she was treated with respect and compassion by the various services she had to contact and by friends trying to support her and her partner. The police even fed the cat on the day Damon was found. Vicki from the Grouse and Claret sent food and visited on my return with home baking and later went on to provide the wake. Friends of mine, Damon's and Sarah's called bearing flowers and cards and to this day some of Damon's friends still visit me. My neighbour Val called with home baking and along with friends Dorothy and Barbara (all separately) takes me out for walks and coffee and allows me to talk. Dorothy called morning and evening to check I was okay and another friend Carmelina regularly texts me to check I am alright and to occasionally go for a walk. I received healing crystals and hugs. Barbara's husband Bill mows my lawn for me. Catherine from The Complete Look sent me a voucher for a treatment. I also met Marg whose compassion shone through.

All these kindnesses came from people in Kinross and surrounding area and anyone who has had to tread this awful journey will tell you how important it is to just be acknowledged, let alone shown compassion. In our case this was even more important as all our family lives 400 miles away. Whilst we still have a long, long way to go, I am sure that we would not have coped or got through the last few months without the care shown to us during this time which shows why Kinross should be known as a County of Compassion.

I am so grateful for all the love, kindness and compassion we have received and I can imagine Damon saying "Now that's what I'm talking about".

Evelyn Chambers  
10 Beveridge Place, Kinross



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### Volunteer drivers show kindness

Having read, and agreed with, all that has been said by Marg Meade and Jo Middlemiss, we would just like to add a little bit.

One group that has not been mentioned is Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme. Over 40 hardworking volunteer drivers show an amazing amount of Kindness and Compassion to residents in the area, all year round.

The drivers not only collect people from their doors and drive them to hospital, the medical centre, nursing homes, etc but they also provide reassurance, understanding and help. In fact they provide a true "befriending" service.

The management committee are very grateful to all the local clubs, groups and individuals who support the group throughout the year but the biggest "thank you" is due to the volunteer drivers.

The Management Committee

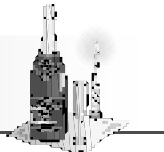
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*Editor's note: The volunteer drivers have been mentioned in this month's 'County of Compassion' column. See page 46.*

## Congratulations



Congratulations to **SAMANTHA HOLROYD** and **ADRIAN SHARP** who were married by the Rev Jim Sharp, groom's uncle, at Balbirnie House Hotel, Markinch on Sunday 25 August 2013. Love and best wishes for the future from both families.

Congratulations to Matthew and Chelsai **SYME**, Kinross, on the birth of their first child, **LUCY**, born on 17 August 2013. Granddaughter of David and Isobel Syme, 3 Friux, Kinross. Thanks to all the staff at Ninewells Hospital.

**JOHN** and **RENA MILLER** celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 27 September with family.

At the SWRI Handcraft and Housewives conference in Elgin, **CLEISH** gained second equal place in the Vaughan Nash Community Competition. (Five items in different handcrafts in black and white.) **DOROTHY MORRIS** came third in the Playfair-Hannay competition for an adult's knitted hat, and **ALISON MORRIS** came second in the Sutton Competition for a Christmas card in any craft.

**CHLOE MILLER** (15) of 15 Churchill Road, Kinross, completed a bungee jump at Pitlochry on Saturday 13 August in aid of Ship and Splash, a charity for youngsters with learning difficulties. Chloe collected £165. Well done, Chloe. Roll on next year.

**MARY QUEEN of SCOTS EVENT:** Prize winners in the Big Raffle were: George Skea, Kinross (Meal for six at the Green Hotel Golf & Leisure Resort); Elaine Paterson, Crook of Devon (Game of Golf for four at Kinross Golf Course); Ken Paterson, Mawcarse (Exotic Basket of Fruit from Ivan Wood); W Spankee, Kinnesswood (Tickets for Tea Dance); Simon Byford, Scotlandwell (Two tickets for Ricky Ross concert); John Drummond, Hatchbank (Malt Whisky); Ivan Wood, Kinross (car cleaning kit); Jacqueline Machie, Kinross (Christmas tree); Aisling Thomson, Kinross (malt whisky).

## News from the Rurals



**CROOK OF DEVON** – Vice President Alice Johnston welcomed members to the first meeting of the season. Congratulations to our members who entered the Housewives' section at the Kinross Show in coming First, also to Alice who won best in show for her pâté.

Charlie Tulloch from the R.N.L.I. was our speaker this month.

Competitions:

Seaside View	- Isabelle White
Flower of Month	- Isabelle White

**GLENFARG** – President Mrs Margaret Scott welcomed old and new members to the first meeting of the session. She then introduced Robin and Emma Niven from Loch Leven's Larder. Robin's talk on the building of their business at Channel Farm and the diversity and ethos it contains gave a fascinating insight into what is obviously a very hard working family company. And the new shop is so well worth visiting!

Mrs Allison Messenger proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Knitted article	- Allison Messenger
Peppermint Creams	- Jean Connolly
Flower of the Month	- Allison Messenger

**CLEISH** – President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed everyone to our first meeting after the summer. She thanked all who participated in the Kinross Show. After business she welcomed our speakers for the evening, Mr and Mrs Winski. We then enjoyed an insight into their jewellery business and had great fun taking part in an anniversary quiz. A vote of thanks was given.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Mrs Betty Robb
3 Pieces of Shortbread	- Mrs Margaret Nelson
Favourite Piece of Jewellery	- Mrs Janette Craig

**CARNBO** – Mrs Elizabeth Campbell welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new session. A minute's silence was held for Mrs Ina Paterson who died recently.

Winski's of Kinross gave a very informative talk on all aspects of jewellery, and also gave us a quiz.

Competitions:

Piece of Jewellery	- Mrs Cath Mearns
Flower of the Month	- Miss Elma Forrester

**BISHOPSHIRE** – The new session began with an illustrated talk by George Lawrie of TRACKS. He gave an update on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, then explained the current work taking place. By the spring of next year it is hoped to have completed the trail right round the loch. Much negotiation had been needed to take the trail round several farms, and the RSPB land at Vane Farm, but when finished walkers will be able to access much of the loch previously out of bounds, and get closer to the loch and its wildlife. There will also be a viewpoint out over the loch and surrounding countryside. All in all this is a wonderful asset to Kinross-shire, and is bringing in many visitors to the area, and as a result helps the local economy.

Competitions:

Photo of local view	- Margaret Paton
3 Rock buns	- Ann Hughes



# News & Articles

## Councillor Giacopazzi

### A Rose By Any Other Name...

The Council's Gaelic language policy, which you will recall was imposed by a law passed under the old coalition government in the Scottish Parliament, attempts to fulfil the Council's obligations at the least expense possible. Accordingly, it will not be until the existing village signs are due for replacement that the new signs will carry the Gaelic equivalent. But were Kinross-shire place names derived from Gaelic?

As we know, the language spoken in Kinross-shire, in common with Edinburgh and the East coast as far as Aberdeen, was Scots, not Gaelic. Yet the earliest written mention of Milnathort is in 1346 when it was referred to 'Milne of Quorthe' which might translate into English as 'The Mill of the Standing Stone', 'quorthe' being Gaelic for standing stone. The standing stones of Orwell, as we know them, being several thousand years old, would have been a known landmark even in the 14th century.

Indeed, the village's earliest mention is in a deed of 1372 in an interesting context, where it is described as 'Milnethort' and 'Milnathort', in Latin 'Molendium de Quhorth' which '...as far as the standande stane one of the marches between Perth and Inverkeithing at Milnathort'. But in an age before Microsoft and spellcheck, names, whether surnames or place names, were somewhat fluid and in a writ mentioning Lord Balfour's titles to Burleigh in 1525 lands are described, again in a Latin text, as 'terras de Mylne de Quhorthe'. And so it goes on: by 1642 there are references to the 'Thuartmills' or 'Mills of Forth'. This name is based on the entirely mistaken premise that the burn running through the village was the Forth, whereas then, as now, it was known as the Fochy Burn (or Back Burn). The erroneous name persists in other texts.

Other recorded versions are: 'Mills a Forth', 'Melonothart', 'Mylne of Thort', 'Milnes de Quorth' and 'Moloforth'. It was only from 1796 that the village is consistently referred to as 'Milnathort'.

It is worth mentioning the derivation of 'Blairnathort'. The name contains the elements, both Gaelic. 'blar' (a muir or rough pasture) and 'coirthe' (a standing stone); hence 'Blair na Quorthe'.

*The material for this article was supplied by Dr Simon Taylor, a Chief Researcher of Glasgow University who has been involved in a three-year project on the Place Names of Scotland, with local involvement of the Kinross (Marshall) Museum.*

## Councillor Robertson

### Community Speedwatch

Following my request that the Community Speedwatch scheme which was trialled in Crook of Devon last spring be retained (Police Scotland had told me they planned to scrap it), I had a meeting with Police Scotland early in September. They have reviewed the situation and have now decided that the scheme was worthwhile after all. Furthermore, they thought the pilot scheme run with the help of Crook of Devon residents was so successful that they would like to make it available throughout Kinross-shire to communities affected by speeding traffic. Police Scotland would also like to roll the scheme out to the rest of Perth & Kinross. They say it would help identify areas where vehicles are regularly travelling well in excess of the speed limit and allow them to target resources to deal with this.

They have no funding to do this, however, and I have promised to see what I can do through the Council and other funding bodies to make it possible. I plan to have discussions with the Council's Convener of Community Safety and Council officers responsible for Community Safety as a first step.

### Former High School site

Persimmon Homes, the Council's preferred bidder for the site, have not got off to the best start as regards their public consultation exercise. Their plans for the site appear very sketchy and they seem very reluctant to allow room on the site for much needed parking for community use. Both Kinross Parish Church and St James' Church currently use the site for parking. The loss of this parking could cause real problems for people attending these churches and residents of surrounding streets. Added to this, the site lies within the Kinross Conservation Area, so any development is required to enhance the conservation area.

I will be watching developments here closely and do my best to get the maximum community benefit for Kinross from the site.

### Loch Leven Heritage Trail

I, like many others, am delighted that work has begun on the last section of the trail, which will link Loch Leven Mills and Vane Farm. I am very grateful to the landowners who have made this possible and the organisations that have supported TRACKS financially.

I chair the TRACKS committee and a big thank you must go to my committee members, our Project Director Neil Kilpatrick and our Project Officer George Lawrie who have all worked tirelessly to make the dream of a path around Loch Leven a reality. The idea of such a path was first raised with me back in 1995 and it has taken from then until now to bring it about.

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Conventional urban drainage systems are made up of a complex network of sewer pipes, overflows, gullies, burns and culverts (covered watercourses). Ownership and duties are split between various agencies and landowners.

Scottish Water has the public drainage duty and is responsible for the drainage of rainwater run-off (surface water) from roofs and any paved ground surface within the property boundary. Private pipework or guttering within the property boundary remains the responsibility of the homeowner. Additionally, Scottish Water helps to protect homes from flooding caused by sewers either overflowing or becoming blocked.



*Scottish Water, working to reduce the impact of flooding*

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Local Authorities are responsible for the drainage of local roads and public highways. The local authorities are responsible for dealing with tidal and river flooding and flooding caused by extreme rainfall. They are also

responsible for providing flood defences and maintaining watercourses.

The Scottish Government is responsible for motorway and major trunk roads drainage through Transport Scotland. The Government is responsible for making national policy on planning, flood prevention and flood warning.

Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is responsible for providing flooding advice and flood warnings that can be found on their website:

[www.sepa.org.uk/flooding](http://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding)

## *You can play your part ...*

The complex nature of flooding, with many agencies responsible for different aspects of sewer and drainage systems in communities, means that a partnership approach is needed to tackle this serious problem.

For more information about flooding, roles and responsibilities in Scotland visit:

[www.scottishwater.co.uk/flooding](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/flooding).

You can play your part in helping to prevent flooding by taking some simple steps to properly dispose of used cooking fat, oil and grease and bathroom waste items in your household rubbish. This will help save your drains and protect the natural environment across Scotland.

More than 50% of sewer blockages result from used cooking fat, oil and grease being disposed of down kitchen sinks and drains. These may not appear harmful but as they cool, they congeal and harden in drains and sewer pipes, increasing the risk of flooding.

A staggering 300 million items are wrongly flushed down toilets every year in Scotland. The waste water drain which runs from your house is just four inches wide and is only designed to take human waste and toilet roll. Flushing any other items can cause blockages in your drains or the sewer network which can lead to flooding – so bag and bin all other items to help save your drains.

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## Councillor Cuthbert

It has been a few months since my last update, so let me start with an apology for not being in touch more recently. There has been a huge amount going on and my focus has been on getting things done rather than talking about it.

Most recently I have been spending a lot of time looking at education issues, with which I will start this report.

### English and Mathematics teaching in Kinross-shire

In my last report, I asked people to contact me with information on their experience of English and Maths teaching in Kinross-shire. I would like to thank those of you who took the opportunity to do this.

I then asked officers for, and received, performance statistics for both primary and secondary schools. These numbers are somewhat baffling to a layperson like me, so I arranged for a meeting with the Service Heads of Primary and Secondary education and went through the numbers with them.

At this meeting we concluded that there was a small discrepancy in the performance statistics for Maths and a larger one for English at the High School when compared to the all-school performance numbers.

Following this, I have been sent a copy of the improvement plans prepared by both departments and I am currently arranging a meeting with the Head Teacher of Kinross High School to discuss the matter.

### Fossway and Cleish Primary Schools

An HMI report on Fossway Primary School was published on 25 June. This report was disappointing to say the least.

A presentation on the school's action plan to resolve the points identified by HMI was arranged for the evening of 21 August. I attended this along with Councillors Barnacle and Giacomazzi plus a large number of parents.

I would describe this presentation as being disappointing (I'm being polite) with a lot of parents expressing fairly strong views on the school's situation.

Following this, I attended meetings with the Parent Council, the Convener of Education, the Quality Improvement Officer and the Head of Primary Education.

On 29 August, the Head Teacher wrote to all parents to announce that she was leaving Fossway Primary School to undertake another role elsewhere in the authority.

With the departure of the Head Teacher of Fossway Primary School a gap was created and so officers appointed the Head Teacher of Cleish Primary School to the post of Acting Head Teacher of Fossway Primary School.

This created a lot of concern with parents of children attending Cleish Primary as two of the three permanent teachers are on maternity leave, and so a Special Parent Council meeting was held on 11 September, where a number of requests were made to officers by parents.

At the time of writing the outcome of those requests is not known, however I have been doing what I can to help present the parents' position to the powers that be.

As a point of interest, Cleish Primary School has won the "name the bridge competition" run by the Scottish government to name the new crossing over the Firth of Forth (Queensferry Crossing) and is due to receive a visit from the Scottish Minister for Transport on 30 October.

### Former Kinross High School site

A presentation was made to Kinross CC at their meeting on Wednesday 4 September by Persimmon Homes.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend as I was at a Fossway

Parent Council meeting, however I have spoken to people who attended the meeting and I am disappointed to note that the presentation was somewhat lacking in detail and questions from the floor were not permitted.

There are major concerns within the Kinross community over parking in the town centre and particularly in the area of the Parish Church and St James' Church.

It has long been my view that this is a key site in Kinross and should be used by the Council to maximize benefit for the community and I have favoured moving the Primary School onto part of the site and using the rest to provide much needed parking and other facilities for the town. However, the decisions on the land were made before I joined the Council and I have not yet found a way to change them.

Having said this, I attended a Kinross Primary School Parent Council meeting on 20 August where a presentation was made on the state of the primary school and the need for a new one. The Council has accepted that CLASP schools, of which Kinross Primary is one, need to be replaced sooner rather than later and plans to evaluate Kinross and Tulloch Primary schools in order to decide which one to replace first.

(CLASP: Consortium of Local Authorities Special Programme, a project in the 1950s and 60s that saw the creation of prefabricated school buildings.)

### Kinross Town Hall

I understand that work on Kinross Town Hall should commence soon.

### County Buildings

I understand that a preferred bidder for the County Buildings has been identified. I have asked officers to process the sale as quickly as possible, in order to prevent another boarded-up, derelict building in the heart of our community.

### U213 road near Cairnfold Farm

Following several meetings and discussions with residents along with other local Councillors, I attended a meeting with the Council's roads department and a resident to identify where new passing places should be erected to make the U213 road easier to navigate, following the erection of three riding stables on what is essentially a single track road with soft verges.

Hopefully this work will have been completed by the time you read this and hopefully all the residents will be happy with the new passing places.

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## Councillor Cuthbert continued...

### Perthshire Welcomes the Ryder Cup

On 23 July, I and my fellow local Councillors were notified that the Kinross-shire signs were to be taken down at the border to the county and new signs saying "Perthshire Welcomes the Ryder Cup" were to be erected instead.

All four local Councillors expressed their unhappiness at this and subsequently it was agreed to keep the Kinross-shire signs in place. The Ryder Cup signs were added at the A road and motorway entrances to the county.

I had a meeting with the Chief Executive where I asked for the Ryder Cup signs to be moved to the Perthshire border but was told that there was no budget for this.

I remain uncomfortable with the current situation.

### Kinross-shire Road and Pavement Improvements

I am very pleased with all the work that has been done on many of the Roads throughout Kinross-shire and thanked officers for arranging these.

I am especially pleased with the resurfacing of Springfield Road, the Muirs, the High Street and Burns Begg Street in Kinross. This feels like the first work on the roads of Kinross for a very long time.

However, I currently have a list of 29 outstanding issues with the Council's Roads Design and Safety team. In order to progress these and the issues the other local members have raised with the team, we are now having the Head of Service come to our monthly ward meeting to discuss progress on these.

### Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

During August, KLEO (I am the Chair) held an event in conjunction with the Rotary Club in Kirkgate Park which was designed to celebrate Kinross-shire's link with Mary Queen of Scots. This was the first time we had done this event and felt that it was a good turnout for a first attempt. My thanks to those who braved the inclement weather to come along.

The group will be holding a music festival from 14 to 24 November. As part of this we are hoping to close Kinross High Street from the mini roundabout beside the Co-op down to the Salutation Hotel in order to hold a Christmas Market with music and entertainment for all the family.

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## Positive report for Blairingone

by Perth & Kinross Council

Blairingone Primary School has been praised in an Education Scotland inspection report published on Tuesday 3 September 2013.

The assessment of the school considered how well children are learning and achieving and how well the school supports children to do their best. In particular the inspection looked at aspects of the school's recent work, including children's experiences outdoors and as members of the learning council, and how they made links and relevant connections in different areas of their learning.

The overall quality of provision at Blairingone was evaluated as very good in all five quality indicators. Key strengths identified at Blairingone were its motivated and enthusiastic pupils who valued their school and each other; partnerships that enhanced children's learning; the quality of children's learning experiences; the nurturing, inclusive school environment and its impact on children's achievements; and the leadership of the headteacher.

Children at Blairingone were found to be learning and achieving very well, actively taking responsibility for their learning and showing mutual respect to their peers. The pupils also told the inspection team they were stimulated and challenged in their work and especially enjoyed outdoor learning activities and opportunities to be creative and imaginative. They were all developing leadership and citizenship skills very well through contributions to school life and fundraising charities, and had their wider achievements acknowledged in school.

Pupils explored, explained and recalled very well what they had learned previously and were making progress across a range of areas within the very well-balanced curriculum. They had very good knowledge and understanding in science, and enjoyed discussing books. Their writing skills had improved and they had very good skills in numeracy and mathematics. The school supports children's development and learning very well, with staff working closely and effectively together with education officers, each other, children, parents and partner agencies to plan and review learning. Teaching staff carried out careful tracking and recording of pupils' progress and held individual meetings with children to look at how they are doing and their next steps. Education Scotland have asked staff at Blairingone Primary to continue taking account of pupils' individual needs and ensure they continue to make appropriate progress, especially in lessons where the children are all together.

The report also praises the headteacher's strong leadership and the exceptional working relationships of staff at the school. Very good systems to improve the school's work were already in place and staff engaged pupils meaningfully in thinking about the school and their own learning and achievements. The views of parents, staff and other partners in the school community were gathered and acted upon with support from council officers where necessary. The overall approach to the provision of education was having a real and positive impact and ensuring children at Blairingone had high-quality learning experiences.

The report concludes by stating Education Scotland is satisfied with the overall quality of provision and confident the school can continue to improve. As a result, no further visits will be made regarding the inspection.

## Vintage Day a great success

The Vintage Day held at Loch Leven Community Campus on 25 August was a great success. There were nearly thirty stalls, including a wonderful selection of vintage goods through the ages and super displays of memorabilia from the forties. Non-stop showings of Pathé newsreels together with a brilliant selection of Scottish military vintage vehicles took everyone back in time. The Museum provided a lovely display of Kinross-shire life in the forties together with a great selection of toys from the era that the children would have made and played with. The Library had vintage books on display and there were vintage style activities inside and out to keep the children entertained.

There was a good amount of beautiful vintage merchandise sold on the day by stallholders. There were also stalls raising money for charity with over £130 made for the British Legion and over £100 for Bethany Trust. A raffle



*Scottish military vintage vehicles at the Vintage Day*

held on the day also raised £105.43 for Kinross High School funds. Together with the Scottish military vintage

vehicles collecting for ABF The Soldiers Charity, in all it was a very worthwhile event.

As part of the Vintage Day there was a 40s Style Tea Dance in the afternoon. A lot of people donned forties dress and over ninety attended the dance with everyone having a lovely time dancing to all of the forties classic songs, only stopping for a short break to have a traditional afternoon tea.

All who attended Vintage Day and the Afternoon Tea Dance agreed it was a resounding success, with everyone looking forward to next year's event already.

There will be a Christmas Afternoon Tea Dance on Sunday 24 November as a finale to the Kinross Music Festival.

More photographs of the Vintage day can be viewed on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) and the campus website.



*Lots of people enjoyed the 40s style Tea Dance*

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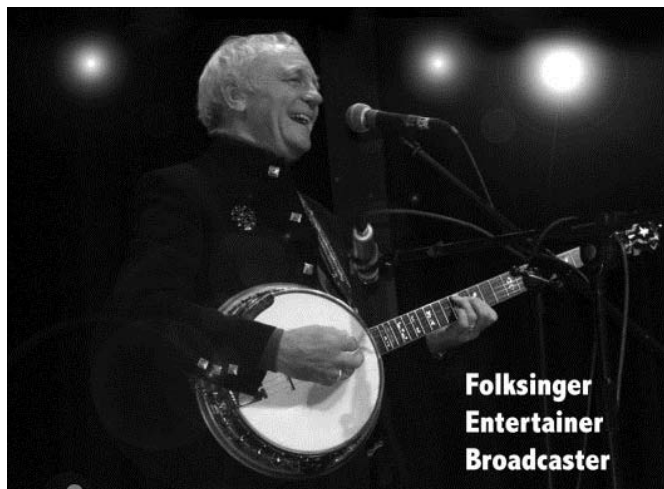
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## Alastair McDonald Concert

Orwell Church, Milnathort, will be the venue for a concert by the renowned Folksinger, Entertainer and Broadcaster Alastair McDonald on **Wednesday 30 October** at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £7 each (to include tea/coffee at close of concert), are on sale from the Church Office at 29 South Street, Milnathort (10am-2pm Monday to Saturday), Milnathort Post Office or by email application to Ruary MacLeod, Mission & Social Convener, Orwell & Portmoak Church, at [lothries@btinternet.com](mailto:lothries@btinternet.com) or phone 01577 863992. This is sure to be a popular event and as numbers are limited by the size of the venue, early application for tickets is recommended.



*Renowned folksinger Alastair McDonald will be in concert in Milnathort*

## Shedding new light on Portmoak

Portmoak Moss in Scotlandwell will be lit up for an enchanting event on the evening of **Friday 25 October**.

The Woodland Trust Scotland and Portmoak Community Woodland Group are hosting the special event to encourage more people to explore the wood after dark. The wood will be inhabited by magical characters, and visitors will have the chance to make their own lanterns to help them find their way around.

The Moss has been chosen from all the Woodland Trust's properties in Scotland to stage the event and the local community woodland group are hoping for a good turnout for this family occasion.

Gary Bolton from the Woodland Trust Scotland said: "This is the first time the Woodland Trust Scotland has held an event like this so we're really excited. Night-time walks are a great chance to see the wood in a new light and it's the perfect time to see wildlife, like bats."

Portmoak Moss is one of Scotland's few remaining raised peat bogs. It is surrounded by woodland that is gradually being returned to native species. There is a good path all the way round and regular visitors may have noticed contractors spraying birch regeneration on the bog recently, in order to prevent the peat drying out and to encourage sphagnum moss growth. It's all part of the big restoration project being funded by Scottish Natural Heritage.

Entry to the lantern event is free. Car parking and a minibus shuttle will be available from Lochend Farm Shop from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. For more information email [scotland@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:scotland@woodlandtrust.org.uk)

*Portmoak Community Woodlands Group*

## Complete your electoral registration form

Angus and Perth & Kinross residents will shortly receive their annual electoral registration form through the post and are being encouraged to complete and return it promptly. Included with this form will be a Young Person's Registration form to allow 15 year olds who will reach 16 years of age, on or before 18 September 2014, to register to vote at next year's Scottish Independence Referendum.

Electors do not have to return the Young Person's Registration form if there is no-one within their household who meets the criteria to be included on the form.

Electoral registration staff are working closely with schools, colleges and all other educational establishments in both areas to gather data on all 15 to 18 year olds for the 2014 referendum.

Alastair Kirkwood, Electoral Registration Officer for Angus and Perth & Kinross, said: "Registering to vote is quick and simple. All you have to do is update your electoral registration forms with details of everyone who lives in the household and is eligible to vote; and return to us as soon as possible in the pre-paid envelope.

"If your details haven't changed, you can simply reply by telephone, internet or text message instead.

"This is the last annual canvass before the European Parliament election on 22 May 2014 and the Scottish Independence Referendum on 18 September 2014 therefore you should return your forms to ensure you are eligible to vote.

"Anyone who has not received a form by 7 October, or who would like more information, should contact the local electoral registration office."

Residents of Perth & Kinross should contact the Perth office on 01738 630303.

## Sainsbury's are trolleywise

Did you know that over 1.5 million shopping trolleys are abandoned each year in the UK?

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Trolleywise has produced a free smart phone app, which you can use to photograph abandoned trolleys and tag their location via GPS. A team of drivers can then collect the rogue trolleys and put them back into service and cleaning up what can often be an eyesore.

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## News from the Health Centre



### Influenza Vaccination for Adults

#### Saturday Flu Clinics

The autumn seems to have come round quickly again and we have therefore made plans for the annual flu campaign. As in previous years, the flu clinics will be on Saturday.

The dates are as follows:

Saturday 5 October	9am to 1pm
Saturday 19 October	9am to 1pm
Saturday 2 November	9am to 1pm
Saturday 30 November	9am to 1pm

Appointments may now be booked with reception. **Please do not wait for a letter to be sent to you inviting you to make an appointment. If you are eligible, you may make your appointment now.** Clinicians will visit the residential and nursing homes as usual to administer the vaccination.

We would encourage all those in the following groups to come for a flu injection:

Over 65s	Those over 65 by 31 March 2014
Those aged 6 months or over in a clinical 'At Risk' group	Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions Chronic heart disease Chronic kidney disease Chronic liver disease Chronic neurological disease Diabetes Immunosuppression
Pregnant women	Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
Long stay residential	Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities
Unpaid Carers and young carers	Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without this help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility for another person which would normally be taken by an adult.

Please note that patients who do not fall into these categories or who have no other clinical reason for receiving the flu vaccination will not be given the vaccination.

### Influenza Vaccination for Children

The flu programme is being extended this year to include 2 and 3-year-old children. The vaccine is administered via a nasal spray rather than an injection. Special clinics will be run on **Saturday 19 October**, **Saturday 2 November** and **Saturday 30 November** and appointments may now be made at Reception for children born on or after 2nd September 2009 and on or before 1st September 2011.

### Pneumococcal Vaccination

Patients who have just become 65, or will be 65 by 31st March 2014, are eligible for the pneumovax vaccination. This vaccination is generally only required once and can be administered at the same appointment as the flu vaccination.

### Shingles Vaccination

This year a new vaccination against shingles is being introduced. The vaccine will be offered to all those aged 70 on 1st September 2013, i.e. those born between 2nd September 1942 and 1st September 1943. There will also be a catch-up cohort for those aged 79 on 1st September 2013, i.e. those born between 2nd September 1933 and 1st September 1934. Special clinics are taking place on **Saturday 2 November** and **Saturday 30 November** for those who wish the shingles vaccination. The flu vaccination can be given at the same appointment.

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## Business Survey

The Kinross-shire Partnership exists to identify, promote and encourage opportunities for:

- Economic development
- Tourism
- Environmental improvement
- Community Recreation

The Partnership also provides support for community groups and organisations.

As part of our ongoing work we would like to understand more about businesses in Kinross-shire so that we can better help them grow and prosper. To this end we would be most grateful if you would take a couple of minutes to complete our business survey. Please be assured that the results will never be identified against any specific business, and will not be used other than to help us form an overview of businesses in the area. Please be as honest and accurate as you can, and give us your 'gut-feel' answers rather than over analysing.

1. What sector would you describe your business as being in:
  - a. Tourism/leisure
  - b. Manufacturing
  - c. Transport
  - d. Construction
  - e. Agriculture
  - f. Retail
  - g. Professional services
  - h. Other (please state)
2. How many people do you employ? (for part time staff please estimate the Full Time Equivalent)
3. Is your business
  - a. Independent
  - b. Part of larger group
4. Just thinking about the business you have in Kinross-shire, is this
  - a. Your only site
  - b. Not your only site
5. Thinking about your customers, and where they are based, are they
  - a. All or almost all from Kinross-shire
  - b. More than half from Kinross-shire
  - c. Less than half based in Kinross-shire
  - d. None/very few based in Kinross-shire
6. Have you thought about expanding your customer base outside of your current customers in Kinross-shire?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
7. If yes, then what help or assistance would you like from others in order to achieve this?
8. If No, then are there any specific reasons or barriers for this?

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9. Thinking about your suppliers, and where they are based, are they
  - a. All or almost all from Kinross-shire
  - b. More than half from Kinross-shire
  - c. Less than half based in Kinross-shire
  - d. None/very few based in Kinross-shire
10. What would help/encourage you to use more Kinross-shire based suppliers?
11. How is your business faring compared to this time last year?
  - a. Trading much better than this time last year
  - b. Trading a bit better than this time last year
  - c. Trading much the same as this time last year
  - d. Trading a bit worse than this time last year
  - e. Trading much worse than this time last year
12. Casting your mind forward to this time next year, do you expect your business to be
  - a. Trading much better than now
  - b. Trading a bit better than now
  - c. Trading much the same as now
  - d. Trading a bit worse than now
  - e. Trading much worse than now
13. Thinking about growing your business, and especially thinking about the things **outside** your own direct control, what things, if they were to get better, would help your business grow the most? Some suggestions might fall under such headings as transport, planning, staff, etc. Please use free text and be as specific as possible.
14. Does your business benefit from the proximity to the M90 and or the new Clackmannan Bridge?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not sure
15. Could you business get more benefit from the M90/new Clackmannan bridge?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not sure
16. Have you thought about the opportunities that the Ryder Cup might bring for your business?
17. And finally, if the Kinross shire Partnership could only help you with one thing, what would it be?

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Thank you for taking the time to fill in this form. Please post to 10 Piper Row , Kinross, KY13 8TF.

If you do not want to tear this page from this Newsletter, you can download and print off a questionnaire from [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross  
Tel: 01577 867205 Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

For further details of any of the events listed below, and to book where required, please contact the library.

### 'Grey Cakes' and Mental Health Week

During mental health week, **7-12 October**, you'll find information about mental health, e.g. self-help booklets, information about services in the area, and 'mood boosting' books and DVDs in the library. There will also be displays from various groups about 'My Reality' of Mental Health and 'grey cakes'.

Mental health is often viewed as negative and dark, but when you get to know someone who experiences mental health issues they are often kind, knowledgeable and great people. Many people who bake find it therapeutic and a wonderful way to express themselves. Our idea behind 'grey cakes' is to find a fun and interesting way to express yourself and to engage in talking about mental health.

You can visit the exhibition at the library during opening hours, and sample the 'grey cakes' at 11.15am and 2.30pm each day.

### BOOK SALE – Loch Leven Community Library

A sale of withdrawn stock will take place at Loch Leven Community Library on **Saturday 12 October**, 10am to 2pm.

It is a perfect opportunity to replenish your home library and stock up with good reading for the darker evenings, or pick up travel books for holiday destinations around the world in 2014.

There will be plenty to choose from with books, DVDs and CDs of all types for all ages. Prices will range from 50p to a few pounds.

### Ghostly Autumnal Fun at the Library

**Monday 14 October and Monday 21 October at 3-4pm**

Come to the library to be inspired by Karen Wallace's ghostly characters during these fun storytelling and free activity sessions. Discover her favourite characters, from funky phantoms, star spooks and ghouls that go-a-haunting. Enjoy the holiday atmosphere with your children or grandchildren.

Suitable for 3-9 years. Children aged 8 years and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult. *Booking in advance is essential.*

### Kinross Books on Wheels Service

**Would you like books or multimedia delivered to your home?**

Do you have difficulty getting to the Community Library in Kinross? If so, why not register with our **Books on Wheels** service? Books and/or multimedia are delivered by two WRVS volunteers once a month. You may request specific titles, or you can let us know the type of book or multimedia you like, perhaps your favourite author or artist, and we will choose some appropriate titles for you. You can also choose CDs, DVDs and talking books. This service is completely free – there is no loan charge (even for DVDs) and no delivery charge.


To register, or to find out more about the service, please contact us at the library. We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

# LIBRARY BOOK SALE

## Loch Leven Community Library

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Perth & Kinross Libraries and Information Services have launched the second William Soutar writing competition for young people.

This year the competition is to write a poem and will give children a fantastic opportunity to show their creative talents. Entry is free and the competition is open to all children in Perth and Kinross aged 9-11, and 12-15, plus a best entry in Gaelic for 9-15 year olds. An iPad will be awarded to the winner in each category. There is also a prize of £100.00 worth of book tokens to be won by both a primary and secondary school in Perth and Kinross. The competition is being run by Perth and Kinross Libraries and Information Services with sponsorship for the secondary school age category from Thorntons Property Services. Entry forms and competition rules can be found in Community and School Libraries in Perth and Kinross or as downloadable documents from [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

The deadline for all entries is Thursday 28 November.



## Business Breakfasts

### Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

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

The Breakfasts will take place from **7.30am to 9am** on

**Wednesday 2 October**

**Wednesday 6 November**

and **Wednesday 4 December**

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

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

To register to attend one or more of the Breakfasts, please email Sandra Ralston, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator at [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk) or call 07774181768.

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

[www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk](http://www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk)

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## Book sale, coffee and home baking at Kinross Church Centre

Kinross Church Centre on Saturday mornings is the place to enjoy a Book Sale and Coffee Bar which over the years has not only provided good books, teas and a welcome meeting place but has also provided support for the work of Kinross Parish Church out of its profits.

Started by the late Robin Oliphant, the Book Sale and Coffee Bar runs from 10am until 12 noon most Saturdays, unless another organisation is using the facilities. Handily located in the middle of the High Street at the Church Centre (the halls of Kinross Parish Church of Scotland), the Book Sale is set out in the foyer with, according to current organiser, Jim Henry, "perhaps the least expensive books in town. We could not manage without Jean Erskine and Lynda Millar behind in the coffee bar, especially due to Jean's home baking! I would encourage anyone to come and browse and enjoy what's on offer."

### Scotlandwell Allotments

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## Council boosts curling fund

The future of curling in Kinross is looking more assured following a decision by Perth & Kinross Council to grant £125,000 towards the cost of refurbishing the local curling rink.

The rink, located at the rear of the Green Hotel, is now being run by the Kinross Curling Trust (KCT).

KCT has signed an agreement with effect from 1st September 2013 to lease the rink from the Green Hotel for the next 50 years, with an option for either party to break after 27 years. The facility has been renamed 'Kinross Curling'.

The curling rink will close in December 2014 unless funds to carry out essential upgrades are raised. The refrigerant gas currently used at the facility will become illegal on 1 January 2015 under EU legislation driven by climate change concerns.

KCT has drawn up a list of essential upgrades, including replacing the refrigeration plant, installing a new insulated ice pad and replacing the roof. The estimated cost is £800,000 and local curling clubs, individuals and the local community have so far contributed £335,500 to the fund.

Trust Chairman, Blair Melville, said: "The trustees are delighted that Perth & Kinross Council has decided to grant £125,000 towards the refurbishment project. We are also pleased that the Council, in its report to committee, recognises that we have experienced and knowledgeable people on board and that our business plan is well considered."

He added: "We still require grant funding from other bodies, however, if we are to keep curling in Kinross."

PKC's contribution is dependent upon the Curling Trust obtaining a grant from SportScotland. The project has already received stage 1 acceptance by SportScotland.

The Kinross Curling rink is well used, with around 1,000 people playing the sport there each season.

If sufficient funds are raised, major refurbishment will take place in the summers of 2014 and 2015. In the meantime, volunteers have made their mark on the now member-run facility by painting the lounge and changing rooms at the curling venue. (*See Sport, p. 75, for more.*)

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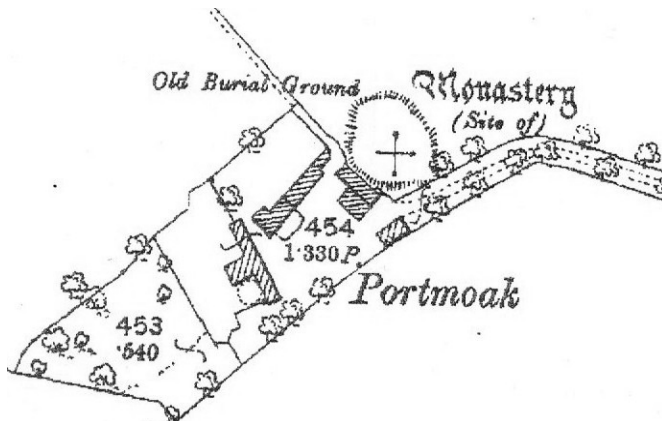
## THE OLD KIRK YARD OF PORTMOAK

*Below is the first part of a short history of The Old Kirk Yard of Portmoak, written by Professor David Munro. Part two, Portmoak Farm, will be published in next month's Newsletter.*

*On 23 August 2013, members of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust Priory project and invited guests visited the rediscovered chapel site and the Rev Dr Angus Morrison led a brief service of dedication. You can read about this on p. 68.*

### Portmoak Chapel

On a small mound near the western end of the Scottish Gliding Centre's runway, a handful of gravestones are all that is left of the site where Portmoak Chapel, later to become the parish church of Portmoak, once stood. This chapel, along with the monastery of Lochleven on St Serf's Island, and the Red Friar's hospice in Scotlandwell, was an important place in the medieval diocese of St Andrews.



*Detail from an 1895 Ordnance Survey plan showing the location of the former chapel and graveyard next to the steading of Portmoak Farm.*

Originally this site was associated with the early Christian Culdees, or 'servants of God', a religious group of Irish origin, here connected with St Serf or Servanus (also meaning 'servant'), one of the chief saints of west Fife. It is suggested that St Serf and St Moak may be one and the same person, the name Moak being a Gaelic rendering of Serf. This version of the saint's name survives in the name of the parish of Portmoak, the 'port' here referring to the harbour on the old shoreline of Loch Leven close to the chapel that was used to connect with St Serf's Island before the lowering of Loch Leven in the early 19th century.

An elegantly carved Celtic cross-slab, possibly dating from the 9th, 10th or 11th century, was found on the site of the old chapel in 1976. Decorated with a fine interlaced cross carved in relief, this stone can now be seen in the parish church near Scotlandwell where it was installed in a special service of dedication on 7 February 1993.

About 1150, King David passed the former Culdee abbey on St Serf's Island, along with the chapel at Portmoak, to the Augustinian Canons Regular of St Andrews and on 23 July 1243 Bishop David Bernham came to Portmoak to dedicate the rebuilt chapel to St Stephen the martyr and St Moanus or Moak the confessor.

In 1544, when Henry VIII of England threatened the destruction of the Bishops' Palace and Cathedral in St Andrews during an episode known as the 'Rough Wooing', the endangered treasures, including the relics of St Andrew, were said to have been temporarily moved to the chapel of Portmoak for safe keeping.

After the Scottish Parliament abolished papal authority and the mass in 1560, the chapel continued to serve the community of Portmoak as the parish church for nearly 100 years. By 1649, however, the old parish church was described as being "most ruinous .... The stance thair of being beside the Loch of Leven and encompassed round about with a moss so that the passage thairto is difficult in sommer and impossible in winter to the tou part [two thirds] of the congregation". In 1659 the Presbytery finally met to condemn the old church of Portmoak, which was rebuilt two years later between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell, the two largest settlements in the parish.



*The Portmoak Stone, a thousand-year-old Celtic cross-slab discovered in 1976 in the old kirk yard.*

Article by David Munro

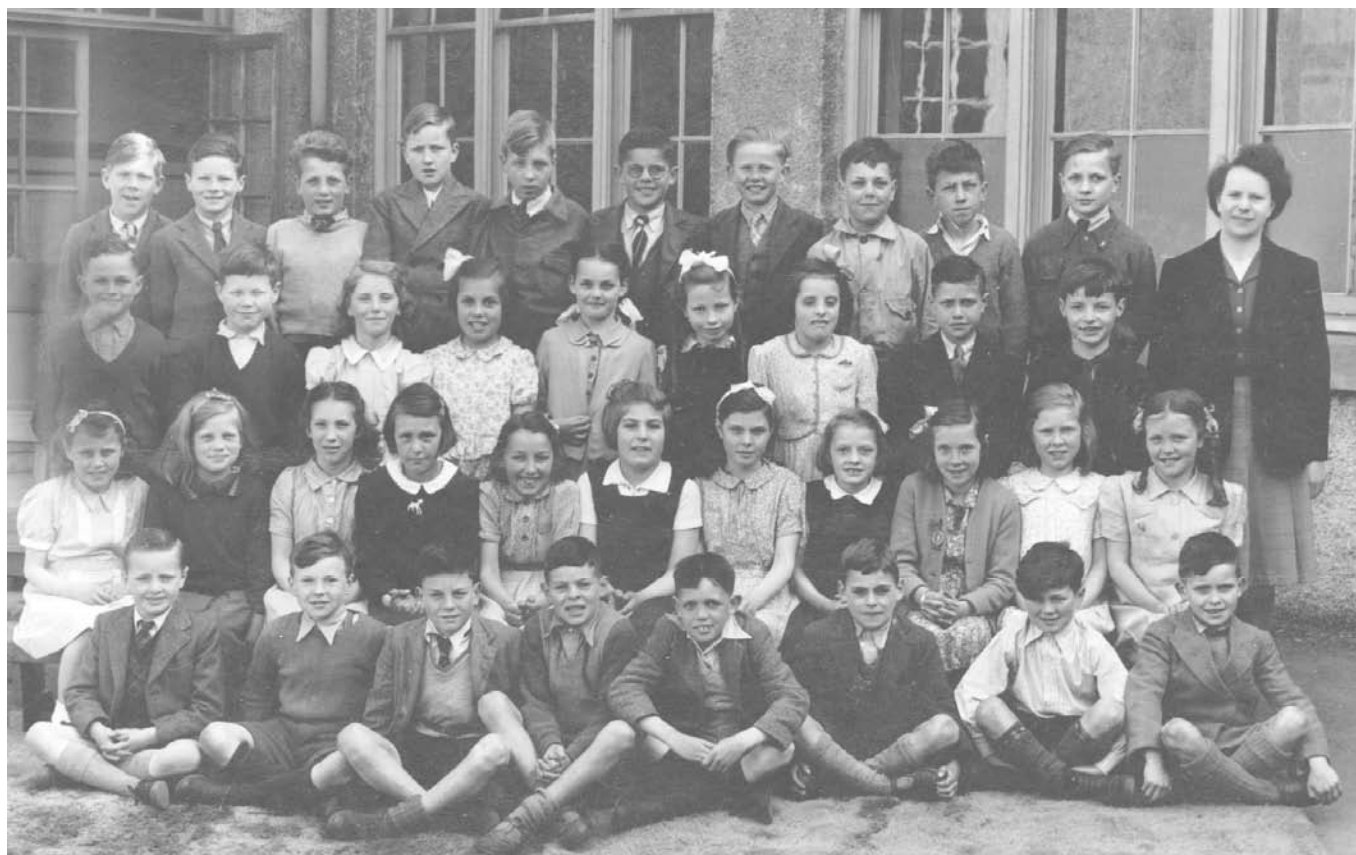
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Mr Allan can be contacted via the Day Centre at the Church Centre, High Street, Kinross.

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## Kinross Community Council

### News from the September Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 September 2013 were: CCllrs D Colliar, I Jack, C Watson, M Blyth, D Mackay, M Scott, M Wood, W Freeman, B Davies and G Thomas; two representatives from Persimmon Homes and a large number of members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr West and P&K Councillors Giacomazzi, Cuthbert, Robertson and Barnacle.

**Declaration of Interest:** CC Watson mentioned his involvement with the Mackintosh Memorial Institute, adding that he was uncertain if this would be regarded as an interest.

**Police Report:** Unable to provide a representative but had reported to the secretary vandalism to Sluice House, Loch Leven; vandalism to two shop windows in the High Street and two incidents of vandalism at Kinross Primary School. All under enquiry.

### Presentation from Persimmon Homes

The Chairman explained that Persimmon Homes held a presentation at the campus [in May] and were at this meeting to provide information to the CC. They are required to carry out these presentations in order to comply with regulations. As such, it was agreed that questions from the public would not be accepted at this meeting. Any questions were to be taken after the presentation and emailed to Persimmon Homes for answers.

The representatives introduced themselves and provided the CC with two sheets, which included a copy plan of the site. (This had been on display at the campus.) They have to listen to the views of the public, however do not have to necessarily incorporate these in their designs. They collate all the comments received and also discuss issues with the planning officials. Comment cards were available at the campus and have been collated.

The existing buildings will be demolished and they are planning to build a mix of two-storey housing, ranging from 90 to 100 in number. This will include an element of affordable housing, although no exact figures were provided. As the site falls within a Conservation Area certain considerations require to be taken into account. They added that the units should boost the local community and see it more sustainable as a town. In answer to a query from CCllr Jack it was stated that they are unable at present to confirm the number of terraced properties to be erected as this will depend on the characteristics of the site etc. They propose to construct a combination of properties as quickly as possible. Parking will be between 1.25 and 2.5 bays per house on street parking similar to other developments. No car park area is included in the plans and it will be PKC's decision if they want to enforce a car park. CCllr Wood asked if they would consider on-street parking. They answered that any car parking facility forced by the Council (for church or surrounding use) would impact on the development in relation to appearance etc and at the moment this is not being considered. There is to be a single point of access from the High Street (further to the south), however certain points may

be changed before submission of the planning application. It was commented that the High Street currently is congested and the construction of around 100 properties will add to the level of traffic in this area. They answered that a Traffic Survey (Council led) will take on board traffic and primary junctions.

The legal process in ongoing and the contract is concluded for the site, subject to planning and other conditions.

CCllr Colliar enquired if this was the only development they were proposing at this time locally. They answered that this is their only proposal currently.

Jaffrey Weir asked if the questions raised and Persimmon Homes' answers would be available to the public. Persimmon answered that these will form part of the planning submission when the application is lodged. Mr Weir stated that he expected the collated notes of the comments raised at the campus and the answers would become public knowledge.

Once Persimmon Homes left the venue the following comments/questions were raised:

**Education:** The Primary School is overstretched. The added pupils from such a development adds to this. The sale of the High School site will offset the expense of the campus. Persimmon will also have to pay a contribution towards education for every property built. It was suggested that the CC approach the Education Dept and ask them to commit to a plan for Kinross.

**Site location:** Most modern estates are on the outskirts of town and this proposed development is in the centre. We are blind as to what type of houses they intend to construct until we have access to proper detailed plans. The frontage area is particularly important to blend in with the High Street.

**Open space:** CCllr Freeman commented on the green space and play area, asking once the properties are built who will be responsible for maintaining this. It was explained that this can either be taken over by the Council or a greenbelt company.

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**Site visit:** The CC was asked if it might be appropriate to invite Council Planning representatives to attend a site visit to include some community input. The CC was in negotiation with the Council before the site was sold and, in view of the time that has elapsed, and due to the present circumstances, could write and ask PKC to carry out a site visit.

CCllr Thomas asked what questions the CC intends to raise with Persimmon. CC members will be circulated the communication prior to it being submitted.

Mr Weir stated that we should try to make the Council impose restrictions and again commented on the lack of car parking in the town and urged the CC as representatives of the community to push this forward.

Mr G Hayton commented on the boundary wall with the cemetery, adding that the Council currently maintain this and require access. Who will be responsible for the boundary walls? He further stated that the Council will wait for receipt of the Planning Application before giving full consideration to the proposal. There is nothing in the Local Plan so if we want to make changes we should approach this at an earlier stage in the planning process, i.e. when selling this to the Developer.

The CC agreed that, as it stands, there is nothing to work on in relation to the proposed development. A suggestion was made that the CC ask the Council for clarification on where their negotiations are with Persimmon Homes and the possible timescale involved, also if there are any conditions written into the contract and when they would expect to receive a planning application. The alternative is to return to Persimmon Homes and ask when they plan to submit their application to PKC and for more detailed information on their proposal. The CC agreed to do both. Mr Hayton suggested that the CC ask if they took into account the guidelines in the new Development Plan.

**Parking Survey:** CCllr Colliar commented on the survey questionnaire in the Newsletter stating that this should not be solely for the Station Road area but the whole of the town. He did not see this before it went to print, indeed it was noted that all CCllrs should have had access to this. CCllr Thomas apologised for this.

#### **Matters Arising from Minutes of 7 August**

**Visit from Keith Brown, MSP:** Due to a full diary he is unable to attend at present, however offered to send a Scottish Government Official in his place. The CC will pursue his attendance.

**Newsletter Directors:** The Articles for the Charity Company (KCCNL) records that Directors have to be members of the CC and, accordingly, Cllr Cuthbert would need to be replaced. CCllr Thomas reiterated that PKC's Scheme of Establishment reads that the elected Councillors are ex officio members of the CC, however hold no voting rights. Thus there would be no need for Cllr Cuthbert to be replaced. None of the members present were aware of this. CCllr Watson is to clarify the position with PKC and this will be discussed at a later meeting.

Cllr Cuthbert is also a Director of the Trading Company (KNL). KNL Directors do not have to be CC members.

Ross McConnell questioned the position in relation to funds held should the CC disband and the Directors are all members of the CC. The likelihood of this is low and CCllr Watson added that KCCNL has charitable status, reporting to OSCR, and any funds would have to be distributed for charitable purposes. CCllr Thomas enquired as to who would be responsible for the decisions in relation to the distribution of the funds in this case.

**Mackintosh Memorial Institute - Mill Street:** Mr Keatings from the High School and CCllr Wood have both agreed to be Trustees, along with the Rector of the Parish Church. The Sheriff Clerk has been advised by his officials not to take office. The CC has to agree on the best use of the land prior to a meeting. CCllr Watson advised that PKC wishes to progress this matter quickly, however Jaffrey Weir (from the Parish Church) understood that this was not the case and matters would take a little longer. CCllr Watson would report to CCllr Colliar any further developments in relation to this.

#### **Disbursement of Newsletter Funds**

CCllr Davies reported.

Five people from Kinross-shire took part in the archaeology training event. £250 was paid out, representing the agreed amount of £50 for each party.

Two letters were received from Kinross Guides thanking the CC for the contribution towards their visit to the Museum and Gang Show in Edinburgh.

Amanda James of the Potager Garden thanked the CC for the contribution. This paid for a local landscaper to lay a new "Discovery Path" and erect a bamboo screen for the framework for the new sensory area. There is to be a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on 21 September at the Potager Garden and the CC members are invited (10.30am to 12).

The new laptop is expected to be delivered this month.

Ross confirmed that the annual contribution towards maintenance of the kinross.cc website is paid direct from the Newsletter and he will attend to this.

#### **Planning**

13/01298/FLL Applecross, Muirs: Alteration/extension.

13/01378/FLL Levenfields, Station Rd: Modification of existing consent: Change of house type, plots 47-56.

13/01423/FLL Gellybank Farm: Amendment of condition 3 (12/01092/FLL): Improvements to access road.

13/01073/FLL 69-71 High St: Replacement windows and doors.

13/01348/FLL 1 Goudierannet Steading: Installation of air source heat pump (in retrospect).

13/01468/LBC 111 High Street: Alterations, 1st Floor.

13/01379/FLL Land 110 metres south east of Beaufield, Balado: Erection of eight dwellings with associated access road, parking bays, turning areas and drainage arrangements.

A member of the public present had earlier asked to speak on



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this matter. The area in question is a paddock adjoining houses which he and other members of the public present occupy. This was outside the envelope for the last Local Plan, but has found its way into the proposed Development Plan, however is not zoned for housing. The gentleman referred to the Housing Survey completed in 2013 and the number of houses allocated in Kinross-shire area, commenting on the phosphates position in Loch Leven, traffic issues on the A977, open space and the parking allocation to the new development. He added that the level of traffic would be considerable, this is a flood risk area and drainage is poor. The nearest bus stop will be 1000 metres away, the road is too busy for cyclists currently without this added traffic. He asked if the CC would support the residents objecting to this application. The CC agreed to object.

#### Applications Determined by PKC

13/01144/FLL 2 Easter Balado Farm Cottage: Installation of air source heat pump. Approved.

13/01073/FLL 69-71 High Street: Install replacement windows and doors. Refused.

13/01328/FLL South Kilduff Wind Turbines. Ross McConnell asked to speak in relation to this application. Although outside the CC boundary, his house is within the area and is the closest to the proposed development. The proposal is for two wind turbines to the west of the CC boundary, 45 metres high. The applicant has failed to carry out the required assessment under the planning brief for erection within 900 metres of housing. The core path network and public right of way affect this proposal and again should have been assessed. There are other wind turbines in the area and account should have been taken of this fact. The CC agreed to object. The impact of this type of development is detrimental to the Loch Leven basin and the proliferation of single and double turbine applications arising in the area is excessive.

#### Questions from floor

Jaffrey Weir thanked the CC in relation to the survey in the Newsletter.

#### Correspondence

**Photographic Exhibition:** Invitation to preview.

**Planning Scotland's Seas Consultation:** Runs to 13 Nov. Information available online.

**CC Training opportunities:** Deadline 11 September.

**Keep Scotland Beautiful:** Clean Up Scotland Campaign running from 30 Sept to 13 Oct to raise awareness of dog fouling. Asking for volunteers to survey their local park or pitch. Information available online.

**Courier:** Request for copy of monthly minutes. Agreed.

**Spirit of Youth Awards, Welfare Reform Briefing/ Youth Employment Scotland Fund:** Information received.

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**Verge cutting:** Current Council budget only allows for one cut per year. Local members, however, feel that there is a safety issue at road junctions and additional cuts may be sanctioned at certain locations identified as a problem. Asking for the CC to identify these locations causing most concern. Will give this some consideration.

**HLF:** The outline Heritage Lottery Fund application was submitted for deadline of 31 August. (An earlier application was rejected.) If successful to the next stage, the application will be submitted in November 2014. The Projects Regeneration Officer has offered to visit the CC to explain the process. Agreed.

**Planning User Forum:** The webpage is now live. The CC has a link to access this.

**T in the Park** meeting was same evening as CC meeting.

**Supplementary Guidance** (Development Plan): PKC is preparing a Supplementary Guidance document to support the Local Development Plan (Policy). All Supplementary Guidance is subject to consultation. The document will require approval from the Scottish Ministers before being adopted by PKC. Consultation runs 30 Aug to 11 Oct and covers five pieces of Supplementary Guidance. Submission has to be lodged before 11 October.

**Footways** (Re-determination of Means of Exercise of Public Right of Passage) Order 2013: Road Traffic Order providing cycle tracks.

#### Other Business

**Parking Questionnaire:** to be included on website.

**Snow clearing:** CCllr Jack said that CCllr Robertson was to approach this subject with the Council.

**A977 Bridge at Balado:** CCllr Jack mentioned that this was a bad repair, leaving a bump as you travel over the bridge. The CC agreed to take this matter up with PKC.

**Bank of Scotland:** CCllr Freeman mentioned again the dip in the road here. CC will raise this with PKC.

**Community involvement:** CCllr Scott reported that three ladies from the Piper Row/Swansacre area had cut the hedge and painted the rail at Dr Mungie's statue. The CC commends them for their efforts.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 2 October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

#### Agenda for the Meeting on 2 October

- (1) Apologies. (2) Declarations of Interest. (3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September. (4) Police report. (5) Matters arising. (6) Newsletter Directors and Ex Officio Members. (7) Mackintosh Memorial Institute – Mill Street. (8) Town improvements. (9) Disbursements of Newsletter Funds. (10) Planning. (11) Reports from P&K Councillors. (12) Questions from the floor. (13) Miscellaneous correspondence. (14) Other competent business. (15) Date of next meeting.

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the September Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Cottingham, Milne-Home, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on 12 September. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Cuthbert and 16 members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Halford and from P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi, Robertson and Barnacle.

**Police matters:** PC Sadie Allan reported. There were no new recent crimes. Speed checks were carried out between 8.30am and 9.30am on Burleigh Road and four tickets were issued. The Chair noted this was a regular problem and requested that Cllr Cuthbert raise this with PKC Road Safety and report back.

CCllr Thomson thanked the police for their help in recovering a stolen trailer at Tillyrie.

CCllr Milne-Home commended the police on their new "Rural Watch" initiative.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Item 9 was meant to note that the access via Webster's was currently not an "adopted road", not Crawford Place.

**Golf at Jessie's Park:** Cllr Giacopazzi had raised this with PKC official Andy Clegg who advised that a "No Golf" sign would most likely be ignored and may be illegal under the Land Reform Act. PKC's suggestion is if golf continues to be played in the park it could constitute a public nuisance and to contact the police on 101.

**Car wash and valet:** The owner of the proposed new business on Wester Loan wrote to the Chair to confirm full written authorisation has been granted from SEPA, Scottish Water and PKC licensing and planning departments for the business. They would like to assure residents that work being carried out is intended to enhance the appearance of 2/12 Wester Loan.

**Planning applications:** The following planning applications in Milnathort were discussed, but no comments were raised:

13/01572/FLL: Erection of dwelling house (renewal of 10/00662/AML), Netherhall Farm, Milnathort.

13/01591/LBC: Modification of existing consent (13/00757/LBC), alterations, partial demolition and extension to dwelling house, Burleigh House, Burleigh Road, Milnathort.

13/01440/FLL: Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Finlarig, Mawcarse.

**Planning applications determined:** The MCC noted that the following had been approved: 13/00139/FLL: Variation of condition 3 of planning consent 08/01141/FLL to include any heritable creditor to occupy the dwelling house, land 140 metres south west of Wester Tillyrie House, Milnathort.

**Cuthill Towers bus shelter:** A representative of Cuthill Towers Owners Association spoke. A bus shelter has been offered by PKC but there is no funding to install it and thus have asked the residents for £500 to install the shelter. Cllr Cuthbert noted that although there was budget for replacing or repairing existing shelters, there was no council budget for installation of new shelters. As the bus stop is used by children travelling to Kinross High School, Cllr Cuthbert offered to contact "Safer Routes to School" within PKC to see if they could offer assistance.

**Cycle route at Cuthill Towers:** The same resident from Cuthill Towers asked about the lack of access to cycle routes at Cuthill Towers. Although the developer had provided a path to the rail route (as per the planning condition) this does not connect to any rural multi-user path system. CCllr Bennet recommended that TRACKS be contacted for advice.

**Ditches at Middleton:** The Chair noted that the ditches on the road from Middleton towards the Blaimathort-Hattonburn Road were still in a poor condition with stagnant water. Repair works were proposed by PKC last summer but were not completed due to poor weather. The Chair will continue to remind Stuart D'All.

**T in the Park disruption to village:** A letter was received from a resident of Church Street raising complaints about the following negative aspects of T in the Park: Parking problems, use of A91 by pedestrians against advice of festival and sound from the event itself. After discussion, it was agreed that although the event does cause some nuisance to the village it is only one weekend of the year and the benefits to the local economy outweigh the negatives. It was also noted that the wind direction meant noise levels were higher this year than previous years, though many villagers had commented positively on enjoying hearing the music in their gardens. CCllr Smith also noted that there was a telephone line published each year for residents to use to report any complaints or feedback. A local forum is also held each year for residents to raise any issues.

**Victoria Avenue one-way system:** The Chair reported that, contrary to previous Placecheck newsletters, the conversion of Victoria Avenue to one-way had not progressed. Jillian Robertson (Principal Engineer, Road Safety and Design, PKC) had written to Cllr Giacopazzi advising that PKC propose to carry out traffic surveys and carry out further public consultation before making a decision. After much debate with the members of public and CCllrs present, no clear consensus could be agreed other than a build-out by Jessie's Park to slow traffic and provide better sight lines for children crossing the road. Cllr Cuthbert requested copies of the Placecheck newsletter so he could follow up and report back.

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**Roadside verge cutting:** PKC is cutting back on roadside verge cutting. The budget now allows for an average of one cut per year and if the public have any specific safety concerns that they are invited to raise these with the CC so they can be passed to PKC.

**New matters and correspondence:** CCllr Pettinger had received a number of complaints from the public about footballers training in Donaldson Park. This related to swearing, urinating in the bushes and dropping litter. A member of the public had been verbally abused when asking the footballers to watch their foul language since many young children were using the adjacent play park. CCllr Smith also reported that the football training was typically twice a week and causing traffic problems on Church Street. It was agreed to minute the complaint rather than write to the football club at this stage.

#### Comments and Questions from the Floor

**Scottish Agronomy site:** A member of the public raised a complaint about the Scottish Agronomy site at Arlary Farm. The current licence only permits vehicle movements (employer or delivery vehicles) during the hours 0800 to 1800, Monday to Saturday. It was reported however that deliveries regularly take place outwith these hours, creating a noise nuisance to the adjacent domestic houses. Cllr Cuthbert noted that the current site has a live planning application; until this is decided, including any amendment to traffic movements, PKC cannot take any action. Cllr Cuthbert also recommended that the residents contact Environmental Health so they can take noise measurements.

**Demand responsive transport:** A representative of the Kinross Volunteer Group (KVG) raised concern about funding being reduced for the Kinross Volunteer Group (KVG) due to the Demand Responsive Transport Initiative in the Muckhart area. The CC commended the excellent work done by KVG but understood this initiative was for Clackmannanshire and hopefully should not negatively impact on KVG.

**Outh Muir Wind Farm:** A member of the public raised a concern about the Chair's handling of this item at the August CC meeting. It was stated that the speaker was not representing the views of the community but that of a non-elected body (Kinross-shire Civic Trust). Cllr Milne-Home noted that the minute for the previous meeting was accurate and the presentation was useful as the application could have a major visual impact on the ward.

**War Memorial:** Graeme Stewart gave an update. Masonry works are complete and the original 1950 railings refurbished and reinstalled. The 1921 gates have also been refurbished and refitted. Unfortunately the plaque damage was more

severe than anticipated and the additional cost of repair will be £8000. It is hoped that this additional cost can be met by scaling back the path improvements, saving £5600, with the balance met by the Council. (*See also Club News, page 57.*)

**Town Hall bells:** The local resident who queried whether the town hall clock could be silenced during the middle of the night complained about the media attention she had received. A number of CCllrs had been contacted by the press. CCllr Pettinger noted that the local resident had made a polite enquiry and not objected (as reported in the Courier) and this should be minuted as such.

#### P&K Councillors' Comments

As he was unable to attend, Cllr Giacomazzi had submitted a report covering golf in Jessie's Park, Victoria Avenue one-way system, Town Hall bells and Wester Loan car wash (all covered above).

His report also covered **Athron Hall water issues**, which are to be discussed at a PKC Meeting in October, and **Milnathort flooding**. Temporary solutions have been suggested by Scottish Water to Mill Cottage and the Jolly Beggars while the flood overflow pipe under the Donkey Field has been cleared. Further progress on proposed solutions for flooding to affected properties on Stirling Road and New Road are expected for October.

Cllr Cuthbert noted two items: (i) He had a video of flooding to Balfour Crescent. (ii) A decision on the preferred bidder for the County Buildings, Kinross, was expected shortly.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 10 October 2013 at Orwell Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm.**

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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 10 September 2013 were: CCllrs B Calderwood (Chair), S Forde, R Williamson, R Cairncross, and I McGrattan; R Pritchard (Minute Secretary) and five members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr M Strang Steel, Ward Councillors W Robertson, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi and the Police.

**Change of Office Bearers:** The CC received the resignation of the Chairman Malcolm Parkin on grounds of ill health and expressed its gratitude for his considerable service. New office bearers were confirmed: Chair, Malcolm Strang Steel; Deputy Chair, Bruce Calderwood; and Secretary Robin Cairncross. The Chairman introduced Rita Pritchard as Minute Secretary.

**Gritting and Snow Clearing:** The CC had contacted potential independent contractors who had been approached by PKC to assist with snow clearing. A final decision on the arrangements for the forthcoming winter is awaited.

**HGV traffic in Portmoak:** Elizabeth Smith MSP is investigating the issue of classification of roads with Transport Scotland and will report. Any change would require careful appraisal. PKC is liaising with Fife to seek if their sign at Auchmuir Bridge could be amended to inform HGV traffic that the B9097 route (south loch road) was suitable for both northbound and southbound vehicles.

**Footpath between Easter and Wester Balgedie:** The Council welcomes progress on this important venture.

**Grounds maintenance:** The CC noted the request from PKC to be advised of the need for additional cuts for safety reason at certain junctions. Growth at the Kilmagadwood junction, which could interfere with sight lines, could merit attention.

**A911 and Wester Balgedie Junction:** Cllr Giacomazzi (written report) noted that the issue of signage and an anti-skid road surface at this accident spot was being considered by PKC.

**Police report:** The police apologised for non attendance. A written report was submitted. Key messages included the introduction of "Rural Watch" arrangements. For information on how to access the new arrangements, the website is [www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk) then click join, select kinross-shire rural watch and select within 10 miles. The CC agreed to alert the police to concerns of the Kilmagadwood residents about the safety of the new junction on the A911 at Kilmagadwood.

**Treasurer's Report:** £663.75 in the general account, and £815.82 in the Michael Bruce Way account. Total £1,479.57 as at the end of August 2013.

### Planning

The CC had considered the following planning applications made to PKC and had agreed not to make any objection:

13/01097/FLL Alterations, change of use and restoration of formal stable and cottage to form residential annex, Lynallan, Kinnesswood.

13/01312/FLL Extension to cattery and office, Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell.

These decisions were those of the entire CC.

The CC notes and makes no comment on the three applications in retrospect: 13/00262/ADV, 1300263/ADV and 13/00269/ADV for free standing advertisement boards and interpretation display panels.

The CC is currently considering:

13/01482/FLL Removal of conditions 2 and 3 (use of building and external storage) planning consent, 3 Middleburn Cottages, Kirkness, Cardenden.

13/01425/FLL Modification of existing consent (10/00134/FLL) Change of house type (plot 2) and change of use from agricultural into garden ground, Land north of Kilmagadwood Cottage, Scotlandwell. The CC agree that the information provided by PKC on this application was not adequate. Further information would be sought and new date for concluding comments sought if necessary.

13/01543/FLL Erection of dwelling house: modification of (08/01803/FLL) change of house type, Balneathill House, Easter Balgedie.

13/01185/ADV Display of two signs, land 70m north east of Fairview house, Scotlandwell.

**Local Development Plan:** The CC is considering five pieces of Supplementary Guidance as part of a consultation by PKC.

**Consents:** The CC has investigated information from a resident that two new buildings appeared to have been erected, possibly without planning permission. Planning consents were in order.

The CC is pursuing the position re planning consent when a permanent access from a field to a road is constructed by a landowner.

**Outh Muir Windfarm:** The CC was mindful of the potential impact on the existing landscape and is considering whether to comment or not to both Fife and Perth and Kinross Councils. In the meantime the views of the community and of ward councillors would be welcome.

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**Kilmagad Wood:** The CC noted that the matter of whether building should be halted pending resolution of planning conditions relating to the junction had been referred for legal opinion. The CC will pursue clarity on landscaping and maintenance arrangements as they related to potentially redundant ground at the junction. The CC noted concerns of residents regarding safety at the junction. It would relay these to the police and to PKC.

Potential concerns about the gradient before the junction, particularly in winter, were acknowledged.

**Developer contributions:** The school has now written to PKC about realising the developer contribution from Kilmagadwood. Cllr Giacopazzi is progressing the contribution for "the Green" at Scotlandwell.

### Roads

Good progress had been made on repairing sunken gulleys and in surfacing the B9097 (south loch road). The timing for completing the resurfacing work on the road would be explored.

Reinstatement of the antiskid surface post recent road works on the A911 approach to Auchmuir Bridge would be explored.

Damaged warning build-out bollards at both entrances to Kinnesswood would be reported.

Cllr Giacopazzi (written report) confirmed that reflectors on the Gullet Bridge and blind summit signs on the B9097 (south loch road) were in hand. The dangerous wall in Wester Balgedie and the collapsed wall on the entry to Kinnesswood would be raised with Cllr Giacopazzi.

The missing Scotlandwell in Bloom award sign would be pursued.

A request for a pelican crossing on the South Loch road at Vane Farm to assist disabled visitors was noted.

Concerns were raised once more about the risk to pedestrians from heavy vehicles on the narrow footpath along the A911 between the Church and Scotlandwell.

### Paths

Remedial work was being carried out on the upper stretches of the Michael Bruce Way above Kinnesswood.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 8 October 2013 at Portmoak Primary School.**

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## Fossoway & District CC

### News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 3 September were: CCllrs S Morrison, T Duffy-Wigman, K Borthwick, A Lavery and S Anderson; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson and 16 Members of the Public (MoP). Apologies were received from CCllrs A Cheape and R Paterson and P&K Cllrs J Giacopazzi and M Barnacle.

There were no declarations of interest.

**Community Policing:** PC Sadie Allan reported recent crimes including a theft of a Massey Ferguson utility vehicle from Easter Muirhead, Blairingone. Rural thefts continue to be of concern. There is an ongoing local initiative: Kinross-shire Rural Watch, a local "neighbourhood watch" scheme for rural areas. Checks for speeding in the area are continuing.

**Hydro Scheme:** A public meeting was held in Crook of Devon Hall where there was robust discussion. Glendevon Energy acknowledged local concerns and were addressing them in the planning process. SEPA have said the scheme will not add to the flood risk. A noise study will be provided and the CC will review it when the report is available. MoP raised the question of extracting too much water, and affecting the river downstream. Mr Wallace responded that SEPA were setting the level of extraction allowed, and the scheme was modelled on a worst case scenario of only being able to operate 60% of the time, which still made it a viable proposition. Another MoP felt none of the concerns had been addressed and that blasting rocks close to houses and damage to services were still an issue. There was considerable discussion on this matter and Mr Wallace confirmed that experienced contractors who are used to dealing with these problems would be used. The scheme will be revisited by the CC but it can only comment on planning issues.

**Heads Hill Wind Farm:** This is not in the planning process yet. The CC may wish to comment.

**Blairingone War Memorial:** Cllr Barnacle, K Borthwick, A Lavery, G Pye, the Developer and a Council Official met to resolve the moving of the War Memorial. The meeting identified a place on the back wall of the cemetery for the Memorial and where vehicles could access the site. This will all go ahead soon. It proved to be a positive meeting.

**Signposting Core Paths and Rights of Way:** George Harley has still not had the meeting with D Stubbs.

**Travellers' site, Crook Moss:** Cllr Robertson is still investigating drainage issues. The mitigation measures involved a property which is on the border of Loch Leven catchment area, but the issue was where did the drainage go to? Nick Brian would be investigating the issue. The other area of concern was where the treated effluent was being pumped to a raised area, which was being created. The area was on top of the original rubbish tip and it had not been part of the phase 2 site investigation. The CC had previously requested that if any development was to take place on this area that a full contamination investigation should take place.

**Community Workshops** will be held in Powmill and Blairingone to discuss local issues. An initial meeting with the CC will take place on the 10 September to discuss the format for the meetings timing and location. The results will then be publicised to local residents.

**Community Speed Watch:** Cllr Robertson has had discussions with the Chief Inspector about the scheme and the police are encouraged with the results. They are hoping to see six speed watch areas with the communities sharing the equipment. The Police cannot bear all the costs and it was



agreed that investigations should begin as to whether the Kinross Fund could be used. Capital costs could be met but ongoing costs may prove to be a problem. Police are keen for the scheme to be rolled out. Trudy has had a letter from Emma Bowman apologising for the lack of information given to the community after the project. 211 warning letters had been sent out, 93 fell within the scope of police enforcement. There were no repeat offenders.

**Fracking:** A meeting is to be arranged with Kevin and Sandy with Friends of the Earth to discuss the issue.

**Bus Investment Fund:** CC now on board as a partner. Final submission made.

**Film Festival:** JAM (Just About Movies) festival is planned at Tullibole Castle. Rod had attended the presentation day and based on his report the CC was supportive of the proposal.

#### Reports from P&K Councillors

**Cllr Cuthbert:** The poor HMI report of Fossoway Primary School was discussed and a plan for a way forward was agreed at a school meeting. The head teacher is moving on and the HT from Cleish will act as an interim. A presentation was planned to show how improvement would be achieved. MoP felt that teachers worked hard and should receive more support and encouragement. The HMI will re-visit in June 2014.

Work on the U213 will be starting on 16 September. Road repairs and passing places would be carried out.

**Cllr Robertson:** The last details of the Heritage Trail have been agreed and it is due to finish in spring 2014. Safe Cycle routes between Kinross and Crook of Devon are ongoing. The idea of having the pedestrian traffic lights in Crook of Devon permanently on red (changing to green) to slow traffic will be explored.

#### Planning items discussed at meeting

A Lavery has had a reply from PKC regarding the **Landscape and Wind farm Policy**. It was a full and very useful document. Development on the Lomond Hills and the Benarty basin are likely to be limited.



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**13/01546/FLL.** Removal of condition No 2 from planning consent 13/00159/FLL to enable agricultural unit to be used to house livestock. Cairnfold Farm Blairingone. Recommendation: Object, on grounds of proximity to housing, contrary to Environmental Health guidance.

**13/01438/FLL.** Alterations and extension to dwelling house. Rosewood, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon. No details available – defer to next meeting.

#### Other Business

Kevin went through the correspondence which was all available for viewing and highlighted a number of areas, e.g. a Dog Fouling Campaign by Keep Scotland Beautiful.

Please get in touch with Kevin if any areas were thought to be a priority for **verge cutting**. It was suggested that all junctions onto the A91, A977, B9097 and one junction on the A823 after Rumbling Bridge, should be prioritised.

#### Draft Agenda for Meeting on 1 October

(1) Welcome and Apologies. (2) Declarations of Interest. (3) Community Policing. (4) Minutes of last meeting. (5) Matters Arising. (6) Community Councillors – meetings attended. (7) P&K Councillors’ reports. (8) Planning applications. (9) Correspondence. (10) AOCB.

**The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 1 October 2013 at 7.30pm in Blairingone Primary School. All welcome!**

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website  
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#### Cleish and Blairadam CC

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# Club & Community Group News

## Dobbies Community Champion

Thanks to Taylors' Bulbs, I have made **donations of large daffodil bulbs** to Kinross in Bloom, Kinross-shire Cricket Club, Glenrothes High School and several Primary Schools and nurseries around Kinross. We look forward to seeing their sunny colours around the town in the spring. I will also be helping some of the pupils at Glenrothes to develop their garden area, and the photo shows them there with the daffodil bulbs.



*The Dobbies Community Champion is helping Glenrothes High School pupils to develop their garden*

Dobbies nationally have chosen the **Make a Wish Foundation** as their National Charity of the Year, which will benefit from fundraising activities in all the stores in the period up to Christmas. The first event will be the Christmas Charity event at Kinross store on **Thursday 3 October** from 3pm. Tickets for £1 are available from Dobbies in advance, or on the day. You will receive a **welcome drink and mince pie, and there will be live music**, and a chance to decorate a Christmas cup cake. Also, guess the name of the character on the cake to win it, and **demonstrations** of wreath making and table decorations. You can also place a bauble with your wish on the **Christmas wish tree**, in aid of this excellent charity.

**The Little Seedlings Club** on **Sunday 6 October** at 11am will be learning about conkers and other tree fruits in the autumn. Also, **that afternoon**, from 1pm to 4pm, **we will have an apple and harvest event**, with activities for all the family. Come and meet Andrew Lear, known as the **"Apple Tree Man"**, an expert in fruit growing, who can advise about any problems, identify the variety of your apples, and make juice from them. This event is in aid of our local charity, the **Potager Garden**, who will be **making bird feeders** from apples and seeds, and running a **veggie swap**. Bring along your extra courgettes, tomatoes, or whatever, and swap them for some other fruit or vegetables! Also live music from the **ukulele orchestra** and a treasure hunt around the store for sweeties.

Also, advance notice that **Santa will be arriving at Dobbies on Sunday 17 November** at 11am; more details of activities next month.

For further information about any events, or help with your community growing project, contact Dobbies on (01577) 863327, or email [herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com](mailto:herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com).

*Amanda James, Community Champion*

## Common Grounds

Already the days are shortening and we were fortunate that September turned out to be good weather wise. It has however also been a very sad month. It is with great sorrow that I have to advise you of the passing of Jim Ritchie. Jim was a founder member of Common Grounds and Treasurer for some years. His death was quite sudden and all at Common Grounds send their sincere condolences to his wife Pat, their children and grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

**Project:** Our financial year ended on 30 September and our next project to be chosen by volunteers at our meeting at the beginning of October will be, as usual, for an emergency relief charity. More information in the next issue of the Newsletter.

**Quiz night:** Mike Spain has kindly offered to run a quiz night for us at the Guide and Scout Hall, Milnathort on **Friday 8 November**, 7pm – 10pm. Tickets are £5 each, which includes refreshments and you may also pay on the door. There will be teams of four but if you don't have three people to come along with you we can match you up on the evening. Raffle. BYOB. Hope to see you there.

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I was a little previous in thinking it would be this issue that contained a report of our AGM, which will probably not take place until late October or early November.

Our opening hours are still 10am–1pm 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-shire Historical Society



Kinross-shire Historical Society will start its winter programme of talks on **Monday 21**

**October** at Kinross Parish Church at 7.30pm.

We hope to see lots of the ever-growing membership there to hear the first speaker, who will be Dr Simon Taylor of the University of Glasgow on 'Place Names of Kinross-shire', which should be very interesting.

The programme this winter is a good mix of topics covering many areas of local history. The cost of membership is £6 for adults and £5 for seniors for six talks ending with teas/coffees (included in cost). Attendance is free for under-18s. Visitors pay £2 per talk. Members are asked to remember that the parking arrangement we had with David Sands no longer stands, but that there is a little parking in the lane by the church and plenty of free parking in the old High School grounds.

*(See also Notices, p. 96.)*

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## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The first meeting of the 2013-2014 programme was, unusually, a visit. We went to Powderhall Bronze Foundry in Edinburgh. There we followed all the stages involved in making an artist's clay model into a splendid bronze artefact. The two young founders of the enterprise showed us the two major methods of casting and their careful explanations led to our appreciation of the enormously complicated nature of the processes and the high degree of skills and care involved.

We spent some time admiring examples of recent work: over life size statues of a Black Watch and a Durham Light Infantry man were most impressive. They are to be erected in Belgium and Durham respectively.

We went on to the gallery where the smaller, more delicate and intricate pieces were on display. There were portrait heads, frogs, birds and even ballerinas to be admired. The whole visit was greatly appreciated by all our party. It was a privilege to be shown how artists' original concepts became intricately worked bronze. We left full of admiration for the many and varied skills of the metal workers and gratitude for the opportunity to see their work.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 2 October.

## Music in Kinross Parish Church

### Accordion with a Difference

Sunday 8 September, saw the start of a series of concerts in Kinross Parish Church run in conjunction with Classical Musicians Scotland, which represents some of the finest vocal and instrumental talent in the country. Paul Chamberlain on the accordion delighted the audience with a range of classical music that demonstrated the amazing versatility of an instrument more usually associated with reels and jigs. The range of sound from the most delicate to the most rumbustious was exciting and he could mimic the singer in the subtle shading of his melody through the pull of his wrists. He played arrangements from organ and harpsichord literature as well as the standard orchestral repertoire with equal facility, and also gave us a taste of Russian and French writing for the accordion.

Daisy Henderson is the director of Classical Musicians Scotland from Glasgow and she brought with her a skilled baker who treated the audience to afternoon tea after the concert. This will be the pattern for each concert.

The next concert, on **13 October**, will feature songs from opera, operetta and musicals, sung by Daisy Henderson herself, accompanied by Derek Clark from Scottish Opera. On **10 November** music for flute and guitar will be played by the Campbell Duo.

For ticket information, see the notice on p.92.

A second series is planned for March to May 2014. To judge by the success of the first concert, one can be confident that the series will continue to enthrall all who come to hear them.

Details of the concerts can be found on:

[www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org) and [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**5.00 pm, FRIDAY 18 October**  
**for publication on Saturday 2 November**

## Swansacre Playgroup



The children returning to Swansacre Playgroup this year will be delighted with all the changes which have occurred over the summer holidays, thanks to the generous funding provided by a number of bodies last term.

Swansacre Playgroup has played an important part in the lives of children (and parents) in Kinross-shire over the last 40 years. It provides a safe, secure, interesting, stimulating, and, above all, fun environment where children from birth to five years can learn and develop through play.

As a registered charity, the aim is to keep fees as low as possible so that the sessions are accessible to all. This means that the group generates limited profits and these are used to purchase new toys and equipment and to develop the playgroup and its grounds where possible. The group is run by a committee of parents, who give up their spare time to organise and run fundraising activities. Last year, a considerable sum of money was raised through a Christmas shopping night, Santa's grotto event and a hugely successful obstacle course completed by the 100 children who attend the playgroup.

However, funds raised by the committee are often not sufficient to cover the developments which would make a material difference to the playgroup. In 2013 Swansacre Playgroup secured generous funding from those listed below and we'd like to thank them for their support.

The Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust were very generous in contributing the majority of funds to develop the garden, allowing us to create a large paved area on which the children can ride bikes, scooters and ride-on toys.

The Kinross-shire Round Table and the Kinross Newsletter Fund both contributed significant funds, allowing us to purchase and install a fabulous new playframe supplied by Caledonia Play.

The Kinross-shire Community Fund, part of Foundation Scotland, kindly granted a sum of money to pay for the redecoration for the main playroom, which hadn't been done during the time of any existing members of staff. The interior is now fresh, bright and stimulating for the little ones. A final thank you must be given to Baillie's Newsagent in Kinross. Following a major refurbishment of their shop, they were very generous in donating some of their old stock for the playgroup to use as desired. Some toys have already been used for the fundraising stall at Kinross Show, with plenty left for future events.

Children are eligible to attend playgroup sessions from the age of two, with a special babies and toddlers session one day a week. Information about the various sessions can be found in the notice on the Playgroups page in this Newsletter.

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## Potager Garden

The school children returned to the garden in mid September to harvest many of the vegetables, which have grown well this year, with the better weather. They tasted some homemade soup, and fruit and vegetables, and took some home with them, with recipes to try out for themselves. They also enjoyed exploring the new sensory garden, which is now almost completed, with a solar powered water feature, and interesting plants to touch and smell. Claire Paton also kindly came to **present the children with the trophy** which the garden won at the Kinross Show, which they will display proudly at school.

The garden will stay open during October, while the weather is suitable, so do come along and have a look for yourselves; children must be accompanied by an adult for safety reasons.



*Children harvesting potatoes at the Potager Garden*

We also had a visit from pre-school children at **Rosemount Nursery**, who are planning to develop their own garden, in a wildlife friendly way.

Our **Apple and Harvest Event** will be at Dobbies on **Sunday 6 October**, from 1 to 4pm, with children's activities and a veggie swap; see more details in the Dobbies report. (See p. 44)

We are very grateful to **Mr and Mrs Hamilton**, who live near the garden, who have donated to us some giant hostas and other plants, which they have been dividing in their garden, and also to their neighbour, who gave us a second-hand wheelbarrow.

Thank you also to the staff of **Hunters' Butchers** and **Fossway Store** who have again made our plants available for sale over the summer, and to everyone who has bought them. Together, this has raised nearly £800 for garden funds over the last year. This is really valuable to us in continuing to develop the garden.

For information about the garden, contact Amanda James, on 01577 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com



## A County of Compassion

Here is a brief summary of a meeting held at St Paul's on Wednesday 28 August 2013. Points discussed:

- Compassion for the local environment.
- Compassion and children.
- Compassion and its links to awareness.
- Compassion and the power of community.

This was a very lively meeting, with new members bringing their thoughts and ideas for consideration. One member regularly carries a plastic bag to pick up litter as she walks her dog!

It was felt that children need guidance both at home and at school to develop the practice of compassion and kindness. How do we go about helping our children in this area? One member will write to the Head Teacher of the High School as we would be interested in hearing the views of young people. The school is already working hard towards making a donation to "Mary's Meals".

It was noted that people who experience mental health challenges often feel isolated or intimidated and a more sensitive response to individual needs is desirable.

A discussion of global concern: The situation in Syria. It was proposed that a suitable action would be to write to our MP with our concerned views.

Karen Armstrong, the author of *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*, states "No single individual can take on all these problems."

A quote from **Mahatma Gandhi**, "Whatever you do may seem insignificant to you but it is most important that you do it", helps me not to be overwhelmed at times with the troubles of our world. Part of our discussion was around the topic of Awareness/Mindfulness and one of my favourite books is "Awareness" by Anthony De Mello. He very simply states, "**Observe, be Aware, but do not Judge**". How hard it can be at times to stop before making a judgement, but it does leave space for compassion to come in. I probably catch myself in "judgement" several times a day but at least I am aware of it. Work in Progress!

I would also like to highlight the work in our community done by the **volunteer drivers**. They take people to and from doctor and hospital appointments.

In the Health Centre there is a **bereavement support group** run by volunteers.

The church **Day Centre** can provide up to fifty lunches per day but this service isn't fully utilized.

Do you know of anyone who might like to have companionship and a meal in the middle of the day?

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 October at 7.30 pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Kinross. All interested persons are welcome.**

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 Elliot Cup for runner up in Baking Section - Cath Stewart  
 £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Baking Section - Janette Gardiner  
 Tullis Cup for most points in Handicraft Section - Norma Smith  
 Bell Cup for best exhibit in Handicraft Section - Norma Smith  
 Buchan Rose Bowl for most points in Produce - Wilma Barclay  
 President's Prize - £2 by Sandy Band for runner up in Produce - Elaine Carruthers  
 £2 by the Society for the best exhibit in Produce - Elaine Carruthers  
 Fulton Quaich for most points in Floral Art - Hilda Lawrie  
 John Boyd Salver for best exhibit in Floral Art - Hilda Lawrie  
 Hunter Trophy for Novice Class Floral Art - Hilda Lawrie  
 Clydesdale Shield for most points in Baking, Handicraft, Produce and Floral Art - Wilma Barclay  
 Lamont Cup for most points in Cut Flowers - John McDonald  
 £2 by the Society for runner up in Cut Flowers - David Martin  
 £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Cut Flowers - John McDonald  
 Isabella Foreman Quaich for best single rose - Sandy Band  
 Eric Sword Tankard for best 3 gladioli spikes - John McDonald  
 Bag of compost from Carrs Billington for best 3 vases sweet peas - Jimmy Gardner  
 Akerman Rosebowl for most points in Pot Plant Section - Deborah Fladgate  
 Gift Token by Willie Robertson, Milnathort for runner up in Pot Plants - Sandy Band

Flint Quaich for best exhibit in Pot Plants – Maimie Wallace  
 Donaldson Shield for most points in Vegetable Section - Deborah Fladgate  
 Gift Token by Willie Robertson, for runner up in Vegetables - Jimmy Gardner  
 £2 by the Society for best exhibit in Vegetable Section - Deborah Fladgate  
 Jamesfield Trophy for the best collection of potatoes - Deborah Fladgate  
 Prize by Kirkcaldy Garden Centre for best collection of vegetables - Deborah Fladgate  
 Songhurst Cup for best 6 tomatoes - David Martin  
 BHS Premier Tray Certificate + £3 - Deborah Fladgate  
 Certificate + £2 - David Martin  
 Certificate + £1 - Jimmy Gardner  
 BHS Premier Vase Certificate + £3 - David Martin  
 Gardenland Trophy for most points in Fruit Section - Stewart Wallace  
 BHS Trophy for most points in Horticultural Classes - Deborah Fladgate  
 Kirkness Trophy for Best Kept Garden - no entries  
 Portmoak Quaich for best exhibit in Photography Section - Bill Paton  
 George Harley Cup for best exhibit classes 1, 4, 5, 10, 11 - Amber Wilson  
 Anne Robertson Cup for most points 6-9 years - Amber Wilson  
 Prize by Margaret Brown for best exhibit 6-9 years - Amber Wilson  
 Prize by Sheila Wardell for best exhibit 10 - 15 years - Victoria Baird  
 Loch Leven Cup for the most points 10 - 15 years - Victoria Baird  
 Barbour-Curtis Family Challenge Shield - The Gray Family

### Portmoak Film Society

About 20 film fans from Portmoak and Kinross gathered to watch the first treat of the new season at Portmoak Films and gave it an 83% satisfaction rating. 'Les Miserables' was not an easy watch: 2½ hours of beautifully produced and performed pathos set in post-revolutionary France and bringing together some of the biggest screen stars of the moment.

But now for something completely different: altogether much lighter in tone, but again uniting some of stage and screen's most talented actors, 'Quartet' will be shown on **Sunday 13 October** in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell. Directed by Dustin Hoffman, it stars Tom Courtenay, Billy Connolly and Pauline Collins as three ageing musicians quietly playing out their later years in a care home for retired artistes. Until the fourth of the quartet arrives in the shape of ex-partner Maggie Smith – when predictably sparks start to fly! Michael Gambon and Sheridan Smith also star in this gentle gem of an evening's entertainment. Entry is £5 on the night, but you can also buy a season ticket for all remaining films; please ask at the door. Coffee, tea and cakes are served afterwards and films start promptly at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). To find out more, go to: [www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk)

### Kinross-shire Round Table

There will be a **business meeting** of the Round Table on **Tuesday 1 October** at The Glenfarg Hotel at 7.30pm.

**Darts Match** at Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh on **Tuesday 1 November** at 6pm.

**Dragon's Den** will return in December; to be considered for funding, email Round Table Secretary for information on how to apply: [camerongewen@gmail.com](mailto:camerongewen@gmail.com)

A new programme for Kinross-shire Round Tablers will be produced shortly of future events and activities for the next year or so.

Our programme, with details of events, is available on [www.kinross-shire.rounhtable.co.uk](http://www.kinross-shire.rounhtable.co.uk)

If you are 18 – 45 and want to get involved in having fun whilst putting something back into our community, contact us via the website.



### Portmoak Hall Draw 100 Club

#### August Draw

1st	No. 83	Ian McGrattan, Kinnesswood
2nd	No. 12	Mary Baird, Righead House
3rd	No. 77	Anne Watson, Kinnesswood

## Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society held their annual Flower Show on Saturday 17 August at the Crook of Devon. The Show was opened by Mrs Elizabeth Adam who also presented the trophies. Corrine Skea presented Mrs Adam with a bouquet of flowers. The Society would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, everyone who gave donations, attended and exhibited at the show.

*The Trophy Winners were:*

Ramage Dawson Cup (most points): **Mr R Wilkie**  
 President's Shield (runner up): **Mr G M Harley**  
 Bob Wilkie Cup (Pot Plants): **Mrs A James**  
 Moir Cup (Cut Flowers): **Mrs R Carmichael**  
 David De Boer Cup (Gladioli): **Mrs F Barnfather**  
 Drummond Trophy (Sweet Peas): **Mrs R Carmichael**  
 G.A. & G. Kendrick Cup (Vegetables): **Mr R Wilkie**  
 J.M. Fraser Cup (Open Section): **Mr D Forrester**  
 Stalker Cup (Baking & Industrial): **Mrs G Taylor**  
 Barden Trophy (Baking): **Mrs G Taylor**  
 Miss Pirie Cup (Industrial): **Mrs J Forrester**  
 Nicolson Black Jug (Preserves): **Mrs M Wilson**  
 Stewart Rose Bowl (Floral Art): **Mrs Greener**  
 Mabel Ross Trophy (Article in Wool): **Mrs J Forrester**  
 Liz Wilkie Trophy (Best Exhibit Industrial): **Mrs J Forrester**

*Children's Sections:*

Ramage Dawson Cup (most points overall): **Kirsty Skea and Isla Skea**  
 The Aldridge Cup (under 10 years): **Isla Skea**  
 J.M. Fraser Cup (over 10 years): **Kirsty Skea**  
 Spinningdale Trophy (article in wool): **Anna Campbell**  
 Good Yarn Trophy (Writing): **Kirsty Skea and Isla Skea**

*Special Prizes:*

Best Exhibit Pot Plants: **Mr R Wilkie**  
 Best Exhibit Cut Flowers: **Mrs M H Turnbull**  
 Collection of Vegetables: **Mr G M Harley**  
 Collection of Potatoes: **Mr G Skea**  
 Best Exhibit Vegetables: **Mr R Wilkie**  
 Best Exhibit Open Section: **Mr D Forrester**  
 Best Exhibit Baking: **Miss H Berlind**

## Kinross Parish Church

### £600 raised for work with vulnerable people

The congregation of Kinross Parish Church of Scotland raised over £600 for CrossReach, the social care arm of the Church of Scotland, at its September Communion Services. CrossReach has an annual expenditure of over £50 million and employs 2000 people, making the Church of Scotland one of the largest providers of social care for vulnerable groups in Scotland. It has the remit "to offer services in Christ's name to people in need, as part of the Church's mission".

The Kinross church supports a range of local, national and international charities over the year through these special collections.

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## Kinross and District Art Club



Last month our annual Exhibition was one of our best ever, with 209 paintings by 39 members of the club and excellent sales of paintings and crafts. The morning coffees and afternoon teas were a very successful addition to the show.

Eilidh Child was a popular choice for our Opening Evening and she now knows just how much the folks in Kinross are behind her in her bid for a medal in Glasgow 2014. Go for it, Eilidh!

Pictured here is Caroline Anderson being presented with a painting by David Cochrane. Caroline won the prize of a commissioned painting of her choice at last year's Exhibition and her chosen subject was Castle Campbell, which David did to perfection.



*David Cochrane and Caroline Anderson with David's painting of Castle Campbell*

The club sessions have started again on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. The Winter term calendar is on our web site at: [www.kadac.co.uk](http://www.kadac.co.uk) Why not drop by and see for yourself how enjoyable it is to paint and draw in good company and with the help and support of like minded people.

For more information call Sybil, the Club Secretary, on **01577 830347**.

## Kinross Camera Club



Kinross Camera Club welcomed back returning members and was pleased to greet new members at the opening night of the 2013-2014 season. We enjoyed seeing a variety of photographs from various photographic outings that had taken place during the summer break, including a trip to the Isle of May, and the club weekend away to Seahouses in Northumberland.

An exciting schedule of talks and competitions lies ahead for the forthcoming season, with some renowned photographers coming to share their images and tips with us. Further details can be found on the club's newly revamped website.

If anyone wishes to find out more about the club, but has missed the opening night, please get in touch as we would be delighted to hear from you.

For further details visit [www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](http://www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk) or email the secretary at [sallyroberts100@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyroberts100@hotmail.com)

## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The October meeting will be held on **Thursday 3 October** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall, with Rose Cross giving a demonstration of Circle Dancing.

The speaker at the September meeting was Colonel Andy Middlemiss, who gave an extremely interesting talk on his life in the regiment of The King's Own Scottish Borderers and all the different countries he had served in. He now works for the worldwide charity SSAFA, supporting service people and their families

**Annual Holiday 2014:** Holiday to the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport. There are still places available, but only Double and Twin rooms left. Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

**Theatre Outing:** "It's a Wonderful Life" Pitlochry Festival Theatre **4 December**. The coach for this outing is now full, but names can go on a waiting list. Tickets £27.50 to be paid at October meeting. Please note coach will leave from the Green Hotel at 12.15 prompt. Contact: Edith Oswald 01577 865731.

### Away Days October

**Thur 10 Oct** Jack Vettriano Experience  
in the Kelvingrove Art Gallery

**Thur 24 Oct** Three Glens Trip

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

### Friday Walkers

**11 Oct** The Pitlochry autumn walk starting from the Garry Bridge car park this time, on a shorter version of the walk past the bungee jumpers, Faskally and Coronation Bridge. Please note that for this walk we leave at the earlier time of 9am.

**25 Oct** Round the reservoirs from Craigmead car park above Falkland. An old favourite going round the Ballo, Holl and Harperleas reservoirs. We are back at our usual 9.30am start for this one.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

### Friday Hill Walkers

<b>4 Oct</b>	Torlum Wood/Comrie	Anne	8.30
<b>18 Oct</b>	Kippen	Richard	8.30
<b>23 Oct</b>	AGM St Paul's Church Hall		19.30
<b>1 Nov</b>	River Devon circle	Bill	9.00

from Crook of Devon  
No pack lunch needed – lunch stop Inn at Muckhart.

### Activities

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

**Carpet Bowling** meets on Mondays at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

The **Craft Group** meets each Wednesday at 2pm until 3pm in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387.

**Fly Tyers** contact: Ian Campbell for details 01577 830582.

The **Keep-Fit** group meets each Tuesday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

**The Line Dancers** meet every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am. Contact: Betty Fergus 01577 866961.

**L.U.S.T.** The slimmers meet every Thursday 9.30am to 10.30am. Contact: Norma Anderson 01577 863548.

## Kinross in Bloom



This year the volunteers of Kinross in Bloom deserve a big thank you for all the hard work that started in January and continued through Spring, Summer and Autumn, putting on a great display of tubs and baskets in town. However, this would not have happened without the generosity of a local farmer who stepped in at the last minute to give us a loan of a vehicle and trailer because our old vehicle was not fit for purpose. This enabled us to water 138 different items from the Health Centre to the Park and Ride for the duration of the summer.

However, Kinross and Bloom is a voluntary organisation which relies on the good will and generosity of businesses, other organisations and residents for finance and volunteers. We buy the plants in and then grow them on to provide what the residents see in Kinross. This year we have been busy raising funds for a new vehicle and thanks to the Arthur & Margaret Thomson Trust, Kinross-shire Fund and Newsletter Fund we are almost there. We have also received help from the Round Table and Rotary Club. All we need now is money for the insurance! We are all aware that the town needs smartening up with more than a few flowers, but if the tubs and baskets were not on display it really would be a sad place! In order to be viable, we need about £2000 per year or £1 per household plus sponsored baskets and tubs.

At present we have eight to ten people who help out throughout the year and another half dozen who help with the watering. If anyone could assist with a few hours a month it would really make Kinross a brighter place to live. This can be done by contacting Ian Todd, tel 208110 or Derek Lawrence, tel 862833.

## Kinross Garden Group



Thirty-seven Members and Friends had a very enjoyable four days visiting gardens in Dumfries-shire in September.

The last day trip of this season took us to lunch in Peebles and the afternoon was spent at Kailzie Garden.

We have had a good summer of outings and have been blessed with good weather.

The new season of speakers start on **Thursday 10 October** with Mrs Beryl MacNaughton of MacPlants, her title being 'My Garden Through the Seasons'. We meet in Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2pm; doors will be open from 1.30pm to collect the membership fees of £6.50.

We look forward to welcoming new members and friends. For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger, 01577 863785.

### INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM QUESTION AND ANSWER EVENING

### LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Do you have questions about the Scottish Independence Referendum? For more information come to this YES Scotland event starting at 7pm.

A panel of Finance Secretary John Swinney (SNP), Louise Batchelor (Scottish Green Party) and others will address the most commonly raised questions from the audience. Admission free, all welcome.



## Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



### Kinross-shire Winter Festival

KLEO would like to celebrate all local events that are happening in November and December in Kinross-shire. A Christmas Market on the High Street and the Kinross-shire Music Festival are two of these events but there are numerous other events organised by local community groups and businesses over this period. With a Winter Festival brochure which will be distributed door to door in Kinross and Milnathort, KLEO is hoping that all these events get all the support they need from the local community.

### Christmas Market on High Street

To create a festive buzz in town, KLEO and other local groups will be organising a Christmas Market on the High Street of Kinross on **Saturday 23 November** from 4pm to 7pm. The road will be closed from the mini roundabout (Co-op) to the Salutation Hotel. We hope to create a festive atmosphere with stalls and other entertainment in the street and at the Church Centre. You can buy local produce at the market, go to 'Swansacre's Christmas Count Down' in the Church Centre, see some sketches from the Orwell Dramatic Society, listen to the Kinross Pipe Band and a lot more...

### Kinross-shire Music Festival, 14 - 24 November

As announced in previous newsletters, we are delighted that **Ricky Ross (Deacon Blue)** will perform at the Kinross-shire Music Festival on Saturday 16 November at 8pm at the Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets are £22. Tickets are selling well so be quick if you don't want to miss your chance of seeing Ricky Ross live!

Other acts during the festival include:

The **Kinross-shire's Got Talent Competition** on Friday 15 November. Like last year's successful event, under 18's can take part and show their talents. You can download your entry form from the festival's website [www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk)

**Bruce Davies and The St Serf Singers** will perform at The Kirklands on Sunday 17 Nov at 3pm.

**Tich Frier and Neil Paterson** will do 'The Life and Songs of John Watt (1933-2011)' on Sunday 17 Nov, 3pm at the Masonic Hall.

**Choirs Together:** a showcase of local choirs and singing groups performing. (Fri 22 Nov, 7pm at Campus).

Join **Ian Dunnet** (only 17 years old!) for an afternoon of jazz, classical and romantic stylings in his first solo recital (Sat 23 Nov, 4pm at the Campus).

**An Acoustic Blues Evening** with Fraser Spiers (harmonica) and Allan Jones (guitar) will happen at the Grouse & Claret on Saturday 23 Nov, 8pm.

**Over The Rainbow Productions** will be doing songs from the musicals on Sunday 24 Nov, 2pm at The Kirklands Hotel.

Come and enjoy tea, scones and a dance at the **Tea Dance** at the campus on Sunday 24 Nov from 3-5pm.

**Special dinner/music event** in The Kirklands Hotel on Sunday 24 Nov. Enjoy a wonderful meal at 7pm followed by mellow music from The Elaine Shorthouse Trio.

**You can find more acts on the festival website** [www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk)

Tickets for festival acts are for sale through our website [www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk) and TicketWeb. Tickets are also available at the Milnathort Post Office and at Macbeth Currie Estate Agent in Kinross.

### Music and Dance Workshops

Come and try one of our music and dance workshops during the music festival. These workshops are open for children and adults (unless stated differently). Workshops on offer are: Saxophone, Come and try a flute and/or clarinet, Woodwind ensemble, Blues Harmonica, Blues Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Music, Mantra and Meditation, Open String, Breathing (for singing). More workshops will be confirmed.

Some workshops are free and others cost £3. Booking a place is advisable. Please go to [www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk) for more information about the workshops (time, venue) and to download a booking form.



*17 year old Ian Dunnet will be giving his first solo recital at the Kinross-shire Music Festival*

### Leven Voices

The very popular Leven Voices choir group started again in September. This is a fun, informal drop-in singing group led by Horsecross (Perth Theatre) tutors. The sessions are on Tuesdays, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church and are open to anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! New members are very welcome - no music reading or singing experience necessary. Enrolment fee is £5 (which will be used to pay for the hire of the hall) and £4 a session (concessions £3). Just come along, sing and enjoy!

For more information about this group please e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call 863107.

### Big Raffle at Mary Queen of Scots event

See page 3 for the list of winners.

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## Milnathort in Bloom

This year's summer was the driest in over 25 years, which meant a lot of watering by the volunteers of Milnathort in Bloom. However the displays from the baskets, troughs, tubs and beds made this a worthwhile effort. Not only has the village looked beautiful but, combined with the work we have done on other projects, resulted in Milnathort gaining a **Gold Award** from Take a Pride in Perthshire.

**The War Memorial and Gardens** project continues with the new stone pillars and repaired copings being complemented by the new railings and refurbished gates. The new stones should age nicely to match the existing with time. A planting plan is being drawn up and we shall be starting work on this before the end of September. While the plaques have been returned to the Council, the damage to them was far more extensive than initially thought. The result is that three of the plaques, two of the removed ones and the damaged one on the Memorial, may have to be recast. Between Milnathort in Bloom and the Council we are working to get the funding required. The goal now is to have the plaques in place for Remembrance Sunday. Our plan to have a rededication ceremony before this may have to be rescheduled.

I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members of Milnathort in Bloom for the tremendous effort that they put in to achieve the results we can all see round the village. The financial support we receive from individuals and businesses alike helps us to continue the work that we do. Grateful thanks to all.

If you would like more details or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Graeme Stewart on: graemehs@yahoo.com or 01577 864357.

## Kinross Museum



In September, Kinross Museum focused on activities related to its exhibition *A Loch of Bronze: New finds from Bronze Age Kinross*, which will be on show until the end of March 2014. Two talks at the museum explored the stories behind the discovery of the Kinnesswood Hoard and the Kilmagadwood burial urns. The Museum was also featured amongst a range of buildings open in Perth and Kinross as part of the annual Doors Open Day event.

This month the Museum will be advancing the survey of the memorial stones in the Kirkgate old kirkyard in addition to taking part in the *Making a Difference Day* at the Loch Leven Community Campus on **26 October**. Do come and visit us.

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## Kinross & District Probus Club



The club opened their winter session on 4 September with a presentation about the **New Forth Crossing** given by Mr Ewan Macdonell, who is employed by Morrison Construction, one of the partners in the joint venture contracted to design and build the new bridge.

Construction of the bridge is a truly international affair with joint venture partners coming from Scotland, America, Spain and Germany and subcontracts, especially steel work, being carried out by companies from Poland, Spain and China. The Project started in January 2008 with the initial design work and is programmed to be completed by the end of December 2016. Work is currently at the construction stage with foundations being constructed and the first sections of the towers commencing in the second week of September. The project is currently on programme.

The bridge is designed as a Cable Stayed Bridge. This consists of three towers of up to 57 metres in height from which the main spans are suspended. Viaducts of eight spans in the south and two spans in the north carry traffic on to the main spans. A Cable Stayed Bridge differs from a Suspension Bridge, which is the type of construction that was used for the existing road crossing, in that the actual carriageway sections upon which the road is constructed are suspended directly from the towers by 315 mm diameter cables made up from smaller diameter strands which are protected against corrosion by coating in plastic. The advantages of this method are apparent in both the construction stage and in the maintenance of the bridge in its lifetime. As soon as the towers are complete, work can start on erection of carriageway units with no need to wait until a cable is spun across the entire crossing. Each of the cable strands that will support the deck units can be prefabricated ashore and lifted into place. If necessary, an individual cable can be taken out and laid on the carriageway for repair, whereas to repair or renew the main cable on the existing bridge would entail closing the bridge for nine years.

The new carriageway will carry two lanes in each direction plus a hard shoulder on either side. This will allow for pedestrians and cyclists as well as emergency access in time of need. Each carriageway will be fitted with a windshield, which will allow traffic to cross in much stronger winds than at present. It is proposed that buses, taxis and pedestrians will continue to use the existing bridge but in times of high winds buses will be redirected to use the new crossing. And, with only two expansion joints, the present rattling of cars and bodies will be a thing of the past.

Stewart Wallace gave the vote of thanks for a very interesting talk.

## Milnathort Chess Club

This social chess club meets twice monthly on Wednesday afternoons, 2pm till 4.30pm, free with teabreak. The club meets on the last and second last Wednesdays of each month. Knowledge of basic chess moves desirable.

Contact Donald, telephone 01577 864441, for details.

## Kinnesswood in Bloom

We recently had a very pleasant evening in Portmoak Hall, celebrating the success of villages and hamlets around Kinross-shire in the Best Kept Village competition. This event is organised annually by the Civic Trust to celebrate the hard work done by villagers to improve the environment, brighten the streets with tubs and hanging baskets and keep the place spick and span. Kinnesswood were pleased to get the trophy for best village. The judges explained their emphasis on sustainability and David Munro did a great job as master of ceremonies for the evening. A lovely buffet was laid on with help from our neighbours in Scotlandwell and other villages attending the event. About sixty people attended and it was a chance to swap ideas and chat to the other groups. (See p. 67 for Civic Trust report and photo.)

These awards reflect not just the work done on a weekly basis by the "Bloomers" but the work done by all villagers to keep their patch tidy; the garage for their lovely display of plants, all who put out window boxes and tubs this summer and those who weed and sweep their own stretch of street. Thank you all for your contributions. Our 2013 Certificate is in the shop window as usual for everyone to see.



*A flower-filled cart helps the village to look cheerful!*

We have continued to get out as often as we can on Saturday mornings between the now welcome showers – we were recalling our despair last year that the ground would take forever to dry out! The rowan trees we planted several years ago now in front of the golf course have deep red autumnal berries, as do all the others in the local area. Everyone in Kinnesswood who grows fruit and veg seems to have had an abundant year - hope some of you try the recipe this month.

**Please mention The Newsletter when  
answering advertisements**

## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Beetroot and Orange Relish

This has been a great summer for those gardeners who have been growing fruit and vegetables. If you have a good crop of beetroot and onions, here's a relish recipe you might want to try.

#### Ingredients

450g fresh beetroot, cooked, skinned and chopped  
450g onions, chopped  
Grated rind and juice of two oranges  
1 teaspoon of salt  
6 star anise  
1 teaspoon of fennel seeds  
350g sugar  
570ml pickling vinegar

#### Method

Put all the ingredients except the beetroot into a large pan and bring slowly to the boil. Simmer until a good thick consistency is reached. Add cooked beetroot, test for seasoning, and pour into sterilised jars.

## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Autumn's here and there's a chill in the air. But days are still long enough for a good walk - the perfect time to get out, make new friends and improve your general health and fitness. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, why not try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us?

**Sunday 6 October: Ben Vane.** Eight miles. Testing walk up one of Scotland's Munros. Steep, but on good paths throughout. Spectacular views from summit.

**Saturday 19 October: Dunsinane, and Kings Seat, Collace.** Three miles. Short, steep climb on to Dunsinane (of 'Macbeth' fame) before descending and climbing Black Hill for views back down to the Iron Age Fort on Dunsinane and across to the Tay.

In case it turns cold and wet, you do need appropriate clothing, including boots and waterproofs. Bring water and a packed lunch and warm drink too.

To learn more, please call our Group Secretary Jacqui Ritchie on 01577 866813.



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## Boys' Brigade

### New Session New Members

The new BB session commenced on the first Friday of September with a number of new faces in all four sections: Anchors, Juniors, Company and Seniors.

Badgework has started right away and a number of Seniors are in the process of working towards Duke of Edinburgh awards, President's Badge and Queen's Badge awards.

The Company has entered national competitions in Chess, Badminton, Table Tennis, five-a-side Football and Masterteam Quiz, with the draw being made in October.

Battalion competitions also commence in October for Junior, Company and Senior sections.

A number of youngsters will be attending leadership courses over the coming months with four Junior Officers attending Youth Leader Training, which will qualify them for the rank of lieutenant.

Company Section members are already preparing for next year's summer camp, to be held in Germany. Travel arrangements and costings are currently being finalised.

There are still a few vacancies for both boys and girls throughout the Company, which is now in its ninety-third year, having initially been formed in 1892 before ceasing in 1912 and being re-formed in 1940 by Kinross schoolteacher Roddy Beaton.

Our **Anchor section** is for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three and meets in Kinross Church Centre on Friday evenings from 6 till 7.15pm.

Our **Junior section** is for boys and girls in primaries, four, five and six and meets from 7 till 9pm.

Our **Company and Senior section** is for boys and girls in primary seven up to S6 and meets from 7 till 10 pm.

This year the BB celebrates 130 years of youth work and a number of celebrations are already planned at local and national levels.

For further information, contact Company Captain David Munro on Kinross 862126.



## Lodge St Serf No 327

### October

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| Tue 1st  | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Master Mason Degree with candidate.  |
| Tue 8th  | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting. Arrange work for a Master Mason Degree. |
| Tue 15th | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Master Mason Degree with candidate.  |
| Tue 22nd | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting and Entered Apprentice Degree.           |



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### 2013 Programme of Events

**Fife Cat Shelter Charity Auction, Sun 29 September:** To raise funds for all the cats in their care and to provide veterinary treatment for their cats, Fife Cat Shelter are to hold an Auction from 2pm to 4pm. Auction items include Lladro, Royal Doulton, Bunnykins, Jewellery (silver and costume), Prints and Commissioned Paintings, EPNS job lots, Hampers with Vouchers, Soft Furnishings, Ornaments, Household Items, Soft Toys and lots more. **Viewing from 1.30pm to 2pm.** Entry Fee is **£1** with **no commission fees!** If you would like further details then please contact Rhona on 01383 830286.

**Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair, Saturday 19 October:** There will be buying, selling and valuations. Admission will be from **9.30am to 3.30pm** with entry fee of **£1 per person.** For exhibitors' booking, please contact: Angus on 07944 416565.

**One Night of Dance Classes with JC Ferron, Friday 25 October:** For one night only there will be two exhilarating dance classes with International fitness Presenter JC Ferron. There will be **LATIN JAM** from **6pm to 7pm** and **ZUMBA** from **7pm to 8pm.** Anyone can join the party! Spaces will be limited so early booking is advised. To purchase tickets (at £12.50 each), contact Evelyn Crichton, tel 07884 233144 or email [evelyncrichton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:evelyncrichton@hotmail.co.uk)

**Outdoor Car Boot and Indoor Table Top Sale, Saturday 2 November:** There will be a Car Boot Sale with Outdoor Pitches and Indoor Tables available. Free Public Admission from **9am to 1pm** with sellers set up from **8am.** All Pitches and Tables are **£10 each** (includes a refreshment voucher for a Hot Roll & Hot Drink) and **must** be booked in advance. If you would like further information or want to request a booking form then please contact Gerry McGregor (see heading).

**Christmas Festival & Craft Fair, Sat 9 November:** Our Christmas Festival & Craft Fair will run from **10am to 3pm** and will include forty stalls selling a wide and varied mix of High Quality Hand-Made Crafts by Local Artisans and some stall holders will be demonstrating their craft. In addition there will be Craft Activities and Entertainment for the children together with Musical Performances and Christmas Film Showings. **FREE Admission!**

### Other Events for 2013

**15, 16, 22, 23 Nov:** Music Festival events. See KLEO, p. 54, for more information.

**Sun 24 Nov** Christmas afternoon Tea Dance.

**Sat 14 Dec** Antiques and Collectors Fair.

**Sun 15 Dec** Kinross-shire Churches Together Christmas service.

### Ideas for Events

If you have any ideas or suggestions for any events you would like to see at the campus, comment on previous events, or can think of ways to improve on the ones we are already doing, then please contact Gerry McGregor.

*For a report on the Vintage Day that took place at the campus in August, see page 10.*

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

## Rotary Club of Kinross & District



The subject of our first talk in August, entitled 'Friends Reunited', was, to most people's surprise, a pair of Shotguns! Two very special vintage hammer action Shotguns, manufactured as a pair, but which had been separated after becoming obsolete in the late 19th century. The fascinating story of one of the gun's illustrious pre First World War links with the British and German Royal families, and then recent reunion with its partner, was told in a most entertaining manner by their owner, retired history teacher Donald Dallas.

The following weekend, the escape of Mary Queen of Scots from Castle Island was remembered in an event in the Kirkgate Park, for which the club had joined with the Kinross Local Events Organisation (KLEO) to produce a day of family entertainment based around the historical event. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, with the wind and rain restricting some of the planned activities. Nevertheless, an interesting and enjoyable day was had by those who braved the elements. (*See Congratulations, p. 3 for a list of raffle prizewinners.*)

Our next speaker, Donald Gardiner, educated us with an illustrated talk on a mineral which appears in a multitude of everyday products from wellie boots to cattle feed. It was, of course, calcium carbonate, without doubt an invaluable mineral!

Following a most enjoyable visit to the last night of the Edinburgh Tattoo by a number of members, the last speaker of the month was our own George Lawrie (wearing his TRACKS Project Officer hat). George provided an update on the progress towards the final phase of the Heritage Trail around Loch Leven, when the last 6.5km stretch linking Vane Farm with Kinross, just north of the mill, will be completed. It is hoped that it will be possible to circumnavigate the loch on foot, by bicycle, or wheelchair by spring 2014.

This year's Golf Challenge between the Rotary and Probus Clubs took place on the Kinross course, with the Rotary Club coming out on top in the team competition, and Probus member, Andrew Herring, emerging as the highest individual point scorer. The golf was followed by an enjoyable supper at the 19th hole.

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The September business meeting provided an opportunity for members to review the Club's many recent projects and activities, and to plan for others to follow towards the end of the year. At that meeting, President Carolyn Poller had the pleasant duty of inducting local Chartered Accountant, Ross McConnell to membership of the club.



*Rotary Club President Carolyn Poller welcomes new member Ross McConnell after his introduction by Rotarian Campbell Watson (centre)*

Finally for the period, Rotarian Eric Williamson gave his 'job talk' to the club, in which he gave an entertaining account of his career to date, from early days as a Saturday boy with Safeway at a store in Edinburgh, to student holidays roqueing potatoes and eventually as an apprentice in an Edinburgh law office, before qualifying as a solicitor. Eric has worked in a variety of locations from Coatbridge to Dingwall, with a spell in Lincolnshire for good measure. In this people-centred profession, he dealt with court work in his early career, with many amusing anecdotes and describes himself now as a general practitioner, working as a partner in one of the town's legal practices.

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## Kinross High School



The weeks fly past in KHS and we are now approaching the end of the first term. October holiday beckons and this provides an ideal opportunity to look back.

In August we welcomed over 170 new faces into our First Year. Happily and pleasingly quickly they have settled in well. They have embraced their first secondary timetables with ease and have made a good impression on their teachers with an excellent work ethic. Elsewhere they have taken advantage of the opportunities offered to them out of their classrooms. Many tell me they have tried a new activity and almost all talk of how much they enjoy coming to school.

Across the other years it is business as usual. Our seniors are recognising the extra effort required of Higher and Advanced Higher courses and sixth year pupils are managing their way through the stages of university application.

4th year pupils, having chosen their final subjects for qualification, are now building momentum as they progress through their National courses. They are the first cohort to tackle these exams and the staff are working hard to ensure they are fully prepared to meet this challenge.

In our younger years, CfE courses continue to evolve. The 3rd years are commenting positively on their experiences in the achievement column, where a range of choices has been added to enhance skill development. Our gardening team was amazed by the work done by 'the phantom diggers' (SMT and Mr Fyfe) in digging over the allotment in Keltybridge. Over the months I will keep you up to date with developments in our very own allotment.

I am delighted to report that our new staff have also settled in well and are enjoying their experiences as they work with our pupils in our amazing facility.

Over this term we welcomed colleagues and exchange partners from Traunstein and Gacé. A senior quiz team enjoyed their Eggheads experience. School teams played games of Football, Rugby, Hockey and Basketball. Our Rock Challenge team is 75 strong, supported by a small army of helpers. New Brass and Percussion teachers (Mr Seith and Miss Patterson) have made an excellent start.

As well as this our 'Mary's Meals' fundraisers have reached the halfway point in their target and are still full of ideas – watch this space.

Finally, on a note of clarification. Some of you may have been aware of some comments in the previous Newsletter concerning our English and Mathematics departments. Without details or an indication of the specific cases involved it would be very easy to misinterpret these. Of course the Newsletter is not the place to debate specific cases; however, I would wish to reassure you that these departments are not in any difficulty or crisis. Pupils continue to benefit from excellent teaching in both of these subjects. In fact evidence of exam results in both departments presents an improving picture. That said, I am always keen to hear from parents about any concern they may have for their own child. I would ask that parents contact me directly so that we can work together on their specific issue.

*R H Keatings*

## KHS Mary's Meals project

*by Gemma Matthews*

Kinross High School is well on its way to achieving its target of raising £11,235 for Mary's Meals by the end of the school year.

This charity aims to feed school children across the world at least one nutritional meal a day and, in doing so, enables them to continue with their education. It costs £10.70 to fund meals for one child for a whole year, so we aim to raise £11,235 to fund the provision of meals to a school the size of Kinross High for a year. £7,000 of this total will go towards the construction of a new kitchen to provide these meals in an African village. So far, the school's charity group has run a showing of Child 31 – the story of Mary's Meals – as well as a coffee morning for sixth years and teachers and a charity fashion show...with some familiar looking models! The coffee morning was a huge success and managed to raise £230! All the pupils got involved with the fashion show, with junior pupils creating outfits, sixth years becoming models and hairdressers as well as singers and dancers from the school also taking to the stage. This event, along with others, has meant that the total raised for Mary's Meals so far is well over £4,500.

The next campaigns planned include collecting foreign coins and, potentially, a charity ball for adults in the community. The charity group is also promoting Global Citizenship within school to educate about the poverty faced by children in developing countries and why it is important to help charities like Mary's Meals. This is a great start and we hope that you will all keep coming to these fantastic events and keep supporting this great charity!

## KHS Youth Philanthropy Initiative

The Kinross High School English Department are pleased to announce that they will once again be participating in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) in the 2013-14 session. Supported by The Wood Family Trust in Scotland, this valuable project involves all pupils in the Third Year. It allows pupils to make contact with local, grassroots charities and explore the valuable work they carry out. Supported by their English teacher, small groups of pupils prepare a presentation on their chosen local charity and the best ones progress to a public final, with the winning team awarding a grant of £3000 to donate to their cause. External judges from industry and community organisations help to decide the winning presentation.

The programme is innovative and creative as it allows for real-life learning and pupils are able to make a difference to their local communities. The skills gained from this project are developed by their English teachers as the pupils then prepare for their exams in the Senior Phase.

Last year's winning charity 'Never Give Up Never Give In', based in Perth, helps those with long-term health conditions to alleviate social exclusion and isolation through the provision of peer support for all individuals.

As a number of local charities do not have offices or a website, we would like to ask members of the community to offer any suggestions of local, grassroots charities operating in the area. All charities must be OSCR registered and must seek to assist and improve the lives of people.

*H Cairnie*

## Kinross High School Parent Council

Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon 0794 667 9815

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A full copy of all Parent Council meeting minutes can be requested by contacting the Clerk.

The first meeting of the Parent Council in the new school session took place on 10 September. The new assessment structure that this year's S4s face for the first time was discussed. The school is publishing helpful information on the school website and parents and pupils may find it helpful to check this regularly for updates. Mr Keatings emphasised that the school is supporting pupils through this change and encouraged parents and carers to continue to seek answers about areas of uncertainty around the Nationals.

Later this school year, probably around February, the Parent Council hopes to run a daytime Jobs Fair for pupils at the school. We aim to expose the pupils to as wide a range of jobs as possible, some of which they might not have realised even existed. If you think you might like to participate and offer your insights into your line of work and what it took to get there, please get in touch with the Clerk.

A new School Handbook has been published which includes a number of changes. As well as being circulated to new S1s, it is available on the website. If you would like to comment on things that have been removed or included, Mr Keatings has asked that you contact the school as soon as possible.

As always, the Parent Council exists to represent the views of parents and guardians of pupils at the school to help ensure that our young people can learn and develop to their maximum potential. We work in partnership with the School to create a positive and proactive environment which supports pupils, staff and parents. The Parent Council is on hand to help support the process of communications with the School and we are always keen to hear from you, whether it be good, or not. If you are a parent or guardian of a Kinross High School pupil, perhaps you are considering joining the Parent Council. If so, you would be most welcome. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in attending any of the meetings in the new session. The next one will take place on the evening of **Monday 11 November**.

The current office bearers of the Parent Council are: Douglas Ogilvie (Chair), Bill Nicholl (Vice-chair), Allan Miller (Treasurer).



## Kinross Primary School

By P7 Media Co-ordinators: Rebecca Kenny, Sophie Bryson and Ben Gilkison

**Hello and welcome** to all the new children in our school this session. Our new P1 pupils have settled in really well and are enjoying their time learning lots of new things.

**Nursery:** The new nursery children are settling in well and are enjoying playing with their brand new playhouse in their garden. The garden is looking lovely and the children have much more space to play. Thank you to The Boys' Brigade for taking the time to paint the nursery's fences. They are looking fabulous.

**Eco Committee:** The P7 representatives this year are Cara Turner and Daniel Kenny. The other committee members have still to be selected. The posts are now advertised and the candidates will soon be interviewed for the jobs! Good luck to all who have applied for these roles.

**Congratulations** to us! We have now received our **second** green flag! All members of our school community have worked hard to keep our school clean and tidy. Our Eco members regularly litter pick and have been improving the school grounds by planting containers and purchasing more new bins.

**Pupil Council:** Elections are currently underway for our 2013-14 Pupil Council. More news to follow.

**House Captain:** This year's house captains are:

Beaton:	Rachael Farmer and Blair Whyte
Livingston:	Kirsty Galloway and Lennin Forbes
Fleming:	Sophie Bryson and Ryan McGrath
Seaton:	Hannah Eadie and Cameron Cook

**Prefects:** This session's prefects have now been chosen from P7a and P7b. The children that have been chosen are very much looking forward to being wet weather helpers, playground buddies and lunchtime monitors.

**Staff Changes:** Miss Fay McIntosh will be retiring from Kinross Primary on 20 September. She will be dearly missed by all staff and pupils as she has been a valued member of the school community for 40 years. We all wish her a long and happy retirement.

We also welcome Miss McGrath, new teacher, Mrs Baillie in the school office and Mrs Cathro, support assistant to Kinross Primary.

**JRSO:** Last year's JRSO pupils, Louis Cairns and Ben Gilkison, did a great job making sure that everyone knew about the dangers that can occur when crossing the road, bike safety and staying safe in the dark. Thank you to them for all their hard work. The new JRSO pupils will be chosen and training will begin in October.

## Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



After a busy summer exchange where we hosted a party from Gacé, the Association will host a stall at the 'Make a Difference Day' being held at the Loch Leven Community Campus on **Saturday 26 October**.

Information about the current status of our 39-year historical links with Gacé in Normandy along with future plans of the Association. Also on display will be a selection of souvenir gifts which have been presented to the Kinross Association from the Jumelage Committee in Gacé over the years.

If you want to find out more about our long established twinning, come along and pay us a visit.



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### Wind Farms on the Cleish Hills

A planning application for the first of the wind farms, the Outh Muir Wind Farm, has been lodged with Fife Council. The application is for 5 No Wind Turbines, 110m high to the tip of the blades and sitting on the uplands of the Cleish Hills. The Fife Council Reference No is 13/01898/EIA and details of the application can be found on the Fife Council website at: [www.fifedirect.org/planning](http://www.fifedirect.org/planning)

Letters of objection should be addressed to: Fife Council, Enterprise Planning & Protective Services, Kingdom House, Kingdom Avenue, Glenrothes, KY7 5LY

### REF: 13/01898/EIA Erection of 5 x 110m wind turbines - Cleish Hills, Outh, Knockhill, Fife.

There is still time to place an objection to this application. Fife Council will accept objections right up until the time that the case officer is preparing his final report to committee.

The other wind farm application at Blairadam, which is for 11 No Wind Turbines 115m high to tip of blade, we understand will not be lodged until the end of September. Both these wind farms will have a severe visual impact on Kinross-shire and we would urge anyone concerned about them to object.

### Best Kept Village Competition 2013

The presentation for the awards for the Best Kept Village competition took place in Portmoak Hall on 29 August.

Kinnesswood took the best-kept village prize for the second year running, with the judges being impressed by the overall

community involvement. Crook of Devon was in second place with Scotlandwell third and Milnathort fourth.

There were six entries in the Small Village category with Keltybridge and Maryburgh taking first prize, Cleish taking second place and Easter Balgedie third.

The Sir Robert Stewart Cup is presented to the village that the judges felt had improved the most since the preceding year. Milnathort took the honours for this award.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust President, Professor David Munro MBE, presented the awards to the winning villages and said: "The 'rural pride' referred to by the 18th-century Kinnesswood poet Michael Bruce is very much alive today in Kinross-shire".

Mr James Provan, for the judges, said: "Over the last three years in which I have been involved, there is no doubt that the weather this year has made a tremendous and helpful contribution to this competition and for the winning entries.

"All the work and dedication, that contributed so much to the tidiness and the colourful displays, led to success for the winning entrants who had taken such care to ensure that their village was so well presented. This proves yet again how much local pride and ambition can contribute to a thriving community and pleasant environment for all to enjoy".

The panel of three judges had inspected each settlement on 6 August and considered how the local communities look after their local area. The awards are sponsored by Robertson's of Milnathort, stockists of gardening and farming supplies.



*The Best Kept Village Awards Presentation*

*Back row: Patrick Milne-Horne (Chairman, Awards Committee), Nigel Roberts on (Keltybridge & Maryburgh) John Nicol (Kinnesswood), Isobel and David Henry (Milnathort), Matthew Pease (judge).*

*Front Row: Bridget Lindsay (Easter Balgedie), Sarah Bruce-Jones (Crook of Devon) Elaine Carruthers (Scotlandwell), Moira Mallins on (Keltybridge & Maryburgh), Prof David Munro (President, Kinross-shire Civic Trust), Jan Marshall (Kinnesswood), James Provan (Chair of judges), Grant Lindsay (judge).*



## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust *continued...*

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### Old Portmoak Chapel

At the end of August, the site of the old Chapel of Portmoak was opened.

The project properly started in 1976 when David Munro was organising a youth group in the levelling of the north runway at Portmoak airfield. At that time he found an ancient Celtic Cross which is now placed in the wall inside the present Portmoak Church. He also found the remains of an old kiln, which he re-assembled.

Moving forward to today, visitors were able to view what is considered to be the original site of the Chapel of Portmoak, dating back to the early Christian Culdees.

Research was carried out in old maps and eventually an Ordnance Map of 1856 identified the site and location of the chapel.

Work restarted when a local reading group read about St Andrew. It was discovered that during the Reformation the treasures, valuables and relics of St Andrews Cathedral, including the relics of St Andrew himself, were said to have been moved to Portmoak Parish for safekeeping until the danger had passed, when they were returned to St Andrews. This gives spiritual and historical significance to the Chapel, which was replaced in 1661 by the present Portmoak Church.

A small group was set up to develop matters.

The group has worked to establish and mark where the site was. The site and its surrounds have been cleared, the edge marked with stones and the four corners marked with a small cairn. An interpretive panel has been erected in the remains of an old stone barn explaining the history of the site.



Volunteers have marked out the site of the old Portmoak Chapel with stones. Photo: Linda Napier

It was a great pleasure to invite a number of people, including the Scottish Gliding Club, who had been of tremendous assistance and encouragement, members of the local churches and others who had been involved and interested to an opening of the site.

David Munro described the history and showed the visitors the various elements, Alistair Smith described the work that has been carried out in the last seven years and then he invited the Rev Dr Angus Morrison, minister to Orwell and

Portmoak churches, to lead a short service of prayers and dedication of the site and the panel.

Presentations were made to the Scottish Gliding Union thanking them for all their support and great assistance in helping prepare the site.

The afternoon was concluded with refreshments and everyone who attended the event found it a very appropriate occasion.



Trust President, David Munro, (left) and Chair, Alistair Smith, tell guests about the discovery of the old Portmoak chapel site. Photo: E Thomas

It is important to stress that the site of the Old Chapel is in the middle of Portmoak Airfield, which is a very active flying area for the Scottish Gliding Union. Access can only be arranged with the Portmoak Priory group, and not by the SGU. The group is very happy to arrange access and can be contacted through Alistair Smith, telephone 01592 840215.

Professor Munro has written a short history of the Old Kirk Yard of Portmoak, which includes information about the old chapel and interesting historical finds made at the adjacent site, where once there was a farm. You can read the first part on p. 23, with the second to follow next month.

### Articles Online

You can see more photographs associated with this report in the Articles Online section of our website:  
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There is also more information about the Portmoak Chapel on the Kinross-shire Civic Trust website:  
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# Sports News

## Kinross Road Runners

### Simon Wake Comrie Hills Relay Race, 1 September



Alison Robertson, Anne Macintyre, Alison Houston, Ronnie Ritchie, Brian Kemp and Norman Smith made up the 'Kinross 300 Plus' relay team at this year's Simon Wake Memorial race around the hills of Comrie and Glen Lednock. The total distance of 42km, with 6,500ft of ascent, is split up into four stages, all of which are pretty demanding, either due to rough going, unrelenting climbing or difficult route finding. With their combined age of 312 years they were never likely to feature in the winners' enclosure but at least they finished the race, which is more than some teams did. Their time was 5 hours 46 mins.

They all enjoyed the event; the camaraderie with the Kinross Ladies Team (Judith Dobson, Chris Myerscough, Anne Wilson, Sally Mason and Gill Lopez) and other competitors was great and the BBQ was a nice finishing touch.



*The mixed team from Kinross Road Runners who took part in the Comrie Hills Relay Race.*

*l to r: Brian Kemp, Ronnie Ritchie, Alison Robertson, Norman Smith, Anne MacIntyre and Alison Houston*

### Gateside Gallop, 4 September

This four-mile race is in its third year and proving to be very popular. In aid of Gateside Memorial Hall, it takes in an area of woodland off the Dryside Road which is normally inaccessible due to locked deer gates. It is a bit of a climb up in the first half but the run down the field past the Bunnet Stane makes up for it. A quirky, wiggly finish and a delicious Women's Rural Institute spread afterwards makes this local race a 'must-do'.

The KRR competitors and their times were:

Judith Dobson 33.11; Neil Robertson 34.23; Amanda Rennie 34.52; Wendy Grieve 35.46; Struan Robertson 35.51; Jim Close 36.07; Geoff Bilton 37.19; Anne MacIntyre 39.06; Alison Robertson 39.31; Stuart Dobson 39.34; Bill Noullan 41.37; Sarah Eaton 41.39; Norman Smith 42.15; Fiona Kemp 42.46 and Katie Chalmers 44.08.

### Winter training

We're now into our winter schedule; the summer evening off-road runs now a distant memory. If you care to join us in our training, please come along to Lathro (old health centre) for 7pm on Wednesday evenings. You are free to try a few sessions before committing to membership.

## Kinross Volleyball Club

### Kinross Visit Neighbours Alva

The club travelled to Alva Academy on the second Monday of September, taking two mixed teams through to their new volleyball neighbours for an evening of friendly games. Recently formed Alva VC also fielded two mixed teams and in the early sets, the home sides came out on top. Both Kinross sides finally found their feet and finished the evening strongly with victories but it wasn't all about winning, it was about having fun and enjoying fellowship with newcomers to volleyball. It is hoped to repeat another evening of mixed volleyball towards the end of the year.

Indoor training and coaching commenced at the Lochleven Community Campus on 16 September after a wonderful summer of outdoor volleyball where only a couple of Monday evenings were missed due to adverse weather.

New members, especially female, are welcome to come along on a Monday evening from 8 till 9.30 for an evening of fun and exercise.

### Perth District League

There will be five Kinross teams competing in this season's Perth League with two teams competing in the Premier League - Kintronics and Scotrange, plus three teams in the Recreational League - Kinross BB, Kinross BB GA and Mongrels. The Kinross Club has been very successful, being league champions continuously since 2008. This season starts with league cup competitions with the Leagues commencing after the school October holidays.

### UKCC Volleyball Coaching Course

Perth's North Inch Campus hosted its first Level One volleyball coaching course with a number of local volleyballers both from Kinross High School and Kinross Volleyball Club taking their first steps on the coaching ladder. This is an exciting opportunity for local players to get into coaching to help develop the players of tomorrow. PKC sports development officer Mike Richmond is convinced that by hosting coaching courses locally we can improve the impact sport has on youngsters within our communities in line with the thinking behind the ethos of Scottish Volleyball's MACvolley (More Active Communities, More Active Children).

### Sainsbury's UK School Games

The annual Sainsbury's School Games at Sheffield saw Kinross youngster Jackson Brown playing volleyball for the Scotland North & East Squad. The squad flew from Edinburgh to Sheffield on Thursday 12 September with games on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Local Perth coach Iain Cook also travelled with the squad as assistant coach. It is good to see local volleyballers and coaches involved in this prestigious tournament which is gaining in popularity, providing a pathway for youngsters towards recognition for future international squad selection.

### Club Correspondents

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

## Kinross Otters

### Midland District Premier League Perth Leisure Pool, 31 August



The top swimming League in the Tayside area re-started after the summer break at Perth and despite a depleted team the Otters came back with a bang to snatch a surprising third place from Arbroath St. Thomas, who were certainly stronger on paper. This leaves it wide open for that overall third spot in the last competition of this League at Dundee Olympia on 28 September. Perth City and DCA lead with Menieshill Whitehall bringing up the rear.

The relay team of **Aaron Gillon**, **Jordan Curtis**, **Ruairidh Haig** and **Cameron McCloskey** provided yet another bonus as they once again broke the 4 x 50m Freestyle club record (1.50.40).

### Midland District Sprint Swimming Championships

#### New Olympia Pool, Dundee, 7 September

The annual **Midland District (Tayside) Sprint Swimming Championships** event seeks to identify the fastest of the fast. And so it was that every club in the District turned up at the new Olympia Pool in Dundee on 7 September with the intention of being just that. The competition was fierce as the cream of Midland District battled it out for the major honours on offer. This was the Otters first meet of the swimming year and they performed admirably, although they had to settle for 11 medals, none of which were gold (last year was 17 medals with 5 gold). Personal bests fell all over the place.

Again, this year it was **Aaron Gillon** (14) who set a blistering pace and was the star of the Otters show. He came away with four silver medals and one bronze in the 14 year old Boys category, which would have been so much more had he not come up against the truly exceptional Scott McLay from Perth City. **Aaron** set club records in the 50m Freestyle (25.89 in the heats to shave 0.01 off that one and

26.03 in the final to win silver), 100m Individual Medley (1.08.03 – 0.05 off that one to win silver) and the 50m Breaststroke (35.40 – 0.2 secs off that one to win a bronze medal). He also won silver medals in the 50m Butterfly in 29.73 and 50m Backstroke in 30.95.

**Rebecca Thomson** (17) had a fair haul of medals herself winning a silver in the 50m Freestyle and bronze medals in the 50m Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly for 17 and over Girls. She, too, had very stiff competition in the form of Kirsty Simpson from Dundee City Aquatics, one of the best swimmers in the country.

Butterfly specialist, **Niamh Mullen** (14), showed why she is the best Butterflyer ever to swim for the Otters as she took chunks off her personal best (1.7 secs) and twice smashed the Club record in the 50m Butterfly (32.55 in the heats and 32.45 in the final taking a huge 1.4 sec off that record) to win a bronze medal in a very competitive race. She missed silver by two hundredths of a second in this 14 year old Girls race.

**Iona Crawford** (12) proved that she can compete with the best in her preferred stroke of Breaststroke when she won a bronze medal in the 10-12 year old Girls category in 40.71 secs.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to **Aaron Gillon** (14) and **Finlay Nesbitt** (12) who have been selected to represent the Midland District (Tayside) at the Inter-Counties competition in October in Sheffield.

And a very big WELL DONE to **Iona Crawford** (12) who can clearly not only swim but is pretty decent out of the water too! She has been crowned Scottish National Athletics champion in the under 14 girls 1500m! **Iona** was the youngest competitor and also won by a large margin. She is one of many Otters who participate in triathlon and a variety of other multisport events.

## Kinross-shire Pony Club

### Polocrosse Champions

Fourteen children and horses travelled down to the Pony Club Championships at Chalmondeley Castle as the only Scottish teams to take part in the Polocrosse Championships in mid August. They returned to Scotland with a first place in the Juniors and a second place in the Championship.

The children are all members of Over Dalkeith Stables Pony Club Member Centre. For some in the teams this was the first year at the Pony Club Championships and for all of them only the third tournament they have played in. Given that many of the children don't even own their own horses, this was a dramatic victory for the club. Shaun Gillanders, club coach, said after the prize giving: "These children all love playing this fast paced and exciting team sport. We play it for the love of the sport and it doesn't matter what position we come, but returning home to Kinross-shire with two shields as well as the experience of playing against UK national team members is an absolute bonus. The team are rarely seen without their polocrosse sticks in hand and they train together twice a week so these results reflect the dedication and effort they have put into the sport."

Pony Club polocrosse is taught and played at Over Dalkeith Stables, a riding school at Rumbling Bridge, near Kinross and the previous weekend they had put on a thrilling display

of polocrosse at the Kinross Show. The riding school is also a Pony Club member centre which allows children who ride but don't own their own ponies to get the benefits of Pony Club membership via their riding school.

Details of training and events can be found on the Scottish Polocrosse facebook page.



*Pony Club Championship Polocrosse Junior winners,  
Over Dalkeith Stables Member Centre.  
(l to r) Annabel Mahoney, Ruairidh Gillanders, Olivia Mear*

## Kinross Curling

Tel: 01577 861821

[www.kinrosscurling.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscurling.co.uk)

Great news for local curlers!

Firstly, as expected, we can now confirm that on 1st September Kinross Curling Trust took over the local ice rink on a long lease from the Green Hotel.

Secondly, Perth & Kinross Council has decided to award £125,000 towards the cost of refurbishing the ice rink. The trustees are very grateful for this vote of confidence from the Council. (*See News & Articles p. 22, for more information.*)

It is still not a certainty that the required upgrades will take place – more fundraising is required to reach the target of £800,000 for phase 1 work – but PKC's decision is a welcome boost. All aspects of the curling rink, including the bar and catering facilities, are now being run by the trust.

The trust has retained the services of Steven Kerr as ice rink manager.

The curling rink – now called Kinross Curling – has had a minor facelift



already. Some structural changes have taken place in the lounge and bar area and volunteers redecorated the lounge and changing rooms in the run-up to the start of the season.

Also, due to the persuasive efforts of some local curlers, the car park has been resurfaced at no cost to the trust.

KCT is very grateful to all the individuals and companies who have

donated time, materials and effort free of charge.

Twenty-four clubs enjoyed taking part in Kinross Curling's inaugural opening bonspiel on 22 September.

The next event to raise funds for the refurbishment project is a **Dinner with Auction and Raffle**, to take place on **Saturday 19 October**.

(*See Notice, p. 91.*)



*Volunteers take a break from painting to celebrate the start of the curling rink lease on 1 September.*

*Photo: Andy R Macpherson*

## Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club

Training has resumed at Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club, and we wish a warm welcome to all of our new recruits.

During the summer break, Sharon Doherty our new Chairperson entered a competition to win a set of club strips. 'Host your Kit' is a sports competition organised annually by the UK's leading cloud company iomart Group plc to help deserving youth teams throughout Scotland, England and Wales. ([www.iomart.com](http://www.iomart.com))

Sharon was over the moon when she received an email from the company! What fantastic news. Kinross Cavaliers were one of the clubs to be awarded a new kit and will shortly receive a top and pair of shorts for twelve players. Check out all the details on [facebook.com/HostYourKit](https://facebook.com/HostYourKit). This ties in well with our logo competition, as mentioned last month. Hollie Lamond, Senior Pupil at Kinross High School has agreed to design a logo based on Ella's draft, and is currently working on a design.

We are currently looking to add to our coaching staff and would be willing to mentor and support anybody wishing to join the coaching team and support development of our young basketball stars of the future.

The coaches focus on fitness and having fun, and learning new basketball skills. If you are under 14 and are interested in basketball or would like to give basketball a try, just come along to the campus any Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm.

Our weekly training sessions cost £3 each and, if you want



to join the club, there is a one-off annual payment of £10, which includes your registration with Basketball Scotland.

If you would like to get involved in any capacity, or would like any further information,

please call Karen Nicholson on 07795 101719 or email [k.e.nicholson@btinternet.com](mailto:k.e.nicholson@btinternet.com)

or Fraser Notman on 07506 241653 or email [chippysauce@btinternet.com](mailto:chippysauce@btinternet.com).

## Fossoway Curling Club

Fossoway are a small and friendly local curling club based in Crook of Devon, although our members come from far and wide. We play throughout the season, mostly at Kinross, with a few games in Perth. We are always looking for new members (beginners and experienced) who will find a warm welcome awaiting. Coaching is available free of charge.

Contact Alan on 840695 or Willie on 840405 for details.

## Burleigh Fishing Club

Another season has come to an end. This year saw the club fishing at various lochs including Loch Leven, Linlithgow and Glen Sherrup, with this one being the most successfully fished by most of our members.

As usual, the catches varied greatly with some of our members having a far more successful year than others. Everyone wants to avoid that wooden spoon!

We are a small club but we extend a warm welcome to any keen angler.

## Kinross Tennis Club

### Club Championship Results



	Winners	Runners-Up
8U Champion	Calum Porter	Logan Carlisle
9U Champion	Logan Carlisle	Calum Porter
10U Champion	Charlie Hogg	Jack Muncey
12U Singles	Charlie Hogg	Jamie Walker
12U Doubles	Jamie Walker & Samuel Wong	Lewis Carlisle & Logan Carlisle
14U Singles	Toby Irwin	Cameron Walker
14U Doubles	Cameron Walker & Samuel Wong	Rebecca Douglas & Callum Buchanan
18U Singles	Finlay Young	Jack McNeill
18U Doubles	Jack McNeill & Finlay Young	Rebecca Douglas & Andrew Greener
Ladies Singles	Gail Nelson	Rachael Campbell
Gents Singles	Mike Russell	Paul Deas
Ladies Doubles	Ann Hill & Gail Nelson	Margaret Hamblin & Margaret Byford
Gents Doubles	Finlay Young & Mauro Salmi	Bob Young & John Muncey
Mixed Doubles	Anne Hill & Mike Russell	Charmian Reid & Richard Green

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to Tony Greener and Richard Green for running the events and to everyone who contributed to all the finals days both on and off the court, especially Sue Cameron for facilitating the social arrangements for the senior finals.

### Tennis Tayside Henderson Vase Mixed League

Both teams obtained good results in the final mixed league matches. Kinross 1s beat Duffus 1s 5-4; Montrose 7.5-1.5; and West End 6-3, helping them to finish fourth in Division 1. Kinross 2s also finished fourth in Division 4 after securing the following wins: Broughty Ferry 2s 6.5-2.5; Arbroath 2s 5-4; West End 2s 6.5-2; and Lundin Sports 2s by 7.5-1.5. Thanks to Maggie Byford and Paul Deas for organising the teams this season.

As we go to press, the only outstanding match is a Gents Perth & District League match which will close what has been a fun P&D season for our members.

Social tennis will continue all winter at the club (weather permitting as ever!) and coaching and matches will resume in the springtime. Visitors are welcome for a small fee – keys can be obtained from Sands the Ironmongers.

Further information can be found on our website [www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk](http://www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk) or by contacting our secretary Vivien Clarke on 01577 861323 or by emailing [kinrosstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstennis@gmail.com)



Above: Kinross Tennis Club mini Red finalists (under 8)  
Below: Kinross Tennis Club mini Green finalists (under 10)



## Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The season has restarted, with our training taking place at the KGV AstroTurf pitch on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6.30 - 7.30. Training is a mixture of drills and games aimed at developing youngsters' full potential in the sport.

Initial focus in training is to get those interested ready for Perth & Kinross Hockey Development squad trials which take place in early October. There are also upcoming tournaments at the end of September at Perth and Dundee which will give youngsters a chance to compete against other local clubs.

It is good to see several Kobras moving on into the Men's and Ladies' clubs and, from the Men's club perspective, we look forward to seeing them playing in the Men's teams this season.

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If your community group has items it would be prepared to lend or hire out, please add them to the list.

## Milnathort Golf Club

### Congratulations to the Browns

Ian Brown and his father went through to the final of the Daily Mail Final which is to be played on St Pierre in October by beating a couple of chaps from Tarbat 2 and 1 on Sunday 1st September on the Milnathort course. Also Ian and his better half !! Tracey won the save the Children Final at Glenbervie on Monday 2 September by the narrowest of margins. Obviously a great couple of days for them, so well done on this achievement and we wish them all the best in St Pierre.

**Social Events:** The golf club held a 'high tea' on Sunday 8 September which was a resounding success according to those that were able to get booked! So, due to public demand, another one would be held soon. We are also looking at our winter schedule of social events, so see our noticeboard for details.

Sadly the summer golfing season has not got long to go but we are already planning for the winter and the Thursday, Saturday and Sunday leagues for gents will be starting up in October so see notice board for details.

### Membership Offer - like no other offer!!

**We are giving 16 months golfing for the price of 12 which means you have nothing else to pay until February 2015 for the sum of £310. This offer is open to juveniles for £70 and Juniors, i.e. over 14, for £100. For further information please contact the club on 01577 864069 or email us on:**

milnathort.gc@btconnect.com

### Ladies section

Following another great spell of weather we had a very successful Away Day to Braehead Golf Club in Alloa where 24 ladies took part and was organised by Jackie Sneddon, our Ladies Vice Captain. The prizes were very generously donated by her husband.

Our Ladies Open was also another successful day and was organised by Maureen Given, our Tournament Secretary.

We are at the end of our competitive golf and it all seems too quick that the Autumn/Winter Sweep is about to commence. We meet every Wednesday morning for a 10am tee time and play nine holes. This is open to all lady members of the club whether they have a handicap or not. Just turn up, no need to enter your name first.

### The Competition results are:

19/08/13 SLGA Rd 5: Elma McCulloch 71.

21/08/13 Golf Foundation Brooch: Jan Gibson 66.

25/08/13 Away Day Trophy Winners: Rhona Wilson, Caroline Marshall and Margaret Johnston.

26/08/13 Stark Quaich Rd 4: Claire Abbott-Smith 68.

Stark Quaich outright Winner will be announced next month.

28/08/13 9 Hole Stableford Rd 5: Audrey Thomson 21 pts.

28/08/13 18 Hole Stableford: Gillian Pemberton 41pts.

31/08/13 Ladies Open and the Pearl Murphy Trophy winner: Jan Gibson 66.

Silver Scratch: 1st L McKinley Dunnikier 75, 2nd J Saxton Kinross 81, 3rd D Watson Leven 84 bih.

Silver Handicap: 1st G Pemberton 71, 2nd E Caldwell 72, 3rd J Sneddon 75, 4th A Farquaharson Aberdour 75.

Bronze Scratch: G Tate 92, 2nd A Crawford 95, 3rd B Collins Thornton.

Bronze Handicap: 1st Caroline Marshall 70, 2nd K Dziennik 71, 3rd M Fleming 73 acb, 4th S Ritchie 73.

02/09/13 Montgomery Medal Rd 6: Claire Abbott-Smith 70.

04/09/13 Seniors Trophy: Elma McCulloch 30.5 acb, Betty Brannan 30.5

08/09/13 Montgomery Medal Final Winner: Claire Abbott-Smith 70.

09/09/13 Stableford: Fiona Smith 36 pts.

11/09/13 Stableford 9 Holes: Sue Jones 19 pts.

### Senior section

21st August saw the Seniors enjoy (?) an away day at Schawpark Golf Club in Alloa. The weather was intermittent but warm with one or two torrential showers of short duration, which did not really mar the event. Play was in the Stableford format and the winner on the day was Donald Brown.

On Thursday of that week we enjoyed our annual match versus the ladies of the club. An unusual format was used but resulted in a thoroughly enjoyable and competitive game played on the friendliest of terms with much good-natured banter. The game was followed by a buffet lunch hosted by the ladies, which went down a treat with all concerned. Of all the matches played, five of the first six teams returned a score of 65 or better which was excellent scoring under any circumstances. The outright winners on the day were the pair consisting of Jim Ferrier and Sandy Fleming with a nett 64. In second place was the pairing of Ron Macdonald and Roger Bromley. We look forward to next year when the Senior Gents will host the event.

The fifth round of the Senior Quaich was played on Thursday 29th with the best turnout of the competition this season. Ron Macdonald was first home with a net 66, followed by Hugh Cumming 67 (bih) and Bob Christie on the same score.

The Milnathort Seniors Open Tournament was held on Tuesday 3 September with a very good turnout from all 'airs and pairs'. In the age group 55-64, the Scratch prize was won by J Walker of Perth Artisans and the Handicap Section was won by I Sneddon of Lundin Links. In the age group 65-69, the Scratch prize was won by S Keay of Dunkeld. The Handicap was won by Scott Arnott of Milnathort. In the age group of 70+, the Scratch was won by A Buchan of Craigiehill. The Handicap was won by Ron Macdonald, Milnathort, who also returned the best Home Player score.

The fourth round of the Charlie Macari Trophy was played on 4 September when Colin Wilson, with an excellent 41 points, was the winner, with Phil Leiper in second place (40 bih) and George Lang, also with 40, third.

On 12 September we played our inaugural Senior Mixed Open and although the forecast wasn't good, the weather stayed kind to us. The winners of the Scratch - 18-hcp section were R and E McGuckin of Doone Valley with Charlie and Helen Payne from Milnathort coming in as runners-up. In the 181/2 + hcp section, the winners were Sandy and Margaret Fleming of Milnathort with C Thomas and E Love from Bogside as runners-up.

### For your Diaries:

On **Thursday 10 October** the Thursday Winter League starts and will continue (weather permitting) throughout the winter season. Although not exclusively confined to Senior Members, they do form the vast majority of participants.

On **Thursday 7 November** the Senior Section Annual General Meeting will take place after the Thursday League game, in the Clubhouse.

**Watch the Notice Board for further information.**

*See over page for Junior section*

## Milnathort Golf Club

### Junior section

The last few competitions of the season have been completed. The Summer League was won by Blair Addison, who had the best three scores over the five rounds. Katie Bell won the Stirling Trophy and Daniel Reilly and Murray Raeburn tied in the Autumn Cup. Katie had the opportunity through the county ladies to get some coaching at Archerfield from Catriona Matthews, the Scottish member of the winning Solheim Cup team.

The ClubGolf programme has just finished for the year and we have seen great improvement from those who have taken part. A big thanks go to Betty Brannen, Bob Wallace and Hugh Cumming for continuing to provide the tuition under this scheme.

The club is looking at running a junior winter league over the next few months to encourage the juniors not to put their clubs away over the winter, so fingers crossed for some continued good weather.

## Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

[www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk](http://www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk)

Pre-season events have been upon us this month and Kinross have put in some great performances. Once again we were again invited to the Hamilton Academicals annual tournament in Glasgow, which proved to be a great day with some pleasing results against tough opposition from teams from the West. This was followed by a friendly against East Kilbride in which three mini matches were played, with Kinross finishing 3-0 up.

The first tournament of the season, the Bell trophy, was hosted by Kinross. The area's own unique weather system did not let us down and players battled through sun, hail and sleet against four teams from the Midlands League. A loss against Brechin (Kirsty Dunn scoring for Kinross), win over Perthshire (Gail Nelson scoring) and a win against Madras (Catherine Thoms and Gail Nelson scoring) was enough to secure a win overall for Kinross and the first silverware of the season. Fingers crossed the trophy will have other friends to join it in the cabinet very soon.

We train every Wednesday night, 6.30pm until 8pm, on the astro pitch at the King George V playing fields in Kinross and have two teams playing in Midlands League divisions 1 and 2. If you would like to come along and join in, please do!

For further details, see our website or contact the club secretary, Libby Simpson, on 07941 465811 or e-mail [libbysimpson1@gmail.com](mailto:libbysimpson1@gmail.com). Or just turn up!

### Milnathort Golf Club – Membership Offer

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**01577 864069 or visit the club website**  
**[www.milnathortgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.milnathortgolfclub.co.uk)**



## Kinross Bowling Club

Only three more weeks of outdoor bowling left this season but we have been very lucky with the weather this year and it has just flown past.

Results are as follows:

	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Runners-up</b>
Gents Champion:	I Christophers	Douglas Stewart
Ladies Champion:	Sheila Rennie	Janice Stewart
Presidents Trophy:	George Rennie	Paul Grant
Bess Hunter:	Sheila Rennie	Chris Bennet
Montgomery:	Sheila Rennie	Paul Grant
Barnes:	Sheila Rennie	George Rennie
Senior S/Hand:	George Rennie	Sheila Rennie
Renton:	Sheila Rennie	Paul Grant
Mixed Pairs:	Janet Mitchell	Paul Grant
	Douglas Hague	Sheila Rennie
Gents Pairs:	Bob Moffat	M Mlotkienicz
	I Christophers	George Rennie

We have one single hand competition to be played and the ladies pair to be played (see next month's Newsletter for results).

Results of the one-day competitions are as follows:

Cowie Shield (Mixed):	Douglas Hague	Bob Moffat
E Ford Trophy (Ladies):	Janet Mitchell	Jean Cousar
J Wallace Cup (Men):	George Rennie	Jim Cousar
G Waddell Ford (Mixed):	Paul Grant	Jim Cousar
George Smith Pairs:	Douglas Stewart	Janice Stewart
	Sheila Rennie	M Mlotkienicz

We still have to play Gibson Triples, again this result will in next month's Newsletter.

Anyone interested in bowling who would like to have a try, feel free to contact the Secretary, George Rennie, telephone 01577 864727 or see our website:

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## Kinross Cycling Club

### KCC Ochils Road Races

On 8 September Kinross Cycling Club staged their second series of road races, the KCC Ochils Road Races.

The event saw two races staged on the day, a 10am Masters and Ladies race and at 2pm a Cat 4 race. Both events were well attended with the Cat 4 race selling out to a capacity of 70 riders with over 30 riders in the ladies' and vets' race.

The course passed through Duncruevie into Glenfarg, taking a sharp left up Church Brae before returning via Bankhead Avenue. KCC Event Organiser Paul Zarb said: "I was delighted with the way the day went; exciting racing, fabulous back drop with Loch Leven, terrific support from the local community".

KCC were also able to celebrate a podium position for the club President Andy Bruce, who finished third in the Masters Category race.



*The finish line of the KCC Ochils Road Race, just outside Duncruevie*

### General update

It's been a great season for us, with membership growing to over a 100 members, another sell out success with Sportive Kinross where we have now raised over £18,000 for our party charity CHAS, our most successful Grand Prix Series in our short history with over 50% of the club membership participating, a series of very successful ladies only cycling days. We also staged a couple of open events Team Time Trial in June and to finish the year off we had a successful road race series. The only downside for us is we had to postpone the Family Cycle Challenge in April to help out another charity and have, due to a resourcing issue, had to cancel the rearranged event – our apologies for that.

To finish on a positive, the top three in our GP series were: 1st Andy Bruce, 400 points; 2nd George Shanley, 392 points and 3rd Nick Rowan, 379 points.

The club would like to thank all in the local community who have supported us throughout the year, especially if you are a motorist who may have experienced the odd inconvenience with our various events throughout the season.

## Orwell Bowling Club

Orwellbowlingclub.co.uk

Tel: 01577 863739

Our internal competitions are all at the final stages and a full report of club winners will follow. This year's competitions have all been aided by good weather – such a difference playing in the sunshine for the majority of the season.

I have a correction to make from last month's article. I reported that Tony Venn was the gent's winner in the Haig Trophy competition; the winner was actually Jim Whittet, so my apologies (can't even blame a typo!!)

The seven days of sports which we participated in has not led to any new members yet but with Bowling having a profile in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow next year, we do hope that Bowls will become a sport more recognised by ALL ages. It's no longer just an "old man's game".

Our friendly competitions with other clubs have resulted in a mixed bag of results this season – we lost to Perth Caledonian by 32 shots but had a win over Auchtermuchty by four shot. All games were very enjoyable, despite some of the results.

Lack of entrants meant we were forced to cancel our open pairs competition but we look forward to a stronger entry next year. (Prize money is usually a strong incentive.)

One competition that is going ahead is the Open Rink on 21 September and if the last one is anything to go by the bowling will be competitive – if not a bowler, it will be worth coming along to spectate.

As the outdoor bowling season closes, we look ahead to our Presentation Dance in October.

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## Kinross-shire Cricket Club



### Junior Awards

Monday 16 September saw over 150 people attend the annual junior awards at the community campus. The event recognised the junior award winners and outlined the plans for the new pavilion and training facilities.

The 2013 award winners were:

### ECB Bronze Award

Lewis Bentall, Matthew Bentall, Thomas Charity, Jay Chilvers, Finlay Clark, Naomi Clarke, Andrew Crittenden, Lewis Dall, Cecily Douglas, Angus Forbes, Angus Gray, Bart Kuijpers, Kerri Borthwick, Laurence Kuijpers, Calum Porter, Lulu Forbes, Niamh Brown, Henry Silcock, Finn Thompson, Emma Mitchell, Louisa Muszynski, Anya Smith, Gabriel Lehane, Sebastian Lehane, Hansen Low

### ECB Bronze Winner

Calum Porter

### ECB Silver Award

Samuel Allen, Nikki Dall, Euan Hardie, Ben McLachlan, Daniel Shah, William Silcock, Ross Telfer, Ollie Wilson

### ECB Silver Winner

Ben McLachlan

### ECB Gold Award

Kieran Borthwick, Kirsty Galloway, Andrew Hynd, Freddie McCreanor, Ramsay Scott, Ben Volland, Luke Volland, Douglas Young, Megan Brown, Sara Summers, Krystyna Muszynski

### ECB Gold Winner(s):

Douglas Young, Ben Volland, Luke Volland

### INTER CRICKET Awards

Esme Allen, Thomas Chambers, Grace Cowie, Abigail Hall, Joe Jennings, Holly McLachlan, Gregor McPherson, Nicholas Miles, Ben Normile, Oliver Roe, Callum Shah, Bruce Smith, Alex Turlik, Kelly Smart, Jack Munce, Alex Wilson, Finlay Murphy

**Inter Cricket Winner:** Alex Turlik

### 2013 "Wee Stramash" Tournament

#### U13/15 Bowler

1st Lewis McLaren  
2nd Duncan Warnock  
3rd Jack McCreanor

#### U13/15 Batsman

1st Fingal Hall  
2nd Jack McCreanor  
3rd Stuart McCreanor

#### U11 Bowler

1st Oliver Roe  
2nd Jack Muncey  
3rd Joe Jennings

#### U11 Batsman

1st Jack Muncey  
2nd Callum Shah  
3rd Abigail Hall

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### Under 11 Awards

*U11 Bowler:* Jack Muncey  
*U11 Batsman:* Durness Mackay-Champion  
*U11 Most Improved:* Andrew Hynd and Ben Normile  
*U11 Spirit of Cricket:* Thomas Chambers, Kirsty Galloway

### Under 13 Awards

*U13 Bowler:* Sally Weir  
*U13 Batsman:* Lewis McLaren  
*U13 Most Improved:* Suley Ulla  
*U13 Spirit of Cricket:* Duncan Warnock

### Under 15 Awards

*U15 Bowler:* Lewis McLaren  
*U15 Batsman:* Fred Culley  
*U15 Most Improved:* Darwin Douglas  
*U15 Spirit of Cricket:* Ryan Shah

### 2013 Junior of the Year Darwin Douglas

### Loch Leven's Larder Cricket Ground

The awards evening also gave the club the opportunity to thank Robin & Emma Niven of Loch Leven's Larder for all of their help and support in establishing the new ground. Robin was presented with a framed photograph of all 110 juniors and the club coaches. On the day of the awards the club learnt that our initial application for funding from sportscotland has been successful and preparations are beginning to prepare the final application which should mean that the new pavilion will be in place for the 2014 season.

### Could your organisation make use of the new pavilion?

The club are very keen to find other community based groups from Kinross-shire that could make use of the pavilion and playing area at Loch Leven's Larder. Cricket takes place at the ground from April to September and is normally only in the evenings and every second weekend. If there are clubs or community groups that could make use of the building at other times of the day or during the Autumn/Winter period we would be very interested to hear from you. We would be particularly keen to hear from anyone who wants to start a new club but does not have a venue. Please contact the club via [secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk)

### Senior Cricket

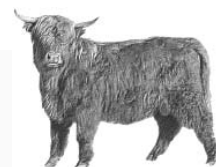
The 1st XI won the remaining games of the season to finish a very creditable 4th in the Strathmore & Perthshire Union 1st Division. 1st XI skipper, James Ross, was named player of the year as he picked up every one of the senior performance awards. His 83 not out against Norwood was the individual highest score of the season and his 7 wickets for 13 against St Modans was a new club record. James also scored the most runs in the season and took the most wickets as well as the most fielding dismissals. Both senior teams now have a brief rest before the winter indoor league begins in November.

### Winter Training

Winter training for juniors starts on **Monday 28 October** at the community campus. Full details can be found on the club website. [www.kinrosscc.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscc.co.uk)

### Community Website

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



# Out & About

## RSPB Loch Leven

www.rspb.org.uk/scotland Telephone: (01577) 862355



Hello, folks! Fit like the day? Anither month in awready and sad tae say summer is comin tae an end and autumn is upon us. We hiv hid a pickle pinkfeet geese back, around 74 at time o' writin (mid September) 'n' as shair as nicht follaes day the rest wull be comin ahint them sometime sane. Summer migrants are still tricklin through, wi osprey, greenshank 'n' ither assortit waders in evidence. Still a few willow warblers, swallows and martins baith hoose and sand around enaw passin oan tae warmer climes in Affica.

We hiv been daen a bit o' wark oot oan the wetland, cutting back grass 'n' ither vegetation post breedin season which maks the place look a bit better 'n' maks the birds a bit easier tae see. We hiv also re-profiled some o' the ponds in front o' the hides tae improve the access fur the wetland birds

The big thing happenin at the minute is the continuation o' the Heritage Trail along the roadside in front o' the centre. The route, which gans through a considerable pairt of the RSPB reserve in this last section (am guessin about twa thirds o' it) over 'n' above the bit awready completit, will finish the circuit richt roond the loch. It's been chosen tae give people the best views of the loch and the wildlife oan the reserve wi the least amount o' disturbance; it's oor enjoyment but it's their hoose and ye widnae like it if somebody came in and startit disturbing yours! So this route shid keep humans 'n' birds 'n' beasts happy, while still allowin us humans tae enjoy the wonderful wildlife 'n' Kinross countryside.

In the centre, Chefy boy, in line wi oor policy o' tryin tae bring ye local, fairtrade 'n' organic food, Soil Association approved, hiz sourced organic haggis and bacon. It's noo available fur yer delectation in wur caterin emporium. Haggis 'n' oor homemade chilli sauce is very popular oan the homemade flatbread so it shid taste even better noo. Is that possible? Och aye. Tho the Scottish brie 'n' cranberry is still the best seller. You choose. The caterin team hiz also been boosted by a couple o' new volunteers, Alice 'n' Janice, so if ye fancy givin it a go yersel even jist fur a few hours at a time, why no come alang 'n' speak tae Dougie? It's fun, honest, and ye kin hey a bit o' blether wi Lynn or chefy or the customers – they dinnae bite! Well, no that much – ye'll be fine!

**Events** comin up durin October are as follows:

Oan **Saturday 5th, Introduction/Refresher to Digital Photography**, a full day's tuition wi' lunch and refreshments included.

Fae the 7th onwards, we will be doin loads o' stuff, including kids' events and dawn and dusk goosewatches.

Kids events run oan the **7th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 19th 'n' 24th**, which apparently are aboot **Woodland warriors, Forest Maidens 'n' Elves**. Noo that's a potent mix.

The **Goosewatches** will be: Dawn yin oan the **9th** and a Dusk yin oan the **16th**.

Please contact the reserve oan the usual number fur costs or tae book these events.

Till next time, ta ta,

Colin

## 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:

29 March 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: Adult £5.50, Child £3.30,  
(includes boat trip) Conc £4.40. HS members free.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 £4.50, Child £2.70, Concessions £3.60.

### 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).



## Loch Leven NNR

Our Osprey Walk last month was a triumph, with fifteen Ospreys turning up and some putting on a spectacular show. As the summer breeders migrate to warmer winter climes, we look forward to the changing season at Loch Leven NNR, as it is the most exciting time of year for wintering wildfowl. The assemblage of ducks, geese and swans can be truly remarkable with peak counts of up to 60000 individuals having been recorded in recent years. The real stars of the autumn show are the Pink-footed Geese, migrating south from Iceland to winter throughout the UK. The first recorded returns were seen early in September, and numbers are expected to build to as many as 20000 by mid-October.



*A pink-footed goose*

### **Pink Sunset – Saturday 26 October, 4.30-7pm, meeting at Loch Leven's Larder car park**

We're giving you the opportunity to come and join us for an evening walk down to the loch to witness the premier wildlife spectacle of wintering Pink-footed Geese coming in to roost on the loch shore, having spent their day feeding in nearby fields. We're hopeful that they'll put on as much of a show as they did when the BBC Autumnwatch crew came to film them last year. The event is free, and open to all, but booking is essential, so please call the reserve office on 01577 864439 to book your place.

### **Fungi Foray – Sunday 29 September, 2-5pm, meeting at Findatie car park**

Aside from bird migration, the seasonal change is also evident in the emergence of fungal fruiting bodies throughout the world, and Loch Leven has an interesting selection of fungi to find. Whether edible, poisonous, medicinal or otherwise, every species has a tale to tell, making these a fascinating group of organisms to learn more about. We'll be joined this year by local mycologist Richard Smith from Fife Council, as we explore the recyclers of the woodlands at Levenmouth. As with all our events, this is free and open to all, but booking is essential. Please call the reserve office on the number above to book your place.

This month we also bid farewell, for now, to Emily Thomas, a local University student who is now returning to her studies. Emily has been a huge help throughout the summer, and was a valued member of our regular team of Wednesday volunteers. We are indebted to her for her hard work through what has been a very busy summer indeed. If you would like to help out at Loch Leven, why not give us a

call to see what's involved? It's a great opportunity to contribute to conservation efforts locally, and no two days are ever the same, with the wide range of tasks to get involved in.




*Volunteer Emily Thomas preparing cut willow re-growth for replanting*


Keep an eye on the blog for more up-to-date news and information from Loch Leven NNR, at [www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com](http://www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com).

Craig

### **Fact of the Month**

There are 14 species of deadly mushroom in the UK. Many more, however, may cause varying levels of illness, so be sure to seek expert advice and consult multiple field guides before considering fungi foraging as a pastime or supplementary food source!

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## Farming



### Fat Hen and the Hoe

I can now report that the winter rations are secured. We have a mixture of silage and a slightly drier version, also wrapped in green plastic, called haylage, safely baled, wrapped and stacked ready for the winter.

We also planted ten acres of turnips for the second year and thanks to the much drier and sunnier conditions these have grown really well, with the neeps being much bigger than the first attempt, which saw them struggle in the monsoon conditions of 2012.

I'm proud of the rows of juicy nutritious tasty turnips which will be eaten by the ewes between January and March, despite a problem of uncontrollable Fat Hen. That's not an overweight, feathered friend but a very troublesome annual weed that wasn't killed off by the pre-emergence herbicide. I'm keen to become an expert turnip grower (yes, this is one of my mini ambitions, honest) so I was a bit disappointed when I could see it taking hold in June just as the little turnips were starting to develop. The agronomist couldn't explain why the (expensive) spray hadn't checked the Fat Hen but I think it became ineffective because of the dry weather. This is typical of farming; just because you got something right one year, it doesn't mean if you apply the same strategy the next year that it will work. Mother Nature always has an impact.

Luckily my husband and I both benefit greatly from farming with our Dads; both farmed all their lives, have loads of experience and try to remind us not to get too complacent. So although the field looks what we farmers call "dirty" – that is, full of unwanted weeds – the upside is that the mature Fat Hen plant is tall and full of seeds so provides lots of cover and a plentiful supply of food for farmland birds. So the turnips are not just winter food for our flock but also for curlews and such like.

It's a conservational silver lining but not a strategy. Controlling Fat Hen from now on is a priority. It is a common garden weed and, just as you may pull it out of the flowerbeds when it is still small, you can also control it this way in fields. It's the old fashioned way to take a hoe and knock the weeds out of the soil – they just shrivel up and die if you do this early on. It is, of course, the way that it used to be done – my Dad always says this was one of his favourite jobs when he was a youngster and absolutely the best way to get a suntan as it's such a time-consuming activity that can see you outside from dawn till dusk with the hoe. And it works. On my numerous taxi journeys taking our daughter to and from her part-time job at Powmill Milk Bar, I keep an eye on a field of turnips along the Aldie Road. Part of the field seemed to have a similar weed problem to ours (though admittedly not as bad), but one section next to the gate was really clean – weed-free, in fact – and it turns out that this part had been carefully hoed by the family. Sometimes the old fashioned way is best and of course organic, too. Maybe I had better invest in a sombrero, a tube of factor 50 and five hoes if I really want to become a master neep grower.

Fiona

### Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

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

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

## Weather



### August Weather Report from Carnbo

Despite a good number of showers during the month, August turned out to be a rather dry month, with no extremes throughout.

Total rainfall	60.8 mm (90% of average)
Heaviest fall	15.6 mm (7th)
Rain days 17, dry days 10, trace days 4	
Highest temperature	20°C (2nd)
Lowest temperature	6°C (31st)
Average temperature	13.4°C
Total cloud cover 75% app	
Sunless days 8	
Thunder not recorded	

### The Highs and Lows of Summer 2013

The summer of 2013 was a welcome change from the recent rather cool, wet summers, especially 2012.

Total rainfall	252 mm (slightly below average)
Heaviest fall	61 mm (23rd July)
This total fell in less than 2 hours!	
Rain days 45, dry days 14, trace days 6	
Sunless days 16	
Thunder on 2 days (23rd, 25th July)	

### August Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	47.7 mm (1.90 inches)
Heaviest fall	11.2 mm (17th)
Total sunshine for month	132.4 hours
Sunniest day	10.1 hours (4th)
Maximum temperature	average 19.62°C
Highest temperature	22.9°C (2nd)
Minimum temperature	average 6.93°C
Lowest temperature	0.5°C (30th)

### Plant Sale and Autumn Fair Hill of Tarvit, Cupar

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# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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

**Church open for visiting or quiet contemplation Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon** (Note Pram Service on Tues mornings during school term).

The Church website gives details of events, including photographs of recent events - see the 'Gallery' section.

### Leasing Church or Church Centre

To book rooms in the church itself or at its suite of halls at the Church Centre, High Street, Kinross, contact Church Office or Church Centre Lets email (see above).

**The Church Office now sells Fair Trade goods by Traidcraft. Call in and stock up.**

**For more details of events see: [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)**

**Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.** The church has disabled parking, ramp access and a disabled toilet. Kinross Church Centre, High Street, has ramp access and a disabled toilet.

### Regular Services and events

**Sundays: Morning Services** at 10.30am Crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'JamPact' (Secondary Age) meet at church during service. 7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

**Tuesdays:** 10am, Pram Service, in term time.

**Wednesdays:** 10.45am Midweek service in the Garden Room, Church Centre.

**Fridays:** The Brigade, church centre.

Anchor Section 6 - 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 - 9pm.

Company Section 8 - 10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).

**Saturdays:** 9am - 12 noon: Book Sale and Coffee Bar at the Church Centre.

### Other Events and Services

#### September

#### Sun 29 Harvest Thanksgiving

10.30am, Harvest Thanksgiving service, in support of Tearfund.

6.30pm, Informal Evening Service - Tearfund Focus.

'Tearfund' is a Christian charity 'passionate about ending poverty' which works with partner churches throughout the world.

#### October

**Tue 1** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

7.15pm: Guild, church centre, 'John Knox', Rev Alan Reid

**Thu 3** 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre, 'Sense Scotland'

**Sun 6** 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion

**Mon 7** 8am: Silent Meditation (30 mins.)

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

**Sun 13** 3pm: Concert and Afternoon Tea in 'Second Sunday Series': 'Songs and Scones' with soprano Daisy Henderson and pianist Derek Clark

**Tue 15** 7.15pm: Guild, church centre, 'Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance'

**Thu 17** 9pm: Time to Pray, late evening service of Compline (20min)

**Sun 27** 10.30am: Morning Service: Anniversary Service in thanksgiving for 125 years of Kinross Parish Church Guild - one of the oldest in Scotland.

6.30pm Informal Evening Service.

**Tues 29** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court

7.15pm: Guild, church centre, 'An Evening with Laurel and Hardy'

8pm: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

### Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

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

### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

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

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

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

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

### Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

### Dates and events for your diary

**28 September** Talent Show in Orwell Church (7-9pm)

**26 October** Messy Church in Portmoak Hall

**27 October** Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Back to Church Sunday

Cradle Roll Service

**30 October** Alistair Macdonald appearing in Orwell Church

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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Contact the Office 01577 861200

[orwellportmoakchurch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:orwellportmoakchurch@yahoo.co.uk)

## St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

<b>Mass Times</b>	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

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

## Kinross Christian Fellowship

Jesus said, 'I am among you as one who serves.'

Sunday morning service at 10.30am (refreshments and blether at 10am), Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

Lively praise (children participate), reverent worship open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, prayer, ministry and solid Bible-based preaching and teaching. An all-round family service for families, which includes Sunday School. Communion every second Sunday, as is our evening service at 6.30pm; a time for praise, worship, sharing and joy in The Lord Jesus. (Followed by light refreshments and more blether.)

Everyone is welcome to either service or to both, so please come and, *taste and see that the LORD is good.*

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

*KCF also runs the Talking Donkey café - see separate notice in the Newsletter. Additionally, the Friday evening Youth Group at the Millbridge Hall (Space) is also the responsibility of our Fellowship, and we are pleased to accept this privilege.*

**St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church**

(part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

Mrs Sarah Oxnard, Vestry Chair Telephone: 01577 864213

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

You can also find us on Facebook

St Paul's is open, friendly and welcoming to all age groups (whether regular churchgoers or if you're simply inquisitive about who we are and what we do!)

We are excited about the ways in which God is calling us to grow as a community, for the community. Our aim is to express our deep appreciation of both the spoken and sacramental Word with a lightness of touch and a smile. If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you and hope that you might enjoy becoming part of this faithful family of Christ.

8am Morning Prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays).

**October Services**

**Sun 6** Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist followed by a simple 'Bring & Share' Harvest lunch in the Meeting Room.

**Tue 8** Second Tuesday. Discussion about the 'Holy City' experience.

**Sun 13** Week of Proper 28. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

**Wed 16** 7.30pm Holy Communion and candlelit service of Compline followed by a visit to a local hostelry.

**Sun 20** Week of Proper 29. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 27** Bible Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am All Age Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism of Danny Hodge.

**Thu 31** 7.30pm All Hallows' Eve Family Service and party.

**Everyone welcome at all services**

During the week, St Paul's Church will be open to the public at the following times:

First Monday of the month: 10am - 3pm

Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursdays: 12.30pm - 1.30pm (which is also the Rector's Hour).

These are opportunities for visitors to sit quietly and perhaps light a small candle.

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**Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church****Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC013157)

Locum/Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01755) 840225

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am**October**

**Sun 6** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

**Sun 13** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

**Sun 20** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

**Sun 27** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.  
Service of Thanksgiving for Harvest.

**Wrigglers Group (0-3 years), Junior Church and teens group** all meet during term time within the church family at the beginning of the service, and then in their own groups after 'Time to Talk'.

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

**Yoga classes:** Please contact Lucille Henderson for details, 01577 840683.

**House group:** Please contact Fred for details, 01577 840833.

**Film Afternoon: Friday 11 October** 2.30-4.30pm and 7.30-9.30pm in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall. Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether.

**Cleish Parish Church  
Church of Scotland**

(Charity number SC 003168)

Locum Minister: Mr Brian Ogilvie

Telephone: (01592) 840823

E-mail: brianj.ogilvie1@bopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan

Telephone: (01506) 825641

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

Website: www.cleishchurch.org

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

**Sun 6** 11.15am All Age Worship: Brian Ogilvie, followed by tea and coffee in the village hall.

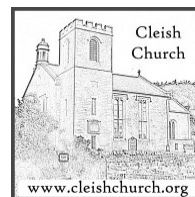
**Sun 13** 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

**Sun 20** 10.00am Early Birds Worship.

11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

**Sun 27** 11.15am Harvest Thanksgiving: Brian Ogilvie.  
7.30pm Annual Concert of Cleish & Fossoway Choir.

All welcome

**Kinross Gospel Hall**

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.00pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study

# Playgroups and Toddlers <sup>54</sup>

## Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort**  
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## LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Session times (term time only)**

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,  
[sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk)

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

## FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

**Crook of Devon Village Hall**

Friday 9.30am - 11.00am

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Contact - Christina Smith 01577 840733

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Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell  
(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

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

Babies and Toddlers (birth- 3yrs), Tues 9.30am - 11am  
Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am– 12noon

Contact Lynda Hardie (Play leader/Manager)  
01592 840785 or 07594 328475

Email: [portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk)  
or find us on Facebook

## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross  
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association  
Aka Swansacre Playgroup  
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



**Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235**

*We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.*

**Playgroup:** Mon 9.05am-11.35am with Lunch Club after (for children from age 3 yrs). Tue to Fri 9.15am-11.45am. Children from the age of 2 years welcome.

**Inbetweeners:** Fri 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club before. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

**Rising Fives:** Tues & Wed 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

**For availability or more information, please contact:**  
Kim 07504 445949, [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)  
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

### Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information, please contact Playgroup on 07592 392235.

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

## LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)**

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/carer. Play and pre-school activities, with a variety of toys. A snack is provided, plus coffee and tea for parents/carers. Younger siblings also welcome.

Contact Esther Blackburn on [estherjkent@hotmail.com](mailto:estherjkent@hotmail.com) or  
07812 757077 for further details,  
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

## 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 Sadie Allan on 01577 830807 or just come along!

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.





# Notices

## Powmill Quilters

20th anniversary exhibition of quilts in  
Moubray Hall, Powmill

on **Saturday 28 September** 10am – 4pm

raffle quilt, teas etc

For more info contact E Johnston 01577 840330

## Kinross & District Pipe Band

### CEILIDH

**Saturday 28 September**

Milnathort Town Hall

7.30pm – midnight

Bar                      Raffle                      Stovies

Adults: £8              Under 16: £5

Tickets from: Lorna              07967 114831  
Kathleen              07818 532091

## The Thursday Group

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

**3 October** Jan Chebrica from *Sense Scotland*, a charity working with deaf, blind and disabled children.

## Music in Dollar

Concerts are held in the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, starting at 7.30pm. Season tickets for all of the concerts are £28 (single) and £52 (family). Tickets for individual concerts are £8.

- 5 Oct **The Lorna Reid Quintet** – one of Scotland's most sought after artists.
- 17 Nov **Children's Concert** (Tom-toms and tooters) – a must for music fans of all ages.
- 30 Nov **The Katona Twins** – the classical world's best known guitar duo.
- 11 Jan **Rowan McGirr** (violin) – Dollar Academy's very own violinist performs on home territory.
- 22 Feb **Edward Cohen** (piano) – a first class graduate of the Royal Academy of Music.
- 15 Mar **The Busch Ensemble** (piano, violin, cello) – an international prize and award-winning trio.

[www.musicindollar.org.uk](http://www.musicindollar.org.uk)    [info@musicindollar.org.uk](mailto:info@musicindollar.org.uk)

## Perth Association for Mental Health

PAMH is a community based non-profit organisation providing services for people recovering from mental health problems. PAMH offers Counselling, Day Services and hosts a Depression Support Group and Bipolar Support Group. For more information telephone (01738) 639657. Website: [www.pamh.co.uk](http://www.pamh.co.uk)

## Carnbo and District WRI

### Coffee Morning

at Carnbo Hall

10am-12 noon

**Saturday 19 October**

Sales table      Bottle Stall      Teas  
All welcome

## Kinross Floral Art Club

will meet in the Loch Leven Suite,  
the Green Hotel, Kinross  
at 7.15pm on **Thursday 24 October**

Demonstration:

*Name that tune* by Mrs Margaret Campbell

(Please note change from usual venue for this meeting only)

## Powmill WRI

### Autumn Fayre & Sale of Work

on

**Saturday 26 October**

in Moubray Hall, Powmill

Doors open at 2pm      Entry charge: £3.00  
All welcome



## Inaugural Dinner

Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross  
**Saturday 19 October 2013**  
19:00 for 19:30 start

3 course meal, auction, raffle  
MC: Ross Muir  
Main speaker: Willie Allan  
Dress code: Lounge suit or kilt

£40 per person  
£360 per table of 10

For tickets contact:  
[dinnertickets.mw@btinternet.com](mailto:dinnertickets.mw@btinternet.com)



Kinross Curling is a trading name of Kinross Curling Trust.  
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Registered Office: 2 & 11 Mitchell W.S., 31 Alford Road, Pitlochry, Perthshire PH14 5BJ

## Second Sunday Series I

### Music in Kinross Parish Church

Second Sunday Series 1 continues with a song recital by **Daisy Henderson** on **Sunday 13 October** at 3pm in Kinross Parish Church. Daisy is the director of Classical Musicians Scotland, and is arranging the artists in this series. She also arranges for Katrina to come from Ayrshire with her delicious cakes! Her hour-long recital, entitled **SONGS & SCONES**, is a glittering choice of songs from the world of opera, operetta and musicals. She will be accompanied by Scottish Opera's Head of Music, Derek Clark, who has a multi-pronged career as opera conductor, arranger and accompanist.

The programme ranges from Pergolesi and Mozart through Delibes and Puccini and arrives at Showboat, Carousel and Kiss me Kate amongst others.

Tickets are £10 each (school-age children £4) from the Church Office (10am to noon, weekdays), Milnathort Post Office, or they can be reserved from Alex Cant (alexcant44@aol.com or 01577 862923). Tickets bought or reserved in advance will include a free lucky programme (normally £1).

See also page 45.

## Crook of Devon Village Hall

### Regular Events

Monday	Fun-Fit	9.30am-10.30am
	Yoga	7.30pm-8.30pm
Tuesday	Ballet	5.15pm-7.15pm
	Country Dancing	7.30pm-9.00pm
Wednesday	Bowling	8.00pm-10.00pm
Thursday	Early Risers' Yoga	7.30am-8.30am
Friday	Toddlers	9.30am-11.00am
	Youth Club (P4-P7)	6.30pm-7.45pm

### Upcoming Events

27 October	Family Film Afternoon
30 November	St Andrews Day Coffee Morning 10.30am-12.30pm
November (tbc)	Live Music Night
21 December	Christmas Family Disco, 6-8.30pm
31 December	New Year Family Ceilidh

Please check local notice boards, shop or garage for more details nearer the time. If you've any queries regarding any of the above or hiring the hall, please contact Jean in the shop or Michelle Wight, tel: 840852.

## Cleish & Fossoway Joint Choir and Guests

### ANNUAL CONCERT

to be held in Cleish Church on

**Sunday 27 October**  
at 7.30pm

Varied programme of choral works including  
a short mass by Mozart

Entry: £5

## Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed. Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

# Family Fun Day

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 10am - 2pm

Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross KY13 8FQ



Opening of the new  
Volunteering  
information Point  
in the Library

It's Free

You are invited to a day to  
celebrate volunteers and  
volunteering.

- activities for all ages
- enjoy your community,
- find out how volunteers make a difference to communities.

Refreshments

Inspiration

Information

Activities

Sign the

Certificate of Gratitude

Organised by Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group  
For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay (Senior Capacity Building Worker), Loch Leven Community Campus, The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ, email: T.Ramsay@pkc.gov.uk, tel: 01577 867124 or Community Learning Base 01577 867177

MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE  
DAY

## Michael Bruce Trust Annual Illustrated Talk

7.30pm, Thursday 31 October  
Portmoak Village Hall

As part of its aim to keep alive the memory of the Kinnesswood-born poet Michael Bruce (1746-67), the Michael Bruce Trust holds an annual illustrated talk. On Thursday 31 October Trust Chairman, Professor David Munro, will give a talk entitled *Scotlandwell: The making of a Scottish Village* in Portmoak Village Hall.

Tea and coffee will be served after the talk and entry is £4. Proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the poet's birthplace in Kinnesswood.

## Fireworks at Tullibole Castle Weddings

On 24 August 2013 we had Category 4 ('professional') fireworks set off by professional firers. (The same firm used by T in the Park.) This was the first time Category 4 fireworks have been used at Tullibole. They may be used at weddings and events at some future time.

Should residents of Fossoway Parish wish advanced warning of a Category 4 display, please email:

fireworks@tuibol.demon.co.uk

At this time we have no clients wanting a fireworks display.

## Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

Loch Leven Fishing Pier; Robertson's of Milnathort;  
Kinnesswood Village Store;  
Fossoway Stores, Crook of Devon

# THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

## GUEST SPEAKERS

**2nd Sept 2013**

10:30am Scam Awareness (Trading Standards)  
1:30pm District Nurse & Pharmacist

**7th October 2013**

10:30am Zero Waste (Environmental Services)  
1:30pm DISIP (Disability Information Services)

The speakers will give a brief talk at 10:30am  
then 1:30pm allowing time for one to one  
advice.

The hub cafe is  
an informal  
meeting place to  
chat over a cuppa  
with other carers,  
cared for and  
family  
members.



ST. PAULS CHURCH HALL  
KINROSS  
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH  
10am—12noon & 1pm-3pm

Contact Gail Boath  
or Elaine Kincaid  
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310



Milnathort  
filmhouse



life of pi saturday nov 2nd  
epic sunday nov 3rd



## big screen movies

Life of Pi (PG) **OVER 18's ONLY**

8pm, doors open 7.15pm (BYOB)

EPIC (U) **FAMILY MOVIE\***

3pm, doors open 2.30pm

**Milnathort Town Hall**

Tickets available on the door and in advance through our Facebook  
page. Adult £5 (OAP & Student concession £3), \*Child £3, \*Family  
£15 (2ad, 2 Ch) Tuck shop available

## The Kinross-shire Day Centre

64 High Street, Kinross

### 30th Anniversary Celebration Activities

Activities planned are open to **all family members and friends**. Why not come along and see what the Day Centre has to offer and help us celebrate this **Special Occasion?**

If you come a little earlier you could try our lunch menu prepared by our very own cooks. Pop into the centre to find our more information!

**Activities** (all 1.30pm to 3.30pm):

**16 October Party Animal**

Touchy, feely experience and information about exotic animals.

**23 October Face Painting for all the family**

Bring your grandchildren, all the family!

**30 October Relaxation Class for All**

Help sooth and calm the mind, create a bit of 'me' time, relax and de-stress. Quiz about mental well-being.

**6 November Kinross Museum Photo Exhibition**

**13 November Health and Well-Being**

**20 November Singing for All**

No music reading or singing experience necessary. For anyone who wants to sing and have fun!

**28 November Grand Party in celebration of 30th Anniversary!**

See also Regular Programme of Activities on page 104

## 100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth and Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?

Do you know a Perth and Kinross couple celebrating their Diamond (60th), 65th or Platinum (70th) wedding anniversary?

If you do, Perth & Kinross Council would like to hear from you and can help you celebrate this very special occasion. The Council can arrange delivery of a basket of flowers or for a local Councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day. The Council can also invite the media along to take a photograph if the person or couple would like their picture published in a local newspaper.

Phone 01738 475051 or email [civicservices@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:civicservices@pkc.gov.uk) and the Council will be happy to help you make arrangements for the special day.

Did you know that you can also make arrangements for a message of congratulations from Her Majesty The Queen? For more information, see the webpage:

[www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/annivesaries.html](http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/annivesaries.html) or telephone or telephone 0131 314 4488.





## Swansacre Playgroup

Charity No. SC017748

### Christmas Shopping Night

Thursday 7 November

7.30pm to 10pm, Windlestrae Hotel

Tickets £2. For tickets, pop in to Swansacre or contact us on 01577 862071



## KLEO Winter Market

Saturday 23 November

3pm – 7pm, Kinross Church Hall

Come along for Swansacre's Christmas Countdown and join our celebrations.

Bouncy Castle, kids craft activities, lucky dip...

...and maybe even a *very special visitor* before his busiest month of the year!



## Independence Referendum Question and Answer Evening

Loch Leven Community Campus

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Do you have questions about the Scottish Independence Referendum campaign that you would like answered?

To get more information, come to an event organised by YES Scotland at the Community Campus on Tuesday 12 November starting at 7pm.

A panel of speakers including the Finance Secretary **John Swinney** (SNP) and **Louise Batchelor** (Scottish Green Party) will answer questions which the audience can submit at the beginning of the night.

The panel chairman will choose the most commonly raised questions and the panel will address as many as they can in the time available.

Admission free, all welcome

## Loch Leven NNR Events Programme 2013



Scottish Natural Heritage  
All of nature for all of Scotland



Year of  
Natural  
Scotland  
2013

Sat 26 Oct	Pink Sunset	4.30pm-7pm
Sat 28 Dec	Winter Bird Walk	10am-1pm

All our events are free and booking is essential. Please call 01577 864439 for more information, or to book your place on any of the above events.

## Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesday 22 October

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

## Kinross-shire Historical Society



Meetings are held at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross at 7.30pm. Membership entitles free entry to all six talks of the season, with tea or coffee included in the cost. Membership: Adults £6, Senior £5, Under-18 free. Visitors: £2 per talk.

### Programme for 2013 - 2014

**21 Oct Place Names of Kinross-shire:** Some of the results carried out by the University of Glasgow.

**Dr Simon Taylor**

**18 Nov The Tower Trail in Clackmannanshire:** Fascinating stories of the five towers. **Susan Mills BA, MA, FSA**

**9 Dec "In All Her Tender Hues":** The Artist in Kinross-shire. **Prof David Munro MBE**

**20 Jan The Life of Robert Burns in Song, Verse, Word and Picture:** An illustrated musical story of Burns' life. **Kevin Thompson BSc, MEd, FHEA, CMALT, FSAScot**

**17 Feb New Life for an Old Place:** Restoring a landscape, revitalising a forest and reconnecting people to a hidden place. **Ninian Crichton Stuart, Hereditary Keeper of Falkland Palace, Steward of Falkland Estate, Director Falkland Centre for Stewardship**

**17 Mar The History of the Perthshire and Kinross-shire Constabularies:** The formation of local Police Forces in mid 19th century. **Willie MacFarlane, Hon Curator Tayside Police Museum**

(See also Club News p. 44)

## Milnathort Town Hall RENOVATION Open Evening

- VIEW THE RENOVATION PLANS
- TALK BY DR DAVID MUNRO ON THE HISTORY OF THE TOWN HALL
- INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN HALL

Sat Nov 9th  
8pm MILNATHORT  
TOWN HALL

• FOOD & WINE • RAFFLE



**Loch Leven Community Campus**  
**The Muirs, Kinross**  
**KY13 8FQ**  
**www.pkc.gov.uk**

**Community Learning & Development**  
**Adult Learning**  
**Free local and friendly support with -**

### English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to -

- Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

### Adult Literacy & Numeracy

**Reading Writing Spelling Numbers**

"I can enjoy books now"  
 "I feel more confident"  
 "Filling in forms is less scary"  
 "I passed my driving test"

### BOOKING ESSENTIAL

**If you would like further information regarding  
 any of the tuition please contact:**

**Jayne Ramsay**  
**Clerical Assistant**  
 Loch Leven Community Campus  
 Email: JSRamsay@pkc.gov.uk  
**Tel: 01577 867177**

### Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

**phone** on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

**Email** us jo@samaritans.org

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays 1630 – 2130 Thursdays 1630 – 1900  
 Wednesdays 0830 – 1100 Fridays 1000 – 1630  
 and 1930 – 2130 Sundays 0800 – 2130

**No pressure, no names, no judgment.**  
**We're here for you, anytime.**

### Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman\_64@btinternet.com



**Community Learning & Development**  
**Adult & Family Learning Team**

## Technology Drop-in

**CONFUSED BY YOUR COMPUTER?**

**INTRIGUED BY THE INTERNET?**

**ERRORS IN YOUR EMAIL?**

**FLUMMOXED BY YOUR PHONE?**

The IT Tutor with Community Learning & Development

at **Loch Leven Community Campus**

is holding drop-in sessions to help with any  
 basic technology questions you may have -

**the second and fourth Fridays of every month**  
**2pm – 4pm**

9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November

in the ICT room within the library

No need to book, just drop-in!

If you need further information  
 please contact **01577 867177**

### Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support  
 to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or  
 couples) in making their own informed decisions about their  
 future and support them through the process if they require it.  
 We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing,  
 pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice  
 and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and  
 outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number  
 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our  
 website [www.careconfidential.com](http://www.careconfidential.com)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP  
[www.careconfidential.com](http://www.careconfidential.com)

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

### Newsletter Deadlines 2013

Please note, deadlines are now on a **FRIDAY**. More  
 deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.  
 In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a  
 deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest  
 information: [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
November	Fri 18 October	Saturday 2 November
December	Fri 15 November	Saturday 30 November



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



### Mindspace Counselling Service

#### YOUNG PEOPLES COUNSELLING SERVICE 11-25 YEAR OLDS



Mindspace Counselling Services offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11-25 at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sometimes we all have problems that worry us and it's not always easy to talk to someone close to us. A counsellor is someone you can talk to in a different way, someone who will listen to you very carefully, who will not judge you or tell you what to do.

We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: Feeling depressed/anxious; Making friends/keeping friends; Chaos at home; Feeling angry and don't know why; Bullying; Having a tough time; Parents splitting up; Death of someone special; Confused feelings about who I am; Wanting to hurt myself or others.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to [info@mindspacepk.com](mailto:info@mindspacepk.com), by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at [www.mindspacepk.com](http://www.mindspacepk.com). You can also be referred by your GP.



#### Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open: Thursdays, 10am - 8pm and Saturdays, 10am - 3pm.

Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

### 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 October**

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you - our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.



### Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun.

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Just come along - the more the merrier. No age limit.

### Newbies

**Every Monday, 2- 3pm**

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether, whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

### MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings, family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions?

Then look no further than Moubray Hall, Powmill.

Available to hire all year round with new kitchen and disabled toilet.

For further details, please call 01577 840330.

### 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.

### Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website  
[www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)



Why not come along and give your perfect hound a forever home



Please call or email for details  
Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings)  
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)  
email us on [femiejimmyf@aol.com](mailto:femiejimmyf@aol.com)



## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945  
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,  
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Milnathort:** Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616  
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Fossoway & District:** Secy: Kevin Bothwick (01577) 840845,  
fossoway.cc@gmail.com  
**Portmoak:** Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,  
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

## Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin G Cairncross	01592 840672
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Susan Forde	01592 840128
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Malcolm Strang Steel	01592 840459
Richard Williamson	01592 840538
Ian McGrattan	01592 840726

[www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

## Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

**Councillor Mike Barnacle** (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert** (Independent)

Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

**Councillor Joe Giacomazzi** (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacomazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

**Councillor Willie Robertson** (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

## Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

[www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk](http://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.

## 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 Community Councillors

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## Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

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## Perth & Kinross Council [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://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

**Registrar** Tel: 01577 867133  
(new no. as from Aug 2013)

## 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



# Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

Table Tennis • Videos • Cards • Dominoes • Carpet bowls  
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.45pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Service	10.45am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes & Games	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Film Afternoon	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm
	Art Class	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Bingo	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm

**Public Holiday:** Please note the Day Centre is closed on **Monday 7 October**.



## Additional Events for October

Barge Trip	<b>Wednesday 2nd</b> 9.45am
Tea Dance	<b>Thursday 3rd</b> 1.30pm
Wear it Pink and play Prize Bingo in aid of breast cancer	<b>Friday 25th</b> 1.30pm
Halloween Party	<b>Thursday 31st</b> 1.30pm

See page 95 for details of our special 30th anniversary celebration activities!



**Coffee Bar open 8.30 am - 4 pm, Senior Citizens Lunches Daily**

**Telephone: 01577 863869**

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &

2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219

**Sundays:** The nearest open pharmacy is Asda,  
Dunfermline



## Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2013-14

Term	Start	End
Autumn	Tue 13 Aug 2013	Fri 11 Oct 2013
Winter	Mon 28 Oct 2013	Fri 20 Dec 2013
Spring	Mon 6 Jan 2014	Fri 4 Apr 2014
Summer	Wed 23 Apr 2014	Thu 26 Jun 2014

*In Service Days and Occasional Holidays:*

2013: Thu 14 Nov, Fri 15 Nov

2014: Wed 19 Feb, Thu 20 Feb, Fri 21 Feb, Tue 22 Apr.

May Day Holiday: Mon 5 May 2014 (tbc).

## Mobile Library

*Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:*

Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **2 October**

*Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:*

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlomond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **8 October**

*Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:*

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricie. Next visit: **9 October**

For times of stops, see PKC website: [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

## Art for Recovery Kinross

*Confidence building Skills Sharing Socialising*  
ARK provides support through arts and crafts for people with health issues in Kinross and surrounding areas.

ARK offers peer support to those in need of a little company to socialise and learn new skills. Try drawing with pencils and pastels, painting with acrylics and watercolours, working with clay, felt-making and patchwork. Or just have a cup of tea or coffee!

The group meets **weekly on a Wednesday** from 1pm to 3pm in Orwell Church Hall, Ba' Hill, Milnathort. £1 per session. For more information, email [arkforart@gmail.com](mailto:arkforart@gmail.com) or call the Chair on 07590 387189.



## 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

- Single Bed Headboard** **£20.00**  
Modem, soft brown suedette bed head in excellent condition.  
*Seller details: Linda McLachlan 07754 173130*
- Shoprider Mobility Scooter** **£450.00**  
4 Wheel Model, very good condition, new batteries, swivel seat, armrests, light, horn, indicators.  
*Seller details: Billy Harvey 01592 840100*  
*billy@PSLifeCanBeEasy.com*
- Kids scooter (12+) "Razor Powerwing"** **£30.00 ono**  
Very good condition. Loads of fun.
- Kids scooter (9+) "Flicker 3"** **£40.00 ono**  
Excellent condition. Hardly used.  
*For both items above: Darren Souter 01577 866778*  
*darren.souter@tesco.net*
- Nao Lladro Lamp** **£75.00**  
This is an extremely rare and collectable vintage 1987 Nao Lladro Daisalamp with a girl and dog by a tree.  
*Seller details: Marion Drummond*  
*marion.drummond@hotmail.co.uk*
- Kandee Heels** **£45.00 – 50.00**  
Lime green heels with black studs, size 3, heel height 3-4 inches, no platform. Brand new in original box and never worn. Bought for £80. Collection only.
- Doctor Who 2 in 1 Jigsaw** **£10.00**  
For kids who love Doctor Who. 1000 pieces, 2 in 1 jigsaw. Has David Tennant as The Doctor and Rose Tyler. Used once.  
*For above two items: Danielle Nicolson 07532 139655*  
*daniellenicolson@rocketmail.com*
- Vauxhall Wheel Trims 15inch** **£25.00 ono**  
Four 15inch wheel trims. Two have never been used, and two used briefly. Some very light scratches due to storage in garage. Barely any signs of use.  
*Seller details: Niall Davidson 07810 554604*  
*niallsd@btinternet.com*
- IKEA Swivel Chair** **£10.00**  
Cushioned, black swivel chair. Perfect condition. Fabric covering, seat height and back rest both adjustable.  
*Seller details: William Cooper 01577 865573*  
*bill\_cooper\_2000@yahoo.co.uk*
- Shelving Unit** **£25.00**  
IKEA Leksvik slim cabinet: cupboard with adjustable shelf, drawer, open shelving with two adjustable shelves. Solid pine, antique stain. Very good condition. Approx dimensions: 180cm H x 41cm W x 42cm D.  
*Seller details: Eileen Thomas 01577 863714*  
*eileen@macthomas.org.uk*

### Wanted

#### Pipes and Jacks to help to move a shed

I need to move my small shed, 1.5m x 2.5m a very short distance. Does anyone have a couple of car jacks or high jacks and 3 pipes (approx. 3m long) and thick, long rope that I can borrow or put me in touch with someone that you know who has a piece of this equipment and could loan it to me?

*Contact: Christine Stewart 07749 340103*  
*christine.stewart@tesco.net*

## 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').

### Food & Beverage Manager (Full time), The Glenfarg Hotel

Looking for a manager who can start in September. Experience essential. Duties include bar work, stock control, waiting, general pricing, GP associated tasks. Good communication skills, proactive and work well with others. This is a permanent role and you will be required to work split shifts 5 days out of 7 including evenings and weekends.

Please send your CV to [info@glenfarghotel.co.uk](mailto:info@glenfarghotel.co.uk)

### Coffee Shop Assistants x 2 posts (part time), Lochend Farm Shop & Coffee Shop, Scotlandwell

One post 17.5 hrs per week, second post 32 hrs per week. General coffee shop duties, serving coffee/teas/cake. Stock control and many other duties. Weekend rota.

To apply please contact Helen tel: 01592 840745.

### Office Junior (Full time), Restoration & Renovation (Scotland) Ltd, Milnathort

To help out in office. Must have computer skills and good telephone manner. Would suit school leaver.

Email to [rest\\_reno1@btconnect.com](mailto:rest_reno1@btconnect.com) or phone 01577 862038.

### Bar Staff (part time), Kinross Curling

Kinross Curling need part time bar staff for the curling rink bar. Ideally applicants should be trained in food hygiene and hold a personal licence to serve alcohol.

Training will be given to successful applicants who do not hold the appropriate certification.

Working hours vary between 11am and 10.30pm and will be on a rota basis.

Please apply to the Ice Rink Manager by email:

[iceman@kinrosscurling.co.uk](mailto:iceman@kinrosscurling.co.uk) or telephone 01577 861821 to arrange an appointment.

## Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**  
**Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm**

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

## 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: [fcoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:fcoffice@btinternet.com)

## Grants and Funding Websites

[www.pkgrantsdirect.com](http://www.pkgrantsdirect.com)

[www.scottishcfc.org](http://www.scottishcfc.org)

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