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Letters

Editorial

Welcome to the November Newsletter.

May we take this opportunity to remind local organisations that there is no Newsletter at the beginning of January. The first Newsletter of 2014 will be published on 1st February. January events need to be publicised in the December Newsletter, the deadline for which is 15 November.

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SSAFA's First World War

This November is the last Remembrance Sunday before we mark the events of the centenary of the First World War in 2014. SSAFA was one of the few still existing military charities to have provided care and support to our troops and their families during that terrible conflict.

Back then, as now, SSAFA had a team of volunteers working in the Perth and Kinross area, to care for the wives and children of those sent to the front. We were also there to deal with the consequences, when the men did not return, or came back damaged in mind or body.

SSAFA Perth & Kinross is seeking to discover more about the people we supported, to help us mark our contribution to the nation's war effort. If you have memorabilia, a diary, or a family connection to a client or volunteer during the Great War, then SSAFA would like to hear from you.

We continue to be as relevant today as we were then, and SSAFA is still providing our Forces and their families with lifelong support. In this area alone we helped over 125 people and families last year.

If you have any information regarding SSAFA and the Great War then please do contact us at: perth@ssafa.org.uk or write to: SSAFA, Queen's Barracks, Dunkeld Road, PERTH PH1 5BT.

Yours with thanks,

Andy Middlemiss
Chairman – SSAFA, Perth & Kinross

Health Centre

I read in the August Newsletter of the threat by the Health Centre to "consider taking action against those patients" who post complaints and comments on Facebook and Twitter about the Health Centre.

I'd like to make two points. Firstly, my family and I have always received an excellent service from the staff at Loch Leven Health Centre. Secondly, it is completely unacceptable for people to be making rude or offensive comments on social media.

But there is another side to the story.

I recall when I had cause to complain about an aspect of the centre's operation. I was met by a very unsympathetic person, who listened to me in silence and without any empathy, and answered by saying, in so many words – "well, that's what we do here." To the best of my knowledge, no record of the complaint was written down, so presumably no formal record of complaints is kept for analysis. I was made to feel that I was wasting their time by raising a matter of concern to me.

Based on the unhelpful response to my complaint, I wouldn't complain again.

So my advice to these people using social media to raise complaints is as follows: stop the rudeness and abuse as this is completely inappropriate, but keep posting your complaints in a factual and calm manner on Twitter and Facebook as they are more likely to be acted upon than the official complaints system.

(Name and address provided,
but withheld at author's request)

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A big THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the members of my Fitness Pilates classes, the ladies of Kinross 50 Plus Keep Fit group and my therapy clients who all so generously donated to and supported our Afternoon Tea event in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday 1 October in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. As always, everyone gave so generously of their time to provide an excellent afternoon tea with delicious home baking, raffle prizes and much more. Many thanks to Isobel and Anne who brought their Traidcraft stall, kindly donating tea, coffee, sugar for the event and to Sally for her Phoenix cards stall and raffle donations. Special thanks to Joan, Eve, Margaret, Evelyn, Linda and Thelma for their support in organizing the event and for their hard work on the day. To all those who dropped in for a cuppa and cake or donated in any way, an enormous heartfelt thank you for your generosity and compassion towards such a worthy cause. It was a great success and the total amount raised was £560!

Val Oswald (Flutterby Therapies and Fitness Pilates)



Searching for lost sister, Jamesina

I, Mary Glancy, was born in Blairgowrie, Perthshire, in 1942, the daughter of Isabella Glancy, and we lived with my grandmother there, and briefly in Kinross before returning to 20 Brown Street, Blairgowrie. My birth record does not list my father's name. My mother never, ever, raised the topic of who my father was, nor did I ever ask her about him. Too late now!

An argument I overheard between my mother and grandmother when I was about three or four has stuck in my mind all these years. I remember my grandmother telling my mother that she "...was having no more, even if it was a girl." This phrase remained in memory and eventually gelled into a question in my mind: "Did I have a sister?"

Many, many years later I finally contacted a genealogist, Mr Stuart Gray, from Scot-Scan Ancestral Research, whom I engaged to investigate the possibility that I might have a sister of whom I knew absolutely nothing. Mr Gray telephoned me one morning soon after. He was in New Register House, Edinburgh, the repository of Scottish Birth, Marriage and Death records, where he had been looking for evidence of this suspected sister. He informed me that he had indeed found a birth record for this sister, who had been named **Jamesina Grant Glancy**, and who was born in Blairgowrie on 11th June 1946. Her birth record stated that she had been adopted. No father's name was listed. I was stunned at the news!

Mr Gray told me that my sister's name pointed to her father's name – probably one "James Grant." Further investigation in my family records confirmed that there was no relative, going back several generations, by the name of "James Grant" after whom Jamesina Grant Glancy might have been named. It seemed that although my mother had never discussed or even told me of Jamesina, that she was recording who the father of Jamesina had been. The name "James Grant" did however stir a memory within me – I had heard that name somewhere in my past! In fact I think I might have overheard it vaguely mentioned in relation to my own father! Did Jamesina and I have the same father?

I am now 71 and desperate to contact my sister. She will be 67 if she is still alive. Mr Gray has searched for evidence of a possible marriage record and/or a death record for Jamesina Grant Glancy, in an attempt to trace her, but without success. Of course, most adopted children had their names or at least their surnames changed to conform to that of their adopted parents. I have contacted and registered with Birthlink in Edinburgh, an agency which attempts to reunite adoptees with their birth relatives. This, too, has been unsuccessful. Both parties must be registered and be willing to meet before a reunion can be arranged. Unfortunately Jamesina has not registered with Birthlink. This is perhaps not surprising since many, if not most, adoptees resent their birth parent(s) giving them away as children. In Mr Gray's experience however, many parents were forced by circumstances to part with their offspring, and lamented this all their lives. Most would not have willingly given up a child.

Illegitimacy was very much a taboo subject until fairly recently. Now it is much more openly accepted by society. Unfortunately officialdom is not yet in step with modern social mores and their policy is "business as usual" with regard to adoption registers. They are not able to divulge any details of Jamesina's adoption. My only hope of ever contacting her is by publicity such as newspaper articles and

advertisements. So, if you are, or know of, a female who was born in Scotland on 11th June 1946, please, please get in touch with me. I can be reached via Stuart Gray, Scot-Scan Ancestral Research.

Mary Glancy

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Davies Park saved from the diggers

We are certain that readers will be pleased to know that here in Kinross People Power has prevailed and Davies Park has been saved from the diggers!

Davies Park was under threat when site H46 appeared in Perth & Kinross Development Plan as a proposed site for housing development. Local residents recognised that the only access to this area was from Springfield Road, a currently dangerous corner with heavy traffic continuously flowing. The hardcore pathway, developed from the old railway line, was also under threat, as was our beloved Davies Park. An Action Group was formed to oppose the proposal and to communicate with PKC in relation to the difficulties of access. The four local Councillors fully supported the campaign.

Meetings were also held with MSPs, all of whom declared their support and assurance that they would write to the Reporter at the Scottish Office. Our MP Gordon Banks also declared his support for our campaign and communicated on our behalf with PKC and the Reporter. Despite all the political support, PKC failed to agree to site H46 being removed from the Local Development Plan prior to submission to the Scottish Office. They declared that any alteration to the Plan was likely to set them back at least six months. All this intervention clearly had a positive effect.

The good news received from one of our local stalwart councillors is that the Reporter at the Scottish Office has removed site H46 from the Development Plan and has declared the site as an "Open Space" area. People Power has prevailed and the local residents are overjoyed with the news of the successful outcome.

On behalf of the local people the Action Group express their sincere thanks to our four local councillors, also to MSPs Willie Rennie, Jane Baxter (and her predecessor John Park), Elizabeth Smith, Annabelle Ewing and particularly to our MP Gordon Banks, not forgetting the tireless support of David West, former Chair of Kinross CC.

We believe all of this illustrates the need for members of the public and the CC to communicate more closely.

Moira Brady

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News & Articles

Counter service at Kinross Police Station likely to end

Police Scotland is proposing to remove the public counter service at Kinross Police Station. The Police Station itself will not close, but there will be no provision for the public to speak to a police officer or staff member face-to-face if the proposal goes ahead.

The proposal is part of a Scotland-wide review of public counter service provision. A public briefing paper produced by Police Scotland explains that the review “seeks to provide a consistency of service across Scotland with accessible public counters, focusing police officers in communities while recognising the current financial challenges facing Police Scotland.”

The Police carried out a survey of public visits to all stations that currently have staffed counters. The types of demand were categorised as either ‘ancillary demands’ or ‘core public counter demands’.

‘Ancillary demands’ include matters such as reporting lost property, enquiring about a warrant or fine, requesting an officer, reporting a crime or vehicle incident and asking about lost property.

‘Core public counter demands’ include signing bail, firearms licensing, application or surrender and handing in found property.

The statistical analysis shows that in Tayside only one in ten visits relates to a ‘core function’.

In relation to Kinross, the briefing paper states:

“Kinross currently provides a public counter service between 0900 and 1700hrs, Monday to Friday. Data was captured over 10 days including Saturday and Sunday due to the “T in the Park” event. 208 demands were made of the station assistant of which 14 (7%) could be classified as essential public counter functions. All but two of these were in relation to found property. Staff were asked to endorse any enquiries that were linked with T-in-the Park. No entries were made to this effect.

The proposal for Kinross station is for it to have no public counter provision.”

The Police say that the number of members of the public visiting police stations in person has dropped dramatically as other methods of communication have developed.

The Tayside review proposes that Perth police station and Dundee police station should continue to be open to the public 24 hours per day, every day. Throughout the Tayside police area, nine stations (including Kinross) are earmarked to have their counter service removed, with a recommendation that five stations have public hours of 0900-1700.

Looking at the picture for the Perth & Kinross local authority area, four counters will be closed (Kinross, Auchterarder, Crieff and Blairgowrie), while one station other than Perth is recommended to retain its public counter, and that is Pitlochry (0900-1700 hours).

A consultation on the review of counter provision was taking place in October, but there is some confusion as to who is being consulted. A document provided to the

Newsletter by the local community police said that the consultation was with “front counter staff”. One page of the Police Scotland website says that the proposal is “currently subject of staff consultation” while another says:

“Police Scotland is keen to hear from the public, elected members and partners about the proposed changes to front counters. Information about the changes proposed in each local area can be found in the briefing documents available via the links below.

Submissions should be sent to:

publiccounterreview@scotland.pnn.police.uk

The closing date for submissions on the proposed changes is 31 October 2013.”

Unfortunately, publicity about the proposals did not begin until early October, after the October issue of the Kinross Newsletter was published, and the consultation period ends on 31 October, before this November issue is published.

Milnathort CC is writing to Police Scotland to propose an extension to the consultation period.

Gordon Banks, MP for Ochil and South Perthshire, is concerned about the reduction in service, saying:

“I am really saddened to hear the news that Kinross police counter is earmarked for closure. Removing the ability of the general public to engage in this manner can only be a negative and no doubt this will be of concern to those people who have needed to visit their police counter in Kinross.

“Over a ten-day period, 208 people visited the station in this manner and although the police themselves believe only 14 of these were essential, this may not be the opinion of the members of the public involved.

“The SNP has cut the police budget by £60 million this year and it will be cut by the same amount next year too.

“I worry that these cuts are only the beginning. With the massive pressure on the police budget, I fear that police officers will be made redundant, entire police stations closed and our police will become more and more remote from the communities they serve.

“I believe all parties should come together to resist these closures and campaign hard to keep these stations open and accessible to all members of the public.”

P&K Councillor Giacomazzi comments on the Police proposals on page 8.

You can read more about the Police proposals and download a copy of the Tayside briefing report at the webpage:

www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/public-counters-traffic-wardens-review/public-counters/

Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover the myriad things to see and do in Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit

www.visitlochleven.org

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

by Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director

Since the beginning of the trail construction work in late August, the good weather has prevailed and excellent progress has been made by the contractor in extending the route out from Vane Farm. By the time that this article is being read, the path will have been cut and laid almost the complete 6.5km to Kinross Mill and much of the fencing will also be in place. The first key deadline was to complete the whole section within RSPB's Loch Leven Reserve by 30 September to accommodate the first arrivals of the winter goose migration. This meant laying 3km of trail and fencing in only four weeks and the task was completed with 24 hours to spare and a background of happy honking geese. Full credit is due to the contractor, Allison Enterprises, RSPB and the tireless efforts of George Lawrie. An interesting additional feature in the reserve has been the addition of an extra km trail loop to enable visitors to the RSPB hides to use a spur back up to the Heritage Trail and thence back to Vane Farm. It is anticipated that this will be a popular short circuit.

Although the progress in laying the trail has been impressive,



Work is progressing well to complete the Heritage Trail

it will, unfortunately, not be possible to allow public access until early spring when all the features on the route have been installed. It is impossible to cross the Gairney Water without a bridge and this contract has still to be placed, with installation likely to be early 2014.

In addition, the entrances, viewpoints, seating, signage and other interpretation material have all to be designed and installed. A major viewpoint will be established on the hill in the southwest corner of the RSPB Reserve where there is a superb panoramic view of Loch Leven and the surrounding countryside. Seven architectural firms were invited to tender for the design and building of this viewpoint and six responded with a highly creative range of ideas. The contract was finally awarded to Icosis, who were our architects for the Bird Hide at Kinross Mill that won four prestigious architectural awards.

The tender for the development of the downloaded App for computers and mobile phones was put out to three firms. The successful company was Dogfi.sh Mobile (yes, the spelling is correct) who are based in Crieff and who put up a very creative proposal. Their development work will take place over the next few months and the final product will be tested on android and apple phones. The whole 21km of the Trail will be covered and it is hoped to include a game for children.

Help to finish the Trail!

Now that the last section of the Trail is well under way you can play a part in getting it finished. There are trees, hedges and reeds to be planted in some of the most biodiversity sensitive areas along the Trail. You could help to do this and have years of pleasure watching the results of your efforts grow and flourish for the benefit of all. Watch out for the details of when and where as different sections are going to be planted. We shall link up with both RSPB and SNH in this work. The first event will be held at RSPB Loch Leven where **hedge planting training sessions** are being organised for **Saturday 23 November**, 9am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 3.30pm and **Sunday 24 November**, 10am to 1pm. These sessions will be led by the Woodland Trust and will be partly instructional and partly practical hedge planting. It should not be too demanding (weather permitting) and it is an opportunity to learn some new skills and have some fun. Book your place, either by contacting RSPB Loch Leven at 01577 862355 or Catriona McLeod at 01577 863718.

Report on Local Plan – good news

The Scottish Government's Examination Report on Perth & Kinross Council's proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) was published shortly before this Newsletter went into production.

The Report is a lengthy document, but a quick glance through reveals some good news for Kinross-shire.

H46, the strip of land between the Springfield estate and the M90, is to be designated as open space rather than a housing opportunity. This should safeguard the Davies Park, which may have been lost to an access road if housing had gone ahead at the H46 site.

Another piece of land to be designated open space by the Reporter is the Market Park in Kinross – the piece of land in front of the Windlestrae Hotel. In the proposed LDP it was listed as an opportunity site for "a prestigious development which is deemed by the Council to enhance Kinross as a tourism destination", but will remain open space now.

The former Kinross High School site is redesignated from an opportunity site to a residential site, suitable for 70 units. This is significant, as Persimmon Homes, PKC's preferred bidder for the site, has talked of building between 90 and 100 housing units there.

Local Councillors who have written columns for this month's Newsletter comment on the Examination Report. (*See pages 8 and 9.*)

The Examination Report can be viewed on the Council's website at: www.pkc.gov.uk/ldexamination

Examination reports are largely binding on planning authorities. The Council has three months to publish a modified plan incorporating the Reporter's recommendations.

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Councillor Giacomazzi

Local Development Plan

H46, the annoying piece of land next to the M90 motorway in Kinross, has been excluded from the draft LDP by the Scottish Government Reporter. So there is to be no 'road in the park', which was the feared corollary to the development of H46.

When elected in May last year, I was immediately plunged into the controversy, as H46 had been identified as part of the building land supply in the new LDP. But why had the Ward 8 councillors in the previous Council not objected to the inclusion of H46, and not voted against it at the full Council meeting? Well, at that point the community was not really aware of the proposal and Kinross CC had not yet been subjected to a storm of protest; that came later, when people saw the threat to the Davies Park. By this time it was too late for PKC to take H46 out of the LDP process.

I and the other Ward 8 councillors made the feelings of the community known to the Council, which responded by emphasising to the Reporter that there was a sufficiency of other land in Kinross even if H46 were excluded, thus gently prompting him to exclude H46. Indeed, we recently learned that the High School site was to be included as a site specifically for housing. Previously it was designated as a 'mixed opportunity site', however the Reporter has ruled that it cannot now be used as a supermarket or school site but only as a housing site, thus helping to compensate for the loss of H46.

There is a lesson here. When the new LDP runs its course, negotiations will begin on a new one. As the process starts over again in five years' time, there is every chance that some company with an eye to a quick pound will try and have H46 included in the next LDP. At that point the community should make its views known to PKC at the earliest time, so avoiding the recent worry and uncertainty.

Police Station Counter Closure

As part of the consultation, I have raised various concerns with Chief Superintendent Macpherson, who has replied to me in the following terms:

1. Kinross Police station is not scheduled for closure; there will continue to be a police presence in Kinross and the police will still be able to be contacted by the dedicated phone outside the station, or by any phone.
2. The use of the counter service has declined considerably in recent years as drivers' documents are checked electronically by officers when a driver is stopped. Also, people often went into the station wanting to speak to an officer, only to find a civilian worker.
3. Police officers will be glad to collect any found property from the home of the finder. Unfortunately, people wishing to claim lost items may have to go to Perth.
4. The '999' emergency number has been supplemented with the '101', non emergency number. I expressed my concerns about the quality of this service.

So, there you have it. Closing the Kinross Police counter service will not be welcomed, but we live in a time of austerity and constrained budgets. If the closure does go ahead, I would invite you to keep me informed of any deficiencies in the new arrangements, and I shall convey these to the Chief Superintendent.

Councillor Robertson

Green Park

I have been chasing the Council to get the Green Park estate tidied up. The fencing in the estate was in a very poor state and I am pleased to report that work has now begun in replace the broken and missing fencing. This should make a big difference to the appearance of this estate.

Local Development Plan

I am generally very pleased with the Reporter's findings into the new Local Development Plan announced on 11 October.

The decision to remove site H46 from the plan will be welcomed by all those who campaigned so hard for it to be taken out.

I also like the fact that he has refused permission for the land south of the A977 at Turfhill to be used for industry. I would like our existing sites developed first before Kinross expands westwards.

The addition of a housing site at Blairingone is also welcome. It will help to safeguard the long-term future of Blairingone Primary School. Also good news is the reduction in the number of houses proposed for Powmill – reduced by 30 units – and with development restricted to the north side of the A977.

The only bad news is the decision to increase the allocation of housing at Lathro Farm by 40 units to 260 units; 140 of these will be allowed to be built during the period of the plan. It is important that these new houses are not allowed to impact too greatly on the amenity and quality of life of the existing residents of Lathro Park.

Speed Watch

I have been working to overturn the decision taken by Police Scotland to scrap the Community Speedwatch Scheme which was successfully trialled by Fossoway CC and residents of Crook of Devon in the spring of 2012.

I have had meetings with both the police commander responsible for this area and officers of Perth & Kinross Council to see what can be done. The Police have now had a change of mind and have agreed that this is a very worthwhile scheme. They would like to see a total of six Speed Watch schemes established throughout Perth & Kinross. Kinross-shire would have its own equipment, which would be available to any community within the county wishing to set up a Speed Watch group. They would be trained by the Police and the Police would follow up all those who had been recorded by the group for exceeding the speed limits.

I am now having further discussions with Council officers and Police Scotland to secure funding for this. I'll keep you posted of progress.

Kinross Curling Trust

Congratulations to the Kinross Curling Trust who have now taken over the running of the Green Hotel Ice Rink. They have already transformed both the rink and the car park. The Trust has recently been awarded a grant of £125,000 from Perth & Kinross Council. This will help to guarantee the future of curling in Kinross, the home of the world's oldest curling club.

Councillor Barnacle

Local Development Plan

The Reporter's examination was issued on 11 October. The Reporter's findings are largely binding on Planning Authorities. PKC have to produce their proposed modifications to the Plan, incorporating the findings, by 8 January 2014 at latest.

I will be reporting to constituents in more detail in due course, but I have noted the following from the Reporter's findings that I am especially pleased with, given representations I made in April 2012 and at debate in January 2013, viz:

1. The removal of employment sites at Turfhill, west of the motorway.
2. Deletion of H46, west Kinross housing site, and redesignate as open space.
3. Deletion of Opportunity Site 10, Market Park, and retain as open space.
4. Identify land at Blairingone which represents Site B in the Main Issues Report for 30 houses.
5. Reduce the allocation at H53 in Powmill to restrict the housing site to thirty units on the north side of A977 and delete reference to serviced business land therein.
6. Include area defined as R2 by Fossoway Community Strategy Group in Rumbling Bridge at Firgrove/Merryhills within settlement boundary.
7. Importance of A977 as strategic route through Kinross-shire is recognised and PKC will support further traffic mitigation schemes between Blairingone and Kinross, including examining need for a by-pass and potential line [of such a by-pass].
8. Amend Policy CF2 to provide further protection to former railway lines from development along with core paths, asserted rights of way and other well used routes.
9. Reinforce need for appropriate mitigation measures in line with Policy EP7 relating to Loch Leven Catchment Area, with particular reference to developments at Cambo, Cleish, Greenacres and Wester Balgedie.
10. Site at Schiehallion, north west Crook of Devon, should be included within settlement boundary. Effectively this is the only change, which means that the Naemoor Road site for 90 houses that I asked to be dropped from the Plan in October 2011 will not be included, vindicating the long campaign by the community over many years opposed to this development.
11. To restrict the proposed housing at site H54 in Scotlandwell to a maximum of 1½ storeys in height.

I believe the above findings and subsequent modification are a good outcome for Kinross-shire and a vindication of all the hard work put in by myself and the community in making representations during the consultation process.

Kinross exhibition flies high

Kinross played host to a series of events in September around an inspiring photographic exhibition 'Every Picture Tells a Story' organised by MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) and Kinross Parish Church of Scotland.

The exhibition was opened at Loch Leven Community Campus by Provost Liz Grant of Perth and Kinross Council who said that it "highlights some of the amazing stories from Mission Aviation Fellowship's 60 years as a Christian charity, which now operates 130 light aircraft in 30 developing countries. It will certainly inspire us all to think of the problems facing developing countries, compared to our own lives".

Among those attending the opening were Gordon Banks MP and Murdo Fraser MSP.

The exhibition was visited by pupils from Kinross High School and was then open to the public.



Every Picture Tells a Story: Provost Liz Grant and Andy Martin, Manager MAF in the Community (Scotland) at the photographic exhibition

On Sunday 22 September, Kinross Parish Church made 'MAF' the focus of its morning service with the sermon preached by Kevin Simpson of MAF, who opened the eyes of many to the importance of the spiritual as well as the practical help of the charity. This was followed by a congregational lunch in the town's Church Centre with the chance to see a selection of the exhibition's photos and to contribute to the charity's 'Fuel for Life' campaign.

Local organiser for Kinross Parish Church, Alisdair Stewart, said: "The events helped to raise awareness in Kinross-shire of this important charity, without which many other charities would be unable to reach and help people in isolated communities. In addition, a fantastic £550 was donated. People have also subscribed to receive further information and some more have resolved to contribute regularly to MAF."

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by Bridget Stevens

Older readers may remember a rather staid, dimly lit shop window at 137 George Street in Edinburgh containing a modest display of knitted and embroidered goods (I seem to recall lots of tea cosies and traycloths!) which were offered for sale by the Royal Edinburgh Repository and Self Aid Society for Gentlewomen. The Society (founded 1893) and the shop have been relocated and rejuvenated: The Treasure Trove, situated at 23A Castle Street in Edinburgh, is an Aladdin's Cave of gorgeous handmade goods and delicious home produce. The jewellery and the woolly hats, scarves and gloves are not just stylish and colourful but could be described as *funky young fashion*, meaning that The Treasure Trove's customers range from teenage upwards and its shop window won second prize in a citywide Christmas Windows competition last year. An unusual and much appreciated backroom service is that customers can bring in their own material to be smocked, or a pattern and wool for items to be knitted, or even moth holes

repaired! In years gone by, people used to bring in gents' shirt collars to be turned, but nowadays nobody asks for this particular service.

The Society's charitable aims still underpin everything that goes on at 23A Castle Street: a registered charity, its purpose is to assist those of limited means to achieve an independent livelihood by promoting the sale of their own handiwork.

Anyone wishing information about the Royal Edinburgh Repository and Self Aid Society is invited to ring 0131 220 1187 or email:

shop@selfaidsociety.co.uk

The Treasure Trove is holding a pop-up fair selling members' crafts on Saturday 7 December from 10am – 2pm at Kinross Church Centre, 64 High Street, Kinross. Admission is free.

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Equestrians support Air Ambulance

Loch Leven Equine Practice has donated over £1,000 to the charity Air Ambulance Service following a raffle at the opening of their new equine veterinary clinic.

The event took place on 28 September, attracting over 400 people who donated generously to the raffle.

Liz Burton a Director at Loch Leven Equine Practice said: "We were inundated with amazingly generous offers from clients for the raffle which resulted in fifty prizes with an estimated combined value of over £1,700. We were overwhelmed with people's generosity and support both of our clinic opening and of the raffle.

"We chose to donate to the Scottish Ambulance Service, and in particular the Charity Air Ambulance as our clients are often riding in remote places which would potentially require access via air if they were injured."

With the opening of the new clinic, Loch Leven Equine Practice can now provide full surgical equine knock down facilities with a fully equipped theatre for horses in both the local and wider equestrian community.

The purpose-built equine veterinary clinic based in Cleish is one of only a handful in Scotland.

Hotel film promotes Kinross-shire

The Montgomery Hotel group has produced an excellent new promotional film which showcases the delights of Kinross-shire and explains why the county makes such a good base for visitors. The film can be viewed on the Green Hotel website: www.green-hotel.com

Kinross chocolate company moves

Laura's Chocolates, a business making quality, handmade chocolates founded by Laura Cuthbert in Kinross six years ago, moved to larger premises in Cowdenbeath earlier this year.

Laura is now delighted to open the doors of the factory outlet so that customers can watch the chocolates being made, as well as buy them. Laura also plans to run chocolate workshops for children.

Laura's Chocolates is at 170 High Street, Cowdenbeath.

Lottery grant for Fossoway group

Fossoway Pre-School Group has recently received a £9921 Awards for All grant from Big Lottery Fund. They are renovating their outdated, poorly drained play area in order to provide an appropriate space for safe and engaging outdoor play. The project will mainly benefit the children aged between 2½ and 5 years who attend the preschool, and meets the Awards for All outcomes 'People have better chances in life' and 'People and communities are healthier'.

Tillyrie turbines go to appeal

Applicants for a planning proposal for three wind turbines on Tillyrie Hill that was refused by Perth & Kinross Council have lodged an appeal against the refusal with the Scottish Government's Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals.

News from the Health Centre



Influenza Vaccination for Adults

As the annual flu campaign has been extended this year to include children aged 2 and 3, our Saturday flu clinics have been quickly filled up. However, we do still have appointments available on **Saturday 30 November**.

Appointments may 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 groups listed below** to come for a flu injection. 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. There is a special clinic on **Saturday 30 November** and appointments may now be made at Reception for children born on or after 2 September 2009 and on or before 1 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. There is a special clinic on **Saturday 30 November** for those who wish the shingles vaccination. The flu vaccination can be given at the same appointment. Please do not wait for a letter of appointment but just telephone reception now to make an appointment if you are eligible.

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.

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

Pre-school Storytime takes place every Monday 10.15am - 10.45am and Thursday 2.15pm-2.45pm.

Bookbug Rhymetime takes place every Wednesday 2pm-2.30pm and Saturday 10.30am - 11am. Suitable for babies and toddlers.

'Know Your Library' Taster Sessions

To help you, your library has arranged FREE taster sessions on 'Know Your Library', which will inform you about resources, making requests, renewing books etc.

These sessions are held on the following dates:

Monday 11 November 1400-1530 hrs

Wednesday 20 November 1030-1200 hrs

Saturday 23 November 1115-1245 hrs

Booking is required.

From 25 November – 1st December the library is celebrating Book Week Scotland

Free Book Character Treasure Hunt, Monday 25 November – Saturday 30 November. During library opening hours. Suitable for 3-11 years.

Crime Book Group, Tuesday 26 November, 6.30pm-7.30pm. Enquiries are welcome; booking required.

Loch Leven Library Book Group, Friday 29 November 10.30-11.30am. Booking required.

Ken MacLeod: Writing about the future while living in it. Author talk, Thursday 28 November 7.30-8.30pm

How do we write about the future in a world that changes faster all the time? Ken MacLeod has been reading science fiction since encountering it at Greenock's Junior Library in the late 1960s. He's been writing it since the mid-90s. In his talk he tells us what it's like to write about a future you might live into, while living in a future very different from the ones you read about in your teens

Ken was born in Stornoway, Isle of Lewis. He has Honours and Masters degrees in biological subjects and worked for some years in the IT industry. He has written thirteen novels, from *The Star Fraction* (1995) to *Intrusion* (2012), and many articles and short stories.

Suitable for young adults and adults. Tickets are free but places are limited so please book in advance.

PJ Party Celebration. Wednesday 27 November

We're celebrating Book Week Scotland with a PJ Party. Come dressed in your PJs and Onesies! Enjoy some stories and take part in the various book character activities. **Free** event for children aged 4-7 years, 6pm-7.30pm. (Children aged 8 years and under need to be accompanied by an adult.) For further details and to book a place, please contact the library.

Christmas Story & Craft. Saturday 7 December

Loch Leven Community Library will be holding a short story time for 3-7 years, followed by a festive-themed craft workshop for children and families.

Between 1.30pm and 2.30pm, there will be the chance to hear the Christmas story and then design and make your own Christmas cards. Library staff will be on hand to help, and all materials will be provided. Why not come along and enjoy some festive, creative fun?

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

Event suitable for children between 3 and 11 years (children 8 years or under need to be accompanied by an adult; Christmas story suitable for 3-7 years).

This event is free, but booking is required.

Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre: Red Riding Hood's Magic Purse. Saturday 14 December

A classic story told with a difference. Favourite characters abound: an adventurous Red Riding Hood, an independent Granny (home at last from her trip round the world), and of course the wonderful, Wicked Wolf who plans to have "Grannie for lunch and Little Rosie for afternoon tea!"

Find out how Red Riding Hood's Magic Purse saves the day in this delightful show for ages 3+ years.

The show will be held between 11am and 12noon in the theatre at Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets, priced at £3.50 or £12 for a family ticket of four, go on sale from Saturday 16 November and are available from the library.

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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 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 or call 07774181768.

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

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Parking survey results

by CCllr Gareth Thomas

Kinross CC would like to thank everyone who completed the recent parking survey. With 111 responses, it is clear that the issue of parking is a major concern to residents of and visitors to Kinross.

The results are as follows:

1. Only 9% of respondents think there is currently sufficient free parking available in the centre of Kinross.
2. 96% say it is important to them that there is more community parking available in the centre of Kinross.
3. The percentage of respondents who use
 - a. the designated car park on the old High School site is 94%
 - b. the Blaize pitch behind the old High School is 74%
 - c. the Muirs – the space in front of the old High School* is 88%
 - d. the car parking in front of the County Buildings is 82%
 - e. the car parking in Mill Street is 83%
4. 96% of respondents are concerned by the potential loss of parking in any of the areas described.

77 people also made additional comments and these will be passed on to the roads department of Perth & Kinross Council. We look forward to seeing their response. These comments can also be viewed on the kinross.cc website.

** In fact the street in front of the former High School is High Street, not The Muirs. The High Street becomes The Muirs north of the junction with Green Road.*

Extra committees for Councillors

Kinross-shire's two Independent elected members were given additional committee responsibilities at PKC recently. Cllr Dave Cuthbert has been appointed to the Council's Development Management Committee and Cllr Mike Barnacle to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee. These appointments followed PKC's removal of Cllr Alan Jack from committees as a way of censuring him for exceeding the limit allowed for election expenses. Cllr Jack is an Independent Councillor for the Almond and Earn ward.

As a result of these appointments, Kinross-shire now has three local Councillors on the Development Management Committee (Councillors Barnacle, Cuthbert and Giacomazzi) and two on Enterprise and Infrastructure (Councillors Barnacle and Giacomazzi).

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Controversial gypsy site approved

PKC's Development Management Committee has unanimously approved a retrospective planning application for a gypsy/traveller site at Crook Moss, Crook of Devon, despite over 40 letters of objection and contrary to the views of three of the four local elected members.

The decision was made at the committee's meeting on 9 October 2013.

The application first went to committee on 1 August 2012, but was deferred while the applicants provided more information in relation to waste water treatment and contamination. Cllr Barnacle wrote to the committee convenor on 15 August 2012 with a list of concerns and questions regarding the application but received no reply.

Having declared a view on the application, Cllr Barnacle could not participate in the discussion of the application or vote on it when it went to committee, but he did address committee members before their deliberations.

Cllr Barnacle has numerous concerns regarding this application for five traveller pitches.

The site is outwith, but close to, the settlement boundary of Crook of Devon in both the current and proposed local plans. This makes the application contrary to policy 48 of the Kinross Area Local Plan. Cllr Barnacle points out that in the process leading up to the new Local Development Plan (LDP), no indication was given of a proposed gypsy site here; indeed, Crook Moss was proposed for community access, forestry, open space and recreation, so residential amenity has been lost with the granting of this permission.

The Council report to committee stated that there is a need for traveller pitches in Kinross-shire, but Cllr Barnacle disputes this. Gairneybridge, which has planning permission for 25 residential chalets, was empty of travellers just five days before the committee meeting, and a travellers' site at

Greenacres has 16 pitches which have been sub-divided and given a generous settlement boundary north and west.

Cllr Barnacle has concerns about potential water pollution. A Memorandum of Understanding for Planning Procedure for Applications in the Loch Leven Catchment Area was approved by PKC on 28 August 2013. By the terms of this memorandum, phosphorus mitigation measures to protect Loch Leven are now to be dealt with by conditions on a planning application rather than a Section 75 legal agreement, which was a lengthier process. Cllr Barnacle wrote to Peter Marshall, PKC's Planning & Sustainable Development Manager, to query the effectiveness of this new protocol. Mr Marshall replied: "It is impossible in the case of a retrospective application to ensure no development commencing on site until foul drainage infrastructure has been installed and an approved CAR license submitted."

Cllr Barnacle responded: "Your response with the greatest respect, misses the point I have been making in relation to the expansion and proliferation of gypsy/traveller sites in the Lochleven catchment. Since such applications are nearly always retrospective and your department does nothing to discourage the practice, the memo's conditions 2 and 3 cannot be adhered to. Your policy and lack of enforcement approach on gypsy/travellers sites is therefore completely at odds with protecting the Loch and the policy/guidance thereof."

The site in question was a council tip in the days of Kinross County Council. The land is now owned by the applicants, James Johnstone and Mathew MacDonald.

The Council report to committee justified departing from policy 48 of the Kinross Area Local Plan because the development would not be a 'ribbon' development along the existing road.

Cllr Giacomazzi voted to approve the application.

Kinross-shire servicemen in the Great War

In memory of local men who died in World War I, it is planned that the Newsletter will publish a regular column next year – the one hundredth anniversary of the start of the war – giving a brief history of some the local servicemen whose names appear on war memorials in Kinross-shire.

If you are interested in providing a history of someone from your family, or someone you know about who died in the services during WWI, please contact Campbell C Watson at 40 High Street, Kinross or telephone (01577) 862405.

Forth Wines plan gets approval

Councillors at PKC's Development Management Committee have approved a planning application for a residential development (in outline) at the Forth Wines site in Milnathort, although planning officers had recommended rejection.

Forth Wines would like to move to more modern premises and selling their existing site for housing would allow them to finance such a move.

The area occupied by Forth Wines is zoned for industrial and business use in the current local plan and PKC officers considered that the application was premature in terms of the proposed Local Development Plan.

Active kids in Kinross-shire

Local schools and groups are celebrating after receiving this year's Active Kids equipment through the voucher-collecting scheme run by Sainsbury's.

The top collecting organisations local to the Kinross store are: Kinross, Milnathort, Fossoway and Portmoak Primary Schools and Swansacre Playgroup.

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THE OLD KIRK YARD OF PORTMOAK

Below is the second and final part of a short history of The Old Kirk Yard of Portmoak, written by Professor David Munro.



Portmoak Farm

Between the mid 16th-century and 1900 Portmoak was farmed successively by the Whyte, Hoy and Arnott families. A David Arnott was one of the patrons of the Kinnesswood-born 'Gentle Poet of Lochleven', Michael Bruce (1746-67), whose poem *Daphnis: A Monody* describes his childhood friendship with William, the son of David Arnott of Portmoak Farm. One of the gravestones at old Portmoak, an ornate table stone, is thought to mark the grave of young Willie Arnott, who died aged 14.



The ornate grave of William Arnott, son of David Arnott of Portmoak Farm and friend of the poet Michael Bruce.

An upright stone close by bears the date 1684 and two additional table stones are decorated with coats of arms and inscriptions now impossible to decipher. The last person to be buried in the graveyard at old Portmoak was William Arnott's brother James Arnott, who died in 1758.

Between 1830 and 1832 Loch Leven was lowered by 4½ feet as part of a major scheme to reclaim land around the loch. As a result of this, the shoreline receded to its present position, leaving the steading at Portmoak and the site of the chapel some distance from the water's edge.

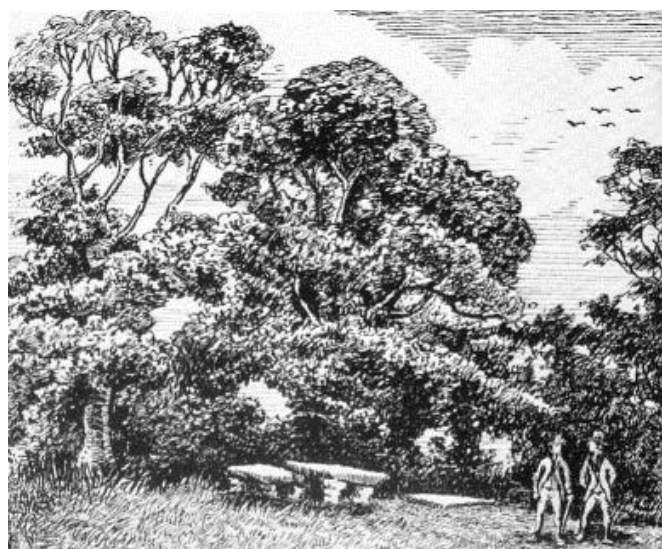


The remains of a 17th century corn-drying kiln discovered near Portmoak farm steading in 1976 and reconstructed on the edge of the old kirk yard.

Portmoak Farm, which had been acquired by the Kinross Estate in 1900, was for a number of years leased to three separate tenants as arable land, grazing land and a shooting let. It was eventually sold in 1960 to the tenant farmer Mr William Bell. Three years earlier, in 1957, the Scottish Gliding Union (SGU) had purchased 50 acres adjacent to Portmoak Farm and in 1967 the SGU bought the remainder of the farm from Mr Bell.

In a tribute to his benefactor David Arnott of Portmoak, the poet Michael Bruce, in his poem *Lochleven*, wrote of this quiet corner of Portmoak Parish:

*"How blest the man who in these peaceful plains,
Ploughs his paternal field, far from the noise,
The care, and bustle of a busy world."*



A sketch of the Old Kirk Yard of Portmoak by the wife of James Mackenzie, chair man of the Michael Bruce Trust, showing the flat stone on the grave of William Arnott who died aged 14. The Kinnesswood poet Michael Bruce wrote of this place:

*"Among the antic moss-grown stones we'd roam,
With ancient hieroglyphic figures wrought."*

David Munro, 2013

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We are fortunate enough to have Lollipop crossing patrols in this area but their job can be hampered by inconsiderate abandoning of vehicles. If this applies to you, please allow an extra couple of minutes for your journey and park more appropriately. Tickets will be issued to vehicles failing to do so. I'm sure no one wants to be out of pocket by £50 on the lead up to Christmas or at any other time!

Swansacre

Swansacre is a restricted access road for residents and business users of that road ONLY.

Again, this subject crops up regularly.

This is NOT a through road for drivers. It is RESTRICTED ACCESS as the signs at BOTH ends depict. If you do not live in the road or are not attending one of the businesses in it, then find an alternative route. Again, drivers failing to desist will be issued with a fixed penalty ticket for failing to comply with a road traffic sign.

Home Security

The darker nights are now upon us and residents are reminded to ensure lights are left on at properties if you are out for the evening and that sufficient security lighting is installed outside your property.

Also, if you have means to secure any heating oil tanks, please do so in efforts to prevent theft.

We have a range of small alarms for sale which can be used for sheds, outbuildings, houses and small vehicles; please call into Kinross Police office for more information or email your local community officer.

Community Officers

Due to recent restructuring of the Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area, Bridge of Earn and Abernethy areas are now policed by a newly created Perth Landward Section; the Community Officer will be Constable Graham Ogilvie. Constable Victoria Riches is leaving Kinross to take up a new post with the Road Policing Unit and we wish her well. The Community Officer for the Kinross-shire multi-member ward is Constable Sadie Allan. To contact either Constable Ogilvie or Constable Allan, please **telephone 101** or email as follows:

graham.ogilvie@scotland.pnn.police.uk or
sadie.allan@scotland.pnn.police.uk



Public Consultation

Police Scotland are currently carrying out a Public Consultation survey to gather the views of the local community. The results of this survey will help inform policing priorities and influence how we engage with our communities. If you are asked to complete a survey, please be assured that the information you provide will be treated with the strictest confidence and anonymity.

Protect your mobile phone

Theft of a mobile phone is a crime and the following advice will help protect your property:

- **Keep your phone out of sight** when not in use.
- **Don't attract attention** to your mobile phone when carrying it or using it in the street.
- **Use your phone's security lock code.**
- **Keep a record** of your phone's IMEI number (the unique number that is assigned to each phone). This way, if your mobile phone is stolen and later recovered by the police, it can be returned to you. You can discover your IMEI number by pressing the following keys on your phone: * # 06 #.
- **Property mark** your phone with your postcode and door number to help the police identify it. You can mark your phone by using a UV pen.
- **Report** a lost/stolen phone to the police immediately.
- **Inform your service provider** if your phone is lost/stolen as soon as possible.
- **Don't leave** your mobile phone in an unattended vehicle – if you must, lock it out of sight. Remember, it only takes an experienced thief seconds to smash a window and steal a mobile phone.

The National Mobile Phone Register helps police identify lost or stolen mobile phones and return them to their rightful owners. The register is backed by police forces across the UK. It only takes a few minutes to add your phone's details.

How does it work?

To register your mobile phone, log on to the website www.immobilise.com

Use the online form to enter your contact details and your phone's 15-digit IMEI number (your phone's unique serial number). The IMEI number can usually be found under the battery or by pressing *#06# on the keypad.

Companies and organisations also use the site to register multiple phones.

Police check the IMEI of recovered phones against the database, so you will have a better chance of getting a lost or stolen phone back if it is registered.

The database also makes it easier for police to compile evidence against someone who has stolen a phone.

Getting your phone blocked

If your phone is lost or stolen you should report it to your network operator as soon as possible. The contact number for each of the networks can be obtained from the Immobilise Information line on 08701 123 123. This allows the phone's SIM card and handset to be blocked in much the same way as a stolen credit card.

Registering other property

Registration is not limited to mobile phones; virtually any type of property can be registered on the website, so long as it has a unique reference number.

Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

Community Council News



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

Kinross Community Council

News from the October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 2 October 2013 were: CCllrs Watson, Mackay, Blyth, Scott, Colliar, Thomas, Freeman, Jack and West; P&K Councillors Barnacle, Robertson, Cuthbert and Giacomazzi; a police representative and seven members of public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Wood and Davies.

Declaration of interest: CCllr Watson declared an interest in the Macintosh Memorial Institute.

Police report: The Police representative advised of a housebreaking at Muir Grove and vandalism to a garden fence in Montgomery Way. Both are under enquiry. Speed checks have also been carried out locally. The Muirs was included, however checks in Station Road have not been carried out recently as the results in this area were poor. The Police have reasonable leeway in relation to handing out warnings for speeding.

Reports have been circulating that public access to the Kinross Police Station is to be withdrawn. The representative answered that she had not heard this and that the decision was to be announced in January. Cllr Robertson added that assurances were made at the outset of Police Scotland that this would not happen. Cllr Barnacle advised that he received a communication from Inspector Sangster who is now responsible for Perth South (which includes Kinross-shire) and that his base was to be at Crieff Police Office. There were references to closures in a recent article in the PA. The representative confirmed that police numbers in Kinross will remain the same. It was mentioned that a transfer to the campus would not be practical in view of the accommodation available. Cllr Robertson and the other elected members will follow this up. The CC is also to approach Inspector Sangster for further information.

Cllr Robertson advised that there were issues with the non-emergency number in that people are unable to get through to the Police.

Persimmon Homes: Following the last meeting we have written to Persimmon Homes and await their response.

Town Centre Regeneration: The officer has been invited to next month's meeting. We have also received a copy of the second Kinross Townscape Heritage Initiative application. The application is to be copied to all CCllrs and elected members.

Parking Survey: CCllr Thomas reported (*see p. 17*). Chic Haggart from the Roads Department would like to see results. It was agreed that this information be passed on to him and that we should invite him to a CC meeting in the future. CCllr Colliar added that, regretfully, the survey results did not include the whole of the town. Finally, the Chair commented on his recent email to the CCllrs in regard to the article in recent newspapers. He commented that only two responses were received and that, as such, there was no majority to follow this up. It was also agreed that CCllr Thomas should forward the statistical results to those who replied to the survey.

KCCNL Directors: CCllr Watson was asked to check the position with PKC and he advised that the confirmation received was that Cllr Cuthbert would have to withdraw from being a Director of KCCNL. CCllr Thomas reiterated that it records in the Scheme of Establishment that Cllrs are regarded as ex officio members of the CC. We are to consider who should replace Cllr Cuthbert as a Director.

Mackintosh Memorial: A meeting has been arranged for the following week. CCllr Watson advised that should the CC place restrictions on the use of this land then this may affect the transaction proceeding, however the CC can express its wish for the area. The land in question is a small part of the former PKC Social Work Dept and road in front. The remainder is in the name of the Council. It was agreed that CCllr Wood should proceed with handing over the ground to the Council. Should the three Trustees agree, then PKC will decide what the future of this site is.

Disbursement of Newsletter Funds: An application has been received from the CC to release the funds for the new Laptop and printer. This was agreed. A letter of thanks was received from Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Society.

Planning Applications Received

13/01417/FLL Shoppextra, 153 High Street: change of use from retail to estate agent's office.

13/01697/FLL 49 Montgomery Street: extension.

13/01679/FLL Land 50 metres northwest of Cruachan, Old Cleish Road: renewal of existing consent (10/01409/FLL): erection of a dwelling house and garage.

13/01707/FLL 6 Tummel Place: Alt/Extension.

13/01736/FLL 90 Muirs: renewal of existing permission (10/00283/FLL): partial demolition of extension and erection of a two-storey extension.

13/01465/FLL East Newhall Cottage (TRACKS): formation of agricultural field access. For information only.

13/01545/FLL Land 40 metres northeast of the Walled Garden, Burnbrae, Milnathort: erection of a dwelling house and detached garage/studio. The original planning application was for one property. A new application has been lodged for another house and garage/studio. It was mentioned that there



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are a number of trees in the area and that there are certain restrictions on houses in the countryside. The CC had no comment to make on this application.

13/01635/FLL 9A Smith Street: Garage and garden room.

13/01708/FLL Boreland Farm Cottage, Cleish: Extension to form sunroom.

13/01379/FLL Land 110 metres southeast of Beaufield, Balado: Erection of eight dwellings with associated access road, parking bays, turning areas and drainage arrangements: Confirmation of comments received from Council. The CC's letter will be taken into consideration while the application is being determined.

13/01328/FLL South Kilduff Wind Farm, Fossoway: notification from PKC of late submission. Our comments will not be referred to the Council's Development Control Committee, will not be placed on the Council's website etc, however will be passed to the case officer, providing that the officer has not already prepared the report on the application. The officer will assess whether our comments raise any new issues not previously considered.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

The following applications have been approved by PKC:

13/01322/FLL Yard at Blairadam: storage shed and associated hardstanding area. 13/01298/FLL Applecross, 66 Muirs: alt/extension. 13/01468/LBC 111 High Street: alt to 1st floor. 13/01242/IPL 27 Alexander Drive: renewal of planning consent (10/01377/IPL): erection of a dwelling house (in principle). 13/01240/FLL 31 Muirs: alt/conversion of attic space into additional accommodation. 13/01429/PN Goudierannet Farm: erection of an agricultural shed.

Application withdrawn: 13/01436/FLL 8 Thompson Place: erection of an orangery.

Wind farm policies: Copy of email from PKC received regarding PKC's Landscape and Wind Energy Policies. To be circulated to the CCllrs and discussed next month.

Late submissions: Cllr Barnacle stated that as a statutory consultee the CC should be not be restricted to the 21-day consultation. He is to speak to PKC on this matter.

Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Giacomazzi reported on the recent Council meeting at Perth, including the **budget** for 2013-2014. Scottish Government cuts will filter down to local authorities.

Cllr Cuthbert commented on the incident which arose on the **Muir and Springfield Road** at a recent rugby event. The Rugby Club did everything in their power to avoid such circumstance, however people were parking irresponsibly and many complaints were received. It was agreed that Cllr

Cuthbert should ask for double yellow lines at the corner of Springfield Road, also repainting of the yellow lines on the Muirs at the vets.

Cllr Cuthbert advised that he was working with the Council's Emergency Officers following on the confusion regarding the **burst water pipe** (on 18 Sept) and the fact that children turning up at school were sent home, a number whose parents were not at home. In hindsight, the ideal situation would have been for the school to remain open and take the children in, and then contact their parents regarding the closure. Apparently there is an emergency number for use in such circumstance; however the Council were not notified until early morning. Cllr Cuthbert has asked that the Emergency Number be more fully circulated.

Contractors are making good progress with the **Heritage Trail**. Cllr Robertson asked that the public refrain from walking over this area until it is complete; it is a work in site and dangerous.

Cllr Robertson confirmed that approval been given to works in the **Green Park** area. The area is to be tidied up with work starting this month.

Cllr Barnacle mentioned the recent correspondence from the Council in relation to the cutting of **grass verges**. Feedback has been received from Portmoak, Fossoway and Glenfarg and it would be helpful if Kinross CC could identify areas requiring attention. Cllr Giacomazzi advised that there is to be a meeting next week.

Cllr Barnacle mentioned the **Local Plan Guidance Support Consultation**, in particular with regard to drainage in the Loch Leven catchment area. Previously a Section 75 Agreement was required before obtaining planning permission, however this has now been changed and permission can be granted subject to phosphates. Phosphates mitigation is quite an issue. Cllr Barnacle mentioned the SNH position in relation to this matter. The Reporter's examination should be issued at the end of October and will appear on the Reporter's website; however the Council's response will take some time longer. It will be possibly January before taken through to the Council. Cllr Barnacle is also pushing for the planners to get working on the Landscape Designation which is outstanding.

Speed limit at Turfhill: Cllr Barnacle has been following up the 40 limit at Turfhill, but has not been able to reach the relevant person.

Travellers' site: CCllr West commented on unplanned development by travellers. There is to be a meeting on Friday regarding phosphates concern in development of these

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sites. Cllr Barnacle added that it would be beneficial to discuss this subject with SNH. It was commented that the system is not fair to everyone in relation to planning permission.

Correspondence

Living Streets Scotland: A free training event is being held on 29 October in Perth.

Ready for Winter: Scottish Government campaign.

Community Engagement in the Planning Process:

Invitation to Joint Training Day for CCs on 23 November.

Scottish Government National Litter Strategy consultation document: Advice that this was removed from the website, however should you wish to respond to the consultation there is a link available.

Kinross-shire Partnership Economic Development Forum: 9.30am to 12.30pm on **19 November** at the Windlestrae Hotel. Looking at the opportunities and challenges for businesses in the area. Prior to the forum they will be asking local businesses to complete a Business Survey and the results of the survey will be available at the meeting.

SCT Conference 2013: Staying Special – Protecting Local Heritage on 5 November at Linlithgow Burgh Halls from 9.30am to 4.15pm.

Expert Working Group on Welfare Call for Evidence: 23 September to 13 December. The group have been asked to address the principles and policies that could form the pillars of a working age benefits system in an independent Scotland.

Fracking: A meeting is to be arranged on this issue. (Friends of the Earth and Fossoway CC.)

Other Business

Snow gritting/clearing on A977: Cllr Jack raised this matter earlier this year. Cllr Robertson confirmed that vehicles are still operating from Turfhill. Cllr Jack questioned why the A977 could not be cleared before 7am. Cllr Colliar commented that the road was detrunked and requires to be retrunked and this was one issue to be addressed with the Minister.

Fence at motorway junction: We are to remind Bear Scotland of this. No acknowledgement was received to our earlier communication. It was also commented that trees in this area have been chopped down.

Remembrance Parade on Sunday 10 November. In past years we have purchased a wreath for Kinross Ex-Servicemen. Discussion held on whether we should continue with this. Help for Heroes also lay a wreath at the service. It was agreed that we buy a wreath this year and make it clear

that we will not include Kinross Ex-Servicemen in the future. Cllr Colliar asked for reasonable attendance by Community Councillors at the Cenotaph.

Light Up Kinross: The Switch On is to take place on Monday 2 December.

Park and Ride for Ryder Cup: Cllr Colliar reported on the recent meeting at the campus.

Raj Mahal: A request has been received from the new owners who are organising a function to launch the re-opening of the restaurant. This will be a charity event and they asked if the CC could recommend a local charity to benefit. The CC agreed to suggest Kinross-shire Fund, Volunteer Drivers and the Day Centre.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross. Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Watson.

Agenda for 6 November

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of meeting of 2 October.
4. Police report.
5. Forth Wines presentation.
6. Kinross Townscape Heritage Initiative funding application – Regeneration projects officer.
7. Matters arising.
8. Appointment of Director to KCCNL.
9. Mackintosh Memorial Institute.
10. Report to PKC on LDP.
11. Disbursement of Newsletter funds.
12. Planning matters.
13. Reports from P&K Councillors.
14. Questions from the floor.
15. Miscellaneous correspondence.
16. Other competent business.
17. Date of next meeting.

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

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News from the October Meeting

CCllr Milne-Home chaired the meeting on 10 October 2013 in the absence of CCllr Hamilton. He welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Pettinger, Cottingham, Halford and Smith. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi and Robertson, and 19 members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Hamilton and Thomson, P&K Cllr Cuthbert and the Police.

Police Matters: The Police provided a report. Recent crimes in the area included: theft of fuel from Carrs Billington and vandalism to two motor vehicles. The report also advised that speed checks had been completed in New Road and Burleigh Road, resulting in the issue of two tickets.

Thefts of fuel oil are still prevalent and the Police advise owners to take precautions to protect their oil tanks. Advice includes: Siting tanks away from the main road and maintaining good surveillance; Fencing tanks; Using control switches; Using 'closed shackle' padlocks; and Using lighting.

Cllr Robertson raised the issue of **potential Police counter closures**, in particular in Kinross, and drew attention to a consultation, due to complete before the end of October 2013. After discussion the following emerged:

- The website for further information on the consultation is www.scotland.police.uk
- MCC has not been asked for its views;
- The current closing date for the consultation is before Kinross CC next meets; and
- If the Kinross Police counter were to be closed, there would still be a Police presence in Kinross, though the extent of this was unclear.

The Chair expressed his concerns that PKC had not written to Milnathort CC seeking a view; the Secretary agreed to write to Police Scotland expressing MCC's concerns and proposing an extension to the consultation period.

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

13/01654/FLL Modification of existing consent (11/01896/FLL): change of house type at plots 1, 2, 3 Netherhall Farm;
13/01660/FLL and 13/01709/FLL Erection of agricultural storage building (silage) and erection of steel-framed general-purpose agricultural building;
13/01839/FLL: Alterations to house, 3 Linden Park.

Planning applications determined: The following application had been approved by PKC: Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Finlarig, Mawcarse crossroads.

Recent applications: Cllr Giacomazzi drew attention to the outcome of PKC's recent discussions of previous applications:

- The application to build a sports pavilion/social facility in Donaldson Park had been deferred.
- Forth Wines had been granted Outline Planning Permission for their proposed development in Milnathort.

A member of the public, representing residents in the vicinity of Donaldson Park, thanked the three P&K Councillors present for their efforts on behalf of residents to reject the proposal as it currently stands. The main issues are about access to the site from Church Street, particularly for emergency vehicles, lack of consultations by the applicant locally, and about the proposal for another function hall in the village when there are already six similar facilities. He expressed concerns that local residents' voices will not be heard again when the pavilion proposal returns to the PKC Planning Committee. Following a comprehensive discussion, during which there was unanimous support for encouraging sport in the local area, it emerged that the way forward for the application was not readily clear, although MCC understood that the applicant had been asked to explore other options and return to the Planning Committee at a later date to explain his findings. Cllr Giacomazzi agreed to closely monitor the application and also to consult PKC's Road Department on the access issue.

The meeting briefly discussed the Forth Wines proposal, but noted that the planning permission was at outline stage only and little detail was available yet.

Ready for Winter 2013: The Chair drew attention to the Scottish Government's (SG) comprehensive advice to the public, which encouraged each person to think about how winter might affect them. The SG would be launching a campaign, including a roadshow (*see Notices, p. 96.*)

New Matters and Correspondence

The Chair advised that PKC would be conducting a **review of polling districts and places**, with effect from 4 October 2013, for a period of six weeks; the proposal could be viewed at the Loch Leven Community Campus from 10am to 4pm each working day. He also drew attention to training opportunities for community councillors.

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CCllr Halford raised an issue about **road safety** in the vicinity of the Tillyrie development **Gamekeeper's View**; there were no road markings at the exit to the main road and some traffic was emerging on to the main road without due care. Cllr Giacomazzi agreed to discuss the need for road markings with PKC Roads Department.

CCllr Cottingham queried the status of the '**closed**' pathway leading to the **former hospital site**. A lengthy discussion about access and water supply issues in the Tillyrie area ensued. In particular, residents are concerned that the proposed development at Athron Hall could affect their water supply if permission to use boreholes, rather than mains supply, was granted by PKC. Cllr Robertson advised that the original planning permission had stipulated that mains water supply would be provided to the development. The P&K Councillors present agreed to monitor the application closely.

Comments from the Floor

War memorial: Graeme Stewart, Milnathort in Bloom Secretary, updated the CC on progress. PKC has provided further funding (£7,500) for repair of the recovered name plaques, although it was unlikely that the new plaques would be ready in time for the November ceremonies. The plaques would contain an identifying 'watermark' to deter thieves. Mr Stewart also advised that that diseased trees at the War Memorial would be removed, and two trees at the Milnathort Cross would be lopped.

Roads: A member of the public raised an issue about roads repair. The Chair noted the website www.fixmystreet.com. Also reports may be made by email to Clarence@pkc.gov.uk

Speed: Another member of the public raised concerns about vehicles travelling along the entrance road to the Cuthill Towers development at dangerous speeds. The road had been adopted and it was understood the PKC would be erecting 30 mph road signs. Residents believed that the speed restriction signs would serve to encourage vehicles to travel at up to 30 mph rather than adjusting their speed to the conditions in the estate. Cllr Robertson agreed to take the matter up with PKC Roads Department.

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Comments by P&K Councillors

Cllr Barnacle raised the issue of **roadside grass cutting** and asked for feedback on safety issues. Cllr Halford advised that the road junction from Tillyrie to Tillywhally should be given a second cut.

Cllr Barnacle also reported that he had written to Peter Marshall, PKC, concerning **environmental planning concerns** in the Loch Leven catchment. A Memorandum of Understanding had been agreed between SNH, SEPA and PKC regarding environmental planning considerations, including drainage into the Loch. Following approval of a travellers' site in the vicinity of Crook of Devon, he was concerned about the potential spread of such sites in Kinross-shire. Finally he advised that he had asked SNH to provide advice on how to achieve 'landscape designation'; he proposed that, once he had received that information, a joint meeting of local community councils should discuss a way forward for the area.

Cllr Robertson advised of three issues:

PKC is progressing a **one-way system** in Victoria Avenue in a west to east direction.

Notwithstanding press speculation, the **railway link** to Perth through Kinross is not viable; and

Following discussions with senior local Police, road vehicle **speed check** initiatives for communities would be progressed. Six locations are proposed including one in Kinross-shire. He will update at a future meeting.

Cllr Giacomazzi advised that he had asked PKC to look into **additional funding for grass cutting**. CCllr Smith understood that Donaldson Park should receive a further cut, but it had not been carried out. Cllr Robertson agreed to pursue this issue.

AGLV: Finally there was a short discussion about the way forward in the planning process, following the SG's requirement to remove the designator 'Area of Great Landscape Value'. It was understood that a range of initiatives was under development, but at this stage it was unclear how local planning would be carried out in future. It was also noted that the Reporter's conclusion on the proposed local plan were expected soon.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 14 November 2013 at Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the October Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 October 2013 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chair), R Cairncross (Secy), B Calderwood, S Forde and T Smith; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, J Giacomazzi and W Robertson, a member of the Police and seven members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr R Williamson and P&K Cllr D Cuthbert.

Change of office bearers: The CC received the resignation of CCllr Ian McGrattan and expressed its gratitude for his helpful service. The Chairman also noted the resignation of Rita Pritchard as Minute Secretary and thanked her for interest in the CC.

The Chairman introduced new arrangements for the conduct of the Council's business.

Invitation for new members: The Chairman explained that the CC was now operating with two members short of its establishment of eight. The CC would welcome interest from any resident of Portmoak over the age of 18 years who might wish to join. Interest in the position of Minute Secretary would also be welcome. Please contact the Secretary or any member of the CC.

Previous minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were approved, subject to the addition of apologies from CCllr T Smith.

Footpath between Easter and Wester Balgedie: Cllr W Robertson confirmed that progress had been made but had been delayed by work needed to support the further development of the Heritage Trail.

Grounds maintenance: Cllr J Giacomazzi reported that PKC had provided a budget of £60,000 to carry out a second cut of roadside verges at important junctions. CCllr Calderwood would provide him with a list of those in Portmoak.

Police report: PC Victoria Riches presented the Police report. There had been no significant crime in the past month in the Portmoak area. Speed checks in Scotlandwell were continuing and tickets issued. Members of the public were encouraged to sign up to Kinross-shire Rural Watch. A public consultation survey on local policing had also been launched and members of the public are asked to provide feedback. The Chairman asked what might be done to provide regular feedback on the results of investigations into previously reported crimes and will, on advice, now raise the matter formally with the Police.

Separately, the CC was alerted to a further public consultation now underway by Police Scotland to consider how public counter services at police stations could be more effectively managed and delivered. The CC gave preliminary consideration to the proposal to withdraw public counter provision at the Kinross station and would respond formally before the consultation ends on 31 October.

Treasurer's report: In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman reported a balance of £650.85 in the General Account, and £820.88 in the Michael Bruce Way Account. Total £1,471.73 as at the end of September 2013. The only expenditure in the month had been for the hire of the hall and on clearance of a part of the Michael Bruce Way, which had become overgrown.

Planning: The CC had considered the following planning application and had agreed to object to:

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 was concerned that the junction with the A911 was unsafe and that building was progressing in conflict with planning conditions. It had also sought assurance about the ridge height of the property and the landscaping and maintenance of the redundant land at the junction. The Chairman asked what council policy is in relation to the enforcement of planning conditions in the light of the planners' apparent reluctance to take action. The ward councillors were unable to provide an answer. Cllr J Giacomazzi agreed to work with Council staff, local residents, and the CC to reach a constructive outcome.

The CC considered the following planning applications made to PKC and agreed not to object to:

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

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

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

13/01465/FLL Formations of agricultural field access (for TRACKS) East Newhall Cottage, Kinross.

Local Development Plan: The CC is considering four pieces of Supplementary Guidance as part of a consultation by PKC and will, if necessary, respond by 11 October.

Developer contributions: The CC awaits confirmation that the developer contributions to The Green at Scotlandwell and to Portmoak Primary School have been made.

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

Roads Report

Gritting and snow clearing: There is now a pressing need to clarify these arrangements, in particular whether local farmers are to be retained to support local snow clearing when required. CCllr Calderwood would talk to the farmers who had put their names forward to participate in the scheme.

HGV traffic: Diversion of HGV traffic transiting Portmoak along the A911 remains an outstanding and important matter and is linked to the possible reclassification of the A911 and B9070. The CC learned there was uncertainty whether responsibility for such decisions lay with PKC or with Transport Scotland. Cllr W Robertson undertook to clarify the matter.

Request for a **pelican crossing** on the south loch road at Vane Farm to assist disabled visitors reaching Vane Farm from the Heritage Trail. Cllr W Robertson reported that this approach was not practicable and that other solutions were being pursued. The tunnel under the road at Vane Farm could not apparently be easily adapted as the approach on the north side was restricted by a water main.

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CCllr B Calderwood confirmed that a detailed listing of **outstanding road works** across Portmoak would shortly be available and would be shared with PKC Roads Department and with ward Councillors.

Outh Muir Windfarm

The CC had been invited by PKC to comment directly to Fife Council on the proposal to erect five wind turbines - 110 metres high to blade tip plus associated infrastructure. The blade tips will be higher than all but a few points in the Cleish Hills and visible from many parts of Portmoak. The proposals would apparently be in contradiction of a number of policies from the Kinross Area Local Plan 2004, the Perth and Kinross Proposed LDP January 2012, the Dunfermline and West Fife Local Plan 2012 and the Fife Council's adopted SPG on Wind Energy. The CC considered whether or not the proposals would have a major adverse impact on existing landscape character and visual amenity of the Cleish Hills and the Kinross basin. There were no comments from the members of the public present. Two CCllrs voted to object and three to make no comment. There were no abstentions. The CC will therefore take no action.

Reports by Ward Councillors

Cllr W Robertson: advised that consideration was being given to the **live broadcast** of the deliberations of PKC's Development Management Committee; and that there had been good progress with completion of the **Heritage Trail**.

Cllr Barnacle: asked to be notified of any road junctions requiring **additional cutting**; and alerted the CC to possible interference with the **public right of responsible access** due to shooting near Portmoak Moss at Grahamstone. CCllr Williamson was to be in touch with the complainer for more details.

Both Cllr Barnacle and Cllr Robertson reported on interest in a possible return of the **railway** to Kinross; and on the intention to hold a meeting under the umbrella of the Kinross CC Network (KCCN) to examine: (i) the case for designating Kinross-shire as a **National Scenic Area** and (ii) the matter of possible **fracking**.

Other Business

A resident sought further information on the current **speed review** along the A911 and whether or not the build-outs had influenced speed. The CC was advised that a speed review had taken place and the results would be available in due course.

The CC was advised the PKC were consulting on their **review of polling stations** in their district. The ward councillors advised that no changes were being proposed for Kinross-shire and accordingly no action was thought necessary.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 12 November 2013 at 7pm in Portmoak Primary School.

Portmoak CC minutes are posted on the website
www.portmoak.org

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

Loch Leven Fishing Pier; Robertson's of Milnathort;
Kinnesswood Village Store;
Fossoway Stores, Crook of Devon

Fossoway & District CC

News from the October Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 1 October 2013 were: CCllrs S Morrison, K Borthwick, A Lavery and R Paterson; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and M Barnacle and seven Members of the Public (MoP). Apologies were received from CCllrs S Anderson, A Cheape and T Duffy-Wigman and P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi and W Robertson.

There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: PC Sadie Allan reported. Recent crimes included a housebreaking in Vicar's Bridge Road and the theft of a large aluminium gate from Powmill.

There is an on-going local initiative, Kinross-shire Rural Watch. It currently has 30 members.

Speed checks continue at Drum: two people were charged and six warned.

Kevin reports that new 40pmh speed limit signs in Aldie Road are being tampered with – PC Allan was not aware of this.

Cllr Barnacle has had an email from Inspector Steve Sangster, who is based at the Crieff Police Office and is now responsible for this area, phone 01738 892720. His deputy is Sergeant Sandra Williams on 01738 892712.

Cllr Barnacle asked PC Allan if it is possible for traffic to be stopped outside Crook of Devon Village Hall during the minute's silence on Remembrance Day.

Rumbling Bridge Hydro scheme: The planning issues which the CC raised have been addressed and hence the CC will advise the council that these issues have been met. Alastair stated that the way the developer had responded to concerns, by holding public meetings and commissioning reports, was the way that he would like to see matters of this kind dealt with in the future by developers. As a goodwill gesture, the developer proposes to replace the footbridge that was washed away, as long as agreement can be reached regarding design and costs with PKC. Cllr Barnacle points out that it isn't essential that the bridge is replaced at the original location, due to possible problems there.

Travellers' site, Crook Moss: A report about the drainage issues has been received from PKC showing the proposed arrangement to be acceptable. Cllr Barnacle reports that Mark Williams has told him that the application will return to Development Management Committee (DMC) on 9 October with a recommendation for approval, since all the issues have now been resolved. However, the location of a travellers' site at this location is contrary to PKC's own policy, which Cllr Barnacle will make clear during the committee meeting. CCllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi and Nick Brian will visit the two travellers' sites to review the proposed expansion of the Greenacres site. The CC will write to PKC again reiterating its objections, and A Lavery will address the DMC.

Glenquey Quarry: Application has still not been to the DMC. Next meeting is 13 November.

Dunning Glen: Kevin received a call from the Police to identify the landowners because there was an event planned. The relevant landowner had given permission for the event to take place, so the Police stressed that suitable measures be taken to avoid nuisance. Correspondence also received from a MoP reporting various issues.

Community workshops: The meeting to discuss the format of the workshops to discuss local issues has been rescheduled to 10 October.

Fracking: A meeting is to be arranged with Friends of the Earth, attended by Kevin, Sandy, local Councillors and other

CCs in the area. Kevin is trying to organise the meeting for November. Cllr Barnacle reports that a briefing note has been received from PKC, listing sites in Kinross-shire where applications have been made. This issue could also be discussed in conjunction with Landscape Designation.

Bus Investment Fund: Cllr Cuthbert reports that it's with the Scottish Executive for review.

Ryder Cup: Rod attended a meeting to discuss traffic and parking arrangements.

Outh Muir Wind Farm: John Anderson sent a report from the liaison meeting on 11 September. Objections, including those from this CC and the Airports Authority, were discussed. Discussion then moved on to disbursement of community monies – it's not yet clear whether Fosso way is included, but a map will be made available at the next meeting in November. There was also discussion of public access to the site including links to existing path networks.

Reports by P&K Councillors

Cllr D Cuthbert:

Fosso way School's head teacher has been replaced, currently with an acting head from another school, while a new head is recruited. An additional teacher has also joined the school.

A review of **Waulkmill Play Park** in Crook of Devon, which is due to be upgraded next year, is being consulted on now. Cllr Barnacle notes that the wider area of the park needs to be reviewed, since it's currently not being fully utilised.

Work on the **U213** to repair the road and construct passing places has been carried out; however the passing places have still not been constructed to standard size.

Railway path in Crook of Devon now has dog waste bins.

Cllr M Barnacle:

On-going planning is taking place into **A977** mitigation measures, so they can be put into the budget.

Feedback has been received on **verge cutting**, with the intention of applying for additional funding in next year's budget to return to more than one cut per year for certain locations.

Fisherman's signs (warning of overhead power lines) are broken on the Millennium footpath – he will find out who the provider is.

Naemoor Road to River Devon **footpath** has still not been maintained, although there is now an acceptable offer from the local landowner to do the work, but it has not yet been agreed by PKC's finance department, which is preventing the work being done.

Crook of Devon **crossing patrol** is potentially at risk, Cllrs are working on this.

Planning

13/01568/FLL. Permanent siting of a catering kiosk, erection of a fence, gazebo and formation of a seating area, catering stance, Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.
13/01656/FLL. Change of use from agricultural land to garden ground (in retrospect). Cocklaw House. No CC comment.

13/01658/FLL. Erection of dwelling house with integral garage, land 40 metres south west of Greenparks, Church Road, Crook of Devon. Object, as contrary to existing and proposed Development Plans (policies 48 and 81 of KALP).

13/01647/FLL. Erection of a dwelling house, 250 metres north east of Devonshaw, Powmill. Object, as contrary to the AGLV of KALP and Houses in the Countryside Policies 2012.

13/01667/FLL. Erection of a dwelling house. Westmuir Cottage, Westmuir, Powmill. No CC comment.

Correspondence

Kevin went through the correspondence which was all available for viewing.

The CC's annual grant of £528.32 has been received.

The CC thanks John Anderson for repairing the Blairingone notice board.

Other Business

Lambhill: A MoP asked about the current status of the Lambhill application. Alastair reported that the application for change of use from agricultural to commercial use has been withdrawn. PKC's position is that the current activities are covered by existing consents. Cllr Barnacle has previously asked Nick Brian for a site visit to Lambhill, and will try again.

Rhodders Wind Farm has gone to Scottish Ministers on appeal.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

- Welcome and Apologies
- Declarations of Interest
- Community Policing
- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters arising: Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme, Blairingone War Memorial, Crook of Devon Church Car Park, Signposting core paths and rights of way, Travellers' Site Crook Moss, Glenquey Quarry, Glendevon Pollution Incident, Dunning Glen.
- Community Councillors - Meetings Attended
- PKC Councillors' Reports
- Planning Applications
- Correspondence
- AOCB

The Next Meeting of Fosso way and District CC will take place on Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 7.30pm at Moubray Hall, Powmill. All welcome!

NOTE: Change of day for next month only!

Fosso way & District CC minutes are posted on the website
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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 October 2013 were: CCllrs P Fraser, R Kitchin, F MacGregor, H Somerville, N Robertson, J Moore and R Jeffrey; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert and two members of the community. Apologies were received from P&K Cllr Giacomazzi, the Police and Fran Gillespie.

Police report submitted by the police highlighted another break-in and theft of farm equipment at Hardiston Farm. There was a request for more information on the matters reported to them after the previous meeting, notably the trail bikes, wild camping and unwanted antisocial activities at the Keltybridge triangle.

Please do use the 101 number for local non-emergency police calls.

Cllr Barnacle reported on receiving an email from the Inspector responsible for southern Perthshire (including Kinross-shire). There is currently a proposal for shutting the manned counter offices in Kinross. Elected members have voiced their concerns and have invited the Inspector to their next ward meeting. There is a concern that a decision has already been made rather than a consultation process being undertaken.

Correspondence

Fracking: Fossoway CC have forwarded a letter from Friends of the Earth regarding the possibility of fracking in our area. Licenses in southern Kinross-shire are currently being 'explored'. The local members are still concerned about the lack of clarity on replacing the current landscape designations with another protected designation that would limit possible development in our area. It was suggested this could be a matter that the CC Network could discuss further.

A resident from Keltybridge commented about possibly using the Minutes as a replacement for the Cleish & Blairadam newsletter, which has been taken on by Fran Gillespie.

Congratulations to Cleish Primary School, who successfully chose the new name for the Queensferry Crossing (bridge!) Our MSP is coming to the school on 30 October, along with seven pupils being chosen to attend the opening ceremony.

Website and Newsletter Secretary

Thanks to Fran who has volunteered to take on the role of C&B Newsletter Secretary having also helped with the printing of the C&B Newsletter for so many years. There are new pages on the website, new events, links and pictures added. Last month there were 1500 sessions recorded.

Roads and Village Maintenance

Blairadam: nothing new to report. Same issues with pot holes, verge damage and previous repairs failing already.

Cleish: similar problems as Blairadam. There has been no reply from PKC regarding the blocked drains following the potato farming which resulted in flooding and a car written off in the flood. Line of sights reports have also not been acted on. Cllr Barnacle is seeking more funding to allow cutting of verges at junctions twice a year rather than just annually – this is a safety issue.

Finance

The accounts for year end 2013 have now been audited and so the grant can now be applied for. This will bring the current balance to £2000. A request has been made for any suitable local projects that would benefit from some funding – we would need to look into what we are constitutionally allowed to support, but suggestions please.

Report from Blairadam

A positive meeting with MP Gordon Banks on the topic of Plot 27A (the site adjacent to the Tabernacle Hall that a development application has been submitted for). He agrees that this site is supposed to have a protected status and is going to pursue this further.

Mark Williamson also replied to Margaret Traylor, agreeing that the application was not suitable and that housing might not be appropriate at this site.

Congratulations for winning the Best Kept Hamlet.

Report from Cleish

The field association has successfully agreed the purchase of the field.

The Church of Scotland has replied that they are not interested in selling the Glebe field, but may consider a long lease. We await further development.

Planning

There are applications still pending since the last meeting – in fact the Greenacres applications are pending since 2012.

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New applications

- Extension to form a new sunroom, Boreland Farm Cottage. No objections.
- Agricultural storage shed at Millwood: It was suggested this was a prior notification, no objections.
- Dwelling house at Plot 2, Beauford Cottage: Full application that already has outline planning. It was suggested that the CC should proactively support this development as an indication of how well thought out and designed this house appears to be.
- Dwelling house at Croft View: This has been objected to, as the design is not at all in keeping with the rural location or surrounding properties. It was suggested to point out the application at Plot 2 is far more in keeping with our community wishes.

Greenacres: Three P&K Cllrs met Nick Brian outside Greenacres. He was happy with the current access roads. It was, however, impossible to accurately count the number of pitches from outside. The local plan suggested 16 sites, however due to being subdivided, there are now between 32 and 48 individual 'residences'. It is difficult to understand how the phosphate mitigation rules that are so strict for other applicants are clearly being ignored on this site. There is still no firm guidance on boundaries for this site. There just seems to be a lack of a level playing field regarding development here.

Hugh Somerville apologised to the meeting – a planning application had been submitted the previous week for full planning on Plot 1 (which already has outline) so it could be discussed at the meeting. However this application has not been verified in time for the meeting.

Andersons LLP**Have you ever contemplated building your own house?**

On **Thursday 14 November** we will have an open night at our Kinross offices from 5-7.30pm with a financial advisor, architects and our solicitors to give free advice on the benefits and pitfalls of building your own home. To arrange an appointment call 01577 862405 or simply turn up on the night.

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Outh Muir Community Meeting

Ron Kitchin attended the last meeting, and was very impressed with the professionalism and courtesy of the panel who were willing to openly discuss and listen to local opinion from all attendees. There is a potential fund for local communities that would be subjected to a Section 75 agreement. Any funds to communities would be governed by a separate committee from the CC and would include a representative from the wind farm.

Ryder Cup 2014

Between 22 and 29 September 2014 there will be approximately 45000 people getting to Gleneagles on a daily basis, all by train or bus (from park & ride sites). Balado will be our local site, with 7000 car places. This is fully booked already. Bus traffic will go from Balado up Glendevon and return down the M90. Local traffic is likely to be issued with passes to allow access up the Glendevon road if they need it.

Other Business

The cemetery car park has been resurfaced at some considerable expense, however the access road to the cemetery car park has not been improved at all – in fact it has suffered from the number and weight of lorries accessing the car park during the works. The contractors agreed to provide a costing to PKC for continuing the high standard of car park repairs further along the access road.

Schools: The Head Teacher from Cleish Primary School moved to Fossoy Primary School at the start of this term due to their Head having to leave her job. Cleish parents were clearly unhappy about this last minute change. Mrs Patterson (acting Head at Cleish) was reported to also be initially unhappy with this situation as well. However the school has pulled together with great success this term, and is a credit to all. Cllr Cuthbert is following this matter closely.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 2 December 2013 at 7.30pm at the Tabernacle Hall.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross and District Art Club



Scottish Artist Janet Melrose RSW visited the club in October. Janet studied at Edinburgh College of Art, graduating in 1987 with a BA (Hons) in Drawing and Painting. After receiving the Andrew Grant Bursary in the same year, she continued her studies at the Lorenzo de Medici School of Art in Florence. She was shortlisted for the J D Ferguson Award in 2005 and received the Angus College Open Exhibition Purchase Prize in 2006. Janet has exhibited in numerous solo and mixed shows throughout Scotland, London and New York. All of her work is influenced by a deep love of the natural world. Her biography and samples of her work can be seen at: www.janetmelrose.com

Now living in Crieff, as well as being a full time professional artist, she teaches a local church group who meet to learn about art and donate their subscriptions for the class to worldwide charities.

She encouraged us all to get in touch with our creative selves and not be inhibited by 'mistakes' in our work, which may in fact turn out to be happy diversions that liven up a painting or drawing.

Club members were enthralled by her description of painting outdoors in all weathers, using the wind and the rain to add atmosphere to her work. The photo shows a concertina sketchbook which she filled with drawings and paintings on a recent trip to Iona. Helping her to hold it are Club Secretary Sybil Galbraith and Club Adviser Tom Sutton-Smith.



Janet Melrose RSW with her concertina sketchbook

To find out more about our club, come along to the Millbridge Hall on any Tuesday or Friday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm, or visit our web site at www.kadac.co.uk or call Sybil on 01577 830347.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

September Draw

1st	No 8	Stewart Wallace, Scotlandwell
2nd	No 5	Shona Peebles, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 97	Jean Strathern, Kinnesswood

Scotlandwell in Bloom

Four members of the Scotlandwell in Bloom Team (Elaine and Dave Carruthers, Trish Duncan and Dave Martin) attended the Take A Pride in Perthshire Awards ceremony in the Salutation Hotel in Perth on 11 September. Scotlandwell was awarded 'Gold' in the Best Kept Wee Village Category, and the overall category winner. Elaine and Dave Carruthers accepted the trophies on behalf of the group. The judges, Ally Bruce and Fiona Hair, were very impressed with the village and said:

"The Well and Wash House project is nothing short of awe inspiring and the whole village is immaculate and obviously cherished by residents. Great thought is put into all aspects of resource management, locally, nationally and internationally. Every possible device is used to attract wildlife and enhance the environment. Great pride and support from a real community pub; a wonderful feel to this village. Scotlandwell is an outstanding village. The group are ambitious in their undertakings and always manage to deliver the calibre of their expectations".

The Wash House opened its doors to the public for its first 'Doors Open Day' on Sunday 22 September. Elaine Carruthers, Karen McDonnell and Jane Martin were on hand during the day to welcome the public to the Well and Wash House. SiB were delighted to have over 60 people 'over the door', many of whom had never visited the area before. Home made jams and chutneys, from produce grown in the community orchard, were on sale, and disappeared off the sales table like 'snaaf a dyke'! The money raised from the sales will go towards the general upkeep of the Wash House. Both fridge magnets and postcards depicting the Well and Wash House also sold well, as did David Munro's book 'Where Poets Dream'd'. These items, as well as small wall plaques, can be purchased any time from the Well Country Inn (magnets £3.50, wall plaques £4.50, Where Poets Dream'd £6.00 and postcards 50p). Great gifts for family and friends overseas or stocking fillers!

If you missed the Doors Open Day and would like to visit the Wash House, the key can be collected from the Well Country Inn, anytime during daylight hours.

Kinross Garden Group



Mr John Porter, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the October meeting, especially new members coming for the first time. Our speaker was Mrs Beryl MacNaughton from Mac Plants, Pencaitland. She gave a slideshow of 'A Year in Her Garden', which was enjoyed by all. She also had plants for sale.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 14 November** at 2pm at Millbridge Hall, Kinross, when Ms Julia Cordon of The Explorers' Garden, Pitlochry, will give a talk on '**Alpines in European Mountains**'. All are welcome to come and join us at our meetings.

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

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 this in mind we have produced a festive 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. For more information, go to www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk

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, 7pm at the campus. 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
- Young musicians also display their talents at a special **Home-Bru Concert** on Saturday 16 November at 4pm at the Kinross Parish Church.
- **Bruce Davies and The St Serf Singers** will perform at The Kirklands on Sunday 17 November at 3pm.
- **Tich Frier and Neil Paterson** will do 'The Life and Songs of John Watt (1933-2011)' on Sunday 17 November, 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 November, 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 November from 3-5pm.
- **Special dinner/music event** in The Kirklands Hotel on Sunday 24 November. Enjoy a wonderful meal at 7pm followed by mellow music from **The Elaine Shorthouse Duo**.

You can find more acts on the festival website www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk

Tickets for festival acts are for sale through our website 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. For more information about the workshops (time/venue) and to download a booking form, please go to www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk.

Grand Raffle

Great prizes to be won: Kindle Fire, Fender Guitar, Dinner for Two at the Kirklands Hotel and much more!! Raffle tickets can be bought at every music festival event or at the Post Office, Milnathort or Macbeth Currie Estate Agents, Kinross.

Christmas Market on Kinross 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 4-7pm**. 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 Countdown' in the Church Centre, see some sketches from the Orwell Dramatic Society, listen to the Kinross Pipe Band and a lot more...

Road closure, High Street, 23 November, noon-11pm

For setting up and dismantling the street market we have asked PKC for a road closure from noon-11pm. There will be signs but we advise people to use the new link road between Sainsbury's and the south end of Kinross.

Impact on local bus services from 11.00am

The closure will mean that local bus services will be unable to serve the bus stops at and opposite Kinross Town Hall, or at 197 High Street, on Saturday, 23 November 2013 from 11.00am, and for the remainder of the day.

Up until 11.00am Stagecoach Fife Services 56, 201 and 204 will operate to their normal routes and timetables.

For any journey scheduled to serve the above three bus stops after 11.00am, the following diversions will be put in place:

- Service 56 (Kelty - Kinross - Perth) will follow the official diversion route (Clashburn Road, Junction Road and Station Road).
- Service 201 (Glenrothes - Milnathort - Kinross) and Service 205 (Glenrothes - Milnathort - Kinross - Blairingone) will miss out the Ross Street loop. Service 201 will operate its normal route to/from the bus stops at the Kirklands Hotel - before operating up and down Station Road to turn at the Kinross Park+Ride site.
- Service 204 (Dollar - Blairingone - Kinross - Vane Farm) will operate via Junction Road and Clashburn Road) missing out Station Road.

Nearer to 23 November 2013 the Public Transport Unit will arrange for on-bus notices to be displayed and will put information on key bus stops.



Potager Garden

www.thepotagergardenkinross.co.uk

Our coffee morning in September was successful, raising £188 for Macmillan Cancer

Support; thank you to all who helped and supported us. The hamper of produce from the garden was won by Margaret Scott, and guess the height of the sunflower by Gareth Thomas; it was 3.45 metres tall, and when in full flower could be seen from the road over the greenhouse!

We were also pleased that Eileen Thomas, the Newsletter Editor, was able to **officially open our new sensory area**, which was made possible by a generous grant from the Newsletter Fund.

We are also grateful to Dobbies for hosting our apple and harvest event on 6 October, which was a good opportunity for fundraising, and talking with people to spread information about the garden. (See *Dobbies Community Champion* article.)



Archie and Mairi Campbell making apple feeders at the Harvest Event held at Dobbies

There is still work to be done to prepare the garden for the winter, and some plants are still flowering and producing vegetables in mid October. **Volunteer sessions will continue on Monday mornings, and the garden will be open to the public**, while the weather remains kind to us.

In December, we will be holding two **workshops to make your own fresh Christmas wreath**. These will be in Crook of Devon Village Hall, on **Sunday 8 December** from 2 to 4pm, and **Wednesday 11 December** from 10am to 12 noon. Cost £14, which includes a demonstration, an oasis ring and a wide selection of greenery, and also refreshments. All you need to bring are secateurs or strong scissors, and gloves if you wish, and your choice of embellishments, whether natural, or bows and sparkly decorations. Last year's session was very successful, producing individual and beautiful results! Booking is essential for these sessions; please contact Amanda James on 840809, or Michelle White on 840852 to book your place.

We will also have a stall for children to decorate their own "stained glass" style **Christmas decorations** at the **Craft Fair** at the campus on **Saturday 9 November**.

Thank you to all the committee and volunteers who have helped to make this a very successful season at the garden.

For more information contact Amanda James on (01577) 840809 or amanda@tyafon.plus.com or see our website.

New series of Business Breakfasts kicks off

by Karen Elwis

A mix of familiar and fresh faces from Kinross-shire's vibrant local business community gathered at Loch Leven's Larder on Wednesday 6 October for the first meeting of the 2013/14 Kinross-shire Partnership Business Breakfast series. Over the past three years, these lively events have firmly established themselves in the Kinross-shire calendar as one of the area's most successful and enjoyable networking opportunities. Held monthly from October through to March (apart from January), at 7.30am on the first Wednesday of the month, they offer excellent value at £10 for a full Scottish breakfast plus 90 minutes of networking with other like-minded entrepreneurs.

At the most recent meeting, Partnership Chairman Alisdair Stewart welcomed thirty-eight representatives and owners from a range of Kinross-shire enterprises, each of whom had a chance to briefly introduce their business to other attendees. This was followed by three short presentations on matters relevant to local business people.

The first to speak was Kinross-shire Partnership director Richard Jeffrey, who earlier this year became the proprietor of Tyrefair in Kinross. Richard explained the rationale behind the business survey currently being conducted by the partnership, and urged local business owners to grasp this valuable opportunity to suggest actions that could be taken to make it easier for businesses to thrive in the area. This will enable the Partnership to lobby effectively on their behalf. Copies of the survey are available on the Kinross-shire Partnership website and in the October newsletter.

Next Sandy McCurdy, Business Growth Adviser with Perth & Kinross Council, talked about the forthcoming Perth & Kinross Business Enterprise Month. Running from late October well into November, it comprises a succession of free events including seminars, presentations and workshops on a wide variety of topics useful to small, medium and large enterprises. Any companies wishing to sponsor an event should contact Sandy direct.

Finally, local businessman John Ross of Ogilvie Ross Associates donned a different hat to tell attendees about the planned new pavilion for the local cricket club. Following the completion last year of the club's stunning new pitch in front of Loch Leven's Larder, overlooking the loch, exciting plans are underway to construct a pavilion facility (25m x 10m), which – when not in use by the cricket club – will be available for hire to community groups and businesses. SportScotland is already providing 50% of the cost of £280,000, but support from local businesses would also be most welcome.

The next business breakfast is at Loch Leven's Larder on **Wednesday 6 November** from 7.30am to 9am. Thereafter, a group of attendees will be heading straight for the Concert Hall in Perth to attend one of the Perth & Kinross Business Enterprise Month events flagged up by Sandy McCurdy. If you wish to join up with the group and car-share, please contact Kinross-shire Partnership administrator Sandra Ralston as soon as possible.

Likewise, if you would simply like to attend the next breakfast, just mail Sandra at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk to book. Newcomers are always made most welcome.



Common Grounds



By the time you read this, the clocks will have changed to winter-time and we will be enjoying the autumnal colours. Going up and down the road it is lovely to see that Milnathort Town Hall has a working town clock and in Kinross we have the one at the Parish Church to remind us that in our busy lives "tempus fugit".

Project: The first project we are going to support in our new financial year is the emergency relief organisation Merlin. We last supported Merlin in October 2009. Merlin delivers medical aid and expertise in the world's toughest places – then they stay on to help the local people build healthcare services. On average 96p of every £1 Merlin spends goes to their field operations and 99% of their staff is based out in the field.

Project Lunch: We are planning a project lunch for **Tuesday 19 November** at 12 noon in the Guide and Scout Hall. At this time we cannot confirm the speaker so keep an eye out for our posters in early November. Homemade soup, bread, cakes and Fairtrade tea and coffee. Everyone welcome.

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 and are available in Common Grounds. You may also pay on the door. The price includes some refreshments. 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.

AGM: Our Annual General Meeting will be at 7pm on **Friday 29 November** in the Guide and Scout Hall, Milnathort.

Donate to Common Grounds on MyDonate.Com and find out more on the website www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

We were very pleased to have Matthew Page from Self Help Africa drop in on Saturday 28 September to give us an informal talk on the work of Self Help Africa who we have supported many times over the years.

We are in receipt of some photographs from The Lyths who work in Uganda. The photographs show the clay filters that are used to purify drinking water and help eradicate typhoid. The pots have been made with the generous donations from Common Grounds and individuals. Do pop in and look through them and see if you can spot your name on one of the clay pots and you may wish to take the photograph away with you.

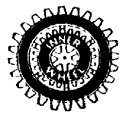
Our opening hours are still 10am – 1pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

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



James Henry (right), Convener, with Brian Barron from Scottish Love in Action who gave a talk at the September Project Lunch

Inner Wheel of Kinross and District



The Inner Wheel year started with our September meeting when Laurie Macdonald, the chairperson of Inner Wheel District 1, visited us. The District embraces 29 clubs in all, covering an area from the Firth of Forth in the south to Thurso in the north, and from Stirling in the west to the Outer Hebrides.

Laurie told us about her life growing up in America and how important Inner Wheel became to her when she moved to Pitlochry to marry. She outlined her project for the year which will involve contributions from all 29 clubs to enable a transit van to be purchased for the Salvation Army in Perth. It will be used for community projects.

Over the last few years Inner Wheel has made a small contribution to the running costs of the Day Centre, so it was also very pleasing to have the Day Centre Manager, Nan Cook, give us an overview of the work carried out there.

At our October meeting Carolyne Poller, Rotary President, joined us to talk about her interesting career in teaching to date.

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www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm

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

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The November meeting will be held on **Thursday 7 November** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. Graham Paton will give a talk on the Lethangie Estate.

Away Days November

Thur 14 Nov: MacKinnon Mills

Thur 28 Nov: Almondvale

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

Theatre Outing: "It's a Wonderful Life" Pitlochry Festival Theatre **4 December 2013**. This outing is fully booked and there is a waiting list. The coach will leave from the Green Hotel at 1215 prompt on Wednesday 4 December. Contact: Edith Oswald 01577 865731.

Annual Holiday 2014

The Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport 9 to 14 March: Pat confirmed the balance was due to be paid by members at the December meeting. Cheques as always are to be made payable to "Kinross 50 Plus Club". Members going on the holiday will have to obtain their own travel insurance. Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

8 November: A circular walk round the Falkland Estate - about 6 miles along well known roads, but not to the monument this time.

22 November: The Devon Valley Railway track starting in Alloa and finishing at Dollar, along a good path all the way and no more than 6 miles.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

1 Nov: River Devon Circle Bill 9.00am
from Crook of Devon, lunch Inn of Muckhart, no packed lunch.

15 Nov: Tullybaccat Anne 9.00am

29 Nov: Dunkeld low level walk Alan 9.00am

13 Dec: Christmas walk 9.00am

25 Dec: No walk

Activities

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

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

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

Fly Tyers contact: Ian Campbell for details 01577 830582.

Keep-Fit is held on Tuesdays in the Masonic Hall from 2pm until 3pm. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

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

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

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.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



On 2 October members listened to Paul Bassett's masterly presentation on Elgar. Using some remastered discs, he took us through some early recordings of Elgar's works. It was moving to hear a beautiful choral piece recorded in Malvern Church where it was originally performed.

Elgar was completely self-taught. Leaving his father's music shop where access to musical instruments undoubtedly fostered his talent, he became a professional musician. Despite contemporary prejudice against his Catholicism and lower class background, supported by his wife, he emerged as an important composer with the success of the Imperial March followed by the Enigma Variations and Dream of Gerontius. Excerpts from these and other works were introduced by Paul, ably aided by his wife. It was a delightful evening.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 13 November. Enquiries to 01592 840437.

Tripudio All Stars

Tel: 01577 865303 Mobile: 07526652346

Email: Tripudiodance@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/tripudiodance

Tripudio All Stars is a local children's dance troupe that meets every Monday at the Tripudio Dance Studio to learn a variety of dance forms under the instruction of a qualified dance teacher. We have a few events taking place over November and December and would like to invite you to come along to all or some of our events, where you can meet us, get information or just have a good time.

On Sunday 3 November we are hosting a **Craft Fayre & Table Top Sale**. Admission is free and we have a great selection of stalls selling a great range of gifts that are perfect for Christmas. (If you are a local business or craft person and would like a table, please contact Tripudio Dance, Kinross to book a place.)

Saturday 7 December we are staging our first Dance Show at the **Kinross Church Centre**. The show starts at 7pm till 8.30pm and not only will we be showing you some of our dances but we are staging a **Mini Talent Competition** on the night with the chance of winning £20.00. Competition entry is limited and only open to children, so please be quick if you would like to take part.

Monday 16 December we are having our Christmas taster time from 4.30pm till 6pm. If you are between the age of 5 years and 16 years why not come along and try some of our dance steps. We always welcome new people even if you have never danced before. You do not need to book, just come along and have a go. All children who attend get a small Christmas gift from one of Santa's elves.

If you would like more details on any of our events, or to book a place on our talent competition or tickets for our show, contact Jackie on any of the above numbers. We post all our community events on Facebook and in the Co-op, The Kinross Church Centre and in Sainsbury's, so please look out for our flyers.

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

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Autumn's here and there's a chill in the air. Tree colours can be at their best in November. It's a great 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 3 November: Gartmorn Dam from Coalsnaughton, 3-4 miles. Coffee at Muirscot Farm Shop, then down to Gartmorn Dam, for a flat walk on good paths in the country park

(Group AGM follows walk but visitors are welcome to join us for coffee and the walk.)

Saturday 16 November: Auchlinsky Hill, 6½ miles. Hard track climbing through pasture and forest to hill viewpoint, returning to start point by track alongside Glenquoy Reservoir.

Saturday 30 November: Beecraigs Country Park, Witchcraig and Cockleroy, 6 miles. Walk on good paths through the Country Park ascending to the top of Witchcraig, thence through woodland to the glorious views at the top of Cockleroy.

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 Chairman Edna Burnett on 01577 862977.

Portmoak Film Society

Twenty-seven film fans saw October's offering, the light-hearted, Dustin Hoffman-directed 'Quartet' at Portmoak Hall and gave it a 90% satisfaction rating. We were very pleased to welcome again some filmgoers from Kinross.

The November film is of an altogether different type: it's 'Argo', a fast-paced action thriller with some tongue-in-cheek humour, directed by and starring Ben Affleck. Set against the background of the Islamic revolution in 1979 in Iran, it tells the true story of a brilliant and unorthodox CIA agent played by Affleck who manages, with a daring plan, to extricate six American officials from the US embassy in Teheran that is under siege from the Ayatollah's forces. To find out how he does it, you'll have to come and see it on **Sunday 10 November!**

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 7.30 pm (doors open 7 pm).

To find out more, go to:

www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of Kinross & District Town Twinning Association will take place at Milnathort's Heaven Scent on **Tuesday 26 November** commencing at 7.30pm.

There are two positions up for election or re-election: chairperson and treasurer.

Although there is no official twinning visit in 2014, Kinross-shire members are due to visit Gacé in the summer of 2015.



Kinross & District Pipe Band



Well, it's been another busy season, taking in some 30+ competitive performances (among which the Band took no less than six firsts). The first outdoor contest, in May, was our very own **2nd Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest** here at the campus - alongside the Half Marathon and KLEO's Feel Good Fair, and the final one was the **Cowal Championships** at the end of August - indeed the last time the Major Championships is to be held there, so it had something of an 'end of an era' feel about it. Traditionally bands make an effort to entertain the enthusiastic crowds lining Dunoon's Argyll Street afterwards, often resorting to marching in fancy dress! This year Kinross brought along a guitar, a portable amp, and in what was probably a world's first, **Drum Major Mike Spain** regaled the audience with a rendition of 'Wild Rover' in song - accompanied by **Douglas Mair** on solo pipes - and the whole of the rest of the band for each chorus!

September saw us holding our annual Band ceilidh in Milnathort Town Hall for the first time, and what a great night it was! Having already honed Wild Rover to 'perfection' (ahem), it seemed a pity not to use it, so the long suffering ceilidh-goers were treated to an action replay! The trophies for most improved piper and drummer were presented on the night, and this year the Kinross Pipe Band Shield for **Most Improved Piper** went to **Alasdair Bennet** (14) and the Alexander Miller Cup for **Most Improved Drummer** went to **Amy Bryson** (15). Well done to them both!

We had seven entrants for the Brechin solos last month, all of whom were placed: **Max Crawford** (12) - fifth in Chanter; **Alasdair Bennet** (14) - fifth in Novice Piping; **Douglas Mair** (14) - third in the Under 15 March, Strathspey & Reel; **James Rodger** (15) - fourth in the 15-18 March, Strathspey & Reel; **Lewis Cox** (14) - second in the Snare Drum Marches; **Alexander Cox** (16) - sixth in the Snare Drum March, Strathspey & Reel; and **Sophie Bryson** (11) - second in the Novice Drumming. Congratulations to them all!

Otherwise it's extremely encouraging to see a good number of new learners not far off progressing onto the pipes and drums respectively. At the forthcoming Branch Solos, to be held in Craigie High School, Dundee, on Saturday 30 November, we are expecting to field some fifteen competitors from Kinross!

One or two dates for the diary:

Remembrance Sunday is on 10 November this year, and the Band will lead the parade as usual - whatever the weather. Immediately afterwards we will be holding our **AGM at the Rugby Club at 12.30pm** - all who have an interest in the Band are welcome to attend.

On **Saturday 23 November** KLEO are organising a **Christmas Market** in the High Street, and we will turn up to play a few tunes there, and then we have the Branch Solos in Dundee the following week. So all in all quite a busy month for what is normally "out of season"!

As always if you have any queries about the band please contact Nigel Kellett on 07801 182283, or nigel.kellett@talktalk.net

Please mention The Newsletter when answering advertisements

Compassion Corner

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”
How can we make this simple statement a reality in our lives, and in our community?

Simple, but not easy. However, that is no reason for you not to give it a try.

This column aims to tell great stories of kindness and compassion, suggest a few simple ideas about how, and generally build on the fine qualities already here in plenty in this county.

*“Life is full of froth and bubble.
Two things stand out alone:
Kindness in another’s trouble
Courage in your own.”*

I found this little quote in “The Swallow, the Owl and the Sandpiper”. It is an inspiring book, which you can buy in The Shop at the Green. It is a collection of sayings, poems and stories to comfort and support people through all kinds of difficulties. All proceeds go to the Sandpiper Trust, looking to save lives in rural Scotland.

The message really is that we can help each other, by simply doing small acts of kindness. It doesn’t have to be big things. All the small things become big things anyway, when you add them up. If you think small things don’t make a difference, try sleeping in a room with a single mosquito!

For starters, how kind are you to yourself? When did you last pay yourself a compliment? Try it – it’s fun. When someone pays you a compliment, what do you say?

Do you ask them if they need their eyes checked, or do you say “Thank you.”

You may not realise it, but just giving a genuine compliment can really make someone’s day.

When you are standing in a supermarket queue, notice the person in front or behind or beside you. Can you help them, joke with them or admire them?

I wonder if you have ever heard of the Fish Philosophy?

There is a fish stall in the Seattle Market, where the workers realised that the atmosphere amongst the staff was driving customers away. Something had to change, and so they came up with their **Fish Philosophy** (see the website www.charthouse.com/Fish).

Four easy strategies turned the entire business around, and became a world wide business model.

- ◆ Choose your attitude
- ◆ Play
- ◆ Make someone’s day
- ◆ Be There

When I first heard of it, I knew it was simple and workable in everyone’s life.

Simple but not easy!

Please do tell us your stories and ideas. We long to hear them, share them with others, and put good ideas into practice.

*by Jo Middlemiss
for the County of Compassion group*

If you would like to get in touch with the Compassion group, contact Marg Mead, telephone 01577 863557 or email margmeade59@gmail.com

Kinross-shire Historical Society



There was a very large audience for the first talk of the winter season to hear Dr Simon Taylor talk on ‘The Place Names of Kinross-shire’. He explained that the study of the place names in Kinross-shire was following on from the study and publication of five volumes on the place names of Fife. Other areas being studied include Clackmannanshire and Menteith.

All research is focussed pre-1975, looking at the areas that existed then. Pre 1685, Kinross was only the Parish of Kinross and the Chapel of Orwell, surrounded by Fife and Perthshire. From 1685 to 1891 a larger unit came into being and from 1891 to 1975 became Kinross-shire including all of Fossoway, Orwell, Portmoak and Cleish. Dr Taylor explained that the language spoken in the area had changed over time from Pictish to Gaelic around 900 and to Scots c. 1400 and that this is reflected in the place names. Names can derive from the physical appearance of the area or from the uses given to a place. Ancient charters and documents are studied in the research which can bring new insights to our early history. Examples of different types of names and their derivations were given along with some amusing tales including the extended court battle in the 18th century over the exact position of the Shoggle Boggle Well.

Dr Taylor hopes that the ‘Place Names of Kinross-shire’ in one volume will be ready for publication by the end of 2014.

Bill Blair thanked Dr Taylor for a fascinating and entertaining talk when the audience had learned so much including a new word, toponymy – the study of place names.

For information about future meetings, see p. 99.

Kinross Museum



Throughout October volunteers at Kinross Museum continued to list the ever-expanding items in the museum’s collection of archives and artefacts.

Research into family history has also played an important part in the museum’s activities in response to a number of genealogical queries from home and abroad.

With Halloween in mind, the museum held a “Witches in the Watergate” event during the Making a Difference Fun Day in the Loch Leven Community Campus on 26 October. Aimed at both adults and children, this comprised an exhibition on witchcraft in Kinross-shire accompanied by the mixing of ‘magic potions.’

The Trustees, who will be holding their annual meeting in November, are grateful to those who have generously contributed not only their time to the development of the museum but also items for the collections and donations to the funds.

Do come and join us at the Community Campus Christmas Fair on **Saturday 9 November** when the museum will be hosting a special “Christmas Collection” exhibition.

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.

Dobbies Community Champion

Our **Harvest Event** on 6 October was well attended, and many people sought advice from the "Apple Tree Man", Andrew Lear, and we are grateful to him and his assistant for coming, and making tasty apple juice for everyone. We were also greatly entertained by the Burntisland Ukulele Orchestra, who helped everything to go with a swing. Thank you to everyone who entered the raffle, and other activities in aid of the Potager Garden.



Morag, Heather and Angus with painted faces at the Dobbies Harvest Event

Despite the heavy rain, we also had an enjoyable evening on 3 October, launching our new **National Charity of the year**, and were pleased to welcome local supporters of the "Make a Wish" Foundation, Gail and Hannah. Thanks to Sue Everett for her yummy cup cakes!

We were also pleased recently to host a car wash session for Fossoway Pre-School Group, and can collections for Age Sentinel and Marie Curie Cancer Care. If you are supporting a local charity, we have some free dates at weekends to make can collections; contact Amanda as below.

I have recently donated some pansies and bulbs to **Kinross in Bloom**, which have been planted in front of the Church Centre. They will also be planting bulbs with children at Make a Difference Day, to be displayed there.

As Christmas approaches, we will have two more special events at Dobbies in November, again raising funds for "Make a Wish":

On Sunday 17 November, Santa will be arriving at the store at 11am, by horse and cart, and he will then be in his grotto at Dobbies at weekends, until Christmas. Kenny the Clown will be providing free entertainment for children from 11.15am until 1.30pm or so, and you can also decorate Christmas biscuits, and guess the weight of the Christmas cake.

Thursday 28 November from 5 to 9pm will be **Ladies Night**, with free pamper sessions, fizz and canapés, ideas for gifts and decorating your Christmas tree and table, and using flowers and foliage, and also a great free raffle. **Tickets at £1 are available in the store**, and you could still enter the raffle with your ticket, if you are not able to attend on the evening. We look forward to seeing you for this evening of relaxation, inspiration and sparkle.

In October the **Little Seedlings Club** learned about acorns, and conkers and other tree fruits, and took some home to grow themselves, and made spinning parachutes, like sycamore seeds. **On 3 November** at 11am, we will be finding out about trees which lose their leaves for the winter, and making a leaf collage, and on **1st December** will look at traditions of evergreen plants in our homes at Christmas, and having a party. The club is free, for children aged 4 to 10 years, and they must be accompanied by an adult, who will be offered free tea or coffee.

For more details on any of these events, or if you would like some help with a community growing project, please ask at Dobbies, or contact Amanda on (01577) 863327, or at herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com

Amanda James, Community Champion

Fife Cat Shelter charity auction

Loch Leven Community Campus played host to The Fife Cat Shelter Charity Auction on 29 September. The auction was to raise funds for all of the cats in their care and to provide veterinary treatment for their cats.

There were over 140 varied lots which had been donated by local businesses and individuals, with goods including: original paintings and prints, ceramics, hampers, job lots, jewellery and household items.

Thanks go to Kinross (Helen at A Country Affair, Winski's, The Gallery and Loch Leven's Larder); Equipet Veterinary Hospital Kirkcaldy, John Payne Artist, Baxters, Lomondhills Veterinary Practice Leslie, The Art Gallery Kelty, Falkland (Scott Robb Hairdresser, The Cottage Craft Centre and The Rowan Tree); Scot Dick and all who donated items and time to support the event.

A fantastic total of over £2,050 was raised which was made up from the auction itself, a tombola held on the day and other sales.

Fife Cat Shelter is always looking for permanent homes for the many rescued, unwanted and abandoned cats which they take in throughout the year. All the cats can be seen on the website www.fifecatshelter.org or phone Rhona on 01383 830286.



Over £2,050 was raised at the Fife Cat Shelter charity auction

Visiting Kinross-shire?

For information on Eating Out, Parks and Gardens, Historic Buildings and more, visit www.kinross.cc

Kinross High School



The October holidays are now a memory and already we are preparing for Christmas. Oh yes we are! We are hard at work on the Staff and Pupil Panto for December. KHS is again displaying the range of talent which lies within. Big theatrical challenges this year will be many. Where will we find a Handsome Prince? Do we have to restrict it to two Ugly Sisters? Can anyone dance in the old fashioned way? How many mice? What size the pumpkin? Find all the answers in our version of Cinderella. Come along and support us. Let us entertain you and start your Christmas with a laugh.

Of course there is also work to be done in our classrooms. Many Senior Pupils are experiencing the joy of 'NABs' – those dreaded assessments which are now part of every course. These assessments must be passed in order to gain the course award after the final exam. I therefore cannot stress enough how important it is that pupils treat these seriously. In many ways they are more important than prelims and require appropriate preparation. Teachers will be providing extra study opportunities and hopefully our young people will be making use of their expertise at these times.

Pupils in other years are now settled into their courses. First years have returned for their second term with us and should now be feeling more confident as routines become more familiar.

We are proud of our traditions in Kinross High School. Many members of the Kinross-shire communities learned to dance at school and our PE department are dusting off those off familiar tunes telling us it is time for social dancing again. Hopefully we will also be "Strictly" standard by the time our dances are held in December.

Speaking of dancers, this year's Rock Challenge team is now working on their routine. Our team is a much larger one this year and I hear that confidence is high. Can't wait to see what they are up to!

Curriculum for Excellence has been with us for many years but we are now focussing on the new exams which our 4th year will face at the end of the session. Staff report good progress generally but are keen to point out the extra effort which some of our young people will need to make if they are to achieve the upper level of performance. Time spent now can make a huge difference later in the year. Hopefully the dark nights will be encouraging pupils to be more active in the homework department.

One final thought on Christmas: it is also a time for music and our musicians are busy preparing for our annual concert. Our new instructors Mr Seith and Miss Paterson are looking forward, if a little nervously, to seeing their charges up on our stage. So to those long suffering parents of our musicians, please encourage them to be practising as we all know what practice makes.

R H Keatings

KHS Mary's Meals project Fashion Show success

As part of their campaign to raise £11,235 for Mary's Meals by the end of the academic year, the KHS charity group hosted a fashion show with a theme of 'Fashion through the Ages'. Junior pupils were invited to design their own up-cycled clothing and the selected items were modelled by the designers themselves. These items included some very cool T-shirts with magazine cut-outs, newspaper-covered high heels and a wacky water-bottle hat! These amazing recycled garments were followed by two spectacular dresses designed by an Advanced Higher Art and Design student, Hollie Lamond. One was a sleek, black, lace number and the other was a fantastic dress made from recycled paper.

This inspiring display was followed by the current sixth-years' take on 'Fashion Through the Ages'. They embraced their chance to walk the catwalk and performed several dances and struck many poses from their chosen decades from Great Gatsby-inspired 1920s to fabulous 60s jumpsuits. The audience was also treated to a performance by Annie Nelson and Sally Mitchell, who did a terrific street dance, and a song by Route 56. Raffle prizes were also a highlight of the show.

However, even though the night was meant to be fun and entertaining, the reason why this event was put on was not lost. Mary's Meals is an inspiring charity that can feed one child a meal a day for a year for just £10.70. The KHS charity group's aim is to raise enough money to feed the size of Kinross High School for a year, bringing the total to £11,235. Thanks to a very generous audience, the fashion show itself raised over £1,100! This is a brilliant result and it brings the overall total so far to £6,066.23, which means the final target is within reach!

Kinross High School Parent Council



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

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 share your experience of the world of work with pupils, please get in touch with the Clerk.

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), William Nicholls (Vice-chair), Alan Miller (Treasurer).

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St Petersburg meets Milnathort Milnathort Primary School

Wednesday 2 October was a big day in Milnathort. The mighty St Petersburg String Quartet has played all over the world, “everywhere except Africa and the North and South Poles”. One of Russia’s finest groups of musicians, it came to present a workshop at Milnathort Primary School.

The primary school itself boasts a talented young quartet. Three of its pupils, violinists Ola, Audrey and Lilly, and cellist Lorna from Kinross High School, played fearlessly for the Russian maestros in front of other string players from Milnathort and Kinross Primary Schools. In the masterclass they were coached in the finer points of ensemble playing by the leader, Alla Aranovskaya: how to make the perfect start; identifying the most important “voice” at any one time; thinking of the rise and fall of the music; conveying the different moods of pieces, like sunny and gloomy days. The girls were quick to respond and by the end, the difference in the playing was clear.



Talented local pupils receive a masterclass from a member of the St Petersburg String Quartet

The workshop was then joined by the other 200 pupils from the school. Welcomed by the head teacher, the St Petersburg Quartet then played movements by Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Shostakovich and Benjamin Britten. “Shostakovich at Milnathort! Who would have thought it?” was one comment. Not easy listening. But the whole school did listen, riveted for the second half of the workshop, and then had the chance to fire a host of questions at the quartet. How old is your violin? Nearly three hundred years old (gasps). How do you know what to play? More gasps when the black page of music was held up. Why did you start playing? Because my mum pushed me (laughs). How much do you practise? (This from a mum in the audience.) Six hours every day (amazement). What country have you liked playing in most? Scotland (loud cheers)!

Some questions had to go unanswered, for time ran out. Sharon Doyle, the school’s string teacher, thanked the musicians on behalf of the school. On the way out, there were umpteen more thank yous, and a last word from one boy, “That Was Awesome!”

With financial support from Enterprise Music Scotland and local trust funding, the workshop was organised by Allan Young, Director of Music for the region, and by local charity, **Perth Chamber Music**, whose next concert on **Wednesday 6 November** stars violinist Jennifer Pike and pianist Tom Poster. Children free!

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

The new office bearers for 2013-14 are:

Chair	Catriona Cuthbert
Vice chair	Kelly Cobb
Secretary	Donna Hunter
Treasurer	Moral Heneghen

Seamab

It’s official – Seamab has now been providing services to vulnerable children for twenty-five years! We celebrated with a birthday lunch in September, and of course a cake. The children and all the adults who support them really enjoyed this opportunity to bring everyone together and enjoy such a happy occasion.

One of the changes over the years at Seamab has been building relationships with different communities who can support the children. Over the last couple of years we have been developing our relationship with Dollar Academy. We have young volunteers from Dollar Academy supporting the children in a number of activities – including music, the storytelling group and now PE sessions on a regular basis. This is a mutually beneficial experience: the children at Seamab gain from having positive role models and the Dollar Academy pupils develop insight and understanding of children with complex needs.

A small group of the children have just got back this week from an outdoor education trip to the Scottish highlands. We have been fortunate enough to secure funding from Children in Need to support our outdoor education programme. This has meant all the children at Seamab have had the opportunity to go on an outdoor education residential trip. The children learn a lot from this experience – outdoor education skills such as kayaking, how to work as part of a team, and trusting others. Some of these are essential life skills.

We are in the middle of our October break at this time, but when the children return to school we will be getting right into the swing of our whole school project on The Lion King. We will be learning all about the story, the music, living in Africa and the nature of family and friendship. This project will culminate in a whole school trip to see The Lion King show in Edinburgh.

We have discovered that many of our children really enjoy musical theatre. A number recently went to the Limelight Productions show in Dunfermline and had a fantastic time. These kind of outings build on the children’s interest and experience in music. Often children experience live music for the first time while they are at Seamab.

I am looking forward to meeting with more of you this winter when we visit groups and societies. As ever, if you would like to know more about Seamab and our work, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Joanna McCreadie, Chief Executive

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Portmoak Primary School

Headteacher Update

Those in the community who have been involved with the school since Easter will be aware that Mrs Anna Nesbitt (usually Depute Headteacher at the Community School of Auchterarder) has been in post as Acting Headteacher. Mrs Nesbitt has now returned to her post and the staff and pupils would like to express our thanks to Mrs Nesbitt for looking after Portmoak Primary School so well during my maternity leave.

Harvest Assembly

Our Primary 1/2 class led this year's harvest assembly and did a super job with the help of the school choir. Thank you to Reverend Morrison for his input into our service and for allowing us to use Portmoak Church for the occasion. Staff, pupils and parents enjoyed this opportunity to join together.

Meet the Teacher / Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Our open afternoon was a big success with lots of parents coming along to have a look in classrooms and see some of the learning that has taken place so far this session at Portmoak.

Our Primary 7s, along with Ms Gibbon and Ms McGillivray, organised a coffee afternoon to raise money for Macmillan and our final total was £260.00.

Football News

Our football team were playing in the Kinross-shire football festival on 18 September. Players from all of the schools in Kinross-shire were playing and our team did brilliantly, winning all but one of their matches.

Cricket Success

The girls' cricket team took part in the Scottish Girls' Cricket Tournament at Doo'cot Park on 25 August. The girls played well against a number of teams. The following week they were back in action at a charity event at the North Inch where they won first place. Congratulations to Katie Robertson who was chosen as the winner of the Spirit of Cricket Award.

Rugby Taster Sessions

P4/5 have been enjoying weekly rugby training sessions in term one, organised by Active Schools and supported by Kinross Rugby Club. They also played in a rugby festival on 7 October at King George V Park, Kinross. Later this session we will also be offering P5/6 and P7 the chance to take part in similar training sessions and festivals for their age groups.

Traffic and Parking

We have been alerted to concerns regarding speed of traffic and parking around the school during drop off and collection times. Parents have been reminded to use the car park in the first instance and when parking elsewhere to be mindful of local residents and access to driveways. For everyone's safety there are road markings and a low speed limit and members of the local community can support us by being mindful of their speed and parking locations around our school.

Events and Fundraising News

Our Spree book sale went really well this year and raised £258; we hope those who bought them enjoy using the vouchers!

We are taking part in a **bag pack** at Sainsbury's, Kinross, on **Saturday 30 November**. Please come along and support us on the day as we continue to raise funds for our school library.

Thank you to all parents who support the school by using easyfundraising when shopping online. We have raised £146.62 so far. Members of the community who shop online can also support us by going through the easyfundraising site for many shops, such as Amazon, Marks and Spencer's and many more. Please visit this link to see how:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/portmoakprimary>
The Events and Fundraising team are organising a **Ladies' Christmas Shopping Night** which is due to take place on **Friday 1 November**. By the time of printing this event will have taken place. Here's hoping we can match the fantastic success of last year's!

The next **Bags to School collection** will take place on **Thursday 7 November**. Bags of clothing and fabric are requested to be dropped off at the school, or to Buchan's Garage before this date, please. Community support for this does make a big difference to the amount raised – so thank you.

I hope you have enjoyed reading our news. As ever, if there is anything you are able to share with the school, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you.

Louise Gordon, Headteacher

Kinross-shire Round Table

The Beer Festival was a huge success – thank you to all who supported it.



Dragons' Den will return on **Tuesday**

3 December at the Green Hotel, Kinross. We are looking for charities, local groups, sports clubs etc to submit requests for funding and who would be willing to pitch to our "dragons". Over the last four years at this event we have given over £20,000 to local and national causes and encouraged organisations to work together. Please submit your request to Kinross-shire Round Table at **kinrossdragons@gmail.com** no later than **Sunday 17 November 2013** for consideration for this year's event.

There is a **Tablers business meeting** on **Tuesday 19 November** at Scotlandwell; look at website for more details.

On **Saturday 30 November** there is a **trip to the BBC Studios** in Glasgow.

Santa's Christmas Diary 2013

Monday 9 December	Portmoak/Scotlandwell
Wednesday 11 December	Milnathort
Thursday 12 December	Kinross South
Sunday 15 December	Kinross North
Tuesday 17 December	Glenfarg

All Santa's Sleigh runs will commence at approximately 6pm and will run no later than 9pm, with the exception of Kinross North which runs between approximately 3pm and 7pm. All runs are weather dependent. All our collectors are local groups and will be registered. Any queries should be directed to **kinrosssanta@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.roundtable.co.uk

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

Rotary Club of Kinross & District



The transition from Fife farmer to MSP via journalism and Fife District Council was the subject of Andrew Arbuckle's talk to the club as he outlined his interesting and varied career.

We then heard from Steve Ireland, the General Manager of the Green Hotel Group, who provided an insight into the future plans for the Green and Windlestrae Hotels, the Golf Course, and the Bistro at the Pier. In addition to planned improvements to facilities used by local residents, an extensive marketing programme is underway to attract more visitors to the area from around the world.

A visit to Pitlochry Theatre was enjoyed by a number of members and guests at a Fiddlers Rally, involving musicians from all over Scotland (plus one young lady from Holland). The evening was organised by members of the Pitlochry Rotary Club, with all profits going to Rotary charities.

Our next speaker was Ewen Macdonnell of Morrison Construction, one of the partner companies involved in the construction of the new Forth crossing. In a very detailed video presentation, all aspects of the project were covered from the initial concept. This is a truly multinational exercise involving sub-contractors and suppliers from around the world.

At the October business meeting, President Carolyn Poller welcomed another new member to the club, Stuart McPherson, who farms near Cardenden, and has been a regular visitor to recent meetings.



President Carolyn Poller welcomes new member Stuart McPherson, accompanied by Rotarian Malcolm Wood who introduced him to the club

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Another pleasant task for her that evening was to present a cheque for £640 to Helen Galloway of the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf organisation. The money was raised at the recent Mary Queen of Scots event held in Kirkgate Park. Hearing Dog Cherry was also present to observe proceedings.



President Carolyn Poller with, from left, Helen Galloway, hearing dog Cherry and handler Doreen Rattray

The first of the Rotary District inter-club competitions took place in early October, with a team from the Carse of Stirling club visiting Kinross. An enjoyable competitive evening of darts, dominoes, pool and putting was held in Kinross Rugby Clubhouse, with Kinross coming out on top. An evening with no guest speaker provided another opportunity for members to display their 'off the cuff' speaking skills, which led to a number of interesting and amusing tales being told. It was also an opportunity for the club's own recently opened Facebook page to be unveiled. It can be accessed through the club's website www.kinrossrotary.org

The club meets on Monday evenings at the Windlestrae Hotel for a meal at 6.30pm. More information can be obtained from Secretary Neil Maclure at neil.maclure19@gmail.com

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Probus Club

The club has held three meetings since our last report.

On 19 September Rev A Reid gave a very interesting talk about the little known country of **Moldova**, which is sandwiched between Russia and Romania. It is the poorest in Europe, is not in the EU, and is smaller than Scotland, with a population of approximately 4 million people. About 1 million live in the Capital, Chisinau, but the majority live in the rural areas in fairly primitive conditions; indoor toilets are rare and most of the farm work as well as transport of goods locally is carried out by horse and cart.

Moldova was once part of the Soviet Union and is still influenced by Russia – most people speak Russian and Romanian, even though there is now a democratic government in place. The Orthodox Church holds great sway but a Protestant Church founded by Swiss Baptists manages to operate on a shoestring and it was this church that our speaker visited to see the work, especially among the weak and vulnerable, that was carried out. Alan Reid (club member) gave the vote of thanks.

Mr Julian Ward gave the talk at the 2 October meeting and the subject was 'What the Vikings did for us'. Mr Ward traced the travels, discoveries and conquests of the Norse Peoples during the eighth century to the eleventh century, generally known as the Viking period. The Danes travelled through Germany to France and southern England, where they settled and colonised as the Normans. The Swedes travelled east but were unsuccessful in establishing settlements, whereas the Vikings travelled to Scotland and Ireland and further to Greenland and the Americas.

Mr Ward traced the activities of the Vikings in Scotland from early sacking and plundering to eventual settlement and conversion to Christianity with such colourful names as Harald Bluetooth and Magnus Barelegs. Various battles were fought including the Battle of Dollar in 875AD before a more settled time epitomised by the construction of Kirkwall Cathedral. In 1263 King James the Third married Margaret of Denmark, thus cementing good relations. Robin Webster proposed the vote of thanks.

On 16 October, Sandra Ralston, Administrator of the Perth Festival of the Arts, described the events that comprise the Festival from classical music to jazz, opera, drama and art exhibitions. The Festival uses three main venues: the Perth Concert Hall, Perth Theatre and St John's Kirk. It was started in 1972 and has attracted many famous performers, such as the Scottish National Orchestra, Yehudi Menuhin and Nigel Kennedy. Next year's Festival will be held from 22 May to 1 June 2014.

Duncan Stenhouse proposed the vote of thanks.



Kinross Parish Church

Practical Help from Harvest Thanksgiving

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland held its 'Harvest Thanksgiving' Services on 29 September, with a contemplation of a strikingly-modern text from the heart of the Old Testament: "The command that I am giving you today is not too difficult or beyond your reach...I am giving you the choice between good and evil, between life and death. Choose life." (Deuteronomy 30:11-20).

The congregation's practical expression of thanksgiving through its Harvest Appeal raised well over £2,000 for 'Tearfund', an international charity of "Christians passionate about ending poverty". Its aim is "to go where the need is greatest, working through local churches to unlock people's potential and helping them to discover that the answer to poverty is within themselves. We won't stop until poverty stops'. The congregation was focussing particularly on a project in Cambodia to give poorer people access to land and farming. In addition, members of the congregation donated non-perishable foodstuffs for the new Perth and Kinross Food Bank, in which local churches are heavily involved.

Announcing the initial total of £2,000 - which has since increased further - Minister Alan Reid talked of 'a generous, giving spirit' in the congregation which had also manifested itself in recent donations to CrossReach (the social care arm of the Church of Scotland) and MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship).



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St Margaret Pilgrim Journey

Kinross Parish Church is on the St Margaret Pilgrim Journey and is open to visitors Monday to Friday, 10am – 12noon, to give a welcome to those following this pilgrim route. We have information available on the history of the church and other churches in the area and on the St Margaret Pilgrim Journey. Following the route between Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross and St Andrews you experience the riches of Celtic and medieval heritage, by sea and land, harbour and village. The Margaret Journey is a pathway of meditation and devotion. At the centre of Europe's royal establishment, Margaret was made a refugee by William the Conqueror, but was welcomed by Malcolm Canmore to his seagirt kingdom.

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Members of Kinnesswood in Bloom held their AGM recently in the Well Country Inn. Jan welcomed everyone and gave a report of the last year. Jeanette gave the treasurer's report and everyone was pleased to hear that there was a healthy balance to take forward to next year. The committee were unanimously re-elected.

Various possible projects for the future were discussed including placing a picnic bench in a suitable place for use by the public. Members were to explore the different options.

Malcolm Parkin had arranged for 105 woodland hedge mix trees to be delivered in November. They will initially be delivered to the school. George Frew had donated a large quantity of bulbs which will be planted in the school grounds and around the village. Jacqui Sellar donated a plaque for Lavender Walk and Matt Mills had provided a post to display it. We are very grateful to have such support from villagers.

The first work party of October was at the school and it was great to see not just parents but a couple of pupils also helping with the inevitable weeding and cutting back needing done after the summer.



The school work party

Local sponsors had donated £240, which was used to plant and maintain the tubs and hanging baskets in the main street. Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom had given over £500. KIB want to thank all the sponsors for their generous contributions and continued support. We couldn't do as much as we do without you all.

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Sylvia's Cold Lemon Cake

Do NOT preheat oven. This is an unusual recipe given to the Bishopshire SWRI ladies by Sylvia Herrington. It came from a 90-year-old lady and dates back to the early days of soft margarine when housewives were given recipes to encourage them to use the product.

Ingredients

175g self-raising flour
115 g soft margarine
175g caster sugar
4 tablespoons milk
Grated rind of 1 lemon
2 eggs

Method

Mix together. No creaming is necessary. Grease and line a loaf tin and pour the mixture in.

Put in a cold oven and turn thermostat to 160°C, 326°F or Gas mark 3. Cook for one hour and test with skewer as usual.

While cooking, squeeze the rest of the lemon and add 55g caster sugar. When the cake is cooked, prick with a fork and drizzle the lemon-sugar mixture over it. Leave in the tin until quite cold before turning out.

This recipe has been made successfully by a number of ladies and has even travelled to Australia recently!

Boys' Brigade

A number of new members have joined the ranks of Anchors, Juniors and Company sections since the Kinross Company resumed for the new session in September.

Anchors enjoyed an evening of fun at Kirkgate Park in early September.

Juniors have already competed in the Perth Battalion badminton competition and Company members competed in the Battalion Table Tennis competition at Bell's Sports Centre. The Company section team finished as runners-up behind winners Blairgowrie.

Company section members are preparing for the first round of National Competitions in Chess, Badminton, Table Tennis, Five-a-side Football and Masterteam, with members competing their first round ties by mid November.

Seniors enjoyed an evening of ten-pin bowling at Dunfermline's Bowlplex, with Mark Cathro having the top score.

The Company will be on parade at the local Armistice Parade and will hold their annual enrolment service at Kinross Parish Church on the following Sunday. All parents and friends are invited to the Church in support of the local Company.



Community Website

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

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2013 Programme of Events

Outdoor Car Boot and Indoor Table Top Sale

On **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

There is **FREE ADMISSION** to our Christmas Festival & Craft Fair which takes place on **Saturday 9 November** from **10am to 3pm**. The event will include forty stalls selling a wide and varied mix of high quality handmade crafts by local artisans and some stall holders will be demonstrating their craft. In addition, throughout the day there will be craft activities including how to make Christmas cards, Christmas decorations and lanterns, together with entertainment for the children, festive film showings and the museum will be putting on a Christmas display.

As part of the Christmas Festival there will be a **Santa Fun Run** which will start at **1pm** for all of the family. Entry Fee is £5 per Adult, £2 per Child, Family Ticket £12 (2 Adults + 2 Children) with full Santa gear optional! (Santa hat is a must!). For more details and to pre-register, contact Ian Morrison on imorrison@liveactive.co.uk. You can register on the day from 11am. All proceeds after costs will go to the charity Mary's Meals.

So come along to our Christmas Festival Craft Fair for a great day of family entertainment where there will be something for everyone. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Music Festival organised by KLEO – Campus Events

Fri 15 Nov Kinross-shire's Got Talent
Sat 16 Nov Ricky Ross and Sienna in concert
Fri 22 Nov Choirs Together performance
Sat 23 Nov Ian Dunnett concert

Winter Afternoon Tea Dance

Due to popular demand, as part of the Kinross Winter Festival, we are delighted to announce there will be a Winter Afternoon Tea Dance on **Sunday 24 November**, with doors open at **1.30pm** and dancing from **2-4pm**. Once again Fly Right Dance Company www.flyrightdanceco.com will be providing the entertainment with dance routines through the ages. Tickets are **£7.50 per person** and will include a traditional afternoon tea. Tickets **must** be booked as there will be limited numbers available. For further information and to reserve your tickets, please contact campus reception or Gerry McGregor using contact details above.

Other Events for 2013

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.

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



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Presentation of the Annual Architectural Awards

The presentation of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust's annual awards for Architecture will take place on **Wednesday 27 November** at 6.45pm at Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon. The awards this year are given for restoration, conservation and development of existing buildings.

The Awards were instigated by the Kinross-shire Civic Trust to encourage good architectural design in Kinross-shire.

Following the presentation of the Awards there will be a talk by Mr David Gibbon, Judge for the Competition, of GLM, Edinburgh, Chartered Architects, Building Surveyors, Project Managers, on **Breathing New Life into Old Buildings**.

Tickets at £5 per person, to include wine and nibbles, from Mr Robert Galbraith, Garden Cottage, Ledlanet, KY13 0RR. 01577 864079.

Kinross Camera Club



Kinross Camera Club has enjoyed some very different Thursday evening talks for the start of the 2013-2014 season. Neil Scott, a visiting speaker, gave us a wonderful evening in which he took mediocre pictures and transformed them into creative and successful images. Our "in-house practical night" members ran three workshops – photoshop skills (levels, layers, creative blur and more), creating audiovisual displays and producing Christmas cards and calendars from our images. Most recently Derek Noble from Glenrothes gave a fascinating insight into life as a territorial army photographer showing pictures from his tour of duty in Afghanistan.

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.

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Sports News



Kinross Road Runners

A brief round-up of Kinross Road Runners' recent activity

Loch Ness Marathon, 29 September

Anne MacIntyre, Allison Smith, Alison Robertson and Val Findlay took on the challenge of the Loch Ness Marathon. They ran to fundraise for the Teenage Cancer Trust (in memory of Esme Morris Macintyre) and Motor Neurone Disease Scotland and would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support so far.

Their "Just Giving" pages are still open for anyone who wishes to make a donation or have a look at the photos:

justgiving.com/Allison-Smith2
justgiving.com/Valerie-Findlay
justgiving.com/Esmeadventure

For Allison and Alison this was their first marathon, but their diligent training seems to have paid off because they finished the course comfortably. Anne, Allison and Alison crossed the line together in 4.47.04 and Val in 4:02:26. Jillian Gordon, Allan Kemp and Andy Laycock also took part. Their times were: 03:02:16, 03:13:06 and 03:01:40 respectively.



Left to right: Anne MacIntyre, Alison Robertson, Val Findlay and Allison Smith completed the Loch Ness Marathon on 29 September.

Tufties Trail Race, 29 September

On the same day that some KRRs were running 26.2 miles, others (Amanda Rennie, Wendy Grieve, Andreas Rogowski, Stuart Dobson, Sarah Eaton and Miranda Shepherd) took part in a much shorter 5.5 mile trail race in Falkland Estate. This was an inaugural race, organised by Falkland Trail Runners. The route consisted of two laps which included a wade through a muddy burn, so there were plenty of wet feet. We didn't spot any of the eponymous red squirrels; perhaps we were going too fast.

Two Kinross Road Runners tie the knot

Gillian Reid and Graham Kemp, who met through the club, got married on 5 October. They're a lovely couple and we wish them all the best for the future.

New members welcome

We can't promise you'll find romance, but if you'd like to come along to our training sessions, you'll be guaranteed a warm welcome and a good workout!

We meet at 7pm, Wednesdays, at the old health centre, Lathro.



Kinross Badminton Club

Club Nights: The club welcomes players of all standards and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Games Hall, Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross, between 8.00 and 9.45pm.

Club Competitions For members:

- **Kate Francis Mixed** to be held on **Thursday 21 November**
- **McDonald Quaich** to be held on **Thursday 19 December**

Perth & District League: One match played and Kinross won 13/5. The match schedule is on the noticeboard.

50th Anniversary Club Celebrations - a date for your diary!

Friday 31 January 2014: The Club is 50 years old and is celebrating this momentous occasion by holding a social evening in Kinross Rugby Club. We hope to have a guest speaker (ex international player!), a quiz and a raffle. Players past and present are very welcome to come along. Details have still to be finalised and these will appear next month's newsletter. Meantime put this date in your diary!

For further information on the Club, please contact Honorary President, Bill McDonald, 01577 862592. The Club can also be found on Facebook – feel free to like us!!

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

The season has begun and games have been afoot for us every weekend.

The second VI kick started their season of league games with a 3-1 win over Blairgowrie in what was a really enjoyable, evenly-matched game with the team playing some excellent hockey. Scorers were Claire Brownbridge, Kirsty Dunn and Chantalle Schofield. This was followed by a league and a cup game against Stirling University seconds over which we will gloss as we did not play very well and suffered rather badly!

The first VI faced Madras in their first league game and had a good 3-2 win. Scorers were Lynn Paterson (2) and Gail Nelson. St Andrews University 2's were their opponents the following week with a final score of 6-2 to Kinross, scorers Lynn Paterson (2), Vicky Carver (2), AJ Combe and Michelle Best. St Andrews University 3's also suffered defeat at the hands of Kinross, losing 8-0 with Vicky Carver scoring 6 and Catherine Thoms 2.

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 www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk or contact the club secretary, Libby Simpson, on 07941 465811 or e-mail libbysimpson1@gmail.com. Or just turn up!



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Milnathort Golf Club

We're nearing the bottom of the page for 2013 fixtures, with only the **prize giving (Saturday 23 November)** and the **AGM on Tuesday 26 November** remaining!

So it's over to the winter leagues. Some golfers prefer the warmth of the supermarket aisles on a cold winter's day but the hardier ones still play at Milnathort in friendly sweep games organised on Saturdays at 8.45am, Sundays either 9am or 11am (to accommodate late risers) and Thursdays 8.45am, so why not keep your swing going and meet some like-minded gents.

The Saturday sweep awards 7 points for a win, 5 for second and 3 for third etc with initially 80% of full handicap to get us going off the yellows. Sundays are on the basis 5 for a win, 4 for second etc as is Thursdays. The general idea is that by using the 1st, 3rd and 8th as starting holes, we can handle up to 27 golfers and still be back in the club-house for a blether and put the world to rights in well under four hours, leaving the rest of the day free, so why not come along and join us? The points get tallied up over the winter with play-offs at the end, but everyone is welcome on an ad-hoc basis. If you don't have a handicap we can easily allocate you one to get you involved.

Senior section

Round four of the Seniors' Quaich was played on Thursday 19 September (a substitute date from the originally scheduled 25 August), and was won by Donald Brown, with Scott Arnott as runner-up and Bob Christie chasing them home in third place.

The following week saw the sixth and final round of the Seniors' Quaich played when the winner on the day was Sandy Fleming with an excellent 62, followed by John Anderson and Charlie Payne in third place.

That being the final round, meant that the winner of the Seniors' Quaich for 2013 was Charlie Payne, with Bob Tolson as runner-up and Donald Brown in third place.

On Friday 27 September, we entertained Dundas Park

Seniors at Milnathort in our postponed Annual Friendly, the initial clash having been rained off. As is customary, the match was contested in friendly rivalry and the 'crack' was good. This was followed by a light meal. Unfortunately we were on the receiving end of a 4-2 defeat but, nonetheless, we look forward to continuing our fixture next year at Dundas Park.

That concludes the summer season, folks! The winter programme is now in progress with a good turnout for the first of the Thursday League games. The good weather has now deserted us, looks like, but let us be thankful for a better than normal summer.

Enjoy your winter golf, keep the swing well oiled and I shall try and update all with seniors' information as it comes to hand.

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.

Junior section

The junior golf season closed at the end of September with the Castrol Shield, a three-person Texas Scramble with teams made up of one adult and two juniors. Third place went to the all-girl team made up of Katie Bell, Hannah Robb and Gillian Wallace. Gareth, Rory and Graeme Hutchison came second and the winning team was Euan, Cameron and Alastair Wallace.

This was followed by annual junior prize giving; at this, amongst the main other prize winners, were Katie Bell winning the Girls' Order of Merit and Gareth Hutchison the Boys' Order of Merit, Gareth winning by a whisker from David McIntyre. The winner of the Summer League was confirmed as Blair Addison with Struan Fotheringham second and Daniel Reilly third. The club plans to run some junior competitions over the winter months, so hopefully the golf clubs will not be completely forgotten before the golf season next year.

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

Kinross 1sts play in East District Division 1 and so far have played 5, won 3, drawn 1 and lost 1. Kinross 2nds play in East District Division 2 and have played 5, won 2, drawn 1 and lost 2.

Training is on Tuesday nights, 7.30 to 9pm at KGV with our new coach, Gurdial Duhre, and is free. We are always looking for new players, young or old, so why not come down to training and give it a go! Full report next month.

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Kinross Otters

Bo'ness Annual Mini Meet Grangemouth Swimming Pool, 6 October



Kinross Otters sent a large and talented team of minis to the Bo'ness Annual Mini Meet on Sunday 6 October, and what a splash they made, so to speak! Their haul totalled twenty-five individual and three relay medals during a very successful day.

Such was the calibre of the swimming, that it is difficult to single certain swimmers out, but surely little **Zosia Stanton** (9) deserves just that. Her gold medal in the 9 and under Girls 100 Individual Medley, winning by *over 3 seconds* in 1.38.21 ranks her 4th fastest 9 year old girl in Scotland. She followed this with further gold medals in the 50m Backstroke, winning by over 2 seconds in 42.57 (7th quickest in Scotland) and the 50m Freestyle in 38.69 (9th quickest in Scotland).

Her big sister, **Ola Stanton** (10), is no slouch either, which she demonstrated very ably in the 10 yr old Girls 100m Individual Medley when she simply destroyed the field to win by *over 7 seconds* in 1.25.77 which ranks her 3rd fastest 10 yr old girl in Scotland. She also won gold in the 50m Freestyle in 34.56 (7th fastest in Scotland). Had the sisters chosen to compete in any further races, it seems clear what the outcome might have been and there is clearly a lot more to come from both.

The party continued with **Rory Nesbitt** (10) who won gold medals in the 50m Butterfly (47.88) and Freestyle (36.57), a silver medal in the 50m Backstroke (43.28), a bronze medal in the 50m Breaststroke (50.56) and a fourth placed medal in the 100m Individual Medley (1.42.17). These performances gave him enough points to win the Best 10 Year Old Boy of the Meet award, thereby emulating his older brother **Finlay** from a couple of years ago.

Pushing **Rory** hard for that award was **Jack Muncey** (10) who beat him in the Backstroke to win gold in 41.65 and the 100m Individual Medley to win silver in 1.36.10, leaving him 9th quickest 10

year old boy in Scotland in both events. He also won another silver medal in the 50m Freestyle (37.01) and a 5th placed medal in the 50m Breaststroke (54.85). This left him runner up in the Best 10 Year Old Boy of the Meet award, despite not competing in the Butterfly.

Struan Bennet (8) did exceptionally well for his age in the 9 and under Boys category, winning two fourth placed

Findlay, Jack Brisbane, Struan Bennet and **Zosia Stanton**) despite being last for about 180metres! The 11 year old mixed 200m Freestyle Relay saw **Libby Broadhurst, Jennifer Austin, Liam Slater** and **Duncan Crawford** come fourth.

Such was the excitement of the relays that Head Junior Coach, **Fiona Crichton**, lost her voice. She was



Left to right: Conor Houston, Jack Muncey, Zoe Findlay, Ola Stanton, Zosia Stanton, Rory Nesbitt (with Best 10 year old Boy trophy), Jack Brisbane and Rhona Mason

medals in the 50m Backstroke and Freestyle and two fifth placed medals in the 50m Butterfly and 100m Individual Medley. **Duncan Crawford** (11) also won two fourth placed medals in the 50m Butterfly and Breaststroke, whilst **Conor Houston** (10) won three sixth placed medals in the 50m Butterfly, Backstroke and Freestyle. **Ruth Ritchie** (10) and **Carla McLeod** (12) each won a sixth placed medal in the 50m Butterfly and Freestyle respectively.

The 10 year old mixed 200m Freestyle Relay unsurprisingly saw the Otters (**Ruth Ritchie, Jack Muncey, Rory Nesbitt** and **Ola Stanton**) win another gold medal by over 6 seconds in 2.27.94. Again, it was **Ola** who provided the sparks with a lightning quick 32.09 home leg. The 9 and under mixed 200m Freestyle relay saw the Otters win a bronze medal (**Zoe**

unavailable for comment but would surely have enthused about what a good day the Otters had and it is clear that she and her team are doing something right.

Midland District Premier League 2013

The top Tayside League saw the final instalment for this year at the new Olympia Pool in Dundee on 28 September when the Otters unfortunately were only able to field their weakest team of the year. They were therefore unable to catch Arbroath St. Thomas who retained third place behind Perth City in first and Dundee City Aquatics in second. Menzieshill Whitehall brought up the rear and were relegated. The First Division Otters team also finished a safe fourth in the home match at Kinross on 14 September and will remain in that league next year too.

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Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The new hockey season is now well under way and Kobras teams have already competed in a couple of tournaments.

An U10 team played in a tournament hosted by Perthshire HC against a number of clubs including Grove Menzieshill, Dunfermline Carnegie and the hosts. Some early season nerves were evident in the first couple of games but the team grew in confidence and composure and ended the tournament playing some very nice hockey, winning and drawing their last two games. Struan Bennet scored a hat trick in the final game to round off a good individual performance.

Two U14 teams then travelled to Dundee to play in a Grove Menzieshill tournament against most of the other Midland District clubs. One team came third in a tight pool that included the top Grove Menzieshill team and narrowly lost out in a place in the 3rd vs 4th playoffs, losing their last game to an 'Allstars' team that included three Kobras. The other team came top of its pool and beat the Grove Menzieshill team in a tight final game to win the U14 section.



Some of the Kinross Kobras members at the Grove Menzieshill tournament

Kinross Kobras hosts its own junior hockey tournament on Sunday 3 November and hope for similar success on home territory.

Special mention also goes to Georgia Smith who played for the Midland District U16 girls team which came third in the Scottish Hockey U16 Inter-district Tournament held recently at the new Glasgow National Hockey Centre.

Training takes place on a Tuesday and Thursday evening 6.30 - 7.30.

Fossoway Tennis Club

Tournament Results

	Winners	Runners up
Minis singles:	Finlay Hepburn	Isla Campbell
Minis Bronze:	Archie Hepburn	
Junior Boys:	Jamie Roberts	Shaw Grant
Junior Doubles:	Shaw Grant & Jamie Roberts	Michael Conlon & Charlie Keegan
Intermediate Boys:	Sean Keegan	Euan Duthie
Ladies:	Elizabeth Palmieri	Alison Conlon
Gents:	Gerry Keegan	Brian Black
MacDonald Cup:	Alison Conlon & Brian Black	E Palmieri & Lawrence Bec
Mixed:	Susan Duthie & Brian Black	Susan Grant & Gerry Keegan

Kinross Bowling Club

Our closing of the green took place on Sunday 6 October and the prizes were presented at the same time.

The Gibson Triples had been played on Sunday 15 September and the results are below:

	Winners	Runners up
Gibson Triples	Chris Bennett Doug Stewart G Rennie	J Stewart P Grant D Hague
Ladies Pairs	J Mitchell J Cousar	D Dalton C Bennett
Handicap	S Rennie	J Mitchell

It has been a great summer for bowling and we have had a very enjoyable season and look forward to next season and would invite anyone who would like to have a go at the sport to give the Secretary a phone on 01577 864727 or apply online at kinrossbowlingclub.weebly.com

Thanks to all club members for their work during the season and we look forward to meeting up again.

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Kinross Rugby Football Club

Junior Section Murrayfield Trip

The Kinross boys and girls from P4/5 and P6 got the opportunity to attend Murrayfield on 27 September for the Edinburgh v Scarlets match. They started with a masterclass held with the pro players and then the P4/5 group acted as the guard of honour as the pro teams arrived on the pitch. At half time the P6 team played against Dunfermline in a ten-minute game on the main pitch in front of 3000 spectators. Both teams played well, with the end result a well-earned 1-1 draw.



Kinross boys and girls

Minis Tournament

On Sunday 29 September, Kinross hosted its annual minis tournament for P4 – P7 ages. The event, which is attended by seven visiting teams from across Scotland as well as hosts Kinross, was a great success with some 360 children attending from clubs such as Ellon, Murrayfield Wanderers, Linlithgow and Perthshire to name a few.

The weather thankfully held out, and the spectators and parents enjoyed the BBQ and tea tent to its full potential. Special thanks from the tournament organisers must go to all parents and club members involved in the running of the event.

In the various age groups, the winners were:

P4 – Kinross; P5 – Perthshire; P6 – Linlithgow; P7 – Murrayfield Wanderers.

The fair play award for sportsmanship across all ages went to Linlithgow.

Kinross U-18s Unbeaten This Season

On 31 August they faced Montrose and District and won 29 against 15. Following their success they then went on to win against Hillfoots with a convincing score of 55 to Hillfoots 5.

The latest contest was a visit from Falkirk ending with Kinross scoring 24 to Falkirk's 13.

All in all, a good season so far. Kinross are now sitting second in the league. The new, innovative coaching sessions have encouraged the boys to raise their expectations and driven them to victory.

The club encourages new players to join in the fun of rugby and share the success. Whenever there is a home game, you are very welcome to offer your support down at the KGV.

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



The season is well underway at Kinross Cavaliers and everyone is enjoying training and working hard.

Future Starz is the Basketball Scotland national player development programme for boys and girls aged between 8 and 14 years in Scotland. The programme is designed to select the best players regionally and work with them on developing their individual skills across regular sessions and national camps. National development teams for under 11/12, under 13 and under 14 are then selected from Future Starz at the culmination of the programme in March 2014.

Regional camps are being held in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Stirling, Aberdeen, Inverness and for the first time ever, Kinross. Players from Kinross Cavaliers who registered for the programme will benefit from first class coaching. Good luck to everyone who is taking part. The initial trial and first training session have already been held and sessions will continue through October, December, January and February.

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.

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 – 8pm.

Our weekly training sessions cost £3.00 each and, if you want to join the club, there is a one-off annual payment of £10.00, which includes your registration with Basketball Scotland.

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

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Kinross Volleyball Club

The letters "BB" were very much in evidence at Perth Volleyball Premier League's Cup competition with two sets of local brothers with surnames beginning with B and all four brothers having been members of Kinross Boys' Brigade.

Five members of Sunday's cup winning side had surnames beginning with B: brothers John and Jamie Booth, brothers Jackson and Mitchell Brown along with team mate Connor Boyle. Odd man out was 50-year-old veteran Craig Donaldson.



The Kinross Volleyball team, winners of Perth Premier League Cup on 13 October

The Kinross Scotrange side had to make a number of changes to their personnel to defend the League Cup they had won last season and it gave the opportunity for the five B team members to play together for the first time with the team's regular setters unavailable for Sunday evening's cup competition. Young Kinross BB member Mitchell Brown (aged 15) was drafted into the side along with brother Jackson who recently played with the Scotland East side in the Sainsbury's UK School Games at Sheffield. Ex-Kinross BB members John and Jamie Booth also played together in the team for the first time in over a year. So the letters "BB" were also evident in that "Big Brothers" were also present in the team.

The Kinross side won through their league cup section finishing on top, defeating Dunfermline, Dodgy Spikers and Mental Blocks before overcoming Hitting Bricks in the semi-final and seeing off Dodgy Spikers again in the final 25-12; 16-11.

In the opening Recreational League fixtures, Kinross BB started the defence of their league title with two victories.

Premier League games commence at Bell's Sports Centre on Sunday 10 November with the two Kinross teams, Scotrange and Kintronics again competing.

Monday evening coaching sessions take place every Monday evening at Loch Leven Campus from 8pm till 9.30pm. New members welcome.

Kinross Tennis Club



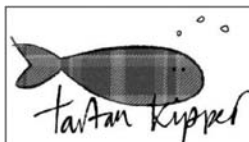
We are well into autumn, and winter is coming up soon, but this does not mean the end of the tennis season! Many hardy souls are continuing to play, making the most of the few nice days we have had recently. Club nights will continue on Wednesday evenings (6.30pm) and Competitive Tennis will feature on Thursday evenings (6.45pm) as we now have floodlights on all three courts. Tokens for the floodlights are available from most committee members. Sunday morning social tennis will also take place from 10.30am plus there is also a special session on Thursdays at 1.30pm most weeks, which is also open to non-members to come and try for a nominal fee.

Junior coaching is continuing at the club and moves indoors. The venues are still to be confirmed; for further information please contact Helen Buchanan, Junior Coordinator, at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

The AGM will be held on **Wednesday 27 November** at 7.30pm at King George V Rugby Clubhouse in Kinross. Please do come along to give your views and to hear of our plans for the forthcoming season, plus it's a great opportunity for members to also have their say on how the club should progress in 2014!

All members are invited to our annual Tennis Club **Christmas Dinner**. It will be in Kirklands Hotel on **Wednesday 18 December** at 7.30pm for 8pm. Maggie Byford is kindly organising this for us again so contact her if you want to come along!

New members are always welcome at the club, so if you are new to tennis or you would like to get playing again please contact Vivien Clarke, Secretary, at kinrosstennis@gmail.com



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The new season started on 22 September with Fossoway playing the opening bonspiel at the refurbished Kinross Curling rink. Everyone was well-impressed by the amount of work which had been put in by Kinross Curling Trust and volunteers.

Fossoway's own bonspiel was played on 2 October with Jimmy Johnson, Colin Low, Keith McLachlan and Ferg McGregor winning The Shand Shield.

Our first competition of the season (The Fraser Cup) is now underway.

Recent friendly games against Kinross Ladies and Orwell Ladies were enjoyed by all who played.

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. And don't forget to check our website (see heading).

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The first few weeks of the season have been very busy at Kinross Curling.

As well as the usual club curling, there have been various special events.

Just as the last Newsletter was going to press, the inaugural **Opening Bonspiel** took place. This was 'inaugural' in that it was the first opening bonspiel under the rink's new identity in the charge of the Kinross Curling Trust. Twenty-four teams played in six groups of four, with each group playing three mini games of three ends. The team with the highest overall score at the end of the day was Rothes, with Forret in second place. There was a very convivial atmosphere throughout the day and it was the perfect way to celebrate the new beginning for the ice rink.

In early October the rink hosted the first of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club's new Asham Under 21 Slam: **The Kinross Junior Classic**. Thirteen boys' teams and nine girls' teams took part, with the trophies being awarded to Edinburgh's Gina Aitken and Bruce Mouat. Special mention must go to our local girls' team of Fiona Spain, who scored a 7 on their way to securing third place.

The seventh annual **Kinross Wheelchair Curling International Invitational** took place in mid October, with the added excitement of Channel 4 cameras present on the last day of the event as part of the TV channel's preparation of its Paralympic Games coverage. Six of the eleven teams that took part will be at the Games in Sochi, Russia, in March 2014. No sweepers are allowed in wheelchair curling and the accuracy of the weight achieved by the players as they deliver stones is remarkable. The Kinross event was won by team GB.

Two events organised by Kinross and District Ladies Branch took place in October.

Eight teams took part in the **Senior Pairs** on 3 October. Sisters Edna Nelson and Gay Deas achieved that rare feat and scored an 8-ender in their second round fixture. Congratulations to Maggie Saunderson and Liz Mills who went undefeated through the day and won the trophy.



Maggie Saunderson and Liz Mills, winners of the KDLB Senior Pairs competition

Sixteen teams took part in the **Kinross Ladies Open**, sponsored by local outdoor play equipment company Caledonia Play, on 15 October. The winning team was Ann-Maree Davidson (skip), Liz Paul, Margaret Cairns and Anne Hewitt. The runner-up team was skipped by local curling development officer Claire Milne, who played with Sheila Swan, Fiona de Vries and Carol Dawson.



l to r: Annette Bennie, KDLB President, with runners-up in the Kinross Ladies Open: Fiona de Vries, Sheila Swan, Claire Milne and Carol Dawson, with Sarah Bruce-Jones of sponsors Caledonia Play

In other news from Kinross Curling, **Donald McGregor**, well known to curlers as one of the ice technicians, has moved upstairs to take on the role of Bar Supervisor.

To keep up to date with all the news, have a look at the Kinross Curling website or Facebook page, where you will also find LOTS of terrific photos of recent events.

Kinross Curling Trust

Inaugural Dinner

Around 170 people attended the Trust's inaugural dinner on 21 October at the Windlestrae Hotel to celebrate the Trust's recent taking-over of the local ice rink.

After an enjoyable three-course meal, local curler and journalist Ross Muir, Master of Ceremonies for the evening, introduced Willie Allan, who lived up to his reputation as an exceptional after-dinner speaker. Willie regaled those present with fast-delivery jokes and amusing - and sometimes poignant - tales from his other life as a principal teacher of PE at Buckhaven High School.

As well as being a celebration, the evening also assisted with ongoing fundraising efforts for the essential upgrades to Kinross Curling Rink.

Willie ably took on the role of auctioneer and around 14 lots were auctioned, raising a total of £2,185. Many thanks to those who generously bid for items.

Tickets had been sold for several weeks beforehand (including at the Kinross Show) for the Trust's grand raffle. This was drawn on the evening of the dinner and the winners of the main prizes were as follows:

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The Trust is most grateful to those who generously donated items for the raffle and auction. They are:

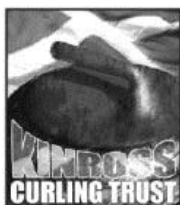
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Our apologies if we have missed anyone.

The Trust would like to thank all those who supported the dinner, raffle and auction. Thanks to the Windlestrae Hotel staff for all their hard work, and special thanks to **Claire Paton** for the exquisite floral table decorations.

Fundraising Concert

Kinross Curling Club is organising an event to raise funds for the rink refurbishment project. It's a concert by a Beatles tribute act, '**Just Beatles**', at Backstage at the Green on **Sunday 1 December**. Tickets, priced £15, are available from the curling rink bar. (*See p. 100.*)



Lochleven Diamonds

Lochleven Diamonds Baton Twirling team took part in a recent competition held in Loch Leven Community Campus with teams from Dundee, Fife, Edinburgh and Perth & Kinross. Their results were:

Beginner Grade

Age 3 Kianna Martin 4th Basic, 4th Fancy, 2= Solo.

Age 4 Maddison Bowie 3rd Basic, 4th Fancy.

Age 6 Koralleigh Bell 4th Basic

Age 7 Sophie McMenamin 2nd Basic, 6th Fancy, 6th Solo

Age 9 Ellie Bathgate 4th Basic, 1st Fancy, 1st Solo. Ciara Feeley 2nd Basic, 3rd Fancy.

Age 10 Aneesha Mohammed 1st Basic, 2nd Fancy, 2nd solo. Christie Hope 4th Basic, 3rd Fancy, 3rd Solo.

12/13 Rachel Kennedy 6th Basic, 6th Solo. Emma Grehan 2nd Basic, 4th Fancy, 2nd Solo. Katie Leishman 5th Fancy.

Novice Grade

8/9 yrs Kaitlin Laurence 2nd Basic, 3rd Fancy, 6th Solo.

Grade One

16+ Anna Masson 3rd Basic, 3rd Fancy, 3rd Solo. Charlotte Grehan 1st Basic, 1st Fancy, 2nd Solo.

Grade Two

18+ Ciya Rutherford 2nd Basic, 1st Fancy, 1st Solo.

Ellie Bathgate, Charlotte Grehan and Ciya Rutherford won the overall trophies in their respective groups.

The Juvenile Poms Team took first place in their section.



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Kinross Vaulting Group

It seems a long time ago since July since I did the last report of what we've been up to!

On 15 June we competed at a competition at Easterton, near Blackford. Our pre-novice squad, consisting of Kirstin Doran, Laurie McFarlane, Mark Porteous, Emily Hardie, Rachael Leslie and Emma Leslie were first. They were vaulting on Robbie and were lunged by Janice Henderson.

Senior individual. 2nd Yazmin Williamson on Big Ben, lunged by Janice Henderson.

Junior individual. 6th Beth Doran on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay, 7th Hannah Ballantyne on Big Ben, lunged by Janice Henderson, 8th Hayley Roberts on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Child individual. 7th Atholl Pettinger, 10th Kirstin Henderson, 11th Heidi Ballantyne, on Big Ben, lunged by Janice Henderson.

Pre-novice individual. 8th Emma Leslie on Robbie, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Novice individual. 3rd Laurie McFarlane on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Walk individuals. Section C. 1st Dayna Gilfillan on Robbie lunged by Janice Henderson.

Canter individual. Section A 5th Mark Porteous, 7th Rachael Leslie on Robbie lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Canter individual. Section B 6th Kirstin Doran, 10th Emily Hardie on Robbie lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Walk team. 3rd Kirstin Doran, Laurie McFarlane, Emily Hardie, Mark Porteous, Rachael Leslie and Emma Leslie on Robbie, lunged by Angela Pettinger.

Our next competition was an international competition held in Scotland 12-14 July. Our vaulters, horses and coaches worked really hard in the two-week run up to this competition with a combination of swimming! Running! And vaulting! We also had two international vaulters competing at this competition on ILPH Islay, who stayed with Liz, in the run up to the competition to train.



Robbie unfortunately was unable to compete at this competition and Big Ben ably took his place.

The one * competition took place on the Friday and results were:

Child individual female 2nd Kirstin Henderson on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Child individual male 4th Atholl Pettinger on Big Ben, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Junior individual Female 5th Hannah Ballantyne on ILPH Islay, lunged by Li Mackay, 11th Beth Doran, 13th Molly Turner on Big Ben, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Junior individual Male 3rd Duncan Lewis on Big Ben lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Senior individual female 2nd Yazmin Williamson, 3rd Sonyarisa Duckhouse on ILPH Islay lunged by Liz Mackay.

The 2* competition took place over the Saturday and Sunday:

Child individual female 1st Kirstin Henderson on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay,

Child individual male 1st Atholl Pettinger on ILPH Islay lunged by Liz Mackay.

Junior individual female 6th Hannah Ballantyne on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Senior individual female 8th Sonyarisa Duckhouse on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay.

In August, Lucy Phillips came for four days as a guest coach and helped our vaulters, individuals and the team.

This was funded by the Kinross Round Table's Dragons' Den event! It also tied in with our annual summer camp weekend, ending in a barbecue on the Sunday night.

In September we also competed at the Scottish and British championships; results to follow next month! But huge congratulations to the British and Scottish intermediate team champions Heidi Ballantyne, Hannah Ballantyne, Kirstin Henderson, Molly Turner, Atholl Pettinger and Yazmin Williamson, and Atholl Pettinger, child individual male British champion.

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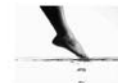
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News from the Rurals

MILNATHORT – President Fiona Hynds welcomed everyone to the meeting, and after some business she introduced our speaker, Mrs Liz Whatmore, a primary school teacher who has a passion for making animated films. Liz showed us two of her award winning films – ‘Granny Mac’s Meringues’ made by pupils at Burntisland Primary School and ‘Jings what a to’do at the rock’ from Donibristle Primary School. All the work was done by the children, from making models and sets to voiceovers. Competitions:

Brownies	-	Cathie Cochrane
Photograph	-	Cathie Cochrane
Flower of the month	-	Helen Gellatley

Vice President Grace Drysdale introduced Margaret Dewar one of our members, who gave a very interesting talk on her woodturning. She brought along a lovely array of the things she had made.

Competitions:

Treacle scones	-	Sheryll Stewart
Poem	-	Cathy Cochrane
Flower of the month	-	Hellen Galletly

CROOK OF DEVON – Vice President Alice Johnston opened the meeting. She then introduced Mrs Galloway, who came along with her friend Doreen and her dog Cherry to give us a very interesting talk on Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Cherry then showed us some of the things she does to alert her owner.

Competitions:

Dog Picture	-	Alice Johnston
Flower of month	-	Jean Jackson

BISHOPSHIRE – Rhona and Morag, alias Lizzeemeg, entertained us with their stories of how they became involved in knitting and selling. Both avid knitters, they each have their preferences and produce everything and anything. They sell at craft fairs and any other local outlets and some of our members enjoyed starting their Christmas shopping, buying little animals, baby jackets etc.

Competitions:

Small toy, any craft	-	Janette Gardiner
Jar of chutney	-	Maimie Wallace

CLEISH – Mrs Alison Morris welcomed 22 members to our 85th birthday celebration of Cleish Rural. Everyone enjoyed an excellent meal at the Kirklands Hotel and our own member Mrs Marian Bisset baked a lovely birthday cake which we all shared.

BLAIRINGONE – Members visited Hillfoots Country Butcher & Farm Shop, Tillicoultry, where Bob gave us a very good demonstration on how he makes his burgers, sausages and cuts of meat and chicken. President Joyce Petrie gave the vote of thanks.

POWMILL – President Mary Wilson welcomed members and visitors from Blairingone SWRI to the first meeting of the new syllabus.

Mary then treated us to a cookery demonstration which included stuffed beef tomatoes wrapped in parma ham, goats cheese and fig filo tart, a vegetable terrine and both sweet and savoury crepes. Much to our delight we were able to sample all the delicious goodies that Mary had prepared.

Competitions:

Individual Bread &

Butter Pudding	-	Elsie Johnston
Fridge Magnet	-	Elsie Johnston
Garden Gem	-	Janie Buchanan

President Mary Wilson welcomed members and visitors from Blairingone SWRI to the October meeting.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr Willie Shand who took us on a tour of Highland Perthshire with his breathtaking slides and informative talk.

Competitions:

Swiss Roll

(Mary Berry recipe)	-	Catherine Stewart
Turnip Lantern	-	Janet Mitchell
Garden Gem	-	Catherine Stewart

GLENFARG – President Mrs Margaret Scott introduced Mrs Linda Retson, Federation Vice-President, who gave a talk on her “Rural Journey” illustrated with the beautiful crafts she has learned over her 39 years in the organisation. Mrs Lesley Murison proposed the vote of thanks and was the tea hostess.

Competitions:

Bookmark	-	Allison Messenger
Lemon Curd	-	Lesley Murison
Flower of the month	-	Allison Messenger

CARNBO – Mrs Elizabeth Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and, after business, introduced Mrs Jo Middlemiss from Kinross who spoke to us about the Ethiopian Medical Project she and her cousin are involved in. This made us feel humble and very appreciative of what we have.

Competitions:

Holiday Photo	-	Ann Munro
Flower of the month	-	Jessie Stirling

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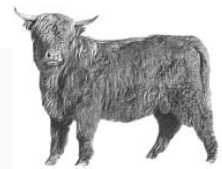
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Hello again, folks. Weel, efter a no bad summer ah think we kin say that autumn is finally here. Leaves ur stertin tae faw aff the trees, it's getting a bit mair snell. The geese numbers hiv been building, whooper swans the same, tho some o' the summer migrant waders hiv still been kickin around. A spotted redshank hiz also provided a new species fur some o' wur visitors tae look at enaw.

Breckin news hot aff the press, weel fae the wardens moo, the goose coont this mornin wiz 23,270 fur pinkfeet, wi a further 510 greylags oan the reserve 'n' loch area. Impressive stuff.

Talkin about geese, if ye wid like tae fund oot a bit mair about them oor next "**Dawn Goosewatch**" is being held oan **Saturday 9 November** at the unearthly time o' 6.15am stert till 8.15am then ye get yer breakfast efter in the café either carnivorous or veggie options available. Cost per person £6 members, £10 non-members including yer brekkie. Limited places, so please book early tae reserve a place or places.

We also hiv an "**Optics Weekend**" ower the weekend o' the **16 'n' 17** fae 10am till 5pm each day. If yer thinkin about some new binoculars or a telescope, expert staff will be oan hand tae fund oot whit yer lookin fur, whit yer gonnae yaze them fur, then pint ye in the richt direction oan whit wid be the best choice fur you. We hiv recently introduced some new RSPB brands so micht be worth checkin them oot.

That yin's a free event, weel unless ye buy somethin then it's obviously no! Since we're oan shop stuff, noo is a guid time tae re-stert feedin yer gairden birds fur the winter if ye stopped in the first place? Or even pit up nestboxes fur next

spring. They micht even provide shelter durin the cauld winter nchts. Some sowl ah wiz speakin tae the ither day said it's rumoured that we're gonnae get a richt bad yin this year, so warm shelter will be mair important than ever if that turns oot tae be the case.

Oor volunteers hiv been practisin thur widwark and hiv made a fabulous new viewin screen oan the path that connects tae the new bit o' the heritage trail fae oor last hide – designed and built by the volunteer team, but mainly Dave Baynes 'n' Camille Guet, a young French lass wha hiz been wi us fur the past few months. She designed the tap bit – it's got loads o' birds, animals 'n' insects cut oot fur lookin through and wull be a lastin piece o' art when she gans hame again. Dave, we hope, will bide oan – been here fur a pickle years, so dinnae think he will shoot the craw jist yet. It also represents oor new "Giving Nature a Home" campaign by coverin all nature, no jist birds.

Last but by nae means least, Warden wummin Vicky hiz a new toyboy assistant warden. (No that she's auld mind – weel compared tae me she's a bairn yet.) His name is Tommy Pringle – aye the same as the crisp things – and he wull help oot here and also dae Kinnordy reserve as weel. Welcome Tam!

That's it again! See ya next time,

Colin

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Loch Leven NNR

Many thanks to Richard Smith from Fife Council for leading last month's Fungi Foray. An excellent turn out on a lovely day, we collectively found and identified over 25 species, some of which were photographed and featured on the recent blog entry.



Pink-footed geese return to Loch Leven

This month has seen the return of our winter migrants in a big way, with Pink-footed Goose numbers close to record levels, and the fortnightly wetland bird survey proving to be quite an eye-ful to reserve staff staring through the telescope! During the first Icelandic-breeding Goose census of the season, over 23000 Pink-footed Geese were reported. The all-time peak of 28000 is still some way off, but it is certainly an improvement on numbers from recent years. But the geese weren't the only ones filling the lens this month. A whopping 60000 individuals were recorded during a survey in October - a very big count, even for the usually busy time of year. Numbers of Tufted Duck, Wigeon, Teal, Pintail, Gadwall, Shoveler and Coot are all significantly higher than this time last year, and in the case of Teal, almost ten times more with nearly 10000. It's hard to say exactly why numbers are so high, but it is likely to be as a result of a combination of factors, including dramatically improved water quality over recent years, unusually low water levels for the time of year, and the fact that many other water bodies are currently too dry to accommodate their regular wildfowl assemblages. It all makes for rather spectacular views over the loch at present, but don't hang about because the high numbers won't be around for long! Elsewhere on the reserve, the final stage of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail is now under construction. TRACKS estimate the eagerly anticipated new section, which completes the circular route around the loch, will be open to the public by April 2014. Before then, TRACKS have asked us for some assistance in this project, by gathering a group of volunteers together to plant trees along a section of the new trail, which will eventually act as screening to minimise disturbance from the path. In the past, we have assembled groups of volunteers to carry out a variety of tasks, including reed bed planting, Himalayan Balsam control, litter picking and tree planting. This winter, we are appealing to local people interested in participating in the completion of the Heritage Trail. Dates are to be confirmed at present, so obviously it will be difficult for people to commit at this stage, but there will be about a week's worth of tree planting taking place at some point between January and March, and if you would like to provisionally express an interest in taking part, please contact us at the reserve office on 01577 864439 and we'll keep you posted as and when more details are available.

As winter approaches I'd like to take this opportunity to thank dog walkers for their responsible behaviour in the marked nature sensitive areas during the course of the year. With high numbers of wildfowl around, it is more important than ever that dogs are kept under close control when using parts of the Heritage Trail, as large groups of migratory birds are particularly sensitive to disturbance at this time of year. If you're unsure where these areas are, look out for the signs that say 'Nature Sensitive Area'.

I'd also like to draw your attention to a series of workshops taking place for commercial dog walkers in Scotland next month. If you know of anybody that walks dogs professionally, why not go along to one of these free events to learn more about dog walking, and what it takes to do this responsibly. Please see the advert below for more details.

That's all for now folks,

Craig

Fact of the Month

The only creature known to be capable of surviving the vacuum of outer space is the tardigrade, or water bear. An experiment to test the hardiness of the tardigrade was carried out by the European Space Agency in 2007, when they launched them into space via a satellite, before retrieving them 10 days later. Not only had some survived, a few had also laid eggs!

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Farming



After saying how happy I was with the weather in my last article, I can now say that I am still content with how conditions have been. I will stop short of saying that I am happy as it could have been better even though I know it is unrealistic to expect better and besides, a farmer admitting (in writing especially) that he is happy with the weather for such a prolonged time just wouldn't do! It was quite frustrating at times because we had cut some silage at one point and although it wasn't raining it was misty and murky meaning the grass wouldn't dry which meant that I baled some of it wetter than I would have liked. It was a bit the same when we combined the barley then struggled to get the straw dry enough. At least the ground conditions were perfect, which makes a change.

So here we are on 17 October and the work is (by Backward Farm standards at least) fairly well up to date, and just in the nick of time. I finished helping our local cereal and potato baron harvest his potatoes just yesterday, as well as finish sowing our winter barley, which leaves some bales of silage and straw to cart home as the only outstanding harvest jobs to do. There was about an inch of rain last night which will make carting the silage bales in particular a bit tricky.

I was particularly pleased to get the barley sown as it has been in the shed for two years so it was definitely a case of third time lucky. The germination rate of the seed seemed ok and the first sown field is now peeking through and ground so it should fine. Ideally, I would have liked to have sown it by mid-September, but if the next month is reasonably kind it should do ok. Time will tell. This time last year all the cattle were inside but most are still outside at the moment, with just the youngest ones inside. One batch which have been half in half out – being fed silage but going out to their field or into their shed as they wanted – were shut in this morning as things were getting pretty mucky. The rest of the young stock we are rearing for another farmer will probably be brought in next week but the cows and calves should be still outside when you are reading this as they were moved to another field the other day and that could keep them going for a month if the conditions are favourable.

We have sold some lambs but they have been slower to fatten than hoped. They are fairly eating their way through their field of neeps and kale and I don't think they will all be ready for the prime market before the fodder is finished, so we might sell some to other farmers to fatten up, rather than letting them eat grass that could be eaten by the ewes over the winter.

September has certainly had its highs and lows.

The high point was how well the barley yielded, which was easily the best we have had here at Backward Farm. There was also a reasonable yield of straw.

The low point was when our silage baler caught fire while baling for my brother. Heat from a failed bearing caused oil from the chains to ignite. My 'fire extinguisher' bottle of water I carry in the tractor wasn't big enough but fortunately I was able to partially smother the flames with silage which gave me time to rush in the farm to douse the flames with a hose. I haven't had time to fix the damage but I don't think it's too bad, with only a few hydraulic hoses and an electrical wire needing replaced – I hope. It was a case of things hotting up in a way I'd rather they hadn't and it certainly got the adrenaline flowing.

John

Weather



September Weather Report from Carnbo

September this year turned out to be a very good month, with no extreme weather recorded and higher than normal temperatures throughout. Rainfall was also lower than normal at 63%. The first half of the month was also sunny, but during the last week or so the weather became much more cloudy, with an Easterly wind setting in.

Total rainfall 66 mm (63% of normal)

Heaviest fall 21 mm (14th)

Rain days 15, trace days 3, dry days 12

Highest temperature 19°C (3rd)

Lowest temperature 2°C (18th)

Average temperature 10.6°C (Sep 2012 9°C)

Lowest ground temperature -1°C (17th)

1 ground frost recorded, no air frost recorded

7 days complete cloud cover

Thunder not recorded

September Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall 42.3 mm (1.69 inches)

Heaviest fall 12.7 mm (6th)

Total sunshine for month 110 hours

Sunniest day 9.1 hours (2nd)

Maximum temperature average 16.55°C

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Congratulations to Laura and Ben **HOWELL** on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, **ISABELLA ELIZABETH KIM**, on Monday 2 September 2013. Second granddaughter for Beth and Alex Penny (Balado) and first for Wayne Howell (London).

Congratulations to Lynne and Iain **PENNY** on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, **JACK ALEXANDER**, on Tuesday 24 September 2013. Little brother for Charlie, second grandson for Christine and Tom Gadziejewski, Kinross, and third grandson for Alex and Beth Penny, Balado.

Congratulations to Debbie and Allan **KENNEDY** on the birth of their daughter, **ABIGAIL ELIZABETH**, fourth granddaughter for Sandy and Iris Smith, Milnathort, and first for Mary and Douglas Kennedy, Inverness.

Congratulations to **BETTY** and **JIM HAMILTON**, Montgomery Street, Kinross, who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 28 November 2013. Have a lovely day from Walter, Alison, Claire and David.

Kinross athlete **EILIDH CHILD** has been named Scotland's Athlete of the Year. **LAURA MUIR** of Milnathort was also on the short-list of six nominees for the title.

DAVE CLARK of Kinross won the Loch Leven Fishing Championship on Saturday 5 October. He had a total of four fish measuring in aggregate 1460mm (57½ inches). The competition is fished as catch and release.

Thanks



I would like to thank all who worked to make my 90th Birthday such a huge success on 29 September.

So many beautiful cards and gifts, and so much work to make it such a delightful day – a Big Thank you – **MARGARET HOUSTON**

FAY McINTOSH would like to sincerely thank the staff, parents and pupils of Kinross Primary School for the kindness and generosity shown on the occasion of her retirement. It has been a pleasure to work with both the young people of the community and dedicated members of staff during the last forty years.

Thanks continued...



CATHIE DEWAR, 1 Springfield Road, Kinross, would like to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for their cards, flowers, enquiries and best wishes during her recent illness. Also for all visitors to both PRI and Ninewells. Thanks also to Community Nurses and GPs at Loch Leven Health Centre for their care. I am now well on the road to recovery.

PETER, CHARLOTTE, LIZZIE and **EMMIE** would like to say a huge thank you to their wonderful neighbours... David and Isobel, Nigel, Isobel and Johnny, Willie and Christine, Averille and Eddie, Lesley and Anna, and The Saunders Clan: We have loved having you as neighbours over the last eight years; you have been the best people to live next to. The Walmsleys are very lucky! Even though we are only moving up the road, we will miss you hugely. But don't think you'll be seeing the back of us – we'll be having you round for bubbly soon!

Lots of love, the Giacopazzis xxx

Thanks must be expressed to **ORWELL OLD FOLKS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE** who provided many over -70's in Milnathort with a most enjoyable bus outing. On a sunny day in late August, our driver took us alongside the River Tay through lovely countryside to St Andrews, where we had a break, followed by a journey through the East Neuk to Kirkcaldy where we enjoyed a delicious high tea before making for home. Sincere thanks to the Committee for all their hard work in making our outing such a happy and successful one.

The Committee from **ORWELL OLD FOLKS' ASSOCIATION** wish to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the Psychic Evening held in the Thistle Hotel recently. Thank you to the team from Second Sight Paisley and to everyone who donated raffle prizes. Special thanks to the Thistle Hotel for the use of their premises. The funds raised will go a long way toward a delicious meal at Christmas.

Macmillan and Marie Curie Coffee Morning: JESSIE MITCHELL gratefully thanks all who gave generously and supported her coffee morning. A fantastic sum of £789 was raised.

SAINSBURY'S Kinross would like to thank all its wonderful colleagues and customers for helping to raise a fantastic £335 for the **Macmillan coffee morning**. A store representative said: "We had several colleagues bake for our colleagues in store and we ran a guess the sweets in the jar for the customers; this was won by Mrs Fiona Craigon and she received a box of Dairy milk as her prize. We also had a hunt the cookies in the store for the children and overall the day was a great success. Thank you again to everyone for supporting your local Sainsbury's store."

See also **KINROSS CURLING TRUST** in Sport, p. 75.

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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

November

Sun 3 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

Tue 5 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Mon 4 8am: Silent Meditation (30 mins.)

Thu 7 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre, 'Christmas Preparations'.

Sat 9 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Sun 10 Remembrance Sunday; "We Will Remember Them"

10.00am: Service of Remembrance for Uniformed Organisations and the wider community.

10.55am: Act of Remembrance at War Memorial, County Buildings.

11.15am: Morning Service 'Good and Evil'.

3pm 'Second Sunday' Concert and Afternoon Tea: 'Campbell Duo'.

Tue 12 7.15pm: Guild, church centre, 'Tales from Malawi'.

Sat 16 4pm Home Bru Concert.

Sun 17 10.30am: Morning Service: All-age Brigade Service.

Thu 21 9pm: Time to Pray, late evening service of Compline (20min).

Sun 24 6.30pm: Informal Evening Service.

Tues 26 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

7.15pm: Guild, church centre, 'Making a Holly Wreath'.

8pm: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Sat 30 3.45pm: ADVENTure for all the family. A fun event organised by the Family Week team. Details announced closer to date.

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

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 Levenshale: 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

27 October Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Back to church Sunday.

30 October Alistair Macdonald performing in Orwell Church, 7.30pm.

5 November Guild in Orwell Hall 7pm - 'Camcorder Club' with Phil Walker.

10 November Remembrance Sunday.

16 November Christmas Bazaar, Milnathort Town Hall, 10am - 12pm.

Messy Church in Portmoak Hall, 4-6pm.

19 November Guild in Orwell Hall 7pm - 'Passage from India' with Ministries Council.

29 November Oasis Ladies Group in Portmoak New Room, 10.15am - 11.45am.

Making a Christmas Table Centre - Jinty Kidd.

Everyone welcome

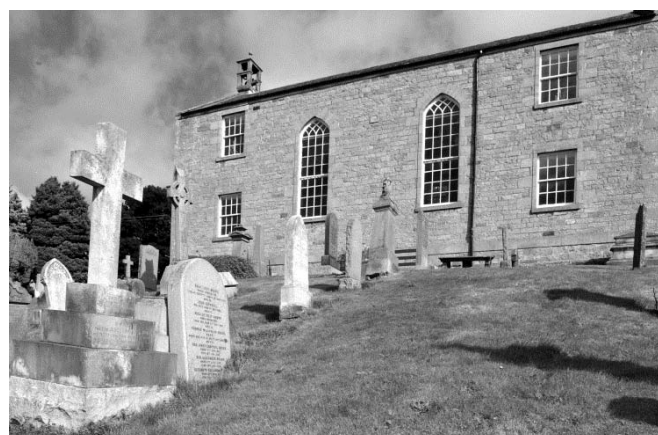
Church office & shop open Mon - Sat. 10am until 2pm.

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200

orwellportmoakchurch@yahoo.co.uk



Portmoak Churchyard

Photo: John McPake, The Big Picture, courtesy www.kinross.cc photo library

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muirs, 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).

November Services

(N.B. The Rector is away on Annual Leave between Friday 1 and Friday 8 and also between Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 at a clergy conference.)

Refreshments are normally available in the Meeting Room after the Sunday 11am service.

Sun 3 All Saint's Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 10 Remembrance Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.00am Youth Service (Kinross Parish Church) followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.
11.15am Remembrance Sunday Sung Eucharist (St Paul's).

Wed 13 7.30pm Holy Communion and candlelit service of Compline.

Sun 17 Second Sunday before Advent (Gift Day). 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 24 Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent). 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sat 30 The Feast of Andrew the Apostle and Patron of Scotland.
12 Noon Holy Communion followed by a simple lunch in the Meeting Room (please contact the Rector if you would like a lift to St Paul's that day).

Everyone welcome at all services

The Church is open as a quiet space and to perhaps light a candle on the following days:

1st Monday of the month: 10am – 3pm

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursdays: 12.30pm – 1.30pm (which is usually the Rector's Hour).

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

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

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**November**

Sun 3 9.45am Morning Worship followed by Harvest Brunch.

Sun 10 9.30am Service of Remembrance in the Village Hall. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 17 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 24 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.
6.30pm A service of Scottish Hymns of Praise and Thanksgiving at Fossoway Kirk.

Sat 30 10am - 1pm Fossoway Church Bazaar, Elizabeth Wilkie Hall.

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.

House group: Please contact Fred for details, 01577 840833.

Film Afternoon: Friday 1 November 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 SC003168)

Locum Minister: Mr Brian Ogilvie

Telephone: (01592) 840823

E-mail: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan

Telephone: (01506) 825641

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

Website: www.cleishchurch.org

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

Sun 3 11.15am Morning Worship followed by tea and coffee in the village hall.

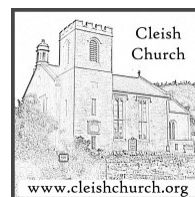
Sun 10 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 17 10.00am Early Birds Worship.
11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 24 11.15am Morning Worship: Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Mon 25 7.15pm Cleish Guild Fundraising Coffee Evening in Village Hall.

All welcome

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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.

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

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Obituaries

William (Willie) BRADY died in Southampton on Saturday 14 September 2013, aged 91 years.

Willie was born on 29 November 1921 at 9 Swansacre, Kinross, the third of five children to James and Annie Brady.

On leaving school he joined his father James and older brother Ernie, working in the family building business. This had not been his chosen career but his eldest brother Jimmy had tragically drowned in Loch Leven in 1935 and the business required his services. During the late 1940s and 1950s they had a hand in building the council houses on the Hayfield estate and Queen's Crescent, also the new wing of what was then Kinross Secondary School.

Willie was called up during the Second World War, serving with the Royal Artillery. He met his wife Joan when they were both stationed at Salisbury Plain. They married in June 1945 and returned to live in Kinross, making their home at Myre Terrace where they raised six children.

In 1965 they all moved to Southampton but he loved his holidays in Kinross, returning each August for a holiday and to catch up with old friends at Kinross Show and 'Mary Downie's'.

He is survived by Joan, his children Patricia, Alison, Kenneth, Gillian, Janette and Sharon, twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren who will all miss him greatly.

Margot GREENFIELD of 5 Argyll Court, Kinross, died on Monday 21 October 2013 in Benarty Nursing Home in Kelty, after a short illness.

Margot, who was 93 and a native of Anstruther, had lived in Kinross for 24 years. Although she had no close relatives, Margot had a very close friend in her next door neighbour, George Heggie.

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Playgroups and Toddlers ⁵⁷

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am

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

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Or find us on Facebook



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Sessions daily 9.30– 12 noon

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



LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,
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

All Mums to-be and Mothers, Fathers and Carers with children aged birth to 3 years are welcome to attend.

Contact - Christina Smith 01577 840733

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

We are a friendly and relaxed playgroup welcoming children aged 2-5. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the playgroup!

Babies and Toddlers (birth- 3yrs), Tues 9.30am - 11am
Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am– 12noon

Contact Lynda Hardie (Play leader/Manager)
01592 840785 or 07594 328475

Email: 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
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 **Siobhan 07443 223408** 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 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

Roseanna Cunningham MSP Surgeries in Kinross

Millbridge Hall
Monday 4 November 1.30pm to 2.15pm
Monday 9 December 11.15am to 12pm

Media Club

Loch Leven Community Campus
 4pm – 5.30pm

Wednesdays, 30 October – 11 December

The club is for young people between 12 and 18. Come along to explore your passion of filming and/or acting in a fun and imaginative way. We have looked at filming techniques, developing acting skills and exploring how stunts are done properly in films.

We are looking to expand our group. All young people are welcome, whether you are a complete novice or a budding Steven Spielberg!

For more information, contact Rhona Thom:
 @rthom@pkc.gov.uk or 01577 867177

Children's Hospice Association Scotland



Children's Hospice Association Scotland
 Sharing the Caring

Body Shop Party

at the CHAS Gift Shop, 23 Avenue Road, Kinross
 on **Thursday 7 November** at 1pm.

Commission on sales will be going to CHAS, as will the proceeds from the raffle. There will also be 10% off all Gift Shop purchases.

Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.

Our opening hours are:
 10am until 5pm, Monday to Saturday.



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



Swansacre Christmas Countdown

(part of the KLEO Winter Festival)

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!



Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.scottishcf.org

Milnathort filmhouse



life of pi saturday nov 2nd
epic sunday nov 3rd



big screen movies

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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



Remembrance Sunday

10 November

Arrangements in Kinross



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

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

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



Kinross-shire Fund Grants available for local community projects



e.g. *Events, Information, Transport, Welfare,
 Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for
 Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations*

For more information and to download an application form, see www.kinross-shirefund.org or contact Annabel Bath on 0131 524 0300 or email Annabel@scottishcf.org

Second Series I

The third concert in the Second Sunday Series I is on **Sunday 10 November** at 3pm in Kinross Parish Church. It is given by the **Campbell Duo, flute and guitar**. Vicky and Hugh met in London at College and are husband and wife! They recently decided to move back to Hugh's home town of Dundee. They are inveterate arrangers of music for their instruments and the music they will play is based on dance music – Elizabethan, 19th century Italian and 20th century Spanish and South American! Tickets at £10 can be reserved or purchased at the Parish Church office (open 10am - 12 noon on weekdays), from Milnathort Post Office or email alexcant44@aol.com. We serve cakes and tea after the concert. If you book beforehand, you will have a free lucky programme!

Looking ahead to **December**, there is a return visit of **CANTAMUS** to present an Edwardian Christmas Party with lashings of Music Hall songs and Christmas Carols. This will be on **Sunday 8 December** at 2.30pm and is presented by the Church Guild in aid of their fund raising. Tickets are £6.00 from Guild members or at the door. Last year there was a large audience, so buy a ticket to be sure!

Job Club Drop-In for young people 16-25 years

Loch Leven Community Library

2.30pm – 4pm

Mondays, 11 November – 9 December

Support with:

- CVs • Job Search • Forms • Theory Driving Test
- Job vacancies displayed in the library all the time
- For more information, contact Rhona Thom:
@rthom@pkc.gov.uk or 01577 867177

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.

The panel of speakers will be: **John Swinney** (Finance Secretary), **Louise Batchelor** (Scottish Green Party), **Ian Blackford** (an ex-Managing Director of Deutsche Bank) and **Stephen Gethins** (European and International Affairs Specialist).

They 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.

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.

17 November Preparing for Christmas. *Susan Malcolm.*

5 December Christmas Dinner.



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

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

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.

Funding Alert!

PKC produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of Trusts and Foundations giving away grants.

The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or go to www.pkc.gov.uk and look for the voluntary sector page.

Contacts:

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000

Steve MacDonald, P&KC External

Funding Officer 01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to P&KC's regular e-funding bulletin.)

Ready Scotland

Preparing for and dealing with emergencies

The Scottish Government national roadshow is visiting all local authority areas across Scotland, offering information and advice to the public on preparing for all kinds of severe weather.

The roadshow will be at **Sainsbury's, Kinross**, on **Thursday 14 November**

(The roadshow normally operates 9am-5pm)
www.readyscotland.org

PKAVS Carers Services & Perth & Kinross Council Welfare Rights Team are hosting an

Introduction to Personal Independence Payment for Carers*

10am – 12pm

Friday 15 November

at The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth

Aims of the session:

- Give attendees an overview of what Personal Independence Payment is
- When it comes into place and how to claim for it
- Question and Answer session with the Welfare Rights Team

If you are a carer and would like to attend this session, please contact Kerry Donaghy on 01738 567076 or email kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk

* The changes from Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payment will only affect claimants of working age (16-64 on 8 April 2013).

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.

- 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 info@musicindollar.org.uk



The Katona Twins will be performing on 30 November

KINROSS-SHIRE'S

Winter Festival
2013

Festive Street Market

High Street, Kinross

Saturday 23 November

4pm – 7pm • Free • All Ages

Come along to enjoy a fun festive atmosphere and fit in a little Christmas shopping!

Great variety of market stalls from local crafts people, organisations and businesses, carol singing, pipe band, live music, delicious food, Swansacre's 'Christmas Countdown' and the Orwell players with a few festive drama sketches at the Church Centre.

Many High Street shops open late.

www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk

Kinross Floral Art Club Coffee Evening and Demonstration

'Yuletide Splendour' – presented by Mrs Linda Soutar

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

at 7.15pm in

Kinross Parish Church

Tickets £8.00, payable on the evening

Raffle and Tombola

Fossoway Primary School Christmas Shopping Night

Thursday 28 November

6.30pm 9.30pm

The Village Hall, Crook of Devon

All welcome to come along, enjoy a mince pie and do some Christmas shopping. Village Christmas Light switch-on at 7pm. Stalls include work by local artists, cards, handcrafted fabric items, glassware, Christmas gifts, books, wrapping paper and much more!

Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade St Andrews Day Coffee Morning

in the Church Centre

Saturday 30 November 10am – 12pm

Stalls including: Raffle, Bottle Stall, Cake and Candy

Entry £1.00

All proceeds used to fund activities for
Kinross Boys and Girls Brigade

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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.



Remaining Programme for 2013 - 2014

- 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**

Disability Sport

There are many activities for people with disabilities at local, regional and national level which welcome people with physical, learning and sensory disabilities. Sports available include swimming, athletics, boccia and bowling. If you would like further information or would like to be included on an email distribution list to keep up-to-date with what is available, please contact Caroline Ness, Sports Development Officer by telephone on 01738 472242 or email CMNess@pkc.gov.uk

Blythswood Care

(The Newsletter does not always have space to publish the full details regarding items which can and cannot be accepted, so readers may wish to cut out this Notice for future reference)

The Round South Truck accepts small items of furniture, clothing and bric à brac. The uplift of any larger items of furniture (e.g. sofas, beds, wardrobes etc) can be arranged by phoning Hillington on 0141 882 0585. All soft furnishings (e.g. beds, sofas, three-piece suites etc) donated to Blythswood Care must have a fire label with the British Standards code (BS7177) attached to it.

We regret that the Round South Truck cannot accept books. We are also unable to accept bikes, carpets, coat hangers, gas appliances, prams, televisions, small electrical appliances, exercise equipment or wall units.

The next collections will take place on

**Tuesday 19 November
between 10.30am and 11am
in Sainsbury's car park**

(if car park is full, van will park nearby,
e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

GUEST SPEAKERS

4th November 2013

10:30am Complete Look (Demonstration)
1:30pm Community Fire Safety

The speakers will give a brief talk at 10:30am
then 1:30pm allowing time for one to one advice

2nd December 2013

12:00 - 3:00 pm Christmas Party
Buffet lunch, entertainment & visit from Santa

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



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):

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 108

The Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme Annual Burns Supper



Windlestrae Hotel

Monday 13 January 2014

Tickets from Ann Munro, 01577 862685

KINROSS CURLING CLUB PRESENTS
JUST BEATLES
 'An evening of pure Beatles nostalgia!'

JUST BEATLES



BACKSTAGE GREEN HOTEL
SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER
 SHOW STARTS AT 6.00PM
TICKETS £15
AVAILABLE FROM THE CURLING RINK BAR

 **A CHARITY NIGHT IN AID OF THE KINROSS CURLING TRUST** 

MILNATHORT PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAIR 2013
Saturday 7th December

MPS
 Join the Fun with
Gift Stalls
Lucky Dip
Decorate-a-Muffin
Face Painting - Tattoos
Tombola - Bottle Stall - Raffle
and Much More!!!

Tea & Coffee - Juice - Mince Pies - Biscuits
From 10.00am - 12.00noon at Milnathort Primary School
Entry (Including Refreshments): Adults - £2 & Children - Free

Loch Leven NNR
Events Programme 2013



Scottish Natural Heritage
 All of nature for all of Scotland



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.

Fossoway and Cleish
Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm

Saturdays 10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fccoffice@btinternet.com

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

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.

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: perth@thebikestation.org.uk

Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk



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

9th & 23rd August 13th & 27th September 11th & 25th October 8th & 22nd 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

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP
www.careconfidential.com

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

Newsletter Deadlines 2013/2014

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines
 for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a
 deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest
 information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
December	Fri 15 November	Saturday 30 November
February	Fri 17 January	Saturday 1 February



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, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at 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

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:

12 & 26 November

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.

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



Why not come along and welcome **your** hound or hounds into your home

Please call or email for details
Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings)
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)
email us on femiejimmyf@aol.com



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KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
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CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
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Richard Williamson	01592 840538

www.portmoak.org

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)
Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.
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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

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38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

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85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133
(new no. as from Aug 2013)

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

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Dot Mackay	17 Ochil View	864635
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Gareth Thomas	50 Muirs	863714
Campbell Watson	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974
Malcolm Wood	The Woodlands, Hatchbank	850394

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

Roseanna's constituency office at York Place in Perth is closing on 1 November 2013. We will be moving to a new constituency office in order to provide a better service to constituents.

Until the new offices are up and running, constituency staff will be working from Holyrood. We will be available on 0131 348 5727, five days a week. You can write to us at:

Roseanna Cunningham MSP

M3.15, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

You can email Roseanna at:

Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Roseanna's surgeries will not be affected by this move. (See p. 92 for details of upcoming surgeries.)

Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

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Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Telephone: 01577 867205

Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 6pm
Saturday	10am – 3pm

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

**Table Tennis • Videos • Cards • Dominoes • Carpet bowls
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.45pm
Wednesday	Morning Service	10.45am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes & Games	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
Thursday	Film Afternoon	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm
	Art Class	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
Friday	Bingo	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm



Additional Events for November

History of buildings in Kinross-shire	Wednesday	6th	1.30pm
Beetle Drive	Monday	11th	1.30pm
Health and Well Being	Wednesday	13th	1.30pm
Sing-along	Wednesday	20th	1.30pm
Charity night in Raj Mahal Restaurant	Wednesday	20th	7pm (tickets £15 per person)
30th anniversary party, music by the Robins	Thursday	28th	1.30pm



Coffee Bar open 8.30 am - 4 pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily.

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

Telephone: 01577 863869

See page 99 for more details of our special 30th anniversary celebration activities!

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: **13 November**

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlomond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **5 November**

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricie. Next visit: **6 November**

For times of stops, see PKC website: 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 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

- Typist/computer chair** **£1000**
Blue chair, adjustable, as new.
Seller details: Grace Legge 01577 864540
ronaldandgrace@tiscali.co.uk
- Humax Freeview box, Digital Aerial and TV** **Donation to CHAS**
Humax F2 -Fox T Freeview Digibox, Labgear wideband high gain aerial, fixing kit and Hitachi 17" TV. Old but it still works!
Seller details: D Gibson 01577 865636
d.gibson525@btinternet.com
- Power wheelchair** **£1750.00**
Invacare Pronto M61 complete with batteries and charger. Cost £2200+new. Bought March 2013, unused and in mint condition.
- Mobility aids** **£25 and £35**
Roma 4 wheel Rollator £25 and Tri-Wheel Walker £35.
For both items above: Alisdair Stewart 07825 698613
alisdairstewart@yahoo.com
- John Deer Rolly Toy Tractor Trailer Digger** **£6000**
Child's Toy John Deere Pedal Tractor complete with trailer and seated digger attachment. Good condition, up to age 8 yrs. Also including free front scoop attachment with some damage. Great saving on original price. Fab for Christmas.
Seller details: L Ray 07790 230036
- Girl's Roller Skates** **£1000**
Girl's pink roller boots/skates, size 2. Only worn a few times and in good condition.
Seller details: J Hamilton 07859 403911
Jan6549@hotmail.co.uk
- Mirror** **£3000**
Mirror with brown leather frame. 79cm x 109cm. Can be hung horizontally or vertically. Bought from Jenners of Edinburgh, cost £139. Perfect condition.
Seller details: Stephen Bolland 07967 741870
Stephen@sevensseventeen.co.uk
- Computer Desk** **£2000 ono**
John Lewis beech coloured computer desk on wheels. Sliding keyboard and printer shelf. 90cm W x 50cm D x 79cm H.
Seller details: David MacLeod 07889 857198
davephl@aol.com
- Dog Crate** **£2000**
Black with front and side door. Only used for couple of months, excellent condition.
Seller details: Helen Pearson 01577 864546
- Computer Desk** **£2500 ono**
Beech coloured computer desk with sliding keyboard shelf. Excellent condition.
Seller details: Louise Blackwood
blackwoodlogo@hotmail.com
- Dyson Cleaner** **£150.00**
Dyson DC41 upright cleaner, suitable for animal hairs, with attachments, 13 months old.
Seller details: Doreen Cameron 01577 863537
- Two Seater Sofa Bed** **£7500**
Green fabric, opens to 4 x 6 ft mattress. Excellent condition. Hardly used. Buyer uplifts.
Seller details: Stuart Morrison 07793 154207
stuart.morrison13@gmail.com

Classified Adverts continued...

- Two Seater sofa** **£6000**
Oatmeal chenille fabric with removable cushions. Bought new, only one year old. In good condition, slight mark on right hand side.
- Ikea Poang Armchair and footstool** **£4000**
Both red, removable covers. In good condition.
For both items above: Nan Douglas 01577 861315

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').

Taxi Driver (part time), A2B Taxis, Kinross

Collecting and transporting customers, carrying out council contracts, may involve unsociable hours and may suit semi retired/retired person. Clean driving licence essential. P&K taxi drivers licence preferable but can be applied for from P&K Licensing office.

Contact Bruce on 07743 332237

or email a2bkinross@hotmail.com

Paralegal or experienced legal secretary (full time), J & G Wilson, Kinross

We have a vacancy in our Kinross office. Will be required to deal with all aspects of residential conveyancing. Salary commensurate with experience. Please contact staff partner Eric Williamson for further details.

To apply telephone 01577 862302

or email: e.williamson@jgwilson.co.uk

Chef de Partie (full time), Kirklands Hotel, Kinross

Required to join our team of 4 in our busy kitchen. All food prepared in house, great opportunity to work with head and sous chefs with five star experience. Split shifts 5 days from 7, salary negotiable depending on experience. Immediate start available for the right candidate.

Contact Anthony or Shona on 01577 863313 or email info@thekirklandshotel.com

17th Edition Electrician, GA Property Care Ltd, Kinross

This is a permanent position, with overtime regularly available and working away will be required.

Must be confident dealing with clients and be able to demonstrate you can be a team leader, control the day to day running of jobs or projects running simultaneously and deliver within the deadlines, make decisions and work on own initiative.

Must have good understanding of 17th edition regulations, work to drawings, Be Health and Safety conscious at all times and be able to demonstrate/carry out testing in front of clients. 2391 advantageous.

Duties will involve carrying out installations within hospital X ray rooms and commercial premises, Planned works and reactive call outs.

Van will be supplied complete with all tools (excluding hand tools) required to carry out your duties and uniform will be provided. Basic PC skills essential as work will be emailed.

Please email CV to cv@gapropertycare.co.uk with covering letter, Trade certificates and additional training certificates obtained.

The Wash House, Scotlandwell

Visitors can look inside the restored, historic wash house by borrowing the key from the Well Country Inn at anytime during daylight hours.

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Thu	7	Swansacre Play group Christmas Shopping Night	92
Thu	7	CHAS Body Shop Party	92
Thu	7	The Thursday Group meets	95
Fri	8	Common Grounds Quiz Night	46
Fri	8	Technology Drop-in (also on 22 Nov)	103
Sat	9	Christmas Festival and Craft Fair at campus	63
Sat	9	Milnathort Town Hall Renovation Open Evening	17, 95
Sat	9	Dawn Goosewatch with RSPB	80
Sun	10	Remembrance Sunday	
Sun	10	Classical music at Kinross Parish Church: The Campbell Duo	95
Sun	10	Portmoak Film Society: Argo	48
Mon	11	Know Your Library Taster Session (also on 20th & 23rd)	14
Mon	11	Kinross High School Parent Council meets	55
Tue	12	Citizens Advice Bureau visits Kinross twice monthly (also on 26th)	104
Tue	12	Portmoak CC meets	35
Tue	12	Independence Referendum Question and Answer Evening	95
Wed	13	Health and Well Being at Kinross-shire Day Centre	99
	14-24	Kinross-shire Music Festival	42
Thu	14	Kinross Garden Group meets	41
Thu	14	Milnathort CC meets	31
Thu	14	Andersons LLP open evening for own house builders	40
Fri	15	Newsletter Deadline	1
Sat, Sun	16, 17	Optics Weekend at RSPB Loch Leven	80
Sun	17	Santa arrives at Dobbies	52
Sun	17	The Thursday Group meets	95
Mon	18	Historical Society meeting: <i>The Tower Trail in Clackmannanshire</i>	99
Tue	19	Common Grounds project lunch	46
Tue	19	Blythswood Care collection	99
Wed	20	Singing for All at Kinross-shire Day Centre	99
Sat, Sun	23, 24	Hedge planting training sessions - Heritage Trail	7
Sat	23	Swansacre Christmas Countdown	92
Sat	23	Winter Festival Christmas Market	42, 96
Sun	24	Winter Festival Afternoon Tea Dance	42, 63
Mon-Sat	25-30	Book Week Scotland - various events at library	14
Tue	26	Town Twinning Association AGM	48
Tue	26	Kinross Floral Art Club Coffee Evening and Demonstration	96
Wed	27	Civic Trust Annual Architectural Awards Presentation and Talk	63
Wed	27	Kinross Tennis Club AGM	73
Thu	28	Grand Party to celebrate 30th Anniversary of Kinross-shire Day Centre	99
Thu	28	Ken MacLeod: author talk at library	14
Thu	28	Ladies Night at Dobbies	52
Thu	28	Fossoway Primary School Christmas Shopping Night	96
Fri	29	Common Grounds AGM	46
Sat	30	St Andrews Day Coffee Morning, Crook of Devon Village Hall	95
Sat	30	Boys & Girls Brigade St Andrews Day Coffee Morning, Church Centre, Kinross	96