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Letters

Editorial

A new year is a good time to get organised, so with that in mind, we'd like to mention that there is a list of Newsletter deadlines for the whole year on our website. Contributors to the Newsletter might also find it useful to read the 'Submissions' page of the website, which has been updated recently.

New year also brings resolutions! If yours is to take up a new hobby or acquire a skill, or to get fitter, we hope you bought a copy of the December Newsletter! The Kinross Learning Centre listed all their classes in that (most started in mid-January, but it might still be possible to sign up) and Loch Leven Leisure had a two-page list of activities in that issue too. Also, there are many adverts throughout every Newsletter for classes in yoga, pilates, dancing etc. Thanks to everyone who sent the Newsletter team good wishes for the New Year. A Happy New Year to all!

Note to Contributors

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Mislaid Family Photographs

I bought a book at the Kinross Day Centre Book Sale on Saturday 5 January 2013 called "Rikki Fulton's The Reverend I. M. Jolly" and there were nine photographs in it of a wee boy in an outdoor play area, at his birthday party wearing a green Hibernian T shirt, a Halloween one, and one with (probably) grandparents.

If they belong to you, call me on 01577 864487.

Mrs Greer

The Kinross Hub - A Café For Carers

We would like to thank the carers and their families who, despite the bad weather, attended the Christmas Carers' Café on Monday 3 December 2012.

A big thank you must go to Kinross High School and Ms Stella Hardy "head of music" who brought along four of her most talented senior pupils who entertained the carers and families with a musical extravaganza, after which they enjoyed a cuppa and a blether with carers.

Thanks also to Pauline Watson.

A number of local businesses were very generous, donating a range of gifts and vouchers as prizes in our free Christmas Raffle. Thanks must go to following:

Country Affair, Hunter's the Butcher, The Gallery (gift shop), The Hair Studio, The Complete Look, Sands the Ironmonger, The Co-operative, Williamson Florists, Bowers, Baynes, The Beauty Spot, Kirklands Hotel, The Shop at the Green, Milnathort Post Office, The Zen Zone, Robertson's of Milnathort, Enable (Loch Leven Health Centre) and Little Hair Company, Bridge of Earn.

Christmas would not be complete without a visit from the man in the bright red suit – Santa did not let us down, arriving with a large bag of gifts to the delight of all the carers; hearty thanks to Sandy Smith for donating his time.

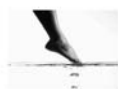
The next Carers' Café will be held on Monday 4 February, 10am - 12 noon at St Paul's Church Hall, Kinross.

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News & Articles

'Kinross-shire - just neglected by Perth Council'

by Councillor Joe Giacomazzi

While not an actual quote, this sentiment will resonate with many in our county. Indeed, I have heard similar feelings being expressed. But does it reflect reality, or is it based on questionable assumptions? I decided to look at the main items of investment in our county, both in the fairly recent past and in the immediate future. Here goes...

Loch Leven Community Campus. Yes, it's three years old now, but at over £20million it did represent a major investment in the education of our young people. More than this, it is a facility which is frequently buzzing with other events and activities of an evening.

New Link Road. Newly opened but as yet not greatly used, this ring route did cost the Council around £1.346m. It will avoid the need for HGVs to negotiate Kinross High Street while making the industrial estate at Bridgend easily accessible from the M90.

Milnathort Placecheck. The improvements to the traffic management within the village and its generally enhanced appearance were not strictly speaking necessary. Nevertheless, the scheme did end up costing a little over £130,000.

Kinross Environmental Improvement Scheme. I suppose you could define this as an 'enhanced Placecheck'. Due for implementation within the next 18 months, the scheme is intended to improve the appearance of the area from the mini roundabout at the Co-operative supermarket down as far as the Town Hall, so making the ambience more attractive to residents and tourists alike. Anticipated cost: £1,300,000.

New Roundabout at Springfield Road/Station Road. This overdue improvement, which I am happy to have steered through the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, will greatly assist motorists exiting Springfield Road, all at a budgeted cost of £215,000. It should be implemented within an 18-month time scale.

Expanded car park at Mill Street. Although this is at the planning stage and is by no means a 'done deal', I expect that the recommendation of our officials will be for the demolition of the old social work office and an increase in the number of parking spaces. The ultimate decision will be taken by the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

Now, I do not pretend that everything in the garden is rosy; parts of our roads and drainage infrastructure could do with a little TLC, but in this we are not alone. Owing to necessary budget cuts originating in Westminster, all Scottish Councils are experiencing constraints on their spending. Yet, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that, while Kinross shire may not be especially favoured, it is not really neglected either.

I had occasion to discuss the subject with other PKC Councillors who concurred that residents of Highland Perthshire feel they are ignored by Perth; Blairgowrie residents feel forgotten, as do those from Crieff, Errol, etc. I think you get the picture!

Kinross County Buildings

by Councillor Willie Robertson

The decision was taken by Perth & Kinross Council's Property Sub Committee to put the Kinross County Buildings up for sale when it met on 9 January.

This is a sad outcome for Kinross's most important civic building. Kinross County Buildings are Georgian, built in 1826 and are category B listed. They have a fine sandstone frontage and provide an important backdrop to the town's war memorial.

When, as a councillor, I agreed to (and welcomed) the decision to build the Loch Leven Community Campus, I was not aware that this would be taken as a green light by the Council administration to close all Council-owned properties in the town and move all the services to the campus.

When I realised the long-term plan, I was determined that if all else failed then the County Buildings should remain in Council hands and be maintained by them. However, I have been unable to prevent this from happening and now all Council services have moved to the Community Campus.

The County Buildings are not easy to maintain and it would be very difficult for a community group to generate the amounts of money required to keep the building up to a good standard. The Kinross Community Council and the Kinross-shire Partnership should be praised for their efforts to safeguard the building for Kinross and Kinross-shire but it was too big an ask.

I still think that Perth & Kinross Council should carry the responsibility for the Kinross County Buildings and should have tried to find a use for the building. It is the ideal location for a specialist Council function.

But there is no political will in Perth to do this. There never has been.

I attended the Property Sub Committee and made two requests:

- That the building should be marketed on a sale or **lease** option. The lease option would allow this important building to remain in public ownership and make it more attractive to potential users. The addition of the lease option was agreed by the committee.
- That the building be kept in good order. Given its important location and Grade 2 listing, it must not be allowed to deteriorate while not in use.

In response to the second request, the Council's property officer said that the building would be inspected on a monthly basis and be kept 'wind and watertight'. This was as much as could be promised given the financial constraints faced by the Council.

The Kinross County Buildings now face an uncertain future. I hope the addition of the lease option will encourage potential users to consider the building and help to keep it in public ownership.

Looking for Contact Details?

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Review of the Year by Councillor Dave Cuthbert

The local elections took place in May 2012 and I was elected to represent you as a Councillor on Perth and Kinross Council, for which many thanks.

I believe in accountability for politicians so have decided to give you an annual update on my progress in delivering what I said I would at the election.

Joining the Council in May was a huge culture shock. There is little support for new members (particularly independent ones) and a great deal of my time has been involved in learning everything I can about how the Council operates and the most effective way to get things done. I have attended every training session made available to Councillors by the Council; I have visited most of the Council departments and I have had meetings with many of the senior management. As Independents' leader, I now meet with the Chief Executive a minimum of monthly.

The quantity of mail, emails and paperwork has astonished me, with often over 100 emails a day and hundreds of pages of reports to be read and absorbed for Committee meetings.

I have found my fellow Councillors to be hard working, well informed, conscientious people and have spent a lot of time building working relationships with all of them. This is necessary, as support from other elected members is needed if one is to get anything done on the Council, both by opposition members and the minority SNP administration.

Locally the four elected members are working together as a team and we have monthly meetings where we discuss upcoming events and agree a united strategy.

At the Council the four Independent Councillors have formed a group of which I am the current leader. We meet on a weekly basis and agree a united strategy on upcoming items.

So progress is being made at a steady pace.

Turning now to the statements I made in my election literature:

Kinross-shire Focus

I said that I would try to address the lack of focus on Kinross-shire. On joining the Council I quickly established that the best way to achieve this was to argue for all the communities outside Perth on the basis that they should be treated equally, as this elicits the support of the elected members for these communities; I am continuing to do this.

I arranged a visit to Kinross by the Environment Service Director and his Depute and we carried out a walking tour of Kinross with the aim of making them aware of the state of affairs locally.

Buildings in Kinross-shire

Former High School: When I joined the Council, negotiations were ongoing with a preferred bidder for this site who wishes to acquire it for housing. These negotiations are continuing. Once completed, a planning application will be submitted and I will be pushing for the maximum benefit for the community.

County Buildings: A proposal to put the Kinross-shire County Buildings onto the market without time for a community bid following the Royal Caledonian Curling Club withdrawal was stopped by me with the support of the Liberal Democrat and Tory members of the Property sub-committee.

Kinross Community Council held an open day that I attended and then looked into the finances of running the

buildings as a community asset. Unfortunately they decided to withdraw from the process as they established that the venture was too risky given its state of repair.

At a recent meeting of the Property sub-committee, I supported a motion suggested by Councillor Robertson that the building would be offered for lease as well as sale.

I am sure that all the local Councillors will be looking for a quick resolution to this situation.

Kinross Town Hall continues to be an eyesore in Kinross town centre. A planning application was recently refused principally because of a lack of information on how the building was to be renovated. It is anticipated that the application will be resubmitted with more information.

PKC building, Mill Street: The four local Councillors have supported the demolition of the former social works department building in Mill Street, with the aim of creating more parking in this area.

Two shops on the High Street owned by the Council became vacant and Cllr Robertson and I have been pushing hard for a quick decision on what is to be done with them. It has now been decided to renovate them and to then offer them for lease.

I am pushing for a new, coherent, consistent and practical policy regarding the treatment of vacant and derelict buildings throughout the Council area.

Kinross Town Centre

Plans for the improvement of Kinross town centre are progressing. A consultation exercise was carried out and I have asked that the ideas raised by those who took part be incorporated into the plans and that they then be brought back for further consultation.

A bid for Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme funding from Historic Scotland has been refused but they have indicated possible funding for Kinross Town Hall. I will keep you updated on this.

Local Development Plan

The Council is in the process of preparing its Local Development Plan for the next 12 years. This process has been hugely frustrating and it remains to be seen how much influence individual Councillors will have on it.

Local members are looking to remove H46 (a strip of land between the Springfield estate and the M90 identified as suitable for housing development) from the plan and have asked that the route of the old railway line be protected, amongst other things.

Others

I am working on numerous other things including:

- Loch Leven Community Campus lets – I am looking to restore the balance between community and other users
- Core Path network – I am encouraging the Council to work with walkers and farmers
- More employment opportunities locally
- Business Start-up Centre
- Farmers' Market
- New Primary School
- Youth entertainment facility

I look forward to reporting on these in more detail in future. I would also like to say I am hugely enjoying the interesting challenges this opportunity has presented for me and would like to thank you again for electing me.

**Please mention The Newsletter when
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A tribute to Jessie

A specially designed sign and new flowerbeds were unveiled at a park in Milnathort in November in commemoration of one of the village's best-known citizens, Jessie Porter, who died in May 2011 at the age of 80.

The park in Back Loan was refurbished as part of the Placecheck scheme and when it reopened in summer 2011, it was renamed "Jessie's Park" in tribute to Mrs Porter, who had played an active role in many strands of village life. The community decided to pay further tribute to Jessie by commissioning a special sign for the park and planning and creating new flowerbeds.



The sign and flowerbeds at Jessie's Park

The unveiling of the sign and flowerbeds in November 2012 was attended by Jessie's children Patricia, Moira and James, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and her surviving sister, Catherine Butler from Forfar. Also in attendance were local residents and representatives from Perth & Kinross Council.

Mrs Porter was a member of Milnathort in Bloom, the Women's Guild, the WRI, the Milnathort Town Hall Committee, the Gala Committee and Milnathort CC. She enjoyed Scottish country dancing and singing with the Orwell Church choir and was an active church elder. She also collected funds for the RNLI.

Mrs Porter was predeceased by her husband Jimmy, also an active member of the community, in 1975.

As well as being such a stalwart of the community, Jessie worked at Giacopazzi's in Milnathort for around 45 years, until the age of 75.

Jessie's family would like to thank everyone involved in the park commemoration, including Milnathort CC, Milnathort in Bloom, who planted the flowerbeds, and Steven Kane and his team from Perth & Kinross Council's Environment Service, who involved the family from the beginning, provided the plants and co-ordinated the work.

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Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

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

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



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

To register to attend one or more of the Breakfasts please email:

Sandra Ralston, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or call 07774181768

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Change to 'list' MSPs

One of the MSPs for the Mid Scotland and Fife region has stepped down from the Parliament to take up a full-time trade union post.

John Park resigned in December and was automatically replaced at Holyrood by the next Labour candidate on the list, Jayne Baxter, a Fife Councillor for the Cowdenbeath ward. Ms Baxter is a business graduate of Napier University and has worked in a range of service areas in local government.

News from the Health Centre



On-Line Services

The Health Centre has had a website for a number of years now and many of our patients are using it to order medication, cancel appointments or complete registration forms. We have been keen to expand the number of on-line services we offer and are now launching an On-Line Appointment Booking service. This is part of a pilot within NHS Tayside and we are one of 10 practices taking part in this project. It is therefore a fairly limited service at present, but we would hope to expand the number of appointments available for on-line booking if it proves to be a useful service to patients. We would welcome feedback on this service and comments can be sent via our website www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk on the Contact Details.

The On-Line Appointment Service

Patients will be able to book appointments, cancel them and check the date and time of appointments already made. At present, a limited number of appointments with GPs or our Senior Nurse will be available for On-Line booking. We would hope to make some nurse and health care assistant appointments available in due course. It will not be possible to book appointments on-line with other health care professionals; physiotherapists or midwives, for example. Patients who wish to use the service should contact Reception on 01577 862112 to register. As information on appointments will be visible to those using this service, we are asking for identification from those who wish to register to protect patient confidentiality. Patients will only be able to see their own appointment history and will not be able to access information about other patients. Patients registering to use the service will be sent a letter outlining how the system works and giving instructions on how to log into the system.

We hope that patients will find this a convenient way of booking, changing or cancelling appointments. However, we appreciate that many patients will not have access to computers or may not wish to use this on-line service. There will therefore be no changes to the existing services and patients may continue to phone for appointments or book them at the Reception Desk.

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Dean completes apprenticeship

Dean Maguire Miller of Milnathort has completed his four-year apprenticeship with The Scottish Federation of Meat Traders at Hunters of Kinross, Butchers.

Dean, who was taken under Iain Hunter's 'wing' when Iain acquired the shop in October 2009, has successfully trained in all areas of knife skills, the craft of butchery and customer care.

Pamela Hunter, joint proprietor, said: "Dean has achieved this success through lots of hard work and determination and has proven to be a loyal, hardworking member of the team."

Formal, basic training may be complete, but the skill of becoming a Master Butcher comes only with years of experience in all aspects of the trade. Pastry making, game handling, poultry processing and carcase selection at market are just a few of the skills that a Master Butcher acquires over the years. This can only take place in butchers' shops. Supermarket butchers, apparently, receive on average only eleven weeks' training!

Dean's training will continue onto the next level, which will be managerial training and business skills.

Dean has been entered into this year's Butcher's Apprentice of the Year and his knife and craft skills will be judged in March with the finals being held in May in Perth.

Pamela added: "We look forward to training young Conner Stewart from Crook of Devon, who is on our part-time scheme and our latest recruit."

Apprenticeship Opportunity

The butchery trade is always looking for young, enthusiastic apprentices to carry the trade forward. Hunters of Kinross have one vacancy in their shop this year open to the right candidate. Any young person wishing to apply for an apprenticeship should contact Pamela Hunter in person at Hunters of Kinross and she will be happy to discuss the training. Pamela is in the shop at 104 High Street, Kinross, Monday-Thursday.



Iain Hunter (right) congratulates Dean on successfully completing his apprenticeship

Steak pie wins bronze award

Hunters of Kinross had another reason to celebrate in January when the company was successful at the World Scotch Pie Championships. The shop's delicious Steak and Gravy Pie was awarded bronze in the Hot Savoury category.

Over 500 products had been entered into five categories by butchers, bakers and delicatessens from all over Scotland.

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Kinross women's groups making a huge difference

Ethiopia Medical Project (EMP)

On 29 January my cousin Maureen and I will fly out once again to Ethiopia, to do another month-long stint in a little clinic in the south of that interesting country, near a big town called Soddo – a town that I am sure you have never heard of. I certainly had not, and yet it is vibrant and busy, with a university, a hospital, churches and a civic centre.

This is not the back end of the Universe – quite. I say 'quite' because, not 45 minutes' bumpy drive away, one could have been rubber-banded back a few centuries into the Middle Ages. Electricity is sporadic, education sparse, and medical supplies and attention in the three-nurse clinic totally inadequate for the numbers of people and the problems they encounter.



Jo Middlemiss with one of the women helped by the Ethiopia Medical Project

We were directed to this little clinic by a Swiss friend, who is a voluntary nurse there when her own finances allow. There we encountered a little band of Franciscan nuns who attempt to run a clinic for the routine things of life. They see families for all the usual things: inoculations, ENT infections, ringworm, skin conditions and minor injuries. At least once a year there is a huge surge in malaria and starvation. These things are weather-dependent and so unpredictable. Added to all that, they have a steady stream of women suffering from severe uterine prolapse. This is a debilitating condition for any woman, but living deep in rural Ethiopia, with very little hope of good midwifery, makes it even more difficult and intractable. The clinic looks after hundreds of these women every year. They gather them up from outlying regions; bring them to the clinic, where they are taught health and hygiene, and give them underwear. Once they are well, they can go to the hospital, where their prolapses can be surgically repaired. They can then return to their families, ready and well enough again to function as a full member of their society and family.

Our challenge has been to collect monies to help these fine people in their work.

We have done this by collecting "*Pants and ££££*". We have sent literally thousands of assorted pants out to the clinic from Kinross PO, so that every woman receives two pairs each. However welcome the pants, it is the money that really makes the difference. The sums that we have collected so far have provided education for the clinic's only three nurses, food, bedding, and medicine for a whole year. We have also had a house built for one family, whose dwelling, if you could call it that, was actually falling down when we visited them. And another thing.... it was impossible not to respond to the 12 little orphans, taken in recently because their parents had died in the recent outbreak of malaria.

It is hard to describe how moving it is to hear a woman tell you that the arrival of the clinic's van diverted her from suicide. How emotional it is to help someone who had had her condition for eight years, without any hope of help.

So what started as a little project has become something that we cannot walk away from. We have no desire to get bigger or do anything grander. We are in awe of Sister Haimanot, who soldiers on all year long, working away in the most challenging of circumstances, keeping body and soul together, not too well herself - she has taught us the true meaning of unselfishness.

During the course of 2012 I have been lucky enough to give quite a few talks on this subject to many assorted Ladies' groups of Kinross and the local area. I have enjoyed giving these talks and am really grateful for all the ££££££££ and pants that have been donated so generously.

I write this as a way of thanking all those who have contributed and am looking forward to telling our friends in Buccama how much Scottish women have been willing to help them. I would also be delighted, on our return, to recount tales of our forthcoming February visit, as it is bound to bring more surprises, more sadnesses but hopefully also more satisfactions.

With sincere thanks,

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Local people say thank you to the Ethiopia Medical Project

MHI report on Milnathort Primary

A recent inspection of Milnathort Primary School and Nursery Class has praised the work of the school, with the quality of children's learning experiences among the areas highlighted as key strengths.

Inspectors made their visit to Milnathort Primary School in October 2012 and in examining the education provided, assessed the school against national quality indicators as 'very good' for learners' experiences at both nursery and primary level, and 'good' for the curriculum, improvement through self-evaluation, meeting learning needs and improvements in performance.

Other key strengths identified in the report are the confidence of pupils who contributed well to the life of the school, the supportive ethos for learning and the teamwork of staff who reflected thoroughly on teaching and learning. Inspectors have discussed with the school and PKC three areas in which improvement can continue to be made: ongoing development of the curriculum; ensuring that the pace and challenge of learning are matched consistently well to all children's needs; and ongoing development of procedures to track children's attainment and progress. Being satisfied with the overall quality of provision at Milnathort, inspectors will make no further visits to the school in connection with the October 2012 inspection.

Quiz night for Maggie's charity

A Quiz Night to raise funds for Maggie's Cancer Charity will be held at the Green Hotel on **Saturday 23 February**.

It is organised by James Thomson, who raised £1,000 for Cash for Kids at a similar event last year.

James is planning further fund-raising throughout the year for Maggie's. Building on his experience cycling 250 miles last year for charity, James plans to cycle from John O'Groats to Land's End with three other people in August. For further information, contact James by telephone on Tel 07525419155, Twitter: @TheJamesyT or email: thejamesyt@gmail.com

Tickets for the Quiz Night are £5 and teams of up to six are accepted.

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Milnathort Future Trust meeting

The public meeting of the Milnathort Future Trust held on 22 November 2012 was attended by around 50 people.

The Milnathort Future Trust was set up to benefit the parish of Orwell through environmental protection, relief of fuel poverty and promotion of energy efficiency in housing stock. The Trust will receive income from a wind cluster at Tillyrie, in the event that the proposed wind turbines gain permission and go ahead. The Trust now has around 30 signed up members.

The deadline for comments on the planning application for the wind cluster (planning reference 12/01765/FLL) was 21 December. A total of 117 comments were made, with 103 of these being objections to the proposal.

Link road officially opened

The Western Edge Link Road was officially opened by Provost Elizabeth Grant on 22 November 2012.

The road connects Clashburn Road in the industrial estate with Junction Road, adjacent to Sainsbury's supermarket.

The project also created a new illuminated cycleway and footpath near Montgomery Way, and a steel and timber footbridge to link the new footpath to playing fields.

A sustainable approach was taken in delivering the project, including use of recycled materials, extensive landscaping, environmentally friendly lighting on the cycleway and use of primarily local companies.

The link road project cost £1.346m.

Road works at Netherhall

In order to undertake drainage and surfacing works, there will be a temporary prohibition of driving on the following road: the C413 Netherhall from its junction with the U214 Ballingall to its junction with the U232 Tillyrie. Pedestrian and emergency vehicle access to premises will be maintained. The alternative route for vehicles is via: U214 – A91 – C499.

This is effective from 4 February for one week.

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Thriller writer visits

Thriller writer Paul Henke will visit the library on **Thursday 31 January** (7pm-8pm) to talk about his latest book 'Corruption'. Paul has a dedicated readership, and his talk will not disappoint.

For tickets (priced £5), contact the library in person, by telephone or email.

Zoolab slithers its way into Kinross

Kids will have the chance to get up close to some of nature's wonders on **Saturday 2 February** when the ZooLab workshop comes to town.

Over many years ZooLab has delivered imaginative animal handling workshops to children all across the United Kingdom. The experienced ZooLab rangers deliver inspiring sessions with a wide range of animals.

In this particularly slithery and slimy session, millipedes, tarantulas, snails, rats, snakes and cockroaches will be available for the children to handle if they are brave enough! Also, there will be the opportunity to further explore the world of insects and animals from a wide range of books, and participatory games for the children attending to join in, and learn about animals in an enjoyable way.

The ZooLab will start at 1.30pm and run until 2.30pm. Tickets, priced £4, can be purchased in advance from the library. Children under eight years old must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information telephone or email the library.

Poetry and Valentine Craft

Come to the library to be inspired by 'words of love', when designing your own Valentine cards on **Saturday 9 February**, 1.30pm – 2.15pm.

Library staff will be on hand to help read and choose 'love' verses, and all craft materials will be provided. Why not come along and enjoy some creative fun?

The event is suitable for children between four and twelve years (children eight years or under need to be accompanied by an adult).

Booking is not required for the sessions. For further information, please telephone or email the library.

The Scottish World with Billy Kay

Bill Kay, a gifted and passionate communicator, writer and broadcaster will take us on a global journey of discovery on **Thursday 7 March**, 7pm – 8pm.

His book, 'The Scottish World', highlights the enormous contribution Scots have made to the modern world; their extraordinary influence on communities and cultures on almost every continent.

Tickets, costing £5, are available from the library: call in, telephone or email.

200 years of family trading ends

The former David Sands store in Kinross High Street completed its transformation to the Co-operative on 6 December 2012, when children from Kinross Primary School performed the opening ceremony.

The photograph on our front cover shows Flynn Reid wielding the scissors along with Skye Smith, Hazel Bennet, Lara Dalrymple, David Gavan and Thomas Pool, with Co-operative staff in the background.

The acquisition of the David Sands convenience store chain by the Co-operative was announced in early 2012.

The original Kinross shop was founded at the beginning of the 19th century by Joseph Hardie, who passed the business onto his nephew David Sands in 1846. It continued as a family business throughout its 200-year history.



Andrew Donaldson (left), Manager of the Kinross Co-operative Foodstore with David Sands, last Chief Executive of the family firm
Image courtesy of Jim Payne Photos

The owners adapted to changing times. In the 1960s the shop was converted to self-service and a car park created. The store was extended and modernised and late opening and seven-day trading implemented. There was ownership of a second outlet in Glenfarg in the 1960s and mobile shops, but these were sold.

Major competition arrived in the form of the Presto superstore on Station Road in 1992 (now Sainsbury's).

By then David Sands had acquired another outlet in Methilhill and over the next two decades opened further convenience stores in Fife and Perthshire, growing to a successful group of 28. The company's steady investment and innovation saw it win multiple Scottish and UK industry awards.

The David Sands stores were a good strategic fit with the Co-operative, which is the fourth biggest food retailer in Scotland. The Co-operative and David Sands share similar values, operating in the heart of communities and stocking local produce.

David Sands, the last Chief Executive of the family firm, said: "It's great to see our store in Kinross being redeveloped but with the same old friendly faces working in the store. We wish the Co-operative every success."

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Business owners are asked to make their staff aware that counterfeit currency is in circulation within the Kinross area in a variety of denominations.

The key points to look out for are:

- **Paper** – Genuine notes are printed on a fine cotton weave which has a very different feel from ordinary paper.
- **Watermark** – To check the watermark, hold the paper up to the light. Real notes will have the watermark in the paper. Counterfeiters will print the watermark on to the paper.
- **Clarity of printing** – Under close scrutiny, the detail of fake notes may look messy and lack the detail that can be seen in real notes.
- **Quality of printing** – Real notes are printed on “intaglio” presses, which raise the ink off the paper and give it a unique textured feel. If the printing on your note is flat, it could be a fake.
- **Metal thread** – Sometimes counterfeiters try to “hot foil” a strip onto the note, but on any real note this should run through the paper.
- **Hologram** – Real notes will have a high quality hologram, but counterfeiters try to get round this by printing an ultra fine foil on to the note.
- **Serial numbers** – Genuine notes have individual serial numbers but forgers will often not bother, so if two or more of your notes have the same numbers, then they are fake.
- **Detector** – It may be prudent, especially for small businesses without the huge turnover of larger ones, to try to check all notes with a detector pen or, better still, a counter-top detector.
- **Compare** the note tendered with a genuine note.

Parking at Kinross Primary School

Residents, in particular parents and carers of children at Kinross Primary School, are asked to refrain from parking on the roundabout, pavements and single yellow lines at the school when dropping off or picking up children.

These restrictions are in place for the safety of children and residents and running late is not an excuse to park in these areas.

Tickets will be issued to drivers who fail to comply with these regulations.

There are ample parking spaces on Montgomery Road and surrounding streets. An extra two-minute walk for you is surely worth it for the safety of the children.

Crime Stoppers - Telephone 0800 555 111

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

Community Officers

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

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Kinross Community Council

News from the December 2012 Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 December 2012 were: CCllrs D West, I Jack, M Wood, D Colliar, B Davies, M Blyth, C Watson, W Freeman and M Scott; P&K Cllrs W Robertson, D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi and M Barnacle; two Police representatives and thirteen members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr D Mackay.

Minutes of meeting of 7 Nov 2012: There were two amendments: (i) Reference to the bus stop at Hatchbank. CCllr Colliar understood that the CC had agreed to write a letter of support to PKC. All agreed that this should now be carried out. (ii) Reference in the summary of the Town Hall discussion to the building being demolished (in relation to water penetration) should be deleted.

Police report: Incidents include thefts from unlocked sheds and gardens in Kinross and locked containers south of Kinross; theft of fuel from a minibus parked overnight at the Green Hotel and vandalism to Christmas decorations at a garden in Springfield Road. Unfortunately, there is not enough evidence to charge anyone for the recent fire-raising at Tallapark.

The police also commented on seasonal campaigns.

Cllr Robertson commented that householders in remote areas have noticed the odd item disappearing. He suggested that a notice be placed in the Newsletter reminding people not to leave things lying around. The police representative agreed that both high value and everyday items are targeted.

Comment was made to registration marks on vehicles and the targeting of machinery; the opportunist is generally looking for scrap.

Cllr Barnacle added that Fossoway CC also raised this matter with the Police.

Future of Kinross Buildings

Town Hall: CCllr Colliar reported that a meeting was held with the developer and his agent, Simon Wilson and Malcolm Smith, along with CCllrs Wood and Freeman. He explained that following on this meeting and further research on the website he was now in receipt of the full facts and, as a consequence, in a better position to make a more informed decision. His recommendation at this point was that we make no further objection and that we withdraw our earlier comment. The exterior refurbishment will make the building more attractive and it is hopeful that this will be in place by 2014 (dependent on timescales and planning). Apart from the building to the rear, the fascia will remain entirely as it is. Both CCllrs Wood and Freeman supported this move. Mr Wilson was asked to keep us apprised of developments in relation to this matter. To be added to the agenda for the next CC meeting.

County Buildings: CCllr West advised that following the meeting with Cllr Cuthbert, Property and Law he pondered on how the CC could move forward with the County Buildings. Insurmountable issues have to be considered, such as the heating system. Should it break down, PKC advises this will cost £40,000 to repair or £80,000 to replace. Their

report recording these figures is well out of date and in view of this possible added expense CCllr West was now convinced that this was a project that we could no longer support. He added that the building itself is the wrong size and shape for micro businesses and the risks involved are high. Although some interest was shown on the Open Day, should we open the building the possibility of the heating failing is a concern. CCllr West proposed that in these circumstances the only option open now was to ask PKC to place it on the market with a request that they look for a quick sale. CCllr Watson seconded this proposal commenting that it was a shame that the Royal Caledonian Curling Club withdrew their interest. The Council to be advised of our decision and asked to confirm the position in relation to the future of the War Memorial and access to the monument. CCllr Colliar added that he had occasion to request the keys for the Light Up Ceremony and discovered that they were not being held at the Housing Office at the campus and had to be collected from Perth. This was not an ideal situation should there be an emergency. CCllr West stated that the reason for this was related to the insurance.

Former High School: This matter is progressing, however there is still a question mark over access to the site. A planning application will be the next move.

Mill Street/car park: A survey of car parking provision is currently underway and a report should be provided at the beginning of next year.

Primary School: The CC have been advised that the building is in a poor state of repair and that the staff room ceiling collapsed. Despite approaches to the Council, no repairs have been carried out and CC support was requested. The Councillors are to pursue this matter.

Former Health Centre: It was suggested that we write to NHS for an update. It was commented that a closing date was set for 17 August with a couple of offers received, however considerably lower than anticipated.

Co-option of member: CCllr West proposed that Mr Wood be accepted as a full member of the CC. This was seconded by Cllr Blyth. Carried unanimously. CCllr Colliar withdrew from proceedings as he is a relation of Mr Wood.

Kinross CC Newsletter Ltd, distribution of funds

Kinross-shire Squash: Note of gratitude for donation and copies of pictures from a recent presentation of the trophy were received.

Potager Garden: Requesting £400 to create a sensory garden. This was agreed.

Kinross High School: Requesting £100 to support printing costs of a Newsletter for the period from now to July 2013. This is to be published by sixth year students. This was agreed.

Fossoway Church: Requesting £1,500 towards the costs of installing an audio-visual system. This project will cost £15,000 and funding is being sourced from other bodies. The applicants confirm that this will be accessible to the rest of the community. Some comments and concern were raised as to the building being used as a Church and to the level of community use envisaged. It was agreed that further

information should be requested on the group's funding proposals prior to a decision being made. Cllr Watson added that should it be agreed to contribute funds from the Newsletter these be given on the proviso that this project is taken forward. Cllr Davies to follow this up.

Planning Applications

12/01977/FLL Land to the rear of 106 High Street: Renewal of existing consent (07/902781/FUL) for erection of two dwelling houses.

12/01984/FLL 29 Broom Road: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/01995/LBC Kinross House: Repairs to stone capitols at the house front entrance.

12/01939/FLL Rosemount, 9 Swansacre: Alteration and installation of replacement windows.

12/01875/FLL 2 Lathro Lane: Erection of conservatory.

Planning Applications Approved by PKC

12/01645/FLL Former hay shed at Hatchbank Farm: Erection of a dwelling house.

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

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

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

12/01704/FLL Various sites on B9097 Kinross: Local widening to verges and amendment to traffic islands.

Other Planning Matter

12/01765/FLL Land at Tillyrie Hill, Milnathort: Erection of three wind turbines and associated works.

Although not in the Kinross CC area, this application impacts on the visual aspect of the landscape and, as such, the CC are entitled to comment if they so wish. Mrs Thomson, a representative of the developers, was present to relay information on this proposal. She provided documentation to support the planning application and added that 19 windows will look onto this site from Milnathort and five from Kinross. The Kinross properties will only view the tops of the wind turbines from their bedroom windows. It was noted that this was a completely different application from the one previously refused and that an exhibition has been arranged. The CC were invited up to view the site. It was agreed that we add this to our agenda for discussion at our next meeting. The applicant is to email the documentation to us for circulation around the Cllrs and one copy is to be handed in the Library. It was commented that there is no current policy or guidelines in relation to wind turbines. It was suggested that we approach the Council regarding this. Cllr Giacopazzi informed those present that 48 supplementary priorities to accompany Local Development Plan Guidance has been approved and this includes Wind Farms.

Reports by Ward Councillors

Councillor Barnacle:

Parking at campus: A report has been prepared.

Public transport: A positive reaction has been given to improving the bus services in Kinross-shire and public canvassing is to be carried out through the Newsletter.

A977: Reported on a meeting with the Roads Department in relation to speed limits on this route.

Cllr Barnacle has asked for a 50 mph limit from Balado House to the approach to Dobbies. The speed limit on entering Kinross at Dobbies is 40.

Station Road junction at Springfield Road: The signage is ongoing.

Local Plan: The four Councillors were involved in a recent survey of the plan. They produced a detailed representation and a report on these representations is to be produced before Christmas with a special meeting to be arranged early in the New Year. However, Planning do not want to change the published document in any form. 1,500 representations were received and the Councillors do not agree with Planning's decision.

Councillor Robertson:

Car park, Green Road: Environmental Services are now looking at this area and it is hopeful that it will be adopted. Cllr Robertson will pursue this.

Green Road: Cllr Robertson commented that various areas along this road require repair, e.g. fences, pavements, overgrown hedges etc. PKC is neglecting this area and he has brought it to their attention and requested that it be brought up to a tolerable standard.

Link road: This has now been officially opened.

Councillor Giacopazzi:

Cllr Giacopazzi commented on **TRACKS**.

Council budget review: Funding will be tight over the next few years with PKC considering various methods of saving money.

Councillor Cuthbert:

Stated that everything was covered by the other Councillors and he had nothing to add.

Correspondence

Former High School: PKC says it would not be appropriate to condition missives relating to the provision of car parking at this stage and that a detailed planning application will require to be submitted by the developer in due course. PKC is currently undertaking a parking needs analysis on Kinross town centre.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 6 February at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for Wednesday 6 February

(1) Apologies. (2) Minutes of meeting held on 5 December 2012. (3) Police report. (4) Presentation re Community Payback Orders. (5) Matters arising from December meeting. (6) Disbursement of Newsletter funds. (7) Future of Kinross buildings. (8) Planning matters, including Tillyrie Wind Turbines application. (9) Reports from P&K Councillors. (10) Miscellaneous correspondence. (11) Other competent business. (12) 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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Milnathort Community Council

News from the December 2012 Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Thomson, Halford, Smith, Pettinger and Milne-Home to the meeting held on 13 December 2012. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Giacopazzi and Robertson, eleven members of the public and David Baudains to take minutes. Apologies were received from CCllrs Cottingham and Bennet and P&K Cllr Cuthbert.

Police matters: PC Riches reported. Speed checks had been carried out on 13 November 2012 along the roads from Milnathort to Perth and Burleigh Road. These had resulted in warnings for two drivers and one ticket had been issued.

A member of the public raised an issue about parking close to the junction of Victoria Avenue and Wester Loan. This was mainly due to the residents of the corner property. It was suggested that a line be painted at the 10-metre distance so that drivers were aware of the restriction.

New Minute Secretary: CCllr Hamilton welcomed David Baudains as the new minute secretary for Milnathort CC.

Tillywhally: CCllr Thomson raised the issue of ice warning signs near Tillywhally House. Cllr Giacopazzi reported that he had met with the landowner and local police on site to discuss the way forward. The Chair noted an email from Daryl McKeown, PKC Road Safety Officer, which reported on speed checks carried out on the C413 between Tillywhally and Athron Hall in September 2012. These showed that no vehicles were driving above the speed limit, however Mr McKeown also advised that the PKC officers were working with Tayside Police to assess the warning signs needed. The CC agreed that speed to match road conditions was at the heart of this issue, and it was up to individual drivers to observe sensible limits.

Placecheck: A replacement tree destined for the 'gusset' at Wester Loan should be planted by Christmas.

Planning Applications

Private water supply for new houses on site of former Ochil Hills Hospital:

Cllr Giacopazzi reported that he had contacted Nick Brian, Head of Planning, PKC to remind him of the CC objection to this application. The CC was concerned that, if approved, the already fragile supply in the area would be adversely affected. As was agreed at a previous meeting, the CC has strongly objected to this application.

Extension to Burleigh House: No CC comment.

Erection of three wind turbines, Tillyrie: CCllrs Thomson and Smith declared an interest. CCllr Thomson gave a short presentation about the intended scheme. The CC then discussed this application at length and invited views from members of the public. In general, views were strongly polarized either for or against the application. The Chair asked eligible CCllrs to vote on the CC response. Three CCllrs (Halford, Pettinger and Milne Home) voted against the application and the CC agreed to send an objection on grounds of visual impact on the landscape and of cumulative affect.

Planning Applications Determined

The Chair reported that the application to erect a single turbine at Colliston Farm had been refused.

South Street crossing: The CC was concerned about the safety aspects of the crossing, noting the number of recent near-misses reported. Cllr Robertson advised that PKC Road Safety Officer would be willing to amend the design if there was support for measures from the CC. After discussion the CC agreed that a footway build-out would be appropriate,

rather than losing further parking spaces if the zig-zags were to be extended. The CC would write to PKC. The CC also discussed the issue of the 20mph speed limit signs in the village, and agreed to write separately to PKC asking for more appropriate siting of the signs.

Tillywhally Wood: CCllr Halford updated the CC. Bird box kits have been made, but the school could not allow assembly by pupils on school premises due to insurance requirements. CCllr Halford asked if members of the public could offer a suitable site to enable work to progress.

PKC Planning website: A member of the public noted that the PKC website dealing with planning applications showed the words 'cannot make comment at this time' when people accessed the relevant area. This was clearly a glitch, but the website should be amended to show clearly the windows for comment with dates. The CC agreed to raise the matter with PKC.

Comments from the floor: The CC briefly discussed planting of the small area in Wester Loan.

Reports by P&K Councillors

Cllr Robertson reported the following:

- Action to be taken to ask BT to repair potholes.
- The Church gate had been repaired.
- There had been incidents of fly-tipping in the Back Burn.
- Milnathort Town Hall had been given listed building consent and the Civic Trust had been complimentary about the proposed modifications.
- The community had raised concerns about the gritting of local roads.
- The website 'trip advisor' contained good comments on both the Loch Leven Heritage Trail and on local hotels and guesthouses.

Cllr Giacopazzi reported the following:

- From his meeting at Tillywhally House to discuss another recent road accident, PKC stated commitment to improve signage.
- PKC are reviewing their gritting policy for that area.
- A new dog bin has been installed at the east end of Tillywhally Wood.

Cllr Barnacle reported the following:

- He had attended a meeting of the Kinross Civic Trust planning committee, where it was suggested that a designated conservation area might be welcome in Milnathort. The CC agreed that this could be inappropriate given the severe planning restrictions that could be imposed on minor home improvements.
- Paths such as those at Burleigh Castle footpath are not maintained by PKC, but PKC officers are keen to discuss a way forward with the CC. Following discussions, Cllr Barnacle agreed to arrange a meeting with TRACKS and PKC with the CC to exchange views and ideas for future maintenance.
- PKC are holding a special meeting on 23 January 2013 to review local plans; he noted that the CC had no issues with the current plan, although Kinross and Fossoway CCs had several issues.

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News from the January 2013 Meeting

CCllr Milne Home, Acting Chair, welcomed CCllrs Thomson, Halford, Smith and Pettinger to the meeting held on 10 January 2013. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Giacopazzi and three members of the public. Apologies were received from: CCllrs Hamilton, Cottingham and Bennet; P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Cuthbert and Robertson and from Tayside Police.

Police matters: A report was not available.

Tillyrie wind turbines application: The Acting Chair advised that the CC had written to PKC as agreed at the last meeting. The letter raised objections on two counts: visual impact on the landscape and cumulative effect.

South Street crossing: The Acting Chair reported that the CC had written to PKC requesting that PKC add a 'build-out' on the crossing to improve sight lines, rather than increasing the length of painted zig-zag and thereby losing further parking places. The CC had also requested that PKC consider moving the 20mph limit signs by Church Street to a point past the crossing.

PKC website planning portal: CCllr Pettinger reported that he had looked into the problems reported at the last meeting with PKC's planning portal and these appear to have been fixed by PKC. CCllr Pettinger noted there was a contact email address to report errors and he would ensure this went in the minutes.

Post meeting note:

Contact details for inaccuracies with the planning portal are: Email: DevelopmentManagement@pkc.gov.uk or telephone: 01738 475300.

Planning Application: Extension/Renewal of approval at Hattonburn Farm: The CC noted the application to extend/renew the planning approval previously agreed by PKC in December 2007, and agreed that it would not comment.

T in the Park: CCllr Smith reported that he had received an email advising of a 'T in the Park' briefing/debriefing meeting to be held on 19 February. Cllr Giacopazzi advised that PKC would be holding a similar meeting. Both meetings are not public meetings and by invitation only but if members of the public have issues that they wish to be raised at these meetings to contact their local Councillor or Community Councillor. A member of the public reported that there was unacceptable noise following conclusion of the event on the

Sunday night, and that there was no local telephone contact for members of the public to raise issues. Following discussion CCllrs Smith and Pettinger offered to attend the meeting on 19 February, noting that there would be further opportunity for the CC to discuss its input at the next CC meeting on 14 February. Cllr Giacopazzi advised that PKC was supportive of the event as a whole because of the benefit to the local economy.

Cyclists: A member of the public raised an issue of cyclists riding without lights, particularly along the roadway between Milnathort and Kinross. Following discussion the CC agreed that their concerns should be recorded in the minutes and that the issue should be discussed with local police.

Reports by Ward Councillors

Cllr Giacopazzi reported the following:

Warning signs for potential icy road conditions had been erected in the vicinity of Tillywhally House.

The four ward Councillors had met to discuss the re-insertion in the **Local Development Plan** of a possible residential housing site on the Perth Road towards Arlary, which had previously been removed from earlier editions. They had formally raised their objection with PKC. The CC agreed to support this, but noted that no further action was required at this stage.

PKC are constructing their **budget** for both capital and revenue spending in coming years and would be considering a draft shortly. He advised that the revenue budget was £338 million for the current year, 20% of which was raised from Council Tax. But he also advised of continuing stringencies in coming years.

PKC was investigating the possibility of generating **affordable housing** in Milnathort.

In further discussion, the CC noted that it was unlikely that PKC would undertake to grit the road by Tillywhally and Tillyrie as this was not a priority route and PKC was responsible for 7,500 kilometres of roadway.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 14 February at 7.30pm in Orwell Parish Church Hall.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the December 2012 Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 11 December 2012 were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), R Cairncross, T Smith, S Forde, B Calderwood, R Williamson and M Strang Steel; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, W Robertson, M Barnacle and J Giacomazzi; PC Mitchell; four members of the public and, by invitation, Miss Elizabeth Smith MSP. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr J Bird.

B920: The soft verges of the B920 have now been identified by reflective roadside poles, and warning signs have been erected. The Chairman will write to thank PKC Roads Dept. Refreshing of the surface painted road signage on the A911 from Milnathort to Auchmuir Bridge is still hand with PKC Roads Dept.

Flooding: A legal solution to the problem of flooding on the road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond is still proceeding on the initiative of Cllr Giacomazzi.

Stephen's Field: Contact with Mr John Stephen of A & J Stephen Ltd is being maintained, and it is hoped to hold a meeting in early 2013 to continue with the resolution of outstanding matters to take us forward.

Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership: Contact with the LLLP is being maintained, and a courtesy copy of a report on their activities is expected soon. The CC is still convinced that CCllr Smith should join their committee, to better serve the joint interests of the CC and the LLLP.

Lomond Country Inn: The selling agents have set a closing date for offers of 11 December 2012.

Content of Police reports: The Chairman had previously asked if information about solved crimes and road traffic accidents could be included in Police Reports. A reply has been received to say that solved crimes would be reported, but not road traffic accidents.

Vegetation at golf course A911 boundary: The footpath beside the A911 has been cleared, but the Golf Club is reluctant to remove all the vegetation at this boundary, as it prevents stray golf balls from going on to the road, and also from hitting parked cars and houses at Woodmarch. The Club has spoken to a representative of Kinnesswood in Bloom, and the matter seems to be resolved.

Community Payback Orders: Mr John Irons of PKC will attend the February 2013 meeting of the CC to explain this initiative.

Britain in Bloom signs: The matter of Silver Gilt award signs for Scotlandwell is still in hand with PKC in conjunction with the replacement of the Scotlandwell village name sign at a new northern A911 location.

Damaged wall: The wall at the foot of the field on the A911 at "Greenacres", Kinnesswood remains unrepaired and partially collapsed.

Accidents on A911 at Wester Balgedie: A site meeting between CC representatives, Mr Daryl McKeown of PKC and PC Kerry McLeod had taken place on 7 December. Cllr J Giacomazzi was also present as well as a local resident. Remedial measures such as signage and anti-skid surfaces were discussed and Mr McKeown will be reporting back to Cllr Giacomazzi with recommendations.

Developer contribution for trees: Scotlandwell in Bloom have now heard from PKC, who are going to discuss tree types and locations with them.

Pedestrian access between Wester and Easter Balgedie: The CC had written to both Cllr Robertson and TRACKS to support any future application for funding from Sustrans,

as well as writing directly to Mr Brian Cargill at PKC to highlight this lack of access as an infrastructure shortfall. TRACKS are due to submit a second application to Sustrans in January 2013 for the funding of a sealed-surface path costing in the region of £80k, to be funded jointly by Sustrans and PKC. TRACKS have been asked to let the CC review this application before submission. The CC will also be writing to the PKC Access Officer to further support the PKC funding element of this vital piece of missing infrastructure.

Scotlandwell A911 name sign: The CC will advise PKC that the preferred location for this is adjacent to the new 40mph sign on the A911, north of Scotlandwell.

Police Report: PC Euan Mitchell was present, and reported as follows: No crimes solved since last meeting.

Recent Crimes: 16 Nov 2012: theft of motor vehicle from Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood. 5 Dec 2012: theft of mechanical digger from Sandy Lane, Scotlandwell. Both under investigation. In connection with the digger theft, it was pointed out by a CCllr that while all thefts are regrettable for the victim, and should be pursued with equal vigour, the loss of this machine will also deprive its owner of a living, as well as reducing the valuable service he provides to the community.

Operation Ainslie: Details given.

Regular speed checks continue in response to concern from residents. Three drivers have been warned, and one ticket issued in respect of a vehicle travelling at 54mph in a 40mph limit. PC Mitchell reported that there were no HGVs on the A911 during the three-hour period of these afternoon checks over three random week days.

Since June 2012, two accidents had been reported. PC Mitchell was asked for the Police definition of a road accident, and this was "any accident on a public road, reported to the Police."

The Chairman thanked PC Mitchell for his attendance, and he elected to stay for the later consideration of the passage of HGVs through Portmoak.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in the two CC accounts was £928.91, after £13 paid for hall hire.

Roads and Paths: The main issue here is the lack of safe pedestrian access between Wester and Easter Balgedie (see earlier item). The CC considers it unrealistic to expect Portmoak to absorb continued housing development without improved infrastructure.

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Planning

The CC had considered the following new application to PKC and had made no objection. This was the decision of the entire CC. 12/01935/FLL: Alterations to stable block, Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell.

The CC had been notified of two further applications to PKC as follows:

12/01765/FLL: Erection of three wind turbines and associated works, on land at Tillyrie Hill, Milnathort.

12/02066/FLL: Alteration and replacement of Radome, Meteorological Station, Munduff Hill, Auchmuir Bridge.

These applications are presently under consideration.

With regard to 12/01935/FLL, a resident said he felt that the works proposed would bring about changes to the buildings, and that these works were not just storm damage repair. Another resident remarked that a planning application would not be needed for storm damage repair.

The CC agreed to look at this application again, but made the point that any minor changes would probably not give cause for objection.

Full details of PKC planning applications within Portmoak, with CC comments, can be found on the Portmoak CC website www.portmoak.org

Reports by Ward Councillors

Cllr Barnacle said that there had been 1,500 submissions to the proposed Local Development Plan, but it was unlikely that any of these would cause any amendment to the Plan as proposed by PKC, and that the Plan would probably be presented to Ministers for approval in its present state. He asked the CC to advise him of any specific significant matter in Portmoak that could justify him moving for an amendment to the Plan.

Cllr Giacomazzi had agreed an access path at the Wellside Park development with PKC planners. Written confirmation of this would be awaited.

Heavy Goods Vehicles using the A911

The Chairman welcomed Elizabeth Smith MSP, who represents the region of Mid Scotland and Fife.

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

The Chairman had been contacted by Elizabeth, who had also received complaints from Portmoak residents during her own work as an MSP, and it was agreed that this matter could be usefully dealt with at a CC meeting.

After a wide-ranging discussion, it was agreed that the number of HGVs using the A911 was increasing, as was the

size of these vehicles, even including local delivery vehicles. It was agreed that large goods vehicles are having difficulty turning into Leslie Road in Scotlandwell, and that this is sometimes caused by excessive approach speed.

A Kinnesswood resident said that the axle weight of some vehicles is causing roadside dwellings to vibrate, which must inflict damage.

It was also mentioned that some large agricultural vehicles, particularly those with heavy trailers, are also experiencing difficulty due to the build-outs.

The merit of having the A911 downgraded to a "B" class road was discussed, but it was concluded that this did not provide a solution, and might even be disadvantageous.

It was generally agreed that the B9097 was a more suitable road for HGVs, and preferable to the A911.

The merit of having a 20 mph speed limit throughout Portmoak was debated without conclusion.

It was agreed that there was no point in simply moving the Portmoak HGV problem to another area, and that Fife should also be consulted.

At the suggestion of Cllr Robertson, it was agreed that an overview of the situation should be made with the objective of establishing Kinross-shire as a pilot area for the study of road haulage and its impact on communities.

Elizabeth agreed to pull information together from this wider perspective, and to liaise with Cllrs Robertson and Barnacle, who could provide additional input from their own previous local experience and information.

It was agreed that the object of the exercise would be to involve CCs, elected members, the Police, PKC, Fife Council, and others as appropriate, in the production of a balanced submission to Transport Scotland.

The Chairman thanked Elizabeth Smith MSP for her interest and involvement with Portmoak in the resolution of this problem.

Speeding: A resident said that speeding vehicles in Kinnesswood in the early morning are still a problem. It had previously been suggested to the Police that early morning and evening would be the most productive times to address this problem.

House levels at Wellside Park: A resident said that the height of a house being built on the Wellside Park development seemed to be greater than that indicated on the approved plans, and asked if the CC could intervene to verify this. This was agreed.

Radome on Munduff Hill: A resident of Kinross had written to the CC to say that he considered this device to be an

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intrusion on the skyline, and this could perhaps be reduced by a change of colour from white. This Radome is subject of a planning application to PKC, presently under consideration by the CC. There was some discussion during Planning, and it was felt that white was probably the best choice against the sky. It was also remarked that the Radome was probably white for operational reasons. This will be reviewed during the CC planning consideration.

Gritting of road at Wester Balgedie: The Chairman had written to PKC Roads Department to ask that the road from the A911, through Wester Balgedie, and then onwards to Glenlomond could be given priority, as this new bus route was not being gritted until late in the day.

Grit bin at church car park: A Scotlandwell resident had asked if a grit bin could be provided, as the car park is dangerously icy in winter. The Chairman had accordingly written to PKC Roads Department.

Access to field from A911: A resident reported that a wide access had been created leading to a field to the west of the A911, between Woodmarch and Kinnesswood, and he asked if this had required planning permission. The CC undertook to investigate.

Vandalism: The same resident reported vandalism on the golf course, and the throwing of eggs at parked cars. He had not reported these events to the Police. The CC may do this after speaking to officials at the Golf Club.

Wind farms: The same resident then spoke in general terms about the proliferation of wind farms in the area, and their visual impact, and asked what the CC was doing to prevent

this, as he considered that there were better ways of generating electricity. The Chairman said that the CC would address individual wind farm planning applications to PKC as they arose, but that it was Scottish Government policy to build wind farms as part of a commitment to generate electricity from renewable sources. The Chairman said that the discussion of government policy was beyond the remit of the CC, as indeed were the merits of other means of generating electricity.

Proposed wind farm at Tillyrie: A member of the public, a landowner from Milnathort, addressed the meeting to say that it was on her land that the proposed wind farm at Tillyrie would be built. She gave the history of two previous failed applications for the site, and the effect on her, and her personal rationale for now wishing to make another application for three turbines instead of five, and also of shorter blade length. She said that the wind farm would make a donation to the Milnathort Future Trust from its operating profits, and this would benefit various Milnathort charities. She asked Portmoak CC to support this planning application.

The January meeting of Portmoak CC was cancelled.

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

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the December 2012 Meeting

CCllrs S Morrison, A Lavery, K Borthwick, R Paterson, S Anderson and A Cheape attended the meeting in Fossoway School on 4 December 2012. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr M Barnacle and ten members of the public (MoP). Apologies for absence were received from CCllr T Duffy-Wigman and P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi, D Cuthbert and W Robertson. There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: Officer not present, but sent a report: A977 closure and concern over school run parking – checks made; Carnbo speed checks continue; No recent crimes; Speed checks continue on local arterial routes; Operation Ainslie information given.

Blairingone War Memorial: Alastair reports that the developer does plan to move the war memorial.

Lambhill Wood Chip Plant at Blairingone: Calum Snowie not presenting to this meeting – a date will be fixed in the future. Gordon Banks MP has written to David Littlejohn to clarify the details of the applications. Cllr Barnacle reports that Cllr Cuthbert has written to Nick Bryant and has received a response explaining why the applications are being handled separately.

Travellers' site, Crook Moss, Crook of Devon: Phase 2 responses are being processed. Cllr Barnacle notes that the 1 August meeting deferred the application pending reports on grey water disposal and contaminated land and there has been no change since, meanwhile the occupants are still there; MoPs ask what SEPA are doing – investigations continue but they can't do anything without proof of damage. There was extensive discussion on this item and considerable disquiet from members of the public regarding the council officers' responses and lack of response to the communities concerns.

Catering kiosk at Craigton Road, Powmill: The sign has been reduced in size. Cllr Barnacle has had a phone call from the owners of the Milk Bar expressing concern about the number of signs. The PKC enforcement officer has instructed the owner to remove signs other than those on his own land.

CC Business

Kevin attended **Dunning Glen** meeting. Police have spent quite a lot of time making checks of people and vehicles at the site, which has resulted in some offences being reported. The Police request reports (to the non-emergency number) whenever there are congregations of people there.

Sandy, Kevin and Cllr Barnacle met with Gordon Banks MP on 12 November to discuss the **travellers' site**. Gordon suggested that another route of complaint might be for the community to approach Audit Scotland.

Sandy attended **Planning Users' Forum**. A proposal was made to involve CCs in the preparation of the next local plan in four years' time; this seems ironic since our input to the current plan was largely ignored!

Sandy attended **Working with Community Councils** meeting, where all the other CC representatives agreed that their views were also largely ignored.

Angus attended **Kinross-shire Fund Meeting** where five grants were awarded.

Report by Councillor Barnacle

Kinross ward councillors met with **Peter Marshall and Nick Bryant** and discussed the status of the AGLV, flood risk concerns, interpretation of Housing in the Countryside policies, lack of reference to any work done by the Strategy Group in any planning report, and wind turbine policies. The planners expressed a desire to improve their relationship with

the CCs – it was suggested that the planners should attend the CC network meetings.

Carnbo telephone box has disappeared. Pavement restoration needs to be done appropriately to mitigate flooding. The Roads department assure Cllr Barnacle they will do the right thing.

Rumbling Bridge 30mph speed limit sign has been moved, not to Naemoor Road as previously suggested, but to a location that has caused new concerns from other residents. In the longer term, this will be addressed by making Naemoor Road a "green road" which will mean it gets a 20mph limit.

Meeting with Roads department discussed **Drum Main street** access only request, which will be addressed by improving signage to encourage vehicles to take the main road instead.

Meeting with public transport unit about **bus services:** Cllr Barnacle has proposed a figure-of-eight loop around the villages; comments and other bus route suggestions invited from all.

Local Plan: Although there were over 1500 representations to the draft plan, there is no intention by Forward Planning to change the plan at all! The only result is that a report of the representations will be sent with the draft plan to the Reporter. A special PKC meeting will be held in January to give local members an opportunity to propose amendments, or pass the plan unchanged. The Councillors need input from the CC as to which items are sufficiently serious that our councillors should raise amendments to change them. Alastair suggests that the most significant omission from the plan is that it covers nothing other than housing, i.e. no infrastructure improvements, school provision, etc. Also a policy for Blairingone housing is needed. It was agreed that the CC members would discuss the issue prior to Christmas in order to give feedback to the Councillors.

Planning

The CC made no comment on the following four applications: 12/01848/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land 50 metres south west of Merryhills, Rumbling Bridge; 12/01895/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), site 250 metres north east of Devonshaw, Powmill; 12/01931/FLL Alterations to workshop to form granny flat, Corrie-Tigh, Rumbling Bridge; 12/02019/IPL Renewal of planning consent (09/01279/IPL), erection of a dwelling house (in outline), land at Blashieburn, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone.

12/02025/FLL Erection of four dwelling houses, site west of Carnbo Farm House, Carnbo: **The CC objects.** Part of the site is outwith the settlement boundary, Policy 48; Number of houses on the green field section of the site exceeds Local Plan Policy 94; Lack of detail on foul water drainage (Policies 10, 11, 12, 95).

Correspondence

A full list was circulated to the attendees.

Other Business

Road Closure A977: There was extensive discussion on this item. Traffic attempting to avoid the closure caused some problems in spite of the council signposting diversions. Cllr Barnacle points out that the traffic chaos caused proves that the A977 is a significant route through this area. The CC will give feedback to the council on extra signage.

Road closure B9097 10 December: In the absence of physical barriers, then it's likely that people will take inappropriate diversions again.

Water supply: Jim Marshall of Waulkmill (amongst other residents) reports that the water supply to Crook of Devon

smells of chlorine – is this a widespread problem? Cllr Barnacle reports that Scottish Water has done some tests and is still investigating. A notice will be posted in the shop requesting any residents who are concerned to contact the CC, Mike Barnacle, or Scottish Water. Thanks to Andrew for his co-operation.

Advertising on CC notice boards, e.g. from the Forestry Commission, will no longer be allowed.

News from the January 2013 Meeting

Attending: CCllrs S Morrison, A Lavery, K Borthwick, S Anderson and T Duffy-Wigman attended the meeting held on 8 January 2013 in Blairingone Primary School. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr W Robertson and seven members of the public (MoP). Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs A Cheape and R Paterson and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, J Giacomazzi and D Cuthbert. There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: PC Riches was not present, but sent a report. There are no incidents to report in this area. Speed checks continue to be made on major routes. PC Douglas Stapleton will be the Community Police Officer for the next three months.

Blairingone War Memorial: This is still on-going.

Crook of Devon Church car park: The Church is now progressing this.

Signposting Core Paths and Rights of Way: Cllrs Barnacle, Cuthbert and Giacomazzi were not present to give feedback on this.

Lambhill Wood Chip Plant at Blairingone: Calum Snowie not presenting to this meeting and will let us know when he will attend. SEPA have strongly objected to the application because run-off from building waste stored on concrete hard standing might contaminate water courses – this objection was not known about by the Planner. Cllr Robertson will write to the Planner to ensure he is aware of the SEPA objection. Gordon Banks MP had written to PKC asking for an update. PKC's response included the information that the decision on whether an application was major or not could only be based on the area measurements provided by the developer. Also that the application will be handled under delegated powers due to insufficient objections and that part of the application will be treated as retrospective. The CC will send their objection to the Planners again, and reinforce the noise issue.

Travellers' site at Crook Moss, Crook of Devon: Phase 2 responses have been received to both complaints. Two of the objections have been upheld regarding incorrect information in the Planner's Report and the next version of the Report will be updated to include the missing information: "the omissions will be flagged to insure that councillors are made aware of these errors". There was considerable discussion on this item and those present reiterated their concerns regarding the department and the way the matter had been handled. The CC have decided not to elevate the complaint to the Ombudsman, but have arranged a meeting with David Littlejohn on 17 January to discuss the community's concerns regarding his department, and to try and develop a better relationship between the CC and the Planning Department.

GlenQuey Quarry: The CC received a letter asking for comments on the traffic implications, although the quarry itself is not in this CC's area. The letter contained figures from a new traffic count taken on the road where the quarry access road would join it. The CC repeated its objections that the 80 heavy (20 tonne) lorry movements per day (figures

provided by the developer) would impose an unacceptable load on the surrounding roads and bridges. The application is expected to come before the April planning meeting. Cllr Robertson will write to the Council asking for a traffic impact analysis before the application is discussed. There was significant discussion on this item, particularly on access to the M90 going south.

Crook of Devon water supply: The CC received several complaints about the quality of water. Kevin reports that a notice agreed with Scottish Water was put in the Crook of Devon notice board and the shop. Several residents contacted Scottish Water and the situation has now improved.

CC Business: A Special CC meeting was held to consider the Local Development Plan, from which several items have been submitted to the PKC councillors to be brought up at the full council meeting where the plan will be discussed: Strategic Planning does not address land for Employment, Education requirements, Transport infrastructure, Areas of Great Landscape Value. Emphasis should be made on using brownfield sites in preference to greenfield.

Report by Councillor Robertson

Local councillors will be meeting to review submissions about the **LDP** and agree amendments to the plan to be submitted to the Council meeting on 23 January.

Scottish Government are encouraging the use of **Gaelic**, and PKC will invest money, some from the Scottish Government and the rest from PKC, in providing Gaelic on the website, road signs, responses to letters, etc.

Later this month PKC will publish a paper on "**Green Roads**" (roads made more suitable for cyclist, pedestrians and horses). Regrettably the **U222** will not be included because there is not deemed to be enough heavy traffic on it, and there won't even be a weight limit. Cllr Robertson plans to propose an amendment to include the U222. It would help if the CC wrote to Gillian Robinson to support this, mentioning that heavy lorries do use this route and a weight limit would be a sensible alternative.

Planning: No applications this month.

Correspondence: Full list circulated to attendees.

Other Business

Road closures: The **A977 Blairingone** road closure (for two weeks) has been **postponed** to 11 March. The closure of the **B9097** has been **cancelled** for the foreseeable future.

The details of the **River Devon poisoning** that happened 18 months ago has not yet been reported, possibly because legal proceeding are still outstanding. The CC will ask SEPA for information.

The Carnbo phone box has now been removed and the pavement reinstated, but not levelled properly, creating a trip hazard and a water trap. Discussions are taking place between PKC and BT over the financial responsibility before this can be fixed.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 February at 7.30pm at Fossoway Primary School, Crook of Devon. All welcome!

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www.fossoway.org

Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the December 2012 Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 3 December 2012 at the Tabernacle Hall were: CCllrs P Fraser, R Jeffrey, F MacGregor and R Kitchin; Associate Members J Moore and C Culley; P&K Cllr M Barnacle and ten members of the community. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr H Somerville and P&K Cllr D Cuthbert.

Crime Prevention: No police officer was present and their report was not received in time for meeting.

Correspondence: There was an e-mail from Brenda Lackie of PKC regarding a by-election, which is required in order to formally elect the co-opted/associate members. This will be set in motion.

Roads: A meeting took place with Jack Eadie and some members of the CC. Many problems were discussed in Cleish, Keltybridge and Maryburgh. Mr Eadie promised that potholes in the area would be properly filled in the spring. The "speed bump" at the Nivingston junction will also be altered.

Proposed wind farms: An application has been submitted to PKC for three turbines at Tillyrie. The scoping report for Outhmuir (eight turbines) has been with Fife Council for some months with no application made yet. The scoping report for Blairadam Forest (ten turbines) is with Fife Council. (A public exhibition on this took place at Kelty on 3 Dec and Cleish on 5 Dec.)

Cllr Barnacle made the point that the portrayed visualisation of the turbines in exhibitions is not always the same in reality.

Planning Applications

Blairadam House: demolish part, alter and extend existing house to bring the building up to 21st century standard. There were no comments from the CC or the floor on this application.

Cleish Mill: Changes to landscaping plan, erection of a summerhouse and relocation of entrance road (in part retrospect). There was much discussion from the floor on this application and it was decided that the CC would write to Gary Dimick urging the planning department to consider all views regarding this application.

Cllr Barnacle once again expressed his concern regarding the planning department at PKC. He is concerned the draft Local Plan is going to be fast tracked and any representations from the CCs will not be taken into consideration.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the local plan and the planning process and it was agreed that the CC would write to Gordon Banks MP.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 4 February at 7.30pm at Cleish Village Hall.

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Club & Community Group News

Take part in a sponsored walk alongside beautiful Loch Leven!

Help raise funds for Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland

Put a spring in your step this March and join us for a wee Sunday morning wander! Scotland's health charity Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland is marking the start of spring with a repeat of its highly successful Loch Leven Walkathon. This walk along the stunning Loch Leven Heritage Trail is in its third successful year and has raised over £13,000 so far for the charity. There's a choice of 6km or 11km routes; both start and finish at the Boathouse Bistro in Kinross, have fantastic views and follow well-maintained, signposted, traffic-free footpaths.

Chest
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The Walkathon is a fun event for all

Both routes are suitable for all ages and fitness levels so why not give the shopping and hoovering a miss on **Sunday 24 March** and come along for some fun and healthy exercise – and raise money for a great cause at the same

time! Event organiser, CHSS Fundraiser Sara Thomson, explained:

"The Loch Leven Walkathon has been so popular and successful in the last two years that it's become an annual fixture in the Tayside walking calendar. It's a great way to show that exercise can be fun and everyone can take steps to improve their fitness level, whatever their age or ability. They can also help us fund the wide range of services we provide - from stroke groups to stroke nurses, advice line to free publications and medical research - by signing up for the walk and paying the small entry fee (£10 for adults, £5 for young people 5-17, under 5s free). Optional sponsorship forms will be supplied but there is no minimum sponsorship; we hope participants will raise what they can to support our work. We are very grateful to the Green Hotel Golf & Leisure Resort and Loch Leven National Nature Reserve for their support with this event."

Participants can enter online at www.scotlandwalkathon.com, call 0300 1212 444 for an entry form, email fundraising@chss.org.uk or call into the CHSS charity shop in Leven, Cupar, Kirkcaldy or Crieff. Every walker gets a special certificate and a goody bag. CHSS needs to raise £7 million each year to fund its programme of support for people affected by chest, heart or stroke illness. The charity funds vital medical research and provides a range of local services. There is an Advice Line (tel: 0845 077 6000) and a website at www.chss.org.uk

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Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



The committee, volunteers and users of the **KVG and ROS** would like to thank the following for their very generous donations: Kinross Round Table for £2250 and their ongoing support; Rotary Club of Kinross & District for £500; two local churches and community members for donations amounting to over £600.

Our drivers not only drive but offer a support and befriending service for people attending medical appointments at hospital or the medical centre, social occasions, shopping, hairdresser, etc. The donations will enable the group to continue running the service and to, hopefully, expand it.

Kinross-shire retains Fairtrade status

Good news – The Fairtrade Foundation has again awarded the County of Kinross-shire Fairtrade status, and confirms the County's additional status as the first Fairtrade County in Scotland. The Foundation have been very impressed by the varied and interesting involvement of so many in the community toward the promotion of the Fairtrade ideals.

We welcome to Kinross the Co-operative as a major Fairtrade retailer.

Look out for Fairtrade events in the county during **Fairtrade Fortnight, 25 February to 10 March.**

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

Kinross and District Probus Club



The subject of the talk on 21 November 2012 was **'Ship Breaking on the Forth'** given by Mr Jack Eadie, whose company, James A White of St David's Harbour, was engaged in the ship breaking business on the Forth. It was one of a number of companies carrying out ship breaking work in the various ports on the Forth, from Rosyth with its dry dock facility which could handle large ocean going liners, to Burntisland, Inverkeithing, Bo'ness and St David's Harbour itself. This port was tidal, which lent to the complexities of the work.

The first iron ship to be broken on the Forth was in 1822. All work was carried out by hand – the rivet heads were broken by hammer and the iron plate was broken into plates of 5 ft by 2 ft.

While iron and steel were recovered from the ships, other non ferrous metals were also recovered as well as fittings such as furniture, light fittings, copper piping, steel cables, ropes, plumbing fittings and spare parts.

Steel was mainly sold to the steel producing mills but an interesting application was the utilisation of heavy steel plate to manufacture medical scanners, which required plate free of all radio active contamination.

Immediately after World War II, because of the lack of steel to rebuild, a Government controlled body supervised the buying of ships for scrap and allocated the breaking work to the various ship breaking companies. This practice was stopped when the country recovered and the business became competitive, with open bidding to procure vessels for breaking.

Equipment was modernised; safety was improved. Asbestos and lead from paint were particularly troublesome. This, of course, led to extra costs and new sources of ships had to be found as well as new markets. Competition from abroad, especially south east Asia where employment and safety practices were not so strict, gradually captured the market. Perhaps the greatest marine salvage ever was the purchase and salvaging of the scuttled ships in Scapa Flow by a man called Ernest Cox, who had no connection with ship breaking at all. As part of the salvage work the Battleship Renown was brought to the Forth and broken up in the dry dock at Rosyth.

The vote of thanks was given by Arthur Wallace.

In December forty members and a guest enjoyed a talk given by Mr Ian Archibald entitled **'The History of Ordnance Survey'**.

The origin of the Ordnance Survey was in the survey work carried out during the Napoleonic wars by the military. The United Kingdom was the first in the World to map the entire country and, indeed, such was the reputation gained that maps of other countries, especially Commonwealth countries, were produced.

The first map of the whole of Scotland was carried out by a man called Timothy Pont who lived from 1565 to 1614. He travelled the country by horse and carried out the survey with the crudest of instruments. It became obvious that more sophisticated instruments were required and early instruments included the 'Circumvator', which measured angles, and a chain to measure length.

A more comprehensive survey of Scotland was carried out by William Roy, who is considered to be the father of Ordnance Survey. He took eight years to complete his

survey by 1755. This emphasised the need for better equipment and methods and it was at this time that the idea of 'triangulation' was proposed. The Principal triangulation of the UK was completed in 1852 with its base point in the Isles of Scilly.

The first theodolite was constructed by Jesse Ramsden and, while this was an expensive and cumbersome machine, it was the forerunner of subsequent instruments used to survey the complete country in the form we know it today and to the scales used in the plotting. Contours were also introduced about 1850 with a Datum for all levelling being established at Newlyn in Cornwall.

Surveys carried out at this time were very accurate and in the 1970s a base line, some 7.9 miles long, which had been measured in Ireland by one Thomas Colby in the 19th century was checked using electronic equipment and found to be only one inch out.

Aerial photography was introduced in the First World War and used to advantage, from a military viewpoint, in the Second World War. 'Trig Points' were introduced between the wars with the first built in Northants in 1936. They continue to be used but most survey work is now carried out by digital means in conjunction with satellites deployed to cover the Earth.

Ken Morrison proposed the vote of thanks.

The Club resumed meeting after the Christmas and New Year break with a talk entitled **'Holy Whitewater'** which was given by the Rev. Scott Burton of St Matthew's Church in Perth. The 'Whitewater' refers to the rapids on a river and this was at the heart of the talk.

After nine years' ministry in Kelty and before starting a ministry in Perth, Scott Burton took his family on holiday to Lanzarote, where he tried windsurfing. A lot of time was spent clambering back on to his board after falling off, nevertheless, it gave him a taste for the sport and a desire to carry on after returning home. This, however, was frustrated by the difficulty in finding suitable opportunities within close proximity to Perth, so he joined Perth Canoe Club where he could learn the skills of whitewater kayaking. There are many suitable runs around Perthshire – on the Tay at Grandtully and Stanley Weir. Photographs of waterfalls in Glen Etive showed the severe nature of some of the runs undertaken by practitioners of the sport.

Kayakers work together: if, despite precautions taken in the way of training and safety equipment, someone gets into difficulties, there are other experienced kayakers to help out and to rescue them. Scott Burton did have an accident in which he banged his head against a rock. Fortunately his safety helmet absorbed the brunt of the blow. A photo of the helmet showed just how badly it was scarred. This incident frightened him and prompted him to investigate the nature of fear by typing into his computer the words 'Kayak Fear'. His research revealed a wealth of literature on the subject of fear and made him realise that the Journey of Life could be compared with the Journey of the River. This concept had been written about in past times – Da Vinci referred to the Life Cycle being comparable to the Water Cycle. Only recently, in his TV programme about the rivers of the UK, Griff Rhys Jones talks of the spirituality of flowing water. Scott Burton has himself written a book in which, guided by the Bible, he uses Whitewater Kayaking as a metaphor for Life. The chapters were explained and showed the relevance to our lives – thus 'Holy Whitewater'.

Robin Webster proposed the vote of thanks for a very entertaining and thought provoking talk.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Need to get out and blow the cobwebs away? Eaten too much Christmas cake? Suffering from SAD? Winter walks can be beautiful, as well as a sociable way to improve your general health and fitness. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. Walks are led by volunteers from our group. New members, and returning members, will be made very welcome.

Sunday 3 February: Dunkeld - Bishop's, Fiddler's and Inver Paths, 6½ miles. A delightful, gentle walk past the cathedral and along Bishop's path with its spectacular trees. The Fiddler's path takes us along the banks of the River Tay in a circular route, joining up with the Inver path. Back to Dunkeld via the Beatrix Potter Garden.

Accompanied children welcome if fit. Registered assistance dogs only.

Saturday 16 February: Menstrie Glen Circular, 5 miles. After initial climb up the old pony trail, a scenic walk up the east side of glen to Jerah farm, crossing burn below Lossburn reservoir to return along old drove road on west side.

Accompanied children welcome if fit. Registered assistance dogs only.

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

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

Portmoak Film Society

About 30 fans saw the first movie of 2013 at Portmoak Village Hall on 12 January. It was "Bicycle Thieves", set in post-war Rome and telling the poignant story of a father-son relationship dogged by poverty and desperation. It was given an "excellent/very good" rating by the audience using our nothing if not sophisticated approval gauge, otherwise known as the 'marble count'.

Another treat is in store in February with "Catch 22", Mike Nichols' 1970 film of the celebrated novel by Joseph Heller. A comic satire dealing with the impact of war on servicemen, it stars Alan Arkin (along with a tremendous cast) as a B-52 bomber pilot stationed in the Mediterranean who watches his comrades get killed or go mad under the strain. The phrase has since entered daily language, meaning to find oneself in an unwinnable situation – but you have to watch the film (or read the book!) to find out what the 'catch' was!

It's showing on **Saturday 9 February**; doors open at 7pm and films start promptly at 7.30pm with refreshments afterwards.

The season ends traditionally with 'surprise' films in March and April – watch this space in the next Newsletter for more information or check out our website:

www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

**Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 15 February
for publication on Saturday 2 March**

Kinross Parish Church

Kinross volunteers thanked for response

Members of Kinross Parish Church have been thanked for their response to 'Faith in Action' – a series of events in 2012 encouraging members to consider how their talents could be used for the work of the church.

Writing in the church's magazine, Session Clerk Jaffrey Weir says: 'we now have more volunteers for the visitors group which offers much needed pastoral support, we have drivers willing to give others a lift to church, we have gardeners who have already achieved the best-attended garden tidy-up in years, we have volunteers to clean the Communion cups, others willing to serve coffee after Sunday Service, more readers for Sunday worship – the list goes on'.

The church's 'Faith in Action' activities were in response to a decision of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland that all congregations should reconsider their stewardship of time, talents and money over three years. The Kirk Session of the Kinross church chose to concentrate on talents this year, mindful of the recent financial effort by the congregation to finance the purchase of a new manse.

Among the activities has been the creation of paper trees in the form of the congregation's Faith in Action logo, with each leaf bearing the name of one of the 150 young people who are part of the life of the church through a host of groups from a crèche and a Pram Service for the youngest, through Junior Church and Boys' Brigade, to



Faith in Action paper trees

meetings and events for teenagers and young adults. This involvement of young people is made possible by thirty-five volunteers giving their time.

Mr Weir concludes: 'Thank you to those new volunteers who have stepped forward, those who have taken on new roles and those who have been quietly working away in the background for years.'

'Fuel for Life': a focus for Kinross Parish Church in 2013

Kinross Parish Church has decided to support the 'Fuel for Life' initiative, as part of a twelve-month focus on the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship which will also involve the wider community.

MAF is an inter-denominational Christian charity which uses light aircraft to bring physical and spiritual hope to people in some of the world's poorest areas. Operating in places of deepest human need, MAF supports the work of local churches and provides a vital lifeline to essential humanitarian services. It was originally founded by Christian pilots at the end of the Second World War. These aircraft need fuel and the 'Fuel for Life' campaign will ensure that they fly further and that more lives will be transformed.

Kinross Parish Church will launch its focus on this initiative at the 10.30am service on Sunday 17 February, when the proposed events for the year will be outlined.



Kinnesswood in Bloom



A project agreed for this year was to involve children in designing wildlife boards for the bus shelter. The necessary permission had been granted from PKC and it is hoped to go ahead with this in the spring.

Bulbs had been planted by the eco group at the school and more bulbs were planted in tubs along the village street.

One project which has been ongoing over the last couple of years has been filling the compost bins at the car park at the back of the Lomond Hotel. Waste material from planters and the different gardens in Kinnesswood have been added to the compost bins and turned on a regular basis. Very useable compost was recently barrowed from the bins to use as a mulch on the Cottage Garden and Rose Garden. Now that it has been established, there should be a regular supply of compost to use in the village gardens.

Work parties are stopped now for the winter. The last meeting of the year was to put up the Christmas tree in the picture garden. John Nicol and Z Goudie set up the tree and connected the lights and a couple of younger members helped decorate the tree, followed by mulled wine for the adult helpers and mince pies for everyone.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and successful gardening in 2013.

New members are always welcome.



Kinnesswood in Bloom members turning compost

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



Preparations are underway for the forthcoming twinning visit from Gacé this coming summer. The Gacé party are due to arrive late afternoon on 4 August, departing on the morning of 12 August. A programme of visits to places of cultural interest in and around central Scotland is being planned.

Host families are still required to assist with this visit and anyone who can help should contact chairperson Jeannie Paterson (tel. 862159).

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Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom



Swiss Cheese and Vegetable Soup

This will make a lovely warming dish during the winter months, especially if it is eaten with crusty bread.

Ingredients

- 40g butter
- 1 small leek
- 1 small onion
- 25g flour
- 425ml milk
- 425ml stock
- 4 tablespoons of diced carrot
- 4 tablespoons of diced or leftover vegetables
- 55g Gruyere cheese cut into small dice

Method

Melt the butter and cook the chopped leek and onion in it lightly till soft. Blend in the flour. Cook gently for a minute or two then gradually add the milk and stock. Bring to the boil, stirring constantly, then simmer gently for 5 minutes. Add the rest of the vegetables and simmer for 20 minutes. Just before removing the soup from the heat, stir in the cheese cubes, season well and garnish with parsley sprigs. The cheese cubes should be just on the point of melting when you serve the soup.

Inner Wheel



The speaker at our December meeting was Mrs Marie Sheils, who gave a thought-provoking talk about the Tay Bridge disaster of 1979. She carefully examined all aspects of the construction of the bridge, the materials used and the particular geographical features of the river and its banks, which made the disaster inevitable. A sombre talk, given that an estimated 75 people lost their lives, but fascinating nevertheless.

Our January meeting speaker was our very own Kinross CC Newsletter editor, Eileen Thomas, who talked us through the history of the A5, 12-page first edition costing 5p to the, much admired, 100 plus page, glossy and professional paper we have today. Eileen had brought along some archive copies of various issues, but informed us that the full archive is available at the Kinross Museum in the library – well worth a look.

In January we celebrate Inner Wheel Day, with an Italian themed lunch at President Liz Pottie's house and also join with the Rotarians for a Burns Night Supper, the proceeds of which are in aid of Kinross Rural Outreach.

If you are having a post-Christmas clear out, it is not too late to donate any unwanted items you may have towards our collection for equipment for Mary's Meals Backpack Project. Most of the children who benefit from Mary's Meals and the Backpack Project have suffered war, poverty, famine, or natural disaster. Very often families cannot afford to buy basic things like pencils and copy books, or even suitable clothes for their children to wear to school. And so their children miss out on school and an education. A simple backpack with educational materials can be a lifeline to these children as studies show that an education is the best way a chronically poor child can escape poverty in later life. Donated items can be left at 79 Muirs. Thank you.

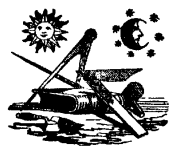
Ann Barlow, Club Correspondent

Kinross and District Art Club



The year ahead for the Art Club promises to have lots of interesting events as well as the weekly enjoyment of meeting up with likeminded and friendly colleagues. Our calendar of events for the spring term includes an all day visit to two galleries in Edinburgh: on the morning of March 12th we will visit the recently refurbished and much praised **National Portrait Gallery**, where we will be shown around the newly restored features of the building by **Robert Galbraith**, project manager of the refurbishment. In the afternoon we will visit the **Peploe Exhibition** in the **Gallery of Modern Art**, where our guide will be the artist's grandson, **Guy Peploe**, internationally recognised as the leading expert on the Scottish Colourists. At the club meetings we will also benefit from the expertise of our in-house tutors and from visiting artists. In February our guest will be local artist **Babs Pease**, whose work was recently exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy Open Exhibition. Babs is an authority on lino cuts but also has expertise in watercolours and this will be the focus of her demonstration on February 5th. Club Membership now stands at just under 60 members and, since we have booked a second room at The Millbridge Hall on Tuesdays and a further afternoon on Fridays, we do have room to accommodate a few more members, particularly people who can attend the Friday session. If you are interested, please get in touch with Club Secretary, **Sybil** at **01577 830347** or visit our website at **www.kadac.co.uk** where you can learn more about the club and see the full calendar of events.

Lodge St Serf No 327



"Tuesday Lodges Meeting" at Lodge St. Fothads No. 1059, 12 Orebark Road, Cardenden KY5 0JW at 7.15pm on **Tuesday 29 January**. Fellow Craft Degree to be conferred by Office Bearers of Lodges Elgin's Lodge at Leven No. 91, Lodge of Kirkcaldie No.72, St. Serf No. 327, Torrie No. 1141 and Balcarres No. 1240. A good attendance would be much appreciated.

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

For the most up to date minutes and other information please see our website www.milnathortprimary.org.uk Alternatively, contact the Clerk, Elyse Kirkham on 07747534513 or e-mail elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk

Meetings: The Parent Council will be meeting on the following dates: **25 February, 22 April and 3 June**.

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

Fundraising: Thank you to Cat Darbyshire and all those who gave up their time to help at the school Christmas Fair. Thank you also to the Kinross-shire Round Table and to everyone who volunteered at the Santa's Sleigh in Milnathort. Both events were a great success. Thank you also to all those in the village who so kindly donated funds for the school. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Milnathort Primary School ends 2012 in style!

Although we are nearly into the second month of 2013, events at Milnathort PS towards the end of 2012 deserve a mention!

On 11 December Santa swept into Milnathort on his sleigh and, together with the Round Table, Milnathort Primary schoolchildren, family and friends went on a magical fund raise around the village! Thanks to the generosity of our community and with the Round Table's help, we raised a substantial figure for school funds!

Our annual nativity was performed by a cast of P1 and P2 children and our audiences of pupils, families and friends were most impressed with this year's production, the Story of Christmas.

Another annual event, the Milnathort PS Christmas Fair, took place on 15 December and again local crafts people and trades turned up to present Christmas produce and gifts with a personal touch. The event, organised by parents and attended by the wider community, was a huge success, left us all in the festive spirit and raised funds for school in the process!

Christmas parties are always a highlight and from Nursery to P7, school staff made sure Milnathort learners had fun-filled parties!

As well as our traditional end of term Church Service, attended by the whole school with an open invitation to the community, a group of P3/4 children took part in an evening carol service at Orwell Parish Church and nursery children entertained family and friends with their very own carol service!

Looking ahead to 2013

P1 intake, August 2013

At time of reading this, all parents who plan to have their child start school in August 2013 should have registered them. Parents who plan to send their children to Milnathort Primary School have been offered tours of our school to see and hear firsthand the super opportunities on offer here!

After School Clubs

Amongst the many opportunities are the After School Clubs and those running now are Monday football, Tuesday tennis, Wednesday Street Dance, Thursday netball and Friday athletics. More information is available on the school website www.milnathortprimary.org.uk, twitter account ([twitter@MilnathortPS](https://twitter.com/MilnathortPS)) or by telephoning the school office on (01577) 867260.

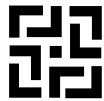
Events!

Such was the success of their first discos in October, that our P7 Events Committee is organising a **Valentine's Disco**: we're sure that this will be as popular as the last discos! Another firm favourite in the events calendar is the ever popular **Bingo Tea! Tuesday 12 March** is our next one and as usual we extend an invitation to all who are interested but be quick, as tickets sell out fast!

Supporting Milnathort PS

We're always keen to be involved in our wider community and to have people involved with us! If you wish to come to school to share a hobby/interest or want to help around your local school for experience, then feel free to contact us by visiting or phoning on (01577) 867260.

Potager Garden



I would like to wish all our volunteers, visitors and friends of the garden a very happy New Year, and am looking forward to another growing season starting again soon.

In December we held a very successful workshop in the Crook of Devon Institute, to make our own **Christmas wreaths**, with fresh greenery and other decorations in oasis rings. Everyone had great fun, creating beautiful wreaths which were all different, and attendees asked for the workshop to be repeated, also maybe at another time of the year. Thank you to Lucille, Margaret and Ruth for your help on the day.

I would also like to **thank Hunter's Butchers** and **Fossway Store** for selling some of our wreaths and other Christmas decorations, and I hope that they were enjoyed by the customers.

We have been very fortunate to be **granted £400 by the Community Council Newsletter Fund**, and are planning to develop a **sensory area** at the garden, with scented and edible flowers and foliage, as well as plants

with interesting textures and sounds, with wind-chimes and a solar powered water feature. Many of these will be planted in pots and raised to be easily reached, with disabled access, and we hope to encourage more visitors to the garden when the work is completed in the summer. Watch out for more information in future newsletters, and

please let me know if you have any ideas to help with this project.

We are still needing a Treasurer to join our friendly committee, please let me know if you think you could help us with this role.

Amanda James, telephone 01577 840809, or email amanda@tyafon.plus.com



The impressive results of December's Christmas wreath making class

Rotary Club of Kinross & District



Kinross Rotarians are accustomed to a weekly evening meal and meeting, so it was a bit of a shock to the systems of the five members who attended a recent meeting of the Kirkcaldy Raith Club which commenced with breakfast at 0730! It was, however, interesting to see how other Clubs conduct their business, in this case at the start rather than the end of the working day.

Back at the Windlestrae Hotel, members heard from David Caldwell the fascinating story of the Lewis Chessmen which has intrigued historians for many years. Examples of the unique figures were on display.

With the various end of year activities planned, the only other speakers in December were Club members, whose subjects ranged from the serious issue of stress in modern life, and the effect it can have on the lives of so many people, to the list of things which can go wrong when using explosives to remove tree roots!

A new meeting venue was used for the first Monday in December, when Club members gathered at the Rotary caravan which was parked outside the County Buildings for the annual 'Light up Kinross' event, when the town's Christmas lights were switched on. The big blue van was used as a base for serving shortbread and mulled wine, heated on one of our T in the Park barbecues. A clear, dry evening encouraged a large number of families on to the streets to enjoy the proceedings, which included the pipe band parade and firework display.

A Christmas Concert was held in the Church Centre for residents of Causeway Court and Whyte Court, with entertainment provided by the recently formed Rotary Singers and the Young Farmers. The evening was compered by Rotarian George Lawrie. (Where does he get all his corny jokes from?) Day Centre staff laid on an excellent spread at the end of the evening.

The first Rotary-sponsored Young Chef competition was organised by the Club at Kinross High School in December, preceded by a cookery demonstration at the school by our resident Rotarian Chef, Trevor Wootton. Over 20 budding young chefs had two hours to cook a two-course meal of their choice (main course plus either a starter or dessert), lay their table and place settings along with cutlery, condiments etc. Many mouth-watering creations emerged, with the junior category being won by Abby Johnson. The senior, and overall winner, was Lauren Miller, who, in addition to receiving a Tom Kitchin cookbook with a personal message signed by Kinross-shire's Michelin Star Chef, will also now go on to represent Kinross High School at the Rotary District final of the competition in Dundee on 2 February. The Club greatly appreciated the use of the school's excellent facilities, and the support and co-operation of school staff which made the event possible.

The last meeting in December was Christmas Party time in the Windlestrae Hotel, with in-house entertainment organised by Barry Davies, which ensured a lively and enjoyable evening to close the year.

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, or by visiting our website.

The Parent Council is in place to represent the views of parents and guardians of pupils at the school, to help ensure that our young people can learn and develop to their maximum potential. We work in partnership with the school to create a positive and proactive environment which supports pupils, staff and parents. The Parent Council is on hand to help support the process of communications with the School and we are always keen to hear from you, whether it be good, or not! If you would like to join the Parent Council you would be most welcome. The next meeting is planned for **25 February**. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested. Thank you.

Kinross High School



Today is 10 January and we have returned to school from our Christmas break, which is a fast fading memory. Last term finished with all the seasonal excitement of our school concert, various parties and dances, and the anticipation of what was yet to come.

These first days of term are also full of that anticipation as we begin another year in the campus. A quick backward glance at 2012 proved it to be a highly successful year for us. It was a year in which many pupils gained excellent results, at all levels, and where many fine individual and team performances were recorded and celebrated. The visit of HMIE was, of course, a major event and one which will continue to shape our work in the coming year.

We have four main areas for improvement and in each of these we are now able to demonstrate the progress already made and are clear about the next steps we want to take.

In terms of Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing we are now well on the way to having comprehensive and workable policies. Our departments have audited their work and examined areas where they can make further contributions, especially to Literacy and Numeracy. Our pupils should be becoming more aware of their skills in these areas, which are being highlighted and progressed in all subject areas.

In common with most secondary schools visited last year, we were asked to build more effectively on our young people's prior learning in primary. The new P7 profiles for our current S1 have now been closely examined by departments and they have made use of the information contained in these. Our Maths and English departments are now working with our Primary colleagues in establishing a shared understanding of standards and expectations related to pupil development. The Support staff have embarked on a new schedule for ingathering information on all pupils, with particular attention to the needs of our more vulnerable pupils.

HMIE also invited us to take greater account of the views of our stakeholders. In this regard we now meet with groups of pupils on a daily basis to seek their opinion on a range of

Sainsbury's in the community

Sainsbury's colleagues enjoyed giving out mince pies and being part of the community on 3 December at the tree lighting ceremony.

The colleagues were busy over the festive season helping at the Day Centre lunch on the 12th, bag packing for the Day Centre on the 15th and continuing to support local groups through bag packing in store.

The Manager, Alan Cammock, and all colleagues at Sainsbury's would like to thank customers for their continued support through spare coin collections.

We hope all of our customers have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Keeping cosy in the New Year

Local Sainsbury's customers continued to show their knitting skills by creating blankets for the ladies and gents at the Kinross Day Centre.

If any other customers would like to knit for the Day Centre, we would appreciate their support.

For more information, please contact Jane Thomson at Sainsbury's Kinross (01577) 832000.

matters. Our subject staff have also increased the opportunities for pupil feedback on lessons and other curricular matters. Parents are, of course, key stakeholders and we have now had an open meeting to establish the processes associated with School Improvement and have embarked on a programme of focus group meetings with senior staff at our Parent Contact events. Additional ideas are always welcome!

Finally, we were asked to ensure that our self-evaluation approaches led to consistently high-quality learning experiences. During 2012 we further developed these processes and are now establishing the follow up activities which will lead to positive impact on Learning and Teaching in every classroom.

I trust that we can continue to benefit from the support of our school community and that all our stakeholder friends will take the opportunities offered to comment on our plans and advise us accordingly.

Whilst we are pleased with what we achieved in 2012, we also recognise that the journey is not yet over.

2013 will be a year when we can build on all that has gone before us. Our joint goals include our young people continuing to work hard and gain the benefits from the above and our staff continuing to stretch those young minds, whilst at the same time supporting and nurturing our pupils' growth in many other ways.

2013 looks set to be a vintage year for the school. I will try to share as many of our triumphs and challenges as I can in the coming months. Here's to a good 2013!

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Portmoak Primary School

Nativity: Once again, high demand led to us having two performances of our Nativity, titled Whoops a Daisy Angel, on 18 December. Parents, family and friends from all classes enjoyed the chance to share this special story. Well done to P1-3 for two super performances!

Pantomime: Primary 4-7 put on Aladdin. The choir, led by Mr Young, music teacher, were made up of P4-5s, and P6-7 fulfilled all of the acting and backstage roles. Miss Kettles, the P5/6 teacher, was the director. Aladdin was played by Grace Cowie, and Esme Allen was princess Jasmine. Ewan Cowe made the audience laugh out loud as Widow Twankey and there were many boos to be heard as Max Spenke portrayed the evil Abenazer. Family and friends who came to see Aladdin were extremely complimentary about the standard of performance from all concerned.

Thank you to the staff for their sterling work and for all pulling together to ensure it could happen; particular mention should go to Miss Kettles, who was the driving force behind the whole thing.

Crèche and Parents' group: We have been running a successful parents' group this session. So far the parents' group have had an introductory session followed by three speakeasy workshops (speaking to children about sexual health and relationships). Next term this group will continue on a Wednesday morning. Topics coming up next term include first aid, internet safety, health and nutrition, active bodies and minds and a three-week block on handling children's behaviour.

Any interested parents are welcome to join us from 9.30am-11.30am in the school library with a free crèche run by Playstart for children age 0-3 available in the music room. For more information about the group, please contact the school or Catharine Findlay, Early Years Development Teacher, Loch Leven Community Campus: cmfindlay@pkc.gov.uk , 01577 867223.

After school clubs: Dance and yoga started back the second week after the holidays. Spanish lunch club has continued to prove popular, with supply unable to meet the demand. Rugby started after school on Wednesdays recently, but we are waiting for lighter nights to come in before re-launching cricket and football.

New football strips: Thank you to the Portmoak Festival Football Club who donated £152 for new school football strips. Mr Glass, Mr Surtees and the footballers are looking

forward to the new season when we will be able to play friendlies and matches in strips, which are in the school colours and with the Portmoak badge on them.

Fundraising news: Pupil Councillors: Leon Spenke, Sophie Palin, Rebecca Stevenson, Emma Mitchell, Johnathan Venters, Duncan Ballantyne, Nikki Dahl and Lucy Hudson went along to the Kinross-shire Round Table Dragons' Den event in the Green Hotel, Kinross, to pitch their cause to the panel of dragons in an event similar to the BBC programme. The children explained how the library needs a lot of work and that £1000 from the dragons would help transform the sad and tired books into an exciting new stock for the new library. The Pupil Council have surveyed all pupils, from P1-7, about their favourite books and authors and they shared some of their recommendations with the dragons. We were delighted to be successful in obtaining the full amount of £1000.



The Pupil Councillors who faced the Round Table Dragons

Christmas events in school have also added to the fundraising total this year, with a fantastic £630 coming in from ticket sales for the pantomime alone.

Thank you to all those people who have already started to use the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk. If you haven't already used this site, please consider joining to boost our fundraising efforts. Don't forget to download the 'find and remind' toolbar to remind you when Portmoak Primary could benefit from any online shopping you may be doing. If you have any expertise to share or would like to become involved with our school, we would love to hear from you.

Louise Gordon, Headteacher



The cast of Aladdin

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

Leven Voices

A new, fun, informal drop-in singing group has been launched in Kinross-shire. Led by **Horsecross Arts** tutors, this group is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! Whether you already sing in a choir or just in the shower or the car, this group is sure to be enjoyed by all. No music reading or singing experience necessary.

Leven Voices takes place on Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm at the Community Campus, apart from two dates (19 Feb, 12 March). On these dates the classes will be at the Kinross Parish Church.

Enrolment fee is £8 (which will be used to pay for the hire of the hall) and £4 a session (concessions £3). Just come along, sing and enjoy!

For more information about this group, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call 863107.

Grants

KLEO were very grateful to have received grants of £2000 from Kinross CC and £1000 from Exxon Mobil for the Kinross-shire Music Festival. These grants were used to help pay for some of the bands and workshops and both were a great help to make the festival a success. Both of these were greatly appreciated!

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

In conjunction with the Kinross Road Runners and the Kinross Pipe Band, KLEO will be arranging some entertainment and fun activities at the finish line of the Loch Leven Half Marathon. Like last year the event will take place on the grounds of the Community Campus on **Saturday 11 May**. Put this date in your diary!

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

Please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call 863107.

Kinross-shire Round Table

Kinross-shire Round Table wishes everyone a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year and hope you had an enjoyable Christmas. By the time you read this, the first meeting of 2013 will have been in the Green Hotel on 15 January, when a programme of events for the coming year will have been discussed; more information next month.

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.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

November Draw

1st	No.69	Joan Smith, Scotlandwell
2nd	No.47	Clare Abbott, Scotlandwell
3rd	No.57	Rita Pritchard, Kinnesswood

December Draw

1st	No.81	Donald Sherratt, Kinnesswood
2nd	No.59	May Tait, Scotlandwell
3rd	No.99	Gillian Sillarr, Kinnesswood



Kinross and District Junior Agricultural Club

An educational talk from a **vet** is taking place in Cambo Hall on **Tuesday 5 February** at 7.30pm. This should be a very interesting evening, so hopefully as many members as possible can make it along. The club are also having an evening **rock climbing** at Ratho in Edinburgh on **Wednesday 20 February**. Names are required beforehand for this outing. Contact Craig Nelson on 07703132138.

January 30th will see the **district cabaret eliminations** take place in Loch Leven Community Campus. There will be acts from Kinross, Bell Baxter, West Fife and East Fife. Tickets will be available at the door, but for further information contact Lucy Baker on 07851 620821.

The East Region Cabaret will take place on **Saturday 16 February** in Perth Concert Hall.

December was another busy month for all our members with a cautious trip to Kirkcaldy for some enjoyable ice-skating, a pantomime trip to see Mother Goose and also helping out Kinross Rotary Club in performing a couple of sketches in the Day Centre, continuing our good interaction with the community.

Our successful Charity Concert in November over two nights was enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience. Cash for Kids and Kinross Day Centre both received a generous £550 each from the proceeds. A big thank you to everyone who was involved in making this a worthwhile event.

If you would like to get involved in Kinross JAC, then please contact our club secretary, Mr Richard Harvey (07568075898/ rwh_v8@hotmail.co.uk)

Kinross Garden Group

The Kinross Garden Group met on Thursday 13 December 2012. We were delighted to welcome our speaker, Mr Andrew Lear, Bankfoot, who gave a very interesting talk on "The Management of Fruit Trees".

We had our Festive Lunch at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross on 10 January.

Our next meeting in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross, is on **Thursday 14 February** at 2pm. The speakers will be Jim and Stella Comrie of Perth, who will give a presentation entitled: "**A Red, Red Rose**".



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Stewart Niven, one of our members, gave a beautifully illustrated talk on his "Travels in Chile and Argentina" at the end of November.



In December the Practical Night contained, among other items, expert advice on copying slides and putting them on computer, correcting images in Photoshop and a session on resolving problems in Photoshop as well as demonstrations of macro photography and mounting and framing one's work.

The first half of the season concluded with "Christmas Fun and Games", half being devoted to deciphering anagrams of a photographic nature while the other half offered an opportunity for members to get to know more about one another as "Pass the Parcel" required that the holder remove a layer of paper and give a description of their photographic interests etc.

The second part of the season has now begun with the judging of "The Thackery Trophy", which requires a panel of three prints linked together by some theme, this year around the subject of architecture. Chick Calder of Edinburgh Photographic Society judged this and offered not merely a critique of the images themselves, but very useful guidance on how to use certain techniques to improve the quality of many of them. He also judged the "Creative Digital" competition and discussed with some of the authors the methods by which their images, which had travelled a long way from the original photograph, were produced.

In addition to more internal competitions and talks by visiting speakers, we are now looking forward to the Inter-Club Competition with Cupar and St Andrews later this month as well as the Scottish Photographic Federation Club Print Championship in February.

For further details of membership, please contact the Secretary: alisonbradley101@btinternet.com or via the website.

Ladies Circle

Many thanks to everyone who allowed us to pack their bags for them at Sainsbury's in November. We raised over £500 for C-R-Y.



Our next charity event is the licensed **Comedy Night on Saturday 16 February** at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall. Tickets, priced at £10, are available from:

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Seamab School

It's just a few days into the new year, but already the children at Seamab have settled back in to their school routine.

Earlier this week, I had the privilege of giving a talk to the Women's Institute in the Crook of Devon. This special group of ladies made me welcome and were very interested in finding out more about Seamab, and the work we do with the children. They were also kind enough to make a donation to our work and offer to come to future events.

After meeting with this group, I have been thinking about being part of our local community, and sharing more information about why Seamab exists, what we do, and the support we would value from others. The next Newsletter articles will focus on each of these areas in turn. I would like to say, though, that I would be delighted to be invited to more meetings of community groups and local organisations to talk about Seamab. I am happy to share information, and to answer questions about our work and the children.

2013 is an important year for Seamab, because it is our twenty-fifth anniversary. We will be celebrating this throughout the year, particularly that we have been able to help many vulnerable children over these years. We will also be fundraising throughout 2013, and have already started to plan some initiatives and events. A key fundraiser this year is our 25 for 25 challenge – for this, we give people £25 and ask them to use this to raise as much as possible for Seamab within the next twelve months. The only obligation is to return the initial £25 to us. While we do receive funding from local authorities, we do not receive any funding from central government, and we use donations to help us fund holidays, activities and other supports that help the children.

If you are interested in learning more about Seamab, asking for a talk or presentation, or being part of the 25 for 25 challenge, please contact us on 01577 840307 or info@seamab.org.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the readers of the Kinross Newsletter a happy and prosperous New Year in 2013.

Joanna McCreadie, Chief Executive

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Orwell Guides and Milnathort Scouts

A huge, big thank you to all leaders, rainbows, brownies, guides past and present, Dale Coldwell, Freya Herbert and Robert Morton from the Scout movement for taking part in

our sponsored walk from Kirkgate to Findatie on 18 November to raise funds for the renovation work in our hall. We raised £1221.25. Well done to everyone who took part.



Orwell Guides, Milnathort Scouts and friends

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The February meeting will be held on **Thursday 7 February** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The "Singing Butcher" Iain Hunter will entertain us.

At the January meeting, the speaker Emma Halford Forbes gave a fact-filled talk on the Black Watch from the founding of the regiment to the present day which proved very interesting. She also gave an update of the progress of the alterations and additions to the museum building in Perth.

Away Day February

Thurs 22 Feb - Peebles. 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.

Annual Holiday 2013: Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands commencing **Sunday 10 February** – Pat advises that the coach will leave from Milnathort at 9am prompt and from opposite the Green Hotel at 9.10am. Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

AGM and Club Party, Thursday 7 March: This event will be held in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross with the Annual General Meeting beginning at 12.30pm and the party commencing at 1pm. Entertainment will be provided by the fiddles and accordions of the Alan Small Ensemble. The cost is £12.50 per person and this will be collected at the February club meeting. Please contact Mary Muirhead



on 01577 863564 to book and for further details.

Friday Walkers

1 Feb: Culross, for a snowdrop walk through Valleyfield Woods - a six-mile stroll along pavements, paths and woodland roads.

15 Feb: Starting from the Deer Centre, Cupar, following country roads and paths to the Hopetoun Monument - and all the way back to the Deer Centre.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

8 Feb: Arthur's Seat, 9am, Maureen.

22 Feb: Alyth (Beaver Walk), 9am, Jock.

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

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

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

Fly Tyers: Contact: Ian Campbell for details 01577 830582

Keep-Fit: This group meets every Tuesday in the Masonic Hall from 2pm until 3pm. This group is now full but anyone wishing to be placed on the waiting list should contact Val. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

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

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

L.U.S.T. The slimmers meet each Thursday, 9.30am to

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Loch Leven Community Campus

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross.
Tel: 01577 867200 Email: lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk

2013 Programme of Events

Sat 16 February	Antiques and Collectors Fair
Feb/March	Recording Studio Open Days (Sat/Sun – dates TBC)
Fri 1 March	Family Film Night - Ice Age 4
Sat 23 March	Spring Craft Fair
Sat 13 April	Antiques and Collectors Fair
Sun 21 April	Car Boot /Table Top Sale
Sat 27 April	Kinross Cycling Club Event
Sat 11 May	Loch Leven Half Marathon
Sat 18 May	Green Fingers Day - Horticultural Event
Sat 15 June	Antiques and Collectors Fair
June/July	Car Boot Sale (date TBC)
Sat 17 August	Antiques and Collectors Fair
Sat 24 August	Vintage Day
October	Car Boot /Table Top Sale (date TBC)
Sat 19 Oct	Antiques and Collectors Fair
Sat 2 Nov	Charities Christmas Cards Sale
Sat 9 Nov	Christmas Festival Craft Fair
Sat 14 Dec	Antiques and Collectors Fair

Antiques and Collectors Fair – Saturday 16 February

This will be the first of six Kinross Antiques and Collectors Fairs to be held here at the campus this year. Admission will be from **10am – 4pm** with £1.00 entry fee.

Recording Studio Open Days – February/March

This will be an opportunity for budding recording artists to book a **free** recording slot in our Recording Studio. Use of

the drum kit is included and there will be a CD to take away at the end of the recording session. The date is still to be confirmed but will be one Saturday and Sunday in February or March. If you wish to be added to the session list, then please contact the campus as booking in advance is essential.

Family Film Night: Ice Age 4 - Continental Drift

Friday 1 March

Why not come along to our Family Film Night for only £3 per head? The film will start at **6pm** and with popcorn and refreshments available for a small charge, this should make for the perfect family evening out.

Film Birthday Parties

The campus is now offering Film Birthday Parties suitable for all ages and party sizes! For more information and a booking form, please contact the campus.

Open Evenings and Business Breakfasts

An Open Evening for community groups and charities was held on 24 and 25 January 2013. This gave everyone an opportunity to see first-hand the range of facilities the campus has to offer. In addition, we are currently arranging Business Breakfasts for organisations to come and have a tour of the campus (with bacon butties provided!). If you would like to be added to the invitation list, then please contact the campus for available dates.

Future Events

Information regarding all other events will be published in due course. If you have an enquiry about any of the events listed or would like more information on how to book your own event, then please contact us by phone 01577 867200 or by email lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk and ask for our Campus Assistant Gerry McGregor to see what Loch Leven Community Campus can do for you.

Kinross Primary School

Written by Katie Deas, Josie Hawdon, Eilidh Smith, Daniel Reilly and Struan Fotheringham.

Nursery: On Friday 10 January ZooLab came to visit our nursery. They performed The Wiggly Road Show which all of our youngsters thoroughly enjoyed.

Primary 1: Before the Christmas holidays our Primary 1 classes starred in the nativity "The camel called Hump". Parents and pupils said it was wonderful and an interesting take on the classic nativity story.

Primary 3: In December our P3 classes took part in a Titanic themed play in a day. They learned the script in 6 hours (a school day) and went on to perform this play in front of parents. Feedback from parents was very positive. They gave it a 5 star review!

P4-7 Choir: On the 13th and 20th December, our school choirs visited Causeway Court and White Court to spread some festive cheer by singing Christmas carols. Our pupils found it a rewarding experience and enjoyed meeting people in our community.

Primary 6a: P6A participated in the Rag Bag scheme and with the help of the whole school managed to collect 357kg of clothes and textiles and raised £178.00. They are now working on a recycling topic for the next few weeks.

Primary 6/7 David Smith – Paralympian visit: Recently David Smith, Paralympic gold medalist, came to visit our Primary 6 and 7 classes. The visit proved very informative and David's talk was inspirational. We even got to hold the gold medal! Congratulations, David, on your recent MBE!

P7 Fund Raising: Over the past few months several of our Primary 7s have been busy raising money for charities. Josie, Katie, Lauren, Verity, Cara and Abbie cycled approximately 18 miles to Vane Farm and raised £210 for The Scottish Cot Death Trust. Another charitable donation was made by Anna, Kirsty and Caitlin who raised over £100 for CHAS. Well done girls!

The Willow Tree: Kinross is pleased to announce the opening of our new interactive classroom called the Willow Tree. It was named the Willow Tree because the willow tree represents the wisdom of children in some cultures. Groups of children have been enjoying visiting this amazing new room this week.

Kinross Primary - Health Promoting School: Three years ago KPS received Health promoting school status. We are pleased to announce that we have recently had our re-accreditation visit and passed!

Football donations needed: Our P 6/7 football team is in dire need of strips. We hope to begin competing in tournaments however we cannot take part without a Kinross Primary strip. If you think you can help, please contact Mrs. Arthur via Kinross Primary School.

Kinross Primary Parent Council: KPPC is a group of parents/carers who offer up their time to help improve and enrich the experiences of all the children at KPS. All meetings are open to all and they would be delighted to see as many parents as possible attending. They are a friendly group and would make you feel most welcome. For further information, please contact the school office.

Greyhound Rescue Fife

Website: www.greyhoundrescuefife.co.uk

Tel: 01592 890583

Email: ferniejimmyf@aol.com



Local Greyhound Rescue founder honoured

Celia Fernie, co-founder of Greyhound Rescue Fife, has been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to animal welfare in the Queen's New Year Honours list.

When she received the letter from the Prime Minister's office about the award, Celia thought her husband Jimmy had sent it as a joke.

Jimmy said: "Celia is over the moon with her award, which she will treasure for the rest of her life and if it lets us re-home one more dog then that is what will make Celia most happy".

Celia and Jimmy opened their first kennel for greyhounds reaching the end of their racing careers in 2005.

Celia said: "Over the past few years it has become harder to find homes for greyhounds, perhaps due to the economy. The truth is greyhounds make marvellous, gentle loving pets. We are fortunate that we have a great team of volunteers including some with learning difficulties who can walk the greyhounds in perfect safety and all enjoy the wonderful companionship that the greyhounds can offer."

The charity, now based at Baltree Country Centre, near Kinross, has successfully re-homed 630 greyhounds, and currently has 44 residents in the kennels.



Celia Fernie with 'Madam'

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Music in Kinross Parish Church

On **Friday 8 February**, **Hillfoot Harmony**, a group of close-harmony singers come to entertain us at Kinross Parish Church at 7.30pm. This is a ladies' choir of 20 - 25 singers based in Dollar and conducted by Anne Macdonald. They form a chapter of the International Sweet Adelines, a worldwide close-harmony or barber shop movement for women. They recently won a silver medal in the Four Nation Quartet competition, and they give amazing performances of songs such as Moon River, Tuxedo Junction and Zing Went the Strings of My Heart. They received a rave review from the Courier's Garry Fraser when they performed in Dundee last year. Tickets are £7 (concessions £5 and children enter free), available at the door or from Milnathort Post Office.

Just into March, on **Saturday 2 March** at 7.30pm, we have a return visit of violinist, **Paul Livingston**, this time with **Trio Dalriada**, a combination of mezzo soprano, guitar and violin. The guitarist is Ian Watt, who has played for us before, and is a prizewinner in international competitions, and the soprano is Beth MacKay. Their programme will consist of Scots songs set by diverse composers from James Oswald to Roger Quilter, Paganini pieces for violin and guitar, music by Rodrigo and Albeniz and arias from Bizet's Carmen. Tickets are £7/£5 with children under 16 free, available from Milnathort Post Office or from Alex Cant (alexcant44@aol.com) or at the door.

Sunday 31 March is the date for the performance of **The Easter Story** by an assembled choir from Auchterarder Church under the direction of Sandra and Stephen Miller.

SSAFA Forces Help Perth & Kinross Branch



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Where Are We? Your local Branch covers all the Tayside Region, with a small office in Perth and a network of around 30 trained volunteers in the area, to look into cases with understanding and sensitivity.

What We Do: We spring into action whenever there is hardship, or need. Our help and advice is totally confidential, and we help all ages. We work closely with other agencies and service charities, and help can vary hugely...We may help an ex- Serviceman replace his medals, or help a war widow with her bills, or assist a Service family with a special needs child, or a returned veteran from Iraq or Afghanistan. Need must be the criterion...

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Kinross-shire Historical Society



On 10 December a capacity crowd turned out for Professor David Munro's talk on **The Braes of Benarty**.

Benarty is a striking hill which rises from the south shore of Loch Leven, its long ridge acting as a boundary between Kinross-shire and Fife. Men from Kinross-shire would cross this boundary to work in the Fife mines and Fife miners would cross into Kinross to poach Loch Leven, resulting in Sir Basil Montgomery taking miners to court in the 1920s. Stone found on Benarty varies from limestone, sandstone – much of which was used locally – to coal mined in the Benarty colliery and Benarty surface mine. Scarring in the rocks shows evidence of the Ice Age.

A slide was shown of Gruoch's Well. This is possibly the only place name referring to Queen Gruoch, wife of Macbeth.

Close to Findatie, plantations of trees, now felled, were planted in the shape of the four suits of cards.

The Paranwell Bridge built by William Adam of Blairadam was also shown.

Tam Tod, a local historian who lived at Brackley Farm and died in 1951, is buried on the hill.

In closing, Professor Munro referred to the Living Lomonds Landscape project which crosses Benarty Hill from Vane Farm to Lochore Meadows Country Park.

A vote of thanks to Professor Munro, who has delivered over 40 talks to KHS, was given by KHS committee member Ronnie Muirhead.

In January, Councillor Joseph Giacomazzi gave a most interesting talk on the highs and lows of the life of **Admiral Cochrane**, Scotland's Nelson, whose naval career inspired the film 'Master and Commander'.

Born in Scotland in 1775, growing up in Culross, he became the 10th Earl Dundonald. He joined the Royal Navy at the age of 5, serving on his uncle's ship. He progressed through the ranks quickly and, though popular with the men, he often fell foul of those above him. He carried out daring attacks on enemy ships using various tactics including flying the flags of other countries, achieving great success against bigger ships, with low casualties among his men.

He became an MP, but that did not prevent him from returning to sea to fight successfully against the French. This won him honours including being made a Knight of the Bath. He married in 1812. In 1814, through another uncle, Cochrane was implicated in a stock exchange scandal, which resulted in his imprisonment and the loss of his title.

In 1818, he was approached by an envoy from Chile to clear the Chilean waters of the Spanish domination of the time. This he did and then was asked to liberate Peru, followed by Brazil. Each appointment paid more than the last and he became very rich.

He sailed home to Britain but took another challenge, this time to fight for Greece against the Turks. He made even more money though did not actually carry out the fight. He bought a mansion in London and received a pardon from King William in 1832. Queen Victoria gave him The Order of the Bath. He spent his last years in London, dying as Rear-Admiral of the United Kingdom, in his 85th year.

To this day, a Service of Remembrance is held annually, attended by members of the Chilean Government.

Bill Blair, on behalf of the Historical Society, thanked Councillor Giacomazzi for a very informative introduction to a fascinating man.

For details of the next KHS talk, see Notices, p. 92

Common Grounds



Have you noticed the days are growing longer and the snowdrops are showing themselves and that must herald the coming of spring! During the coming month, I hear on good authority, that it will be an ideal time to see the aurora borealis in all its glory, so remember to look up to the night sky.

Here at Common Grounds we are planning our events for the coming springtime; there should be an event to cover most tastes. Our Christmas raffle made us some £160 and our thanks to all who gave prizes and purchased tickets. There were a lot of winners, too numerous to mention individually. Hopefully by the time you read this all the prizes will be with the lucky winners.

Project: Our project for February is The Raven Trust. The Raven Trust is a small Scottish charity that works in Malawi giving very practical supplies and assistance. Over the last few years the Raven Trust have researched, dispatched and funded full container loads plus several part container loads to Africa of items such as medical supplies. They have undertaken building and maintenance projects at Mission Hospitals and rebuilt a hospital boat for Lake Malawi.

Website: Our new website address is:

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundsscharitycafe

Finally, our annual report for OSCR has now been passed and our thanks to Keith Watson for going over our accounts before they went to OSCR.

Also we have a good log pile; the open fire is going well and we look forward to lots of people coming in to enjoy it. Our opening hours are still 10am–1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

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

1st Kinross Company - The Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association



The Company has increased its membership over the past month and is entering another busy period of competitions.

Members of all three sections, Anchors, Juniors and Company, enjoyed a Christmas night out experiencing the Hansel and Gretel Pantomime at Dunfermline.

With the Company section having already won the Perth Battalion table tennis, badminton and swimming trophies, the next competitions will be in chess, drill, basketball and volleyball.

The Company is also due to play further rounds of the National badminton, table tennis and masterteam quiz before the end of January as these competitions near their final stages.

There are still vacancies in Anchors (for boys and girls in P1 to P3), Juniors (for boys and girls in P4 to P6) and Company (for boys and girls from P7 to age 18). The Company meets in the Church Centre on Friday evenings - just come along and give it a try.

Dobbies Community Champion news

I would like to introduce myself as the new **Community Champion** at **Dobbies Garden Centre**, at Turfhill near Kinross. My part time role is to liaise with the local community and facilitate their **"Here we Grow" project**, which offers advice and donations of materials to encourage local growing projects, by schools or other community groups.

My first task in December was an enjoyable one, to donate a decorated **Christmas tree to Rachel House**, where I was made very welcome.



Dobbies Community Champion Amanda James (right) hands over a decorated tree to Rachel House

I also had fun face painting, and making Christmas decorations with some children, when Santa arrived at the store by horse drawn carriage (and glitter glue got everywhere!)

In January I am planning to **donate some bird feeding materials** to a couple of local primary schools, with information about the RSPB's "Big Garden Birdwatch" weekend at the end of the month.

If your school or other community group would like some support with a gardening project, please contact me at Dobbies, by emailing me care of the manager at Manager.Kinross@dobbies.com.

I also run the **free children's gardening club, the "Little Seedlings"** in the store at 11am on the first Sunday of each month. This is for children aged 4 to 10 years, who need to be accompanied by an adult, and lasts about an hour. We do colouring and quizzes, and learn about different plants and the environment, and often sow seeds to take home to grow. At the **next meeting on 3 February**, we will be learning about different bugs in the garden, and feeding the birds during the winter. Please enquire at Dobbies for more information, and I look forward to meeting some new "Little Seedlings" then!

Dobbies will also soon be choosing their new **Local Charity of the Year**. If you would like to nominate a local charity, please ask in store for an application form, to be returned in February.

Amanda James, Community Champion,
Dobbies, Turfhill, Kinross, KY13 0NQ
Garden Centre telephone (01577) 863327

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



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Architectural Awards Competition 2013

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

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

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

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

Kinross-shire Civic Trust website

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

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Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire

Portmoak Parish Church – A tale told by the bell

The original parish church of Portmoak stood, not on the hillside above Scotlandwell, but down on the old pre-1830 shoreline of Loch Leven beside the former steading of Portmoak Farm. All that remains where Portmoak Chapel once stood are a few gravestones on a mound at the end of the Scottish Gliding Union's Portmoak Airfield.



Portmoak Parish Church

It was in Portmoak Chapel that the people of the parish witnessed the induction of William Balfour the first Presbyterian minister in 1574, but like all buildings it needed to be maintained in good order. This was the responsibility of the Heritors or leading landowners in the neighbourhood who were repeatedly asked to take action but usually did nothing without endless deliberation. Letters to the Presbytery in 1636 and 1640 reported that the building was in bad shape and in 1649 it was described as "totallie ruinous both in walls and roof so that without great hazard the people cannot resort thither". The need for a completely new church building had been evident for a long time but it was only at this stage that a decision was made to move the church to its present location, closer to the main settlements of Scotlandwell, Kinnesswood, Easter Balgedie and Wester Balgedie. Having made the decision, nothing was done for more than a decade.

At least one of the Heritors, Captain Charles Arnot of Arnot Tower, was impatient for a new church to be built. In 1642 he tried to shame the others into action by ordering a church bell to be cast. On it he had inscribed: "gifted by Captain Charles Arnot of Arnot to the long expected yet unerected New Kirk of the Old Paroich of Portmoack".

It was not until 1659 that funds were made available to the Presbytery and work began on the 'New Kirk'. Two years later, in 1661, the building was completed and the Rev. George Ogilvie took his place in the pulpit with his back to Loch Leven.

Every Sunday at 10 o'clock in the morning Captain Charles Arnot's bell is rung, summoning parishioners to the kirk. The church was enlarged in 1832 and its bell recast eleven years later in 1843 in the London foundry of Thomas Mearns at the expense of Thomas Bruce of Arnot.

Inside Portmoak Church you will find the Portmoak Stone, a thousand-year-old Celtic Cross-slab discovered in 1976 during excavations at the site of old Portmoak Chapel. Brought up to the 'New Kirk' in 1990, the stone was re-dedicated by the distinguished former Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Very Rev. Ronald Selby Wright, in a special service held on 7 February 1993.

Set into the interior wall of the church opposite the Portmoak Stone are three smaller stones bearing the inscriptions **S R D 1724**, **R M R D 1742** and **D J B 1746**. These commemorate the Douglasses of Kirkness, an estate on the southern boundary of the parish; namely, Sir Robert Douglas of Kirkness, the Rev. Mr Robert Douglas, Minister of Portmoak Parish, and Dame Jean Balfour, the wife of Sir Robert.

The installation of Sir Robert's nephew as minister of the Parish of Portmoak caused a great uproar in the 1730s and was part of the reason the breakaway Secession Church was established so strongly in Kinross-shire and so many people in the parish left the Church of Scotland.

For many years after the rebuilding of the church in 1832, the Kirkness stones lay hidden in the basement. Rediscovered by the Rev. Mr Pollock in 1926, the stones were set into the wall at the expense of the Marquis of Northampton, Sir James Douglas, a descendent of the Douglasses of Kirkness. A service of dedication was planned and the Marquis was invited to attend. Unfortunately, the day before this event was due to take place, the luckless lord fell from his horse while hunting and broke his neck. You can still see the ruins of Kirkness House on the brow of the hill beyond the Scotlandwell causeway, but the Douglasses of Kirkness are long gone.

First used as a burial ground in 1722, the steeply sloping churchyard with stunning views over Portmoak Moss to Loch Leven and Benarty Hill, contains over 100 gravestones, including fine memorials to Michael Bruce, 'The Gentle Poet of Lochleven' (1746-67) and his biographer, the Rev. William MacKelvie (1800-63). In addition to interesting carvings that depict trades and occupations, you will occasionally see reference to the word 'portioner' as on a gravestone by the west wall, the burial place of 'John Arnot portioner of Kinnesswood' who died in 1738. The local term 'portioner' simply refers to a feuar or someone who owned a portion of land.

Contributors

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



Sports News

Kinross Road Runners



We held our annual awards dinner at Loch Leven's Larder on 11 January. Stephen Crawford, the Club's President, presented trophies and certificates for members' achievements throughout 2012. Our members took part in over 70 events and some of the most notable results were recognised.

Special mention was given to Marinos Calothis who completed 50 hill races, including Scottish Hill Running Championship events. A round of applause, too, for Andy Johns who had a notable achievement of running eight Ultramarathons, finishing in the top ten of most of them.

Stephen also asked the members to show their appreciation to John Myerscough who organises the hiring out of our clocks to other clubs. This sideline of the Club provides a steady income thanks to John's hard work.

Awards

Silver plates were presented to Allan Kemp for his time at the London Marathon of (3hr 07 mins) and Jillian Gordon for her time of 2hrs 56 at the Edinburgh Marathon.

Trophies were awarded to Andy Laycock, being the first KRR male at the Milnathort Dash, and Jillian Gordon, who was the first female KRR.

Stephen then presented certificates for winners in the Club's Christmas Handicap. The overall winner was Gordon Donnachie. Also presented with a certificate was Sarah Eaton, for being the first lady across the finish.

Trophies were presented to the first male and female KRRs at our own Loch Leven Half Marathon: Andy Laycock (whose time of 1.20.27 was *exactly* the same as his time in the 2011 event – what are the chances?!) and Jillian Gordon, who was not only the fastest KRR lady but also the fastest lady overall.

Annual Champions

Next came the presentations for the annual champions. This is based on the best of 6 of 15 of our championship races. These races proved very popular with our members last year, with over 30 KRRs at some events. The winners of the trophies were: Allan Kemp – his average was 36.40 mins for a 10k, and Jillian Gordon with a 10k average of 38.03.

World Association of Veteran Athletes (WAVA)

WAVA performances are baselined to age and gender to give the best age related runner in the Club. The winner this year was Peter Edgerton, with Maureen Hill second.

Life Membership Award

Roger Stark, one of our coaches, was awarded Life Membership of the Club. There have only been two previous Life Membership Awards in the history of the Club, so it is not given lightly. The committee wanted to acknowledge Roger's unstinting and enthusiastic contribution to the Club. He has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to training and nutrition for runners and he turns out in all weathers to coach us. Also, once a month, he and his wife Una host hot chocolate and snacks after our time trials.

Athlete of the Year

The final and highly anticipated award of the evening was for Athlete of the Year. This award comes from the members who vote from a shortlist for the member who they feel best embodies the spirit of the Club throughout the year. It need not be the fastest or most competitive runner but the member who is considered to be an asset and friend to the Club. This year the Athlete of the Year was voted to be Paul Allcoat. Well done, Paul!

Thanks to the staff of the Larder for a delicious dinner and excellent service.

Finally, who says running isn't romantic? Two of our members, who met through the Club, got engaged at Hogmanay. Congratulations to Gillian Reid and Graham Kemp.



Kinross Road Runners President Stephen Crawford, left, presents Andy Laycock with a trophy at the Club's annual awards dinner

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Kinross Tennis Club



The recent mild weather has meant that considerably more tennis is taking place than might be expected at this time of year – great news for those who indulged in a few too many mince pies! Adult members are meeting on Wednesdays 6.30pm and Sundays 10.30am. There is also the Thursday afternoon 1.30pm social session which is open to non-members for a small fee of £2 – why don't you come along and give it a try?

We are busy planning an exciting tennis programme for the 2013 season. We ran taster sessions at Kinross Primary School in December and Cleish Primary School in January, and will be hoping to extend these activities further. After the success of last year's junior camps we will run two **Easter Camps** this year, w/c 1st and w/c 8th April – details to follow from: kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Our **Annual Quiz** takes place on **Tuesday 26 February** at 7.30pm at the rugby club and we are delighted once more to have Mike Spain as quiz master extraordinaire. Club members, their family and friends are welcome to come along and pit their wits in this fun event and enjoy the chilli supper too. Please support your club in this fundraising event.

At the AGM in November our members agreed once again to maintain the same subscription rates for this season and these will be due for renewal at the **Open Day on Saturday 23 March** – details to follow.

We extend grateful thanks to Susan Malcolm for all her hard work as secretary over the last two years and welcome Vivien Clarke as the new incumbent. Enquiries can be made to Vivien at kinrosstennis@gmail.com or by calling 01577 861323.

Visitor keys continue to be available for a small fee via John & JH Sands Ironmongers. Further information is also available on our website. Please note its new address:

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

Kinross Curling School



There are Beginners' Courses on the following dates:

Sunday 27 January 2013 2.30pm – 5.30pm
Saturday 9 February 2013 11.45am – 2.45am

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

Email: kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org

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Fossoway Tennis Club

Tournament Results:

	Winner/s	Runner/s up
Junior Boys:	Jamie Roberts	Shaw Grant
Junior Doubles:	Jamie & Adam Roberts	Shaw Grant & Michael Conlon
Gents:	Brian Black	Andy Bowman
Mixed	Mary Paterson & Gerry Keegan	Nicola McRobert & Brian Black
Macdonald:	Susan Duthie & Gerry Keegan	Kirsten Keegan & Libby Simpson

Kinross Badminton Club

www.kinrossbadmintonclub.co.uk



The club is now back in session after the Christmas break and we have had a positive start to this half of the season with two large turnouts. We would like to encourage all of our members to keep coming as often as they can. For new members wanting to join, there is a reduced membership fee of £25 as the season is half way through – first night is free for new members. Before the Christmas break, the members played in the Macdonald Quaich competition. There were a lot of highly entertaining matches on display throughout the night and ended with Alison Scott and Rory Cooper winning over all. Runners up were Alan Robbie and Liam Morris. The club would like to say well done to everyone who participated and also thank Graham Sorbie for taking the time to organise the event. The competition was held on the last night of play before the break, so straight after the tournament finished the members headed up to Bill Macdonald's house for a social gathering. The prize giving was also held on this night.

The committee will be having their second meeting towards the end of January and will be discussing the organisation of the annual tournament and when the club will be stopping play for the summer.

As always, for more information, contact our President, Bill Macdonald on 01577 862592 or our Secretary, Rory Cooper on: rtc00001@students.stir.ac.uk or log onto the club's website.

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Fresh start sport - try volleyball

Government and Sportscotland statistics over the past decade have highlighted the fall-off in female participation in sport from the age of fourteen and over.

Kinross Volleyball Club is starting 2013 offering females in Fife and Kinross the opportunity of taking up volleyball under the banner of MacVolleygirls with the "Mac" standing for "More Active Communities – More Active Children."

Volleyball is one of the top team sports in the world for women as was seen at the London Olympics where both beach volleyball (2 v 2) and 6 v 6 volleyball was on display as well as sitting volleyball at the Paralympics.

The Kinross Club, founded in 1980, already has established links with Kinross High School where lunchtime and after-school activities are well attended, with the school participating in national festivals and inter-school cup competitions organised by the Scottish Volleyball Association.

The club has been successful in gaining a grant from the Big Lottery Fund to support the development of volleyball with a focus on girls and women. Thanks to this Lottery funding, girls and women can attend introductory coaching sessions free on Monday evenings at Loch Leven Community Campus from 8pm till 9.30pm right through from January until May initially, resuming after the summer holiday break.

Volleyball is a unique, inclusive, fun team sport where males and females can participate on equal terms, although the main aim, from the club's point of view, is to promote the sport's fun component as well as gradually improving individual's overall fitness and skill levels.

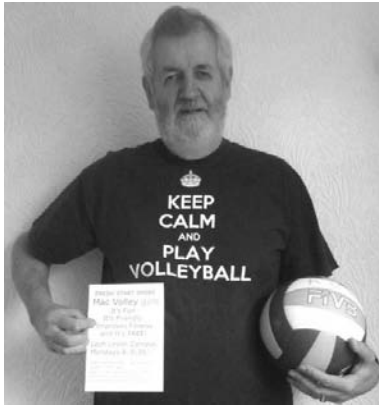
The Kinross Club is already successful at district level with its men's team having been Premier League champions since 2008 and finished as beaten finalists at Scottish Volleyball's regional finals last summer. The men's team play Stirling University in the first round of the National Plate competition on 26 January.

The Kinross Club has this month been recognised as a PACES Club (Perth & Kinross Accredited Club Excellence Scheme) at Foundation Level.

It is hoped that by attracting girls and women into the sport, women's teams can be formed at the club with the aim of entering a women's team at the 2013 Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament in Perth over the last weekend of May as well as the usual men's and mixed entries from Kinross. The Club is also gearing up for a return trip to De Haan for the Belgian club's 40th summer tournament in mid-August.

So to all girls and women who are looking for "something different" and a bit of fun to start 2013, Kinross Volleyball Club's doors are open and it's all free thanks to the Big Lottery Fund. All you have to do is turn up at the campus Sports Hall on Monday evenings from 8pm till 9.30pm – you will be made most welcome. Give it a go – you won't regret it – fun, friendly, free and fitter!

David Munro, Secretary, Kinross Volleyball Club



Volleyball Club Secretary David Munro publicising the special opportunity for women to get involved in the game

Milnathort Golf Club

Things are hotting up at Milnathort Golf Club, but no thanks to the weather!

A gap is appearing in the Thursday Winter League with Jim Hunter on 22 points leading the field, followed by Billy Kay on 16 points. However one of the conditions is that the winner can be cut, so Jim now has a new handicap of 15. Hopefully we will have a tighter grouping coming up for the finals at the end of March. In third place is John Mills with 14 points and, breathing down his neck, Bob Tolson and Peter Graham both on 11 points. We had 24 players last time out, so the format is proving to be very popular.

Jack Mackintosh (5) is leading the way for Saturday's competition on 28 points, Jim Hunter (different handicap for different competition - 18) on 26 points and the others still in contention: David J Malcolm (4) 22 points, Neil Barlow (6) 20 points, Phil Leiper (9) 13 points and John Mills (14) 13 points. With still a few Saturdays to come, the situation can change quite quickly.

A net 56 wasn't enough for John Mills to win last Sunday's competition two strokes behind Jim Hunter's 54. Again, a reduction in handicap should dampen down Jim's arbour and ensure the finals are no foregone conclusion!

The position is currently: Jack Mackintosh 15 points leading, John Mills and Bob Lond 13 points second equal, followed by Jim Hunter and Keith Carver on 13 points apiece.

Senior Section

Firstly, on behalf of the Senior Section, may I wish all readers a Healthy and Prosperous 2013. May all you wish yourselves come to pass!

As far as the golf is concerned, the Senior Competitions are still in abeyance. However the Thursday sweep competition is progressing nicely, when the weather permits, with increased attendance and some very good scores being returned. When the course has been closed on Thursdays, putting competitions or carpet bowls in the Clubhouse has kept our spirits up.

It is hoped that the Senior Section will run an golf outing to Charleton GC, or some other venue, in February or March before the summer season kicks in. If you are interested in joining us, (not restricted to Seniors), keep your eyes and ears open for news in this regard and get your names in early.

Junior Section

With the new golf season approaching, three of the Milnathort Juniors, Blair Addison, Gareth Hutchison and David McIntyre have been taking advantage of the winter coaching provided by the Perth & Kinross Country Golf Association, which is held up at Gleneagles. Other early season coaching is being finalised for other juniors to get them ready for the first junior competitions of the year.

Course drainage works are taking place in February so the course will be in great condition for the start of the season.

Deadline for all Submissions

**5.00 pm, FRIDAY 15 February
for publication on Saturday 2 March**

Kinross Ladies' Hockey Club

www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk



November and December continued to be busy months for training, with all players ignoring the decreasing temperature and worsening weather conditions to forge ahead preparing for matches. Unfortunately, on a number of occasions Mother Nature beat us and we had to cancel some fixtures. In matches that went ahead, both teams performed well, bringing home some excellent results.

The first X1 played Perthshire, winning 3-0. Scorers were Vicky Carver (two) and Michelle Best. Against Grove, Kinross won 6-4 with two for AJ Combe and one each for Lynn Paterson, Gail Nelson, Megan Montgomery and Michelle Best.

The second X1 played Perthshire 2's and were the unfortunate losers, finishing 2-1 down. Despite being in control of the match for the majority of play, Kinross just could not get the ball in the back of net after the opening goal from Claire Brownbridge. A lucky goal for Perthshire but not us put them ahead at the final whistle.

In the following match against St Andrews University 4's, Kinross 2nds proceeded to score a stonking 10 goals to which St Andrews had no answer – the match finishing 10-0. Scorers were Kirsty D (two), Lindsey Knight (two), Jo Eccles (one), Gail Barclay (one) and Jenny Thoms (one).

The seconds are now raring to go for their next match to see if they can reproduce this performance!

On the social side, much fun was had at the annual Pink night, in aid of Breast Cancer Research. This year it was hosted with excellent aplomb by Nell, with much hilarity ensuing. The yearly Christmas 'do' saw a large selection of well-scrubbed up players enjoying dinner and dancing at the Windlestrae Hotel in Kinross.

More information on results, fixtures and social events can be found on our website. For any other information please contact the club secretary, Libby Simpson, on 07941 465811 or e-mail libbysimpson1@gmail.com, or join us for training at 6.30pm at the astro pitch by King George V playing fields, Kinross.

Milnathort Golf Club – Family Memberships

With a strong reputation for its friendly family atmosphere Milnathort Golf Club is proud to launch a Family Membership scheme for 2013.

Every family where both parents are, or become, members of the club will now receive one free Junior or Juvenile Membership.

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Kinross Kobras - Junior Hockey

December saw Kobras teams playing in the fourth tournament in the East District U12 League and an indoor tournament in Dundee.

In the East District tournament, the Kobras team had four good wins over teams from Inverleith, Watsonians and two Dunfermline Carnegie teams. The results raised Kinross Kobras to third overall from the 14 teams who took part. The Kobras playing were Daisy, Lucy, Georgia, Jaiden, Oli, Derek, Alex and Jenny (not in picture).



Some of the Kobras who played in the East District tournament

The indoor tournament in Dundee saw matches against Dunfermline Carnegie, Grove Menzieshill and Perthshire teams. Of these, we won one and narrowly lost two but it was good experience of the faster indoor format of the game.

The next term will see games most weekends at either U10, U12 or U14 level. Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30 - 7.30 at the KGV astroturf pitch.

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Burleigh Angling Club gets new award!

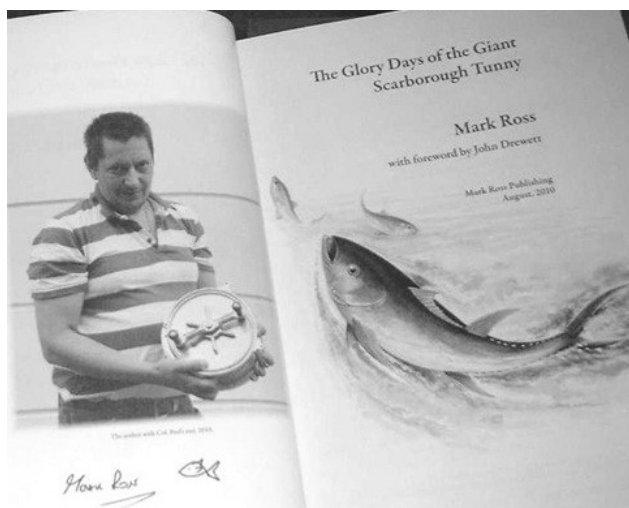
On 5 December 2012, members of the Burleigh Angling Club met at the Salutation Hotel, Kinross, to present their annual awards. The Burleigh Angling Club has been on the go since 1978 and, although small, is going strong. Most of its competitions are held on Loch Leven.

This year the club's guest was Lorna Aspey, mother of the late author and Malloch tackle collector Mark Ross. Mark died suddenly in January 2012. A former pupil of Kinross High School, Mark's book "The Glory Days of the Giant Scarborough Tunny", has consistently had rave reviews.

Mark's mother presented Ian Sutherland, who had overall best result on Loch Leven throughout the season, with the "Mark Ross Still Waters Cup", a large cup with a fisherman on the lid. She was also asked to present the numerous other awards of the night, including the wooden spoon award, which was a cause for much hilarity.

While all present worked their way through a spectacular spread laid on by the Salutation Hotel, many small humorous anecdotes were told about Mark by his friend Dave Clark (also a prize winner) and by his mother.

Sadly few youngsters appear to be interested in fishing nowadays and we can only hope that this will change.



The book written by the late Mark Ross

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James meets Olympians

James Ross of Kinross rubbed shoulders with Olympians and famous coaches when he attended the UK Young Coach of the Year awards in London on 20 November.

Already SportScotland's Young Coach of the Year 2012, James made it into the final three of the UK young coach awards. He met Sir Chris Hoy, Katherine Grainger, Judy Murray and Tony Minichiello (Jessica Ennis's coach) amongst others.

James has contributed to cricket coaching in Perth & Kinross for several years and was recently appointed Area Development Coach by Live Active Leisure.

Kinross Curling Trust

Since November 2012, when members of the Trust gave the Board a mandate to negotiate a lease with Montgomery Hotels which would enable local curlers to renovate and run the curling rink, work has continued to make this project a reality.

Hopefully an agreement over the lease is moving closer and several avenues are being explored with regard to finance.

A Stage 1 application was submitted to SportScotland in the autumn and the go-ahead has now been given to proceed to Stage 2.

Perth and Kinross Council have agreed that it is desirable that the curling rink is maintained and support is being sought.

All curlers who make use of the facilities at Kinross, not just members of the Trust, have been asked to indicate the level of support they feel they could commit to, including donations and loans.

In addition, approaches have been made to various other funding sources.



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Kinross Otters

Midland District 200m Championships
Sunday 2 December 2012



Olympia Pool, Dundee

This was one of the last galas at the old Olympia pool before the new all singing, all dancing 50m pool opens nearby soon. The Otters had limited success with only four individual medallists but won eight medals overall.

Foremost again was **Finlay Nesbitt** (12) in the 9-12 yr old category, where he won three gold medals – Backstroke 2.42.55, Butterfly 3.06.14 and Freestyle 2.26.31.

Next best was **Aaron Gillon** (14) in the 14 yr old category with silver in the Breaststroke 2.54.93 and bronze medals in the Backstroke 2.30.32 and Freestyle 2.17.13.

Conor McCormick (13) managed silver in his best stroke, the Breaststroke, in 2.52.72 and **Niamh Mullen** (13) won the only girls' medal in the Butterfly, silver in 2.51.69.

Scottish Gas National Open Short Course Championships December 2012

Well done to **Aaron Gillon**, who was the only Otter to qualify for this top class event at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh, which is to be the location for the diving at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. He came 60th in the 100m Individual Medley taking one second off his personal best in 1.09.41 in the 15 and under event, despite just turning 14.

Carnegie Winter Meet

Whilst the rest of us were wrapping Christmas presents, Rachel Brisbane (15) was the only medal winner at this good quality meet at the Carnegie Leisure Centre the weekend before Christmas. She won silver in the 200m Breaststroke in 3.08.58 in the 14-15 yr old category.

Midland District Second Division

Congratulations to Kinross Otters second team, who performed brilliantly throughout the year to completely dominate the Second Division League. They won every gala and amassed 25 points out of a possible 25, pushing Carnoustie, Montrose and Brechin first teams into 2nd, 3rd and 4th spots with Forfar seconds bringing up the rear. Special mention must go to the excellent captains, Rebecca Thomson and Callum Simpson, and to Coach Fiona Crichton, who all motivated the team so well throughout. This was a bus that was always packed and the camaraderie was commented on several times. Bring on the First Division!

Club Championships 2012

As ever, these annual November championships were very keenly contested. Highlights included sisters **Ola** and **Zosia Stanton** sharing the same podium in first and second places respectively in the 9 and under girls category (first time ever?) with **Ola** also winning the Silver squad Coaches Award and 100m Individual Medley. Not to be totally outdone, the **Gillon** siblings won their individual battles – **Aaron** in the 13/14 yr old 100m Boys category and the 200m Individual Medley and **Amy** in the 12 and over girls 50m category. Full results are posted at right.

9 & U Girls 50 m 1st Ola Stanton 2nd Zosia Stanton 3rd Ruth Ritchie	9 & U Boys 50 m 1st Jack Muncey 2nd Conner Houston 3rd Stuan Bennet
10/11 Girls 50 m 1st Ruth McPherson 2nd Eve Robertson 3rd Abbie Watson	10/11 Boys 50 m 1st Liam Slater 2nd Louis Butler 3rd Duncan Balantyne
12 & over Girls 50 m 1st Amy Gillon 2nd Cally Evans	
12 & U Girls 100 m 1st Iona Crawford 2nd Kirstin Haig 3rd Amy Broadhurst	12 & U Boys 100 m 1st Finlay Nesbitt 2nd Jack Watson 3rd Rory Hutchison
13/14 Girls 100 m 1st Niamh Mullen 2nd Niven Lowe 3rd Fiona Thomson	13/14 Boys 100 m 1st Aaron Gillon 2nd Cameron McLoskey 3rd Conor McCormick
15 & over Girls 100 m 1st Mairi Mulhern 2nd Rachel Brisbane 3rd Mhairi Boyle	15 & Over Boys 100 m 1st Ruairidh Haig 2nd Jordan Curtis 3rd Callum Simpson
100m IM Girls 1st Ola Stanton 2nd Honor Ashcroft 3rd Ruth Ritchie	100m IM Boys 1st Rory Hutchison 2nd Jack Muncey 3rd Johnny Mullen
200m IM Girls 1st Rachel Brisbane 2nd Mhairi Boyle 3rd Niamh Mullen	200m IM Boys 1st Aaron Gillon 2nd Ruairidh Haig 3rd Cameron McCloskey
100m Open IM Girls 1st Fiona Crichton 2nd Jacqui Houston	100m Open IM Boys 1st Ewan Simpson 2nd Mirek Chmielek 3rd Simon Metcalfe

Coaches Award

Bronze Squad	-	Campbell Shiels
Silver Squad	-	Ola Stanton
Gold Squad	-	Amy Broadhurst
Platinum Squad	-	Annabel Simpson

Swimmers of the year

Cameron Nelson and Rachel Brisbane



The victorious Second Division Team with captain Rebecca Thomson (at front) holding the cup



News from the Rurals

BISHOPSHIRE – Twenty four members enjoyed a delicious meal at The Well in Scotlandwell in December.

Competition:

Decorated Christmas parcel - Margaret Crighton

A large turnout of members at the January meeting heard about the charity Loving Hands from its founder, Linda Japp. She started off asking people to knit the Fish and Chip baby jumpers, and found that, through the Internet, there were thousands of ladies who were keen to knit in their own homes and donate what they made to the charity. From those beginnings, things have progressed and now the charity provides many and varied knitted items, including baby packs, and Mum packs for maternity hospitals in Africa. Linda finds each new suggestion a challenge, such as knitting false breasts, enabling young Mums to learn how to breast-feed their babies. At times humorous, this talk was very humbling and the members were very interested in everything they heard.

Competitions:

Savoury dip - Joanne Cowan

Holiday poem - Janette Gardiner

CLEISH – President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed members and guests to our coffee, cake and carols evening in December. SWRI federation choir entertained us all with an excellent programme of songs and carols.

A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

CROOK OF DEVON – In December we had a lovely Christmas meal at The Inn, Crook of Devon, followed by games and Christmas stories organised by Jean Jackson. Isabelle White won the competition for a Christmas Table Decoration.

President Mrs Isobel Mill opened the first meeting of 2013 by introducing Joanna McCreadie who gave us a very interesting talk about Seamab School.

Vote of Thanks Margaret Greig.

Competitions:

Photograph of Child - Isobel Mechan

Flower of the Month - Margaret Paterson

GLENFARG – Members and visitors to the Christmas meeting were welcomed by President Margaret Scott. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Local Vocals, a group of Glenfarg ladies under the leadership of Margaret Ponton, accompanied by Marguerite Norris on the piano.

This was the first outing for the group and what a triumph it was! They sang show songs, a medley of traditional melodies and finally arrangements on a Christmas theme, all with verve and wit. With a funny and apposite Christmas -time poem in between, the Local Vocals well deserved Margaret Scott's hearty vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Stocking filler - Allison Messenger

Edible Xmas Tree Decoration - Allison Messenger

Flower of the Month - Allison Messenger

The plight of red squirrels was the topic of the January meeting. Led by Simon Poots of the Red Squirrel Project, it came as a great surprise to many members just how perilous the state of red squirrels is and how close we are to losing this iconic symbol of the Scottish countryside. Exterminating grey squirrels has become imperative and they will never look cute and fluffy again!

Margaret Scott presided at the meeting and Helen Quartermaine proposed the vote of thanks and was tea hostess.

Competitions:

Pot Plant - Liz Yull

Collage - Lynda Stuart

Nutty Biscuits - Allison Messenger

POWMILL – The November meeting was held at Retro Glass, Alloa. Members were shown around the premises and then had the opportunity to make a glass star which was left to be fired and collected at a later date. Many items of jewellery, pictures, bowls etc were on show, which were beautiful to look at and several purchases were made. A refreshing cup of tea was also provided and a great evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Competitions:

Paperweight - Mrs Ruth Briscoe

Four Custard Creams - Mrs Catherine Stewart

The Christmas Party was held at Powmill Milk Bar with Blairingone SWRI. A lovely three-course meal was served and then Blairingone members provided the entertainment. A quiz on pantomimes, poetry readings, sketches and games followed and the evening was rounded off with carol singing while each member received a present from Santa's sack. A great time was enjoyed by all.

Competitions:

Christmas Cracker - Mrs Ella Shand

Four Mince Pies - Mrs Elsie Johnston

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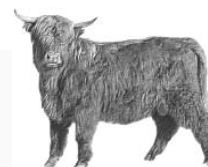
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Hiya, peeps! Weel, wur intae next year noo, or this year since a last wrote a column. Ower the last wee whiley the rain hiz filled the place up wi watter and the levels hiv been pretty high, makin it difficult tae drap it doon tae cut rushes etc. We did hiv the soffrack in tae dae a bit o' cuttin, but the bits it didnae dae we will cut oorsels later oan wi the quad bike n topper.

Birdwise, geese numbers hiv dropped doon a bit as ye wid expect at this time o' year as they move sooth. We hiv hid things like hen harrier, and the white tailed eagle still about, tho the eagle wiz last seen oan 27 December: when things got a bit milder again it went fly about. The last few days, wi the cauld returnin and the wee plowt o' snaw, the bird feeders hiv been busy again wi awe types appearin tae stock up energy supplies. A few folks hiv asked aboot gairden birds no comin tae thur feeders lately and a few reasons kid be the cause. Durin mild weather if the birds kin fund food at thur feet there's nae point in expendin energy tae flee tae feeders bein yin. If ye want tae find oot mair, check oot the RSPB website fur mair answers.

This weekend, **26 n 27 January**, the RSPB's "**Big Garden Birdwatch**" is takin place, so if ye wid like tae help wi that survey, log oan or come along tae the reserve and collect a recordin form. Over hawf a million people usually tak pairt each year so it provides a load o' information aboot the state o' the nation's birds. We will be holdin events relatin tae BGBW ower the weekend so come along and join in the fun.

February will see a nest box building event oan **Saturday 16th: "Build a Bird Home"** fae 11am – 2pm; come along tae the reserve and mak a bird box fur yer gairden or whaurever. Please book in advance so that we hiv a nest box kit waitin fur ye. Cost £5 members and £8 non members, which includes the cost o' the box tae tak hame wi ye.

On **Saturday 23 February** a "**Digital SLR Course**" fae 10am – 4pm will be held. Run by the same guy wha did them before, Dave Taylor; learn awe aboot takin better images wi yer SLR camera. Costs £50 members and £60 non-members, lunch, teas, coffees etc included durin the day. Please book early for this as places are limited to eight people so he can give one to one tuition.

The shop hiz a richt wheeng o' new stuff in stock; the new outdoor range including GPS, drybags and first aid kits. Walkin poles seems tae be provin popular wi customers. A big range o' new stuff fur kids is also oan show; games, toys etc. Noo is also a guid time tae replace yer auld nestbox or pit up a new yin tae encourage close encounters wi wildlife in yer back gairden. Again, a new range is oan the shop shelves fur yer perusal.

Think that's it again then fur this month. Ta ta,

Colin

See also Notice on p. 92 for details of talks at RSPB Loch Leven.

Loch Leven NNR

Happy New Year and welcome to the Year of Natural Scotland! As managers of Scotland's natural heritage, SNH will be very busy during the course of 2013, throughout the country promoting Scotland's rich diversity of habitats, landscapes, flora and fauna. Here at Loch Leven National Nature Reserve we'll be dedicating our events programme and this year's Discovery Day to celebrating our share in that richness, and encouraging visitors and locals to enjoy the wildlife spectacle we have on our doorstep.

Walk for Wetlands

**Saturday 2 February,
10am – 1pm. Meet at Loch
Leven's Larder car park.
Please call 01577 864439
to book your place.**

This year's Walk for Wetlands is therefore a double celebration; being the first of our events promoting the Year of Natural Scotland, and also marking World Wetlands Day on the 42nd anniversary of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, signed

in Ramsar, Iran. The Ramsar Convention is aimed specifically at wetlands of importance to waterfowl. The wintering populations of ducks, geese and swans at Loch Leven make it one of the most significant wetland sites in the country, and on World Wetlands Day we'll introduce you to some of them as we walk down toward the loch from Loch Leven's Larder. The event is free and all are welcome. Stout footwear, waterproofs and binoculars are recommended.

Over the last 6 months we have been assisting Senga Moran from Kinross High School to develop the 'Conservation in Action' group with S3 and S6 pupils. In January they came down to the reserve to install eleven superbly constructed tree sparrow nest boxes, built in the CDT department of the school. The plan is for them to monitor activity in these individually numbered boxes, looking for signs of occupancy and nesting behaviour. As well as this, they have also been involved in invasive species control, scrub clearance and insect surveying. Still in its early stages, the Conservation in Action group has the potential to inspire young people to take a greater interest in wildlife conservation and reserve management in the future, and we are very keen to develop this connection with the school.

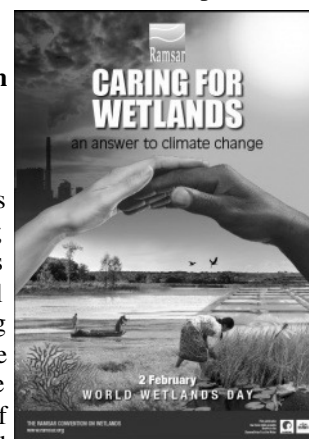
Finally, we have recently welcomed back Jeremy Squire as interim reserve manager as Neil Mitchell takes up temporary secondment to the Tay Beaver Project. Jeremy will be with us until April, when he returns to Isle of May NNR for a third season.

That's all for now folks,

Craig

Fact of the Month

Kestrels can see in the ultraviolet spectrum, allowing them to see mouse urine. As mice are incontinent, this gives the Kestrel the ability to track the urine trails from high above the ground and find the mouse.



Farming



If it wasn't for your wellies, where would you be?

I left my wellies at home on 30 November, pulled on my 'going out' boots and headed with all the family to the Young Farmers' Concert at the campus.

It turned out to be a variety performance of amazing standard. Gary, Tank Commander commandeered the first laughs, followed by a cleverly thought out mock of everyone local in an Olympic torch sketch. Sixteen-year-old Calum Greer's portrayal of the tallest joiner from Cleish was pure class. I couldn't have guessed we'd hear such lovely singing from both the girls and the boys but I did know that Granny would be shocked at some point and the dancing digger cast obliged here – it was VERY funny though! Our own Newsletter columnist (his turn next month) hosted the whole event and even led the audience in the popular Billy Connolly song whose title I've borrowed for this article.

I was very proud of everyone involved and it really got me thinking about the range of talents and skills that exist within the farm businesses in Kinross-shire. When they are not in their wellies, what do they do?

We're lucky to have a choice of farm shops run by farming families who are often spotted behind the counter or topping up the shelves. Many local digger operators come from farms and we also have a number of passionate people who are members of the National Farmers Union of Scotland (SNFU) and serve on specific committees to speak up on current challenges and industry issues such as the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy. I met a Fife farmer recently whose beef is mainly sold to Sainsbury's. Willie was invited to join the supermarket's beef advisory group a few years ago and is flown down to their headquarters regularly to contribute to discussions on the Scottish beef supply chain. Within the Young Farmers' Club who produced the concert are farming sons and daughters with fledgling careers in teaching, joinery, and engineering to name but a few. It seems many work off the farm but may help out at weekends and evenings and are keen to be part of the farming community too. The statistics show that we'll need a lot more young people to join the industry to ensure a good supply of food for future generations, so I'm glad that we've such a versatile and passionate bunch of young people in Kinross-shire to take over – maybe one of them would like to pen the farming column for the Newsletter one day?

One thing's for sure, though – if John's not farming, you'll find him on a stage somewhere near you!

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Weather



November Weather Report From Carnbo

November this year was more like a Winter month than late Autumn. Temperatures were low throughout, with very little in the way of mild spells. One good thing was the rainfall being below the long term average for November.

Total rainfall	103mm (86% of average)
Heaviest 24 hr fall	18 mm (18th)
Rain days 22, trace days 1, dry days 7	
No snow recorded	
Highest temperature	11°C (20th)
Lowest temperature	-3°C (29th)
Mean temperature	3.6°C (2011 6.5°C)

Ice days not recorded

General frost recorded on 18 nights

Air frost recorded on 12 nights

Sunless days 4

Cloud cover 50% app.

Thunder not recorded

December Weather Report From Carnbo

December this year was even colder than November. Rainfall was also on the heavy side, with even a little snow early in the month. Towards the end of the month, the weather turned much milder, leading to a snow free Christmas holiday period.

Total rainfall	167mm (146% of average)
Heaviest fall	33 mm (22nd)
Rain days 24, trace days 1, dry days 6	
5 snow days, 6 lying days, total depth 8cms	
Highest temperature	10°C (28th)
Lowest temperature	-7°C (13th)
Average temperature	1.8°C

3 ice days (maximum temperature below 0°C)

Ground frost recorded 19 nights

Air frost 13 nights

Sunless days 8

Cloud cover 50% app.

Thunder not recorded

2012 The vital statistics

Total rainfall recorded	1283mm (108% of average)
Heaviest 24 hr fall	41 mm (June 21st)
Rain days 233, dry days 96, trace days 31	
5 snow days, 6 lying days, total depth 8cms	
Highest temperature	26°C (May 24th)
Lowest temperature	-7°C (Feb 2nd)
Average temperature	7.5°C
5 ice days (maximum temperature below 0°C)	
Sunless days	98

Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall measured in Kinross for the year 2012 was 1248.6 mm (49.94 inches).

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Congratulations



Congratulations to Holly **WARDROPE** and Gavin **NAUGHTON** on the birth of their daughter, **DAISY JENNIFER**, born on 29 November 2012. A first granddaughter for Kim and Kenneth Wardrope, and Katherine and Peter Naughton. A great-granddaughter for Myrtle Urquhart, and Katherine and Ian Mabbott.

Congratulations to Jo and Tracey **CURTIS**, Edinburgh, on the birth of their first child, **BENJAMIN EWAN**, born on Wednesday 12 December 2012. Grandson of David and Isobel Syme, 3 Fruix, Kinross.

At Border General Hospital, on Thursday 3 January 2013, to Jane **MUNRO** and Gareth (Hovis) **BROWN**, a son, **MONTY**. A brother for Jamie May and first grandson for Ann Munro.

GEORGE and **MARGARET BROWN** of Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 21 November 2012.



Margaret and George Brown celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary

DEAN MAGUIRE MILLER of Milnathort is now a qualified butcher. Dean was trained at **HUNTERS THE BUTCHER** of Kinross. Hunter's have recently received an accolade for their steak and gravy pie. (See article on p. 8 for full story.)



Dean Miller with the Bronze award for Hunter's steak and gravy pie

Thanks



Thanks to Lindsay Sands, David Sands, Stephen Brown, and all the Directors, office staff, managers, warehouse staff and shop assistants past and present of **DAVID SANDS**. Each and every one of you have helped to make a respected family business which has been in the centre of Kinross for our whole lives.

This week (30 Nov 2012) is a sad week for employees and townsfolk alike as the baton is handed over to the Co-op. Kinross will never be the same again! We wish each and every one of you happiness in the next chapter of your lives. A huge thank you – **Tom, Jean, Wendy, Amanda and Alistair Webster**.

MARGARET WHYTE, Croftwynd, Milnathort, would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who sent cards, flowers and well wishes for a speedy recovery. It's been a long ten weeks but on the mend now. Thank you all.

HELEN BARRIE, Milnathort, would like to thank everyone who came to her birthday party, given by Andrew and Fiona. Thanks for all the cards and lovely flowers, and for the beautiful cake made by Sylvia. Thank you so much.

A special thanks to **ORWELL OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE** for providing the Milnathort over-70s with a most enjoyable Christmas Party on 8 December. A delicious lunch, catered for by 'The Jolly Beggars', was followed by excellent entertainment from Fraser Macdonald. There was even a visit from 'Sandy Claus', adding to the fun. Grateful thanks to car drivers for their help and kindness in providing transport. In all, a very much appreciated special afternoon. A big thank you to all those involved.

LITTLE BUDS CHILDMINDERS would like to send a big thank you to all the local people and businesses who donated great prizes for their Christmas Raffle: Gavin Anderson photography, Stewart and Smart, Milnathort Post Office, Zen Zone, Beauty at Jen, The Windlestrae, Complete Look, Hair and Beauty Studio, Shi Beauty, La Riviera, Kashmir Palace, Sky Television, Sally Jones, Lucy Jones, Anne Johnstone and Ann and Mark Stockdale all helped us raise an amazing £200 for the Salvation Army. Also massive thanks to our little Buds, their parents and our friends and families who bought our raffle tickets.

LUCY BURNELL MEMORIAL BENCH: I would sincerely like to thank all those involved in helping me raise the grand sum of £630 on 27 December 2012 at The Grouse & Claret. I can now go ahead and have a bench placed on the cycle path in Lucy's memory, following also the kind permission of the Community Council and local landowner Jamie Montgomery.

Special thanks to David and Vicky Futong for allowing us the use of their premises and to local bands Route 56 and Sienna for providing a great musical evening. Also to all those local businesses that kindly donated raffle prizes and friends and family for buying tickets and making it a very successful evening in Lucy's memory, I am extremely grateful to all of you – **Joanne Grindlay**.

CO-OPERATIVE FOOD recently made a generous donation of £20,000 to the Children's Hospice Association Scotland.

Kinross-shire Churches Together



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Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

Church open for visiting or quiet contemplation Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon (Note Pram Service on Tues mornings during school term). The Church website gives details of events, including photographs of recent events - see the 'Gallery' section.

Leasing Church or Church Centre

Contact Church Office or Church email (see above).

For more details of events see: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

The church has disabled parking, ramp access and a disabled toilet. Kinross Church Centre, High Street, has ramp access and a disabled toilet.

Regular Services and events

Sun 10.30am: Morning Service. Crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary age) during Morning Service and, at 7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

Tues 10am Pram Service (during termtime).

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

Fri The Brigade, Church Centre.

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

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

Special Services and events

January

Sun 27 6.30pm: Informal evening service.

Tue 29 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

8pm Bible Study/Prayer Meeting: 'Try Praying - Using the Bible'.

February

Sun 3 10.30 am: Morning service, followed by informal Communion.

Mon 4 8am: Time for Prayer - Silent Meditation (30min).

Tue 5 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre. 'Hymns that Inspire'.

Thu 7 7.30pm: Thursday Group, Church Centre, 'Stars of the Silver Screen'.

Sat 9 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office).

Sun 17 6.30pm: 'Inside Out - exploring our part in God's mission'. First of six Sunday evenings in Lent. 'Inside Out' is a course which explores different ways in which, as a church, we can be involved in our community.

Tue 19 7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre. 'Heart for Art', Brenda Fraser.

Thu 21 9pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline (20min).

Sun 24 6.30pm: 'Inside Out' - for Lent, exploring our part in God's mission.

Tues 26 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

8pm Bible Study/Prayer Meeting: 'Peter's Escape from Prison'.

March

Fri 1 World Day of Prayer.

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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 Church Office, Milnathort.

Dates and events for your diary

Sunday 3 February

Souper Sunday Service, 10am at Portmoak Church, 11.30am at Orwell Church.

Everyone Welcome

Oasis Ladies' meeting in Portmoak New Room.

10.15-11.45am last Friday of the month.

Guild meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Orwell Hall

7pm between September and March.

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200

orwellportmoakchurch@yahoo.co.uk

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

Jesus said, "I come among you as one who serves."

Church and Children's Sunday Club: Every Sunday at

10.30am in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

During each service there will be a time for ministry and prayer for healing.

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

Kinross Parish Church

Family Week 2013, 29 July - 2 August

We are already planning our Family Week for 2013. Young people age 3 to S4 will be welcome. The morning sessions will be held in the Church from **Monday 29 July until Friday 2 August, (10am - 12.15pm)**. Other activities will be held throughout the week, finishing with a **Celebration and Family Barbecue** on **Friday 2 August** at 7pm. The aim of FAMILY WEEK is unchanged - **"To present the Good News of Jesus in a fun-packed week"**. Contact Margaret Michie (01592 840602) for further information.

Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at

www.kinross.cc

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

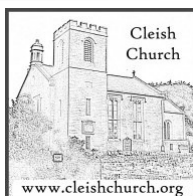
Telephone: (01506) 825641

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

Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am**February****Sun 3** 11.15am All Age Service: Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 10** 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 17** 10.00am Early Birds Service.

11.15am Morning Worship led by members of the Kirk Session.

Sun 24 11.15am Sacrament of Holy Communion: Rev. Clifford Hughes.**Other Activities****Sunday 3 February** Tea and coffee served in village hall after Morning Worship.**Friday 15 February** "Grand St. Valentine's Ceilidh" in village Hall, in aid of Church funds (see Notices).**Monday 25 February** Guild meeting in Village Hall at 7.15pm. Speaker: Margaret Kilpatrick "Creating My Garden". To be followed by AGM

Fossoway Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Locum/Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01755) 840225

Sunday Services at 9.45am**January****Sun 27** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum B Ogilvie.**February****Sun 3** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum B Ogilvie.**Sun 10** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum B Ogilvie.**Sun 17** 9.45am Morning Worship. Rev. Clifford Hughes.**Sun 24** 9.45am Sacrament of Holy Communion. Rev. Clifford Hughes.**Wrigglers Group (0-3 years), Junior Church, crèche and teens group** every Sunday at 9.45am. All meet in church for family worship and then move to their own space after the 'Time to Talk'.**Tots Music:** Friday mornings in hall, 9.30am**Café Refresh:** Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm. Delicious home baking and lots of chat.**Yoga classes:** Mondays 7pm - 8.30pm**Joint Choir:** Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm.**House group:** Contact Fred for details, 01577 840833.**During School Holidays there is a DVD Club/Creche for all children.**

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

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

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Mrs Sarah Oxnard Telephone: (01577) 864213

Mr Sandy Smith Telephone: (01577) 862536

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

February Services**Sat 2** Institution of Rector Elect, Rev. David Mackenzie-Mills.**Sun 3** 8.30am Said Eucharist, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 10** 8.30am Said Eucharist, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Tue 12** 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.**Sun 17** 8.30am Said Eucharist, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 24** 8.30am Said Eucharist, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

2nd Tuesday of month 7.30pm informal worship in meeting room.

Everyone welcome at all services

Please note: there may be minor variations to the service format.

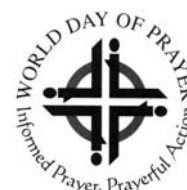
Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1 March 2013

This year's service comes from France and the theme is:

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

Services

Kinross-shire Day Centre at 2pm

Cleish Parish Church at 7pm

Refreshments will be available after each service

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

Loch Leven Fishing Pier; Robertson's of Milnathort;

Kinnesswood Village Store;

Fossoway Stores, Crook of Devon

Obituaries

RITCHIE HENDERSON of Milnathort died peacefully at home on 21 November 2012, aged 87.

Ritchie was the first son of James and Henrietta Henderson, High Street, Kinross. When he left school he worked at Loch Leven Garage, at that time he also joined the Home Guard. In 1942 his father died. His mother then went to work to support Ritchie and younger brother Marshall. In 1944 he joined the RAF and was posted to India; this he enjoyed and recalled many memories.

On his return, he worked for Baxters of Milnathort, then the Kirklands Garage.

In 1951 he married Margaret Wood.

Ritchie went into partnership with Bob Wilson doing car sales, then he went on his own, and was fortunate to have many good customers and friends.

Sadly, in 1978, Margaret died. Ritchie by this time had a successful self-drive hire business.

In time, Ritchie married Anna Scott and started a life with Anna and her daughter, Pauline. Their marriage was a very happy one. They saw Pauline get married and go on to give them a lovely granddaughter, Jennifer, whom Ritchie enjoyed and encouraged with his humour and stories.

Ritchie's main hobby was militaria, about which he was passionate, researching to the last detail. He was also an avid armchair football fanatic!

Ritchie and Anna had many good holidays in the Yorkshire Dales during their 32 very happy years of marriage; Ritchie has left Anna, Pauline and Jennifer with a lot of good memories.

BROWN – Robert (Bob). Peacefully, at home in Lomond Place, Kinross, after a brave battle with illness, on 30 December 2012, aged 83. Beloved husband to Eileen for 64 years, father to David, grandfather to Kirsty and David, great-grandfather to Christopher, Rachael and Clare. Very much loved and sadly missed.

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon

at 29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

No appointment needed. No charge. Totally confidential.

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing. Call 07531 435715 for further information.

www.healingrooms-scotland.com

Recently bereaved? Needing some support?

AMONGST FRIENDS

(Bereavement Group)

meets at the Health Centre, Kinross

on the last Friday of the month, 2.30pm to 4pm

A warm welcome awaits all

For details phone Marg 01577 863557

Do you have

Photographs of Kinross-shire

you'd be happy to share with others?

Visit www.kinross.cc to find out how to add your photos to the Photo Library. The aim of the library is to provide a resource for promoting Kinross-shire.

Acknowledgements

HENDERSON – Anna, Pauline, Greg and Jennifer wish to thank most sincerely all relatives' friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, floral tributes and cards received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the Rev. Alan Reid for his comforting service, and also to Gordon and Alison Stewart.

BROWN – The family of Robert Brown would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their kindness and messages of condolence following Bob's death.

We would like to thank Stewart Funeral Group for their help with the funeral arrangements and for their kindness and support at a difficult time.

Thanks also to those friends and neighbours who made the journey back to Bob's hometown of Edinburgh with us for his funeral service on what was a truly dreich day, and for all the kind donations made for the Cornhill Macmillan Support group.

A very special thank you needs to be said to all the Macmillan Nurses and District Nurses who came in to care for Bob and Eileen during his illness and to Dr Dalgety for his support and kindness in the last few weeks. Bob's only wish was to be at home with Eileen and the rest of his family, and not in hospital when the time came – you all made that possible and for that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

YOUNG – Marie and family would like to thank all friends, neighbours and relatives for their kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards and visits during the last months and weeks of Ray's life, and for attending Perth Crematorium from near and far to say their farewells. Also for the wonderful support of his many good friends and that of our family during the last two difficult years. The collection for the Macmillan Nurses amounted to £1011.50, and we thank you for giving so generously. Our sincere gratitude to all the staff of the Tayside Cancer Treatment Centre at Ninewells Hospital Dundee, and particularly to all those who cared for Ray at The Cornhill Macmillan Centre, Perth, where Ray spent the last three weeks of life, the Kinross Surgery and District Nurses who oversaw his care with great sensitivity, thus helping him retain his independence and dignity. The quiet efficiency and meticulous care imparted by Stewart Funeral Directors Ltd was especially appreciated, as was the unhesitating agreement of Keith Green, despite the difficult time of year, to play our chosen music. Special mention must be made of the manager and staff of Kinross Golf Club who so readily and cheerfully accommodated our post-funeral breakfast in the splendid premises; no detail was overlooked and our guests were made most welcome. Lastly, I thank my son-in-law Colin Wills for undertaking the difficult task of conducting the service of one so dear to him and his family, for his all-encompassing eulogy, and my grandchildren Charlotte, George and Jamie for their heart felt tributes.

Discover Loch Leven Website

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

www.visitlochleven.org

Playgroups & Nurseries

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

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

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

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS!



To join in the fun
 call 07989 795259
 Email milnathortbt@gmail.com
 Or find us on Facebook



FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 17766 or
www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross



LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact Laura Reilly 07779 208919, kinross43@yahoo.co.uk

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

The Institute, Crook of Devon

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.15am

All Mums to-be and Mothers, Fathers and Carers with children aged birth to 3 years are welcome to attend.

Contact - Fiona Eastop 01577 864194

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
 (only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

We are a friendly and relaxed playgroup welcoming children aged 2-5. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the playgroup!

Babies and Toddlers (birth- 3yrs), Tues 9.30am - 11am
 Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am– 12noon

Contact Lynda Hardie (Play leader/Manager)
 01592 840785 or 07594 328475

Website: <http://portmoakunderfives.wordpress.com>

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21 -23 Swansacre

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association

Aka Swansacre Playgroup

Registered Scottish Charity Number SCO17748

Tel: 01577 862071, Mobile: 07592 392235

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



Playgroup sessions

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

Inbetweeners sessions

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

Rising Fives session

Wed 1.00pm-3.15pm

with Lunch Club beforehand

This is complementary to preschool Nursery

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

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

Ante-natal to pre-school.

Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer.

For more information, please contact

Playgroup on 07592 392235

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

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 10.00 to 11.30 (term time only)

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

Contact Victoria Jackson on 01577 865617

for further details,

or email victoriajackson1@hotmail.co.uk

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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

Healthy snack for children

Coffee/tea & biscuits for carer

Lots of toys

Friendly support for all carers

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

Contact Lucie on 07810 201935 or just come along!

Notices



The Portmoak Burns Supper

Portmoak Village Hall

Saturday 26 January

That Hens Tooth - the Good Fun Burns Supper
The Haggis - the terrifying, hilarious Dr Bill Carr
The Immortal Memory - Crawford Logan,
distinguished TV and Radio actor of many voices

Folk and Classical Music
Singing - chiefly yourselves
Poetry readings and quiz (with prizes)

Magnificent catering again from Lochend Farm Shop

Tickets: dave@davebatchelor.co.uk 01592 840233



Talks at RSPB Loch Leven



Talks are at RSPB Loch Leven, Vane Farm, Kinross-shire, start at 7pm and finish at approximately 8.30pm. Places must be booked by telephoning (01577) 862355. Cost: RSPB members £3, non-members £4.

Wed 6 Feb Red Squirrels by Sophie Eastwood.

Wed 6 Mar Bats. This talk will also include going outside with a bat detector. Richard Smith, Lochore Meadows Ranger Service.

(A talk mentioned in the December Newsletter and due to be given on 27 February on Scottish Seabirds has been cancelled.)

The Thursday Group

7 February

Stars of the Silver Screen - Andy Paterson

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

Royal Geographical Society Talk

Perth Concert Hall

Dan Kieran: The Idle Traveller

7.30pm on **Tuesday 12 February**

£8 adults. Students, U18s and RSGS members free.

www.rsgs.org

Cleish Church

(Charity No: SC003168)

invites you to a

GRAND ST. VALENTINE'S CEILIDH

in aid of Church fun(ds)

Dancing to the Glenfarg Dance Band in
Cleish Village Hall on

Friday 15 February

7pm for 7.30pm

Ceilidh Dances, Sing Along, Refreshments,
Raffle, Hat Competition!

Tickets: Adults £10, Under 16 £8 from May Bayne
(850226) or David Adams (850292)

Loch Leven NNR

Events Programme 2013



Scottish Natural Heritage
All of nature for all of Scotland



Sat 2 Feb	Walk for Wetlands	
Sun 21 Apr	'I-Spy' Nature Detectives	10am-12pm
Tue 4 Jun	Findatie Botany	6pm-8pm
Sun 16 Jun	Discovery Day	12pm-4pm
Tue 18 Jun	Burleigh Botany	6pm-8pm
Thu 15 Aug	Osprey Walk	6pm-8pm
Sun 29 Sep	Fungi Foray	2pm-5pm
Sat 26 Oct	Pink Sunset	4.30pm-7pm
Sat 28 Dec	Winter Bird Walk	10am-1pm

All our events are free and booking is essential. Please call 01577 864439 for more information, or to book your place on any of the above events (excluding Discovery Day which is open to all).

Kinross-shire Historical Society



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

Remaining Programme for 2012 - 2013

18 Feb Kinross Now and Then: A Comparison of Kinross of Today and Yesteryear. Jim Paterson.

18 Mar Around Loch Leven: A photographic look around Loch Leven, its scenery, history and tales. Willie Shand.

Music in Dollar

www.musicindollar.org.uk

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

23 Feb 'Stelle' (four singers plus accompanist)

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

Kinross Floral Art Club

will meet at the Windlestrae Hotel on

Thursday 28 February

at 7.15pm. Demonstration:

"The Best of the Bunch" by Mrs Lesley Nelson

East Fife Male Voice Choir Concert

Kinross Parish Church

Saturday 16 March at 7.30pm

Kinross Guides

Monday or Tuesday evenings from 7.30 - 9.00pm,

Millbridge Hall, Kinross.

Girls from 10-14 invited - come along and give us a try.

Phone Margaret on 862945 or email mbs21@btinternet.com

THE KINROSS HUB - A CAFE FOR CARERS
St. Pauls Church Hall, Kinross
First Monday of Every Month 10—12 noon

4 February 2013

Roseanne Gray
Adult & Family Learning Worker

4 March 2013

Rhona Maxwell
Independent Advocacy

8 April 2013

Mandy law
Welfare Rights

Contact Gail Boath
or Elaine Kincaid
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.



Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

Milnathort
filmhouse
big screen movies
brave



Find us on
Facebook

sunday feb 3rd 3pm

BRAVE (PG) tickets available on the door and in advance through our Facebook page. Family £15 (2 ad + 2 chd) Adult £5 (OAP & Student concession £3), Screening 3pm at Milnathort Town Hall, doors open 2.30pm. Tuck shop available.



COURTESY OF PORTMOAK FILM SOCIETY

MAMMA MIA! MOVIE NIGHT

16th Feb 2013, 7.30PM

Portmoak Hall

Scotlandwell

Tickets £5 per person

!BYOB!

Popcorn, Crisps, Confectionery, Red & White Wine and Soft Drinks all available for a small donation on the night which will go towards raising funds for...



Tickets available to buy at Kinnesswood Post Office or please contact beth1974@hotmail.co.uk / lisawill81@hotmail.com

Movie Night to raise funds for Portmoak Under 5s

Trefoil Guild

Trefoil Guild is guiding for ADULTS – fun, friendship and making a difference!

We are hoping to restart the Trefoil Guild in Guide and Scout Hall, Milnathort one afternoon during the week. Anyone interested, please contact Alison on 01577 864262



newbies

Every Monday, 2- 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether, whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open:

Thursdays, 10am– 8pm and Saturdays, 10am– 3pm. Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: www.kinrossnewsletter.org



Could this hound be looking for you Contact us to arrange a time to come along to pick your hound to take home



Give A Greyhound A Home
Look on our Website
www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

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



Disability Sport

There are many activities for people with disabilities at local, regional and national level which welcome people with physical, learning and sensory disabilities. Sports available include swimming, athletics, boccia and bowling. If you would like further information or would like to be included on an email distribution list to keep up-to-date with what is available, please contact Caroline Ness, Sports Development Officer by telephone on 01738 472242 or email CMNess@pkc.gov.uk

Springwell

Inclusion • Wellbeing • Recovery

Supporting positive mental health in Strathearn and Kinross-shire for adults between 16 and 65.

We support people to improve the quality of their life and wellbeing, be more involved in their community, help them achieve their ambitions and manage their mental health. We support people to get involved in their community, improve social contact, be more active, access education, voluntary opportunities or work. The support and activities we offer are flexible and can change and develop over time, depending on what people need and benefit from.

For more information or an informal chat phone Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, CharlesWilson@pkc.gov.uk

PKAVS Carers Services

Drop In Session for Carers

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

Every second Monday of the month between 10am and 11am at the Loch Leven Medical Centre, Kinross.

No appointment is necessary. If you would like to meet outwith these times, please contact Kerry Donaghy on 01738 567076 or kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk

Funding Alert!

P&KC produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of Trusts and Foundations giving away grants.

The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or go to www.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.)

Free Energy Saving Advice Freephone 0800 512 012

Free, impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home, sustainable transport choices, small-scale use of micro-renewables etc. Advice to individuals, communities and small businesses.



Loch Leven Community Campus
The Muirs, Kinross
KY13 8FQ
www.pkc.gov.uk

Community Learning & Development
Adult Learning
Free local and friendly support with -

Basic Computer Tuition

In small groups at a pace to suit the individual. No prior knowledge of computing is necessary.

- Get to know the computer
- Using Word for basic documents
- Introduction to the Internet
- Using E-mail

English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to –

- Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

Adult Literacy & Numeracy

Reading Writing Spelling Numbers

"I can enjoy books now"
 "I feel more confident"
 "Filling in forms is less scary"
 "I passed my driving test"

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

If you would like further information regarding any of the tuition please contact:

Jayne Ramsay
Clerical Assistant
 Loch Leven Community Campus
 Email: JSRamsay@pkc.gov.uk
 Tel: 01577 867177

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com



Community Learning & Development
Adult & Family Learning Team

Technology Drop-in

Confused by your Computer?
Intrigued by the Internet?
Errors in your Email?
Flummoxed by your Phone?

The Community Learning & Development IT Tutor holds drop-in sessions to help with any basic technology questions you may have. Sessions are on the **second Friday of every month** from **2pm to 4pm** in the ICT room within the library at Loch Leven Community Campus.

No need to book, just drop-in!

If you need further information, please telephone

01577 867177 or email **sfowler@pkc.gov.uk**

Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us **jo@samaritans.org**

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays 1630 – 2130 Thursdays 1630 – 1900

Wednesdays 0830 – 1100 Fridays 1000 – 1630

and 1930 – 2130 Sundays 0800 – 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.

We're here for you, anytime.

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it.

We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our website **www.careconfidential.com**

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

www.careconfidential.com

email: **hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com**

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

Newsletter Deadlines 2013

Please note, deadlines are now on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website. In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: **www.kinrossnewsletter.org**

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
March	Fri 15 February	Saturday 2 March
April	Fri 15 March	Saturday 30 March



THE
TALKING
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring 07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is

FREE!

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need



Monthly Reiki Share Group

Second Tuesday of the Month, 7pm - 9pm

Venue: Green Hotel, Kinross (Gairney Room). To enrol, email Susan King: sking77409@aol.com or telephone 01577 865533

Mindspace Counselling Service

YOUNG PEOPLES COUNSELLING SERVICE 11-25 YEAR OLDS



Mindspace Counselling Services offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11-25 at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sometimes we all have problems that worry us and it's not always easy to talk to someone close to us. A counsellor is someone you can talk to in a different way, someone who will listen to you very carefully, who will not judge you or tell you what to do.

We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: Feeling depressed/anxious; Making friends/keeping friends; Chaos at home; Feeling angry and don't know why; Bullying; Having a tough time; Parents splitting up; Death of someone special; Confused feelings about who I am; Wanting to hurt myself or others.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

12 & 26 February

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you - our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.

Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun. All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides. Just come along - the more the merrier. No age limit.

Kinross Recycling Centre, Bridgend

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Aluminium & Steel Cans, Car Batteries, Cardboard, Engine Oil, Fluorescent Tubes, Electricals (inc Fridges, Freezers, Televisions & Monitors), Garden Waste, Glass Bottles & Jars, Inert Waste, Metal, Paper, Phone Directories, Plastic Bottles, Rigid Plastic Containers, Textiles, Wood, Bicycles.

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.scottishcfc.org

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to the website of the Kinross Community Council Newsletter.

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Also, please visit our sister site www.kinross.cc which contains contact details for clubs, organizations in Kinross-shire and useful information for visitors and businesses.

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For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Telephone: 01577 867205

Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 6pm
Saturday	10am – 3pm

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays	2 pm - 4 pm
Saturdays	10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

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

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Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

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Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Regular Library Sessions for Young Children

At Loch Leven Community Library.

No need to book, just come along.

Story Telling

every Monday morning 10.15 – 10.45 am

and every Thursday afternoon 2.15 – 2.45 pm

Bookbug Rhymetimes

every Saturday 10.30 – 11 am

and every Wednesday 2.00 – 2.30 pm

Bookbug Library Challenge: For children aged 0 to 4: On each visit to the library, children are given a sticker. After collecting four stickers, they are awarded a certificate.

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

**Table Tennis • Videos • Cards • Dominoes • Carpet bowls
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11 am	Elderberries	1.30 pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15 pm	Bingo	1.45 pm
Wednesday	Morning Service	10.45 am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30 pm	Scrabble	1.30 pm
Thursday	Film Afternoon	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm
	Art Class	1.30pm	Tea Dance	1.30 pm
Friday	Scrabble	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm



Please note: The activities that take place in the Day Centre are open to anyone. Please feel free to come in and have a game of Scrabble or bingo, swing your hips in our exercise class or dance the afternoon away at the Tea Dance, you will receive a very warm welcome.



**Coffee Bar open 9 am - 4 pm, Senior Citizens Lunches Daily
Telephone: 01577 863869**

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &

2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219



**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda,
Dunfermline**

Mobile Library

Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon,
Fossway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **6 February**

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:

Visiting Mawcar, Glenlond, Kinnesswood,
Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo.
Next visit: **29 January**

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncruevie. Next visit: **30 January**

For times of stops, see PKC website: www.pkc.gov.uk

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

Perth & Kinross School Holidays, 2012-2013

	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
Spring Holiday	Fri 29 Mar 2013	Fri 12 April 2013
<i>In-Service Days and Occasional Holidays:</i>		
Wed 20, Thu 21 and Fri 22 Feb 2013; Mon 15 Apr 2013;		
Mon 6 May 2013 (May Day, tbc).		
<i>The Academic Year ends on Thu 27 June 2013.</i>		

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.**

The Kinross Community Council Newsletter is available from:

The Co-operative	High Street, Kinross
Baillies	High Street, Kinross
Sainsbury's	Station Road, Kinross
Costcutter	Green Road, Kinross
Giacopazzi's	New Road, Milnathort
Milnathort Post Office	New Road, Milnathort
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort
Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Fossway Store	Crook of Devon
Glenfarg Shop	Ladeside, Glenfarg
Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Powmill Milk Bar	Powmill
Moto Shop	Turfhills

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

HP Photosmart Premium Printer £2500

Excellent condition (approx 9 months old) and in full working order with instructions and box; prints, copies, scans and faxes.

*Seller details: Graham Haworth 01577 864666
lynhaworth@btinternet.com*

Computer Desk and Chair £2500 the set

Large, metal framed, shaped professional desk. 160cm long x 80cm + 120cm deep. 74cm high. Chair large professional type.

*Seller details: C Campbell 01577 864014
kenchriscampbell@yahoo.co.uk*

Flagstone dining table £250.00 ovno

Beautiful real wood flagstone dining table, crafted from fruitwood, with unique tile inlay. Table has a few scratches and marks as expected. Chairs not included but new ones can be found online from £1000. Table is heavy so needs to be pick-up only.

*Seller details: Mark McCallum 07764 615599
markmcCallum@yahoo.co.uk*

Printer Ink suitable for Brother DCP £2000

Variety of replacement ink cartridges (110 / 115 / 120 / 310 / 315 / 340). 2 x 1349 (yellow), 2 x 1347 (cyan), 2 x 1346 (black), 2 x 1348 (magenta).

*Seller details: Lynn Smith 01577 861386
lynnsmith193@hotmail.com*

Ercol 3 piece suite Offers when seen

Renaissance style – solid ash frame. Two armchairs; two seater settee.

Seller details: Pat Hughes 01577 840385

Rustic Dining Table and 6 chairs £300.00

Hard wood rustic dining table and 6 chairs. No longer fits with décor and accommodation. Was £1000 when new, selling at bargain price. At 180 x 90cm this is substantial family dining furniture. Pads for seats included in price but are optional.

*Seller details: Debbie Gachagan 07973 533468
stackyard4@aol.com*

Chicco DJ Baby Walker £3000

Excellent condition, rarely used. Has musical DJ play front, 2 height position, wheels can be removed and feet attached for stationary use.

*Seller details: Tracy Mould 01577 865870
tracyfrost@btinternet.com*

Gautier wooden cabin bed £300.00

Gautier Galaxy wooden cabin bed with stairs, pull out desk, 3 drawers and plenty of storage space. Good as new.

*Seller Details: Claire Stuart 01577 861148
clairefcs@yahoo.co.uk*

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').

Female Personal Supporter (Part time), Kinross area

Enable Scotland is looking to recruit a part-time Female Personal Supporter (Qualifies under section 7(2) (b) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975) to support a young lady in Kinross area. Salary £7.20 per hour, 10–12 hrs per week. The young lady requires assistance with physical needs and daily routines. Experience preferred but not essential. Driving license essential.

Contact: morven.fairweather@enable.org.uk or telephone 01738 449347 quoting ref: PER/027.

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 February

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)

Dementia Café for Perth & Kinross



A "Drop in" Café is held on the first Wednesday of every month, 10am–12.30pm, at The North Church Hall, High Street, Perth.

This service aims to offer information, support and a chance to have a chat for people with dementia, their carers and families. Volunteers along with professionals from health and social work are available each month.

For further information contact:

Jackie Daly 01796 474818, Andy Bennet 01738 636358, Debbie Howie 01738 562201.

Support Websites

Samaritans	www.samaritans.org.uk
Breathing Space	www.breathingspacescotland.co.uk
Childline	www.childline.org.uk
Perth Assoc for Mental Health	www.pamh.co.uk



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



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